



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Description of Funds

Annual Fund

GCV's Annual Fund was established in 2009 and helps support daily operations for staffing, projects and programs management, accounting, finances, communications, and more. Member dues cover only a portion of the budget needed to maintain effective and responsive operations of our statewide organization. This fund creates a stable base of support for the business of GCV and helps to keep member dues low; provides for enhanced communication via the GCV website and for publications such as the Journal and Year in Review; assures current technology; offers guidance and direction for Historic Garden Week; and help and support to member clubs. Be a yearly supporter of the Annual Fund. Donors for three or more consecutive years are recognized as "Perennials." And we all love those steadfast bloomers!

GCV Endowment

The GCV Endowment was established in 1998 and might be described as the fund to grow on whereas the Annual Fund could be described as the fund to live on. The Endowment is set aside to provide on-going support to the organization through limited use that is carefully monitored and wisely budgeted to protect the corpus for long term furtherance of the GCV mission well into its second century of service.

Common Wealth Award Fund

This fund was established in 1979 and gifts annual grants to support and promote the community projects of members clubs with areas of focus in conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and education. Its name is plays on Virginia's designation as a Commonwealth and was intended to describe the wealth in nature that is common to all Virginians. **Conservation Fund**

This fund supports several conservation efforts.

- Advocacy - As an early advocate of protecting the environment, GCV stands today in support of a number of current legislative efforts in the Virginia Assembly including bills to

address climate change and coastal resiliency, clean energy opportunities, conservation and protection of natural resources, preservation of historic viewsheds, and more.

- Educational programming - GCV holds an annual Conservation Forum to educate and inform the membership and public on best practices and individual impact with recycling, use of compostable products, management of run off, limiting fertilizers and pesticides, use of organic products, planting and propagating natives, and more.
- Fellowships – The Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship was established in 2014 to support college level research projects in areas that directly impact Virginia.

Restoration

GCV's Annual Historic Garden Week (HGW) provides funding to restore landscapes and gardens of historical interest across the Commonwealth. The first restoration was in 1929 at Kenmore in Fredericksburg with proceeds from the signature HGW event. There have been more than 50 such projects and each garden is now open to the public. Funding also supports two fellowships in landscape architecture, designed to provide graduate level students the opportunity to document historic landscapes.

Other Designated Funds

In addition to these 5 primary funds, there are also other designated funds to address specific programs, restoration and preservation work such as preservation of the Kent Valentine House, Virginia State Parks, and more.