

GGC Business Meeting

May 18, 22

The May business meeting was held at the Wednesday Club the meeting was called to order by President Kimbal Campbell.

Lori Smith called roll. Quorum was achieved.

Minutes from the Sept. 12, 2021 business meeting were accepted as presented.

There was a called Business Meeting via email 1/18/22 for election of our newest members, Debbie Aron, Katie Thomas, Krista Vigouroux and Lisa Rae Taylor. The Nominating Committee consisting of Katie Jones, Cathy Green, Wendy Hermann presented the slate to fill 2 Director at Large Seats for the 2022-2024 club year with Linda Taylor and Janice Morning.

There was also a called business meeting on 4/7 to present changes to our By-Laws and Standing Rules to the membership. There are no official notes for this meeting. The email sent to the membership will stand as the official record.

Officer Reports

Corresponding Secretary Debi Whittle read letters from 2 members requesting sustaining memberships Cathy Green and Carol Ann Kernodle. Both request were accepted by the board.

Treasurer Evie Jackson stated the balances in our accounts as of 4/24/22

General Acct	\$14,092.78
Special Projects	\$9268.07
CD w/Am National	\$23,391.79

Report filed as read.

Presidents Report-Katy Jones gave a report on the GCV Annual Meeting in Richmond May 10, 22. (See attached)

Reports from Committee Chairs

Daffodil Chair Margaret Scott let everyone know that the collection was sent out in April. (See Attached Report)

Lily Chair Katie Holley Petrick let everyone now the lilies were ordered for fall.

Special Project "The Home Sign Pocket Park" Chair Wendy Hermann (See Attached Report)

Program Chairman Margaret Scott stepping down. Martha Ray will assume her responsibilities. (See Attached Report)

Historic Garden Week Chair Karan Johnson had Carol Ann Kernodle read her report on the 4/28/22 tour.
(See Attached)

Unfinished Business

Proposed changes to our By-Laws and Standing Rules as presented by the committee consisting of Betty Wilson, Deborah Howard and Kimbal Campbell from the called Business Meeting 4/7/22. All changes were approved (See attached)

The Dues/Membership Committee made a recommendation to increase annual dues from \$125.00 to \$175.00. This was voted on and passed by the board 2/28/22. Approved by the membership (See attached)

New Business

For the 2022/2023 Club Year our Program and Business Meetings will be held on Thursday. Program meetings begin at 10:30 with refreshments and programs start at 11 am. Business meetings begin at 3:30 for refreshments and meetings begin at 4 pm.

Katie Thomas presented a membership goal of 12 new members this year.

Thanks to Ellen Beville and Susan Pritchett for serving as Directors at Large and thanks to Linda Taylor and Janice Morning for agreeing to serve for the 2022-2024 term.

Meeting was turned over to Margaret Scott, Patsi Compton and Rebecca Moore to present the Gabriella Garden Club Awards. Rebecca Moore presented the Bernice Sheppard Heard Award of Merit to Becca Webb, who was not present. Patsi Compton presented the Ethel Adams Roediger Horticulture Award to Ellen Beville and Margaret Scott presented the Florence Slate Lee Arrangement Award to Elizabeth Walden.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch provided by our Hostesses, Ellen Beville, Patsi Compton, Katie Holley-Petric, Carrie Reaves Petric and Margaret Scott.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Smith
Recording Secretary

Gabriella Garden Club Board Meeting Report

GCV Annual Meeting

May 18, 2022

After two years of cancellations and schedule adaptations for Covid-19 protocols, the GCV Annual meeting was planned with a full schedule of events for the first time since 2019. Having been president during Covid and not being able to participate in all the “fun stuff” that goes along with the job, Kimbal took pity on me and chose me as her delegate to attend the festivities along with her.

So, on May 10, 2022, Kimbal and I traveled to Richmond for The 102nd GVC Annual Meeting hosted by Three Chopt Garden Club and entitled, “Awakening Our Senses.” Since most of the events were held at The Jefferson, we decided to stay there as well. Our rooms were lovely, complete with bathrooms larger than my kitchen and alligator shaped chocolates on our pillows. The first event included a tour of the Edgar Allen Poe Museum where GCV just completed a restoration project of the enchanted gardens on the property complete with plant materials described in Poe’s poems. Meeting attendees could also tour The Low Line which once was a blighted area under the train tacks in Shockoe Bottom and now is a lovely, shaded garden and walking trail courtesy of the hard work by local Richmond garden clubs. Tuesday evening, we were treated to cocktails and dinner at The Boathouse at Rocketts Landing, overlooking the James River.

Wednesday morning, we headed to The Jefferson Ballroom for two sessions of meetings, with a delicious lunch in the Rotunda in between. The ballroom was lined with horticultural exhibits from each club following the theme, “Awakening Our Senses.” Our club was assigned the sense of sound and Martha Ray did not disappoint with a fabulous specimen and description as well as a container I seriously considered stealing. Each committee chair gave a brief report including fascinating reports from the 2019 Bessie Bocoock Carter Award winner, Winchester-Clarke Garden Club about the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve and the 2021 Conservation Fellow, Jordan Martin from The College of William and Mary. Jordan’s talk was entitled “Exploring the Effects of Pollinator Friendly Solar Facilities on Ecosystem Function and Solar Panel Efficiency.” A mouthful, I know, but it really was fascinating and informative. Other highlights included reports about the upcoming Symposium, September 20-21 at the Science Museum of Virginia (Check out the GCV website for details. Sign-up begins today and some events will fill up fast), a successful Historic Garden Week 2022, and a healthy financial statement for GCV indicating the club is back on track after two years of uncertainty and difficult decisions that had to be made. Also, the four finalists for The Common Wealth Award to be decided in the Fall were announced and Kimbal and I were excited to see the name of a project and club very familiar to us up on the big screen. GCV President, Missy Buckingham handed over the gavel to incoming President, Debbie Lewis and ushered in the new GCV Board of Officers. It is important to note that the new First Vice President is Danville’s own Kris Carbone and is slated to be GCV President in two years.

Meeting events continued Wednesday evening with cocktails at the home of Julee and Drew Spitzer on Cary Street. The party was wonderful, but the best treat was seeing the Spitzer's gorgeous home and lavish grounds. Then it was off to the Country Club of Virginia for an awards banquet and a dinner that was almost too pretty to eat. The festivities concluded the next day with breakfast at the Kent-Valentine House and floral demonstration by world-renown floral designer, Paula Pryke. As you know, this demonstration was supposed to happen in 2020. Well, it was definitely worth the wait! Watching her work was like watching Tom Brady in the Superbowl. In two hours, she completed fifteen arrangements of varying styles, including two massive arrangements. The sold-out crowd of 500 people were in awe.

Overall, the GCV Annual Meeting was so much fun, and I am so excited that I was able to attend. The accommodations, food, events, and flower arrangements were amazing, but most of all, I enjoyed getting to know members of the other 47 clubs in the GCV. We shared ideas regarding programs, expanding membership and club leadership. Kimbal and I left Richmond inspired and probably a few pounds heavier. So, the next time someone asks you to be Gabriella President, be sure to shout "YES" without hesitation because you too will get to do the "fun stuff" and maybe stay in a room with a bathroom bigger than your kitchen and chocolates on your pillow.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Jones
Delegate

DAFFODIL CHAIRMAN REPORT

May 18, 2022

Information on the 2022 GCV Daffodil Collection was emailed out to all members from the GCV Daffodil Chairman and early April. If you missed it I have a few copies on the table with the order form. Rather than order through the club, members order directly from Brent and Becky's Bulbs and the bulbs are shipped in the fall in time for planting. This year's collection has a theme of "love" because of the names such as "Kiss Me", "Sweet Love", and "Doll Baby". There are 5 different varieties and you receive 3 of each variety for a cost of \$25/collection. There are early, mid, and late bloomers in the collection.

Remember that the best time to feed your daffodils is after bloom and don't cut or bend that foliage back yet. Wait until it turns yellow or better yet turns brown and easily separates from the bulb. When you cut the foliage away before it turns the bulb grows weaker over time as the sunlight absorbed by the foliage feeds the bulb.

Margaret Scott
Daffodil Chairman

Gabriella Garden Club Business Report
Special Project-Home Pocket Park
May 18, 2022

The Gabriella Garden Clubs' special project at the Home Sign now known as the Home Pocket Park, has made significant progress in a year's time. At last year's annual meeting in May, we formed a committee of 7 Gabriella members to continue the exploratory process and in the past year we have worked closely with the City of Danville Parks & Recreation Department, commissioned a professional landscape plan, developed a list of possible plantings and created an itemized project budget.

The planning process continues as we are working with Robert Vaughan Jr. to carefully and thoughtfully negotiate the MOU, Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Danville, the property owner of this space. This MOU will clearly spell out who is responsible for what in terms of maintenance of the space, it's plantings, the watering of the plants, emptying of the dog waste station, as well as assuring us that the GGC can not be found liable in anyway should a personal injury or loss occur in this space. Our goal is to have this document completed by June 15th.

We are now in the fundraising phase of this project as we are seeking at least an additional \$10,000 in addition to the money pledged and approved by the Gabriella Board at January's board meeting.

We are currently approaching other local community organizations for monetary donations or grants and Carol Anne Kernodle has graciously agreed to work on the application from the Kiwanis Club, where they have a committee of 3 in their club who chose 3 applicants. Those 3 applicants are sent to American National Bank who makes the final decision. Thank you Carol Anne!

We are also pleased to announce that our application was selected as one of the four finalists for the GCV Common Wealth Award to be voted on in the Fall. The official announcement was made at last week's GCV Annual Meeting and our project's description will appear in the next issue of The Journal, so be sure to read your copy.

The clubs will vote in September between the 4 finalists and the winner will be announced in October at the Board of Governors meeting. There is not a specific dollar amount awarded but rather the committee bases the amount given on the specific needs of the project.

I would like to thank Katy Jones for her thorough completion and submission of the Common Wealth Award to the GCV- she did a great job! Thank you Katy!

There is still much to be done before the installation can begin as we will also need to get approval from the River District Design Commission, and possibly others, before breaking ground. We would like to begin construction this Fall but we are preparing for the possibility that unforeseen issues may delay the process until the next planting season.

We remain optimistic and excited about this project as we feel confident that this will be a fun and engaging way for our club to come together and create a beautiful and peaceful space in this little place we call HOME!

Wendy Hermann

Gabriella Garden Club
Program Chairman Report
May 18, 2022

First, I would like to thank everyone who helped host meetings as well as our annual Christmas party this past year and our luncheon today. I appreciate each of you being so willing to step forward to help with the hostess schedule when I was quickly trying to put together the program calendar last summer. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the programs that were offered this past year.

I am stepping down as your program chairman but Martha Ray volunteered to take my place and has been appointed by the board to replace me. She had hoped to be here today. She has been anxious to get the programming set and the board has recently given her the go ahead on dates for meetings, changing the meeting day for most months to the second Thursday.

We ~~tentatively~~ have the October meeting scheduled but it will be Friday, October 7 as this meeting will be joint with the Garden Club of Danville and the Chatham Garden Club with the new GCV President, Debbie Lewis, speaking. We are adjusting our schedule back to having the GCV president speak during the first year of her presidency after Covid threw off our schedule in 2020. The Garden Club of Danville will be the lead club for this meeting for 2023.

A sign up sheet with a tentative schedule for 2022 -2023 is on the table for members to sign up to host meetings. For those new members and as a reminder to all, members are expected to host meetings on a rotating basis. In the past we had enough members to have almost a 3- year rotation for hosting, but currently we need members to hostess every other year. So if you did not serve as a hostess for one of the meetings this past year, please consider signing up to hostess this year. Several members have graciously hosted annually for the past few years. That is very helpful because it allows us to continue our tradition of allowing new members a couple of years before hosting as well as letting members who host Christmas parties or the annual meeting and the president to skip a rotation. An easy way to remember is that every member should help host a meeting during each president's two year term.

The program chairman tries to work with the members to plan the programs at a suitable location. I was not present at last year's annual meeting but was told that a discussion was held concerning where to hold club meetings and it was agreed that the club wanted to continue its long standing tradition of holding as many club meetings in members' homes as possible. I know that there are many of us who cannot hold a seated meeting for 25-35 or more people in their homes; however, those members can pair up with another member to host a meeting or can find a location that is suitable to host a meeting, such as where we are today. The club

treasury pays for our programs but does the club does not pay for facility rentals unless it is a very special program, usually a multi-club meeting. There are locations that are very reasonable when split between 2 hostesses, such as the community room at the public library where we held our March meeting. In the past, we have held meetings and luncheons in some members' churches. Also, those who do not have enough seating can sign up for the April meeting, which is when HGW materials and information are distributed to members. It is usually a brief meeting and members can stand.

Please look at the schedule before you leave today and sign up to hostess to make Martha's job easier.

Margaret Scott
Program Chairman

Historic Garden Week 2022 Report

Historic Garden Week tour day, Thursday, April 28, 2022, was a success due to the generosity of Jimmy and Angie Shoff and Joe and Tiffany Franks as well as the participation and enthusiasm of the members of all three local garden clubs. There were adjustments before and during tour day and a surprise of two, but all ended well.

There were 286 tickets sold. 95 were sold online and 191 sold locally. Of that number, 55 tickets were sold to guests and the remaining to the members of the three clubs.

The Gabriella property was 500 Hawthorne Drive, The President's Home for Averett University and the residence of Joe and Tiffany Franks. There were 40 hostesses who served from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 19 flower arrangers who created spectacular arrangements to fill the house.

A guestbook with 236 signatures was given to the Franks as well as a gift basket. Garden Club of Virginia sent them a book and 2 year statewide HGW passes.

Work on Historic Garden Week 2023 is underway, and we will be lead club.

Respectfully submitted,
Karan Johnson
HGW Tour Chair

THE GABRIELLA GARDEN CLUB
Danville, Virginia

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Membership

Section 1 – The limit of the membership shall be established by the vote of the members at the January Business Meeting.

Section 2 – There shall be the following classes of membership: (a) Active, (b) Inactive, (c) Sustaining, (d) Honorary Add: There shall be no additional members added to the Honorary category.

Section 3 – The name of a candidate for Active membership, proposed by an Active Member and endorsed by two other Active Members, must be presented to and passed by the Board of Directors before being presented to the Club at Large. A member may make one proposal for membership and one endorsement in a club year. A period of two years of membership in the Club is required before any member may propose or endorse a candidate for membership. The proposal for membership must be received by the President ~~by mail and will be considered by the Board of Directors in chronological order according to date of postmark~~ replace with prior to a Board Meeting. Members may be elected at any Business Meeting. The election shall be by ballot, a majority of the Active Members 22 being necessary to elect. The name of a candidate failing of election may not be presented again for two years.

Section 4 – An **active** member in good standing, for reasons acceptable to the Board of Directors, e.g., personal or family illness or family crisis, may be classified as **inactive** for a period of one year. An **inactive** member shall pay the annual dues as stipulated in the standing rules of the club, but shall have none of the duties expected of **active** members. **Inactive** members may attend meetings; however, they may not propose or endorse new members, vote, or hold office.

An **inactive** member may request to return to **active** membership status at any time. At the end of the one-year period, the member may appeal to the Board of Directors for an extension of **inactive** status for an additional period of one year. At the end of a maximum of two years, the member may resign in good standing or must return to **active** membership.

All request regarding **inactive** membership status must be received by the President ~~by mail~~. Replace with prior to a Board Meeting. The number of **inactive** members shall be limited to three.

Section 5 – A member who has reached the age of seventy-five (75) and been an **active** member of the club for ten years or who has reached the age of seventy (70) and been an **active** member of the club for thirty-five years may request the status of **sustaining** member. Additionally, members who have previously resigned from the club in good standing may request **sustaining** membership status.

Sustaining members shall pay regular club dues; however, they shall have none of the duties expected of **active** members. **Sustaining** members may attend all club functions; however, they may not propose or endorse new members, vote, or hold office.

Sustaining members shall retain membership in the Garden Club of Virginia; however, they shall not be counted in our constitutional membership limit.

The number of **sustaining** members shall be limited to ten. All requests regarding **sustaining** membership status must be received by the President ~~by mail~~ and will be considered by the Board of Directors in the order in which they are ~~postmarked~~.
Replace with received.

Section 6 - A member resigning in good standing on returning to the Danville area or desiring renewed membership may make a written application for membership to the Board. On approval of the Board, she may have the first vacancy occurring in the appropriate membership class.

ARTICLE II – Board of Directors – Election and Duties

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the Parliamentarian, the Program Chairman, the Chairman of Historic Garden Week, the Conservation Chairman, any club member on the Board of Governors of the Garden Club of Virginia and four directors-at-large from the membership, the immediate Past President being automatically one of the four. Members of the Board of Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 2 – Five shall constitute a quorum for a Board of Directors meeting.

Section 3 – There shall be a nominating committee of three members, one from the Board of Directors and two from the Club. This committee shall be elected viva voce at the September Business Meeting and shall present nominations of one name for each office at the January Business Meeting.

Section 4 – The elected officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors-at-large. The officers shall be elected at the January Business Meeting, to take office at the end of the fiscal year, for a term of two years. Two directors-at-large shall be elected each year.

Elections shall be viva voce unless there are further nominations from the floor. Further nominations shall require election by ballot. ~~A majority of the members present shall be necessary for election.~~ Replace with A majority of present, active, and voting members shall be required for election.

Section 5 - The President shall preside at all meetings. She shall appoint the Parliamentarian and the chairmen of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint delegates. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities and exercise the powers of the President. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of members attending all meetings and shall keep the minutes of all Business Meetings and Board of Director Meetings. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence for the Club. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall assume her duties. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and handle all Club funds.

Section 6 - Vacancies occurring on the Board during the club year shall be filled by the Board. ~~A majority of the members shall be necessary for election.~~

ARTICLE III – Dues and Financial Obligations

Section 1 – The club year will be July 1 through June 30. The annual dues payable from July through October 31 shall be TBD for all membership categories. Members whose dues are not paid by November 1 will be charged a \$75 late fee. If a member's dues and late fee are not received by November 30, this will be considered the member's resignation from the club. Failure to fulfill other financial obligations by June 30 will also be considered a member's resignation.

Section 2 – All receipts for expense reimbursements must be received by the treasurer no later than ~~June 30 of that club year~~. Replace with four weeks after an event has taken place.

Evie Jackson, Treasurer
181 Linden Drive
Danville, VA 24541

ARTICLE IV – Meetings

Section 1 – There shall be three program meetings, one each in October, November, and February. The annual holiday party will be held in December.

Section 2 – There shall be three business meetings – September, January and the Annual Meeting as set by the Board of Directors. It is recommended that the annual meeting be held on the third ~~Friday~~ replace with Wednesday in May to avoid conflict with Mother’s Day weekend and the annual meeting of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Section 3 – The March meeting shall be either program or business as decided by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – A regularly scheduled meeting will be held in late March or early April to distribute garden week literature, finalize hostess schedules, and to rally enthusiasm for the Danville tour of Historic Garden Week.

Section 5 – A Business Meeting may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors. The President or the Board of Directors shall have the authority to change the date of any meeting. Add – A Called Business or Board Meeting may be either in person or by electronic means, that is by email, zoom, etc. All efforts to maintain the appropriate level of confidentiality should be considered by the members.

Section 6 – ~~Twenty-five shall~~ replace to read One-third of present, active, and voting members constitute a quorum for a Business Meeting.

Section 7 – The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE V – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any Regular Business Meeting by a two-thirds vote of those members present, active, and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted to the Club in writing at a previous Regular Business Meeting.

The Dues/Membership Committee make the following recommendation to the Board of the Gabriella Garden Club for approval to discuss at the next business meeting.

The recommendation is to increase the annual dues for 2022-23 from \$125.00 to \$175.00.

\$175.00

-\$65.00(GCV dues) increased for 2022-23

-\$20.00(HGW ticket)

\$90.00

The remaining \$90.00 per active member must cover:

Programs and rental space

Christmas Party

May Luncheon

BOG Meeting for the President to attend

Annual Meeting for the President and delegate to attend

Yearbooks/nametags

Rental space for Board Meetings

Miscellaneous

Gabriella GC has not increased its dues since the last time GCV made an increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evie Jackson

Katie Thomas

Cynthia Wright