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Year in Review

2014-2015



Since 1920 the Garden Club of Virginia has been dedicated to the enhancement of the commonwealth through environmental conservation, horticultural education and historic landscape restoration.

We accomplish this work, in part, by operating the largest and oldest statewide house and garden tour in the nation, Historic Garden Week.

Thirty-three hundred members from 47 garden clubs across the state work to make our gifts to Virginia communities possible.

Celebrating and preserving the natural beauty of our commonwealth are at the heart of all we do.



Dear Members and Friends,

We are an active club and my, what a year it has been. Each committee chairman has found ways to make her committee's work dynamic and strategic. Historic Garden Week, our signature event, continues to be successful. A member club based organization, we are volunteer-driven and with dedicated staff help implement programming that makes a difference in the commonwealth.



Look through these pages and appreciate the work being done by the Garden Club of Virginia. The GCV continues to impact the landscape of Virginia through significant restoration projects and by educating members on complex conservation matters.

Our sights are set on 2020 when the Garden Club of Virginia will celebrate her Centennial. We intend not only a fitting celebration of our past achievements, but also, to leave a legacy that honors our founders. Our partnership with Virginia State Parks and the Virginia Association for Parks is an expansion of our mission: To celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage.

Jeanette R. Cadwallender

Jeanette Rowe Cadwallender
President 2014-2016

Partnership for Parks

Under the auspices of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, lies a dynamic agency, Virginia State Parks. The diverse geographical areas of the state all hold parks within their region. Celebrating the beaches and rivers of our eastern coastline, the Shenandoah Valley and foothills to the Blue Ridge mountains as well as rugged Appalachia – our state parks hold precious land within their authority. The natural areas within each park allow for outdoor recreation available to all along with preserved habitat for wildlife and a sheltered home for native plants. In many parks cultural history is also interpreted from the narratives of Native Americans to include our national founders and the leaders of Westward Expansion.

The Garden Club of Virginia leaders in 1929, in concert with the Izaak Walton League and the Virginia Academy of Science, advocated for the establishment of state and national parks in the state. As a link to our past, GCV leaders in 2014 voted to partner with Virginia State Parks and the Virginia Association for Parks (VAfP) to improve the visitor experience through modern exhibits. Along with a financial pledge is an opportunity to develop relationships between our member clubs and the parks. This is our Centennial project.

Environmental education finds a classroom in parks. Programs encourage an appreciation and understanding of the outdoors and provide an opportunity for children and adults to pursue recreational activities. Opportunities unfold for day visitors and weeklong campers to hike, bike, collect insects, kayak, horseback ride, fish, swim, bird-watch and star gaze. Garden clubs are encouraged to use nearby park facilities for club events. There is a Virginia State Park within an hour of each GCV member club.



Subtle Fall Colors,
First Landing State Park
By William Thomas
Photo courtesy of Scenic Virginia



Top: Nick and Jeanette Cadwallender
GCV President (Rappahannock Valley),
Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

Center: Virginia Association for Parks
President Johnny Finch, Jeanette
Cadwallender, Deputy Director
of Operations, Department of
Conservation and Recreation Joe Elton,
Anne Geddy Cross, GCV Second Vice
President (Ashland) and Mary Bruce
Glaize, Chairman, Parks Committee,
(Little Garden Club).



Bottom: Virginia State Parks Director
Craig Seaver, First Lady of the
Commonwealth Dorothy McAuliffe,
Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Belle Isle State
Park Manager Tim Shrader, Department
of Conservation and Recreation
Director Clyde Cristman.

Executive Director



Each summer as this beautiful publication comes together, I get to relive the year. I see the people I've met at the events, meetings and gatherings and celebrate the memories that were made. There inevitably are nice surprises when I learn about a new, cool community project a club has adopted that I didn't know about before. I notice how the reports, write ups and photos convey the happiness, enthusiasm and passion of our members. Fun! From my statewide perspective at Kent-Valentine House, our headquarters, a broad panoramic view unfolds of all that is happening. I never fail to be inspired by the power of the whole. Congratulations on another spectacular year!

Lynn McCashin
Executive Director

Garden Club of Virginia Public Events

**September 30-
October 1, 2015** 77th Annual GCV Rose Show,
Danville
Hosted by Gabriella Garden Club

November 4, 2015 GCV Conservation Forum, Lynchburg

March 30-31, 2016 82nd Annual GCV Daffodil Show,
Newport News-Hampton
Hosted by The Huntington Garden Club

April 23-30, 2016 Historic Garden Week in Virginia

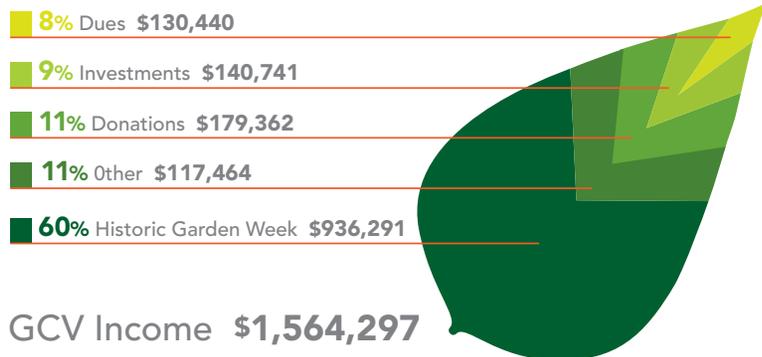
June 15-16, 2016 74th Annual GCV Lily Show, Middleburg
Hosted by Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club

For more information on these events, please visit gcvirginia.org.



Treasurer's Report

The Garden Club of Virginia operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2014 and ended on June 30, 2015. The budget for the fiscal year was presented by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors for a vote of approval and then to the membership at the 2014 GCV Annual Meeting in May. Our income for the year exceeded the budget by 17% while expenses came in at just slightly above budget (1%).

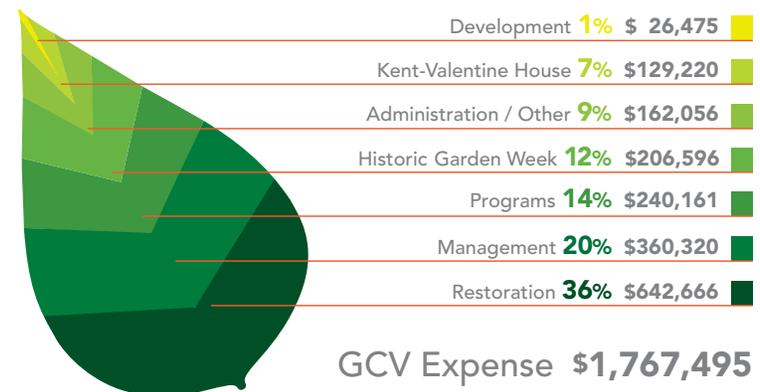


The revenue from Historic Garden Week is one of the largest sources of income each year for the GCV. The related expenses are netted out from this income, and the remaining funds are used to support our restoration projects around the commonwealth. The other sources of funding for the GCV – membership dues, donations including the annual fund, and a five-percent draw from our endowment – enable us to balance the budget.

The expenses for the GCV include maintaining our headquarters, management salaries, insurance and the cost of our yearly audit. To communicate with our membership, we maintain our website and publish the *Journal* quarterly.

Our budget includes contributions toward our annual fall and spring meetings and three yearly flower shows. We budget to break even on our schools, symposium and workshops.

Our assets of approximately \$8 million include the Kent-Valentine House property, our cash accounts and investment portfolio. At the end of June 2015, the GCV investment portfolio was valued at over \$5.6 million, which is approximately 70% of GCV's total assets. Our financial records are audited annually, and we receive a clean opinion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our Federal Form 990 is filed each year and is available for public review.



The Garden Club of Virginia is in a strong financial position for members to continue the work of our mission throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Worthington, Treasurer

Garden Club of Virginia Awards



Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement

Sally Guy Brown is the recipient of the 2015 Massie Medal. Sally Guy with her husband Tom.

A member of the Garden Club of Alexandria, Sally Guy has served in many roles in her local club as well as serving as President of the Garden Club of Virginia (2006-2008). She has also served as Restoration Committee Chairman where her insight, enthusiasm and direction enabled projects to flourish. The recipient of many horticulture honors, Sally Guy remains active around the commonwealth. She is a board member of Preservation Virginia and a benefactor and volunteer for Mount Vernon, Stratford Hall, and Menokin Foundation.

Common Wealth Award



Common Wealth Award Winners: Liz Price (President, Boxwood) Ashley Wallace (President, Three Chopt) Preston Gomer (President, Tuckahoe) Katherine Knopf, GCV Awards Chairman (Roanoke Valley) Jeanette Cadwallender, GCV President (Rappahannock Valley) and Janet Rosser (President, Ashland).

The Common Wealth Award, an annual grant, seeks proposals from member clubs that conserve, beautify, cultivate, preserve, or educate. The 2014 award funded two projects: the Ashland Garden Club's restoration of the plantings and walkways at the Ashland Train Station and the four Richmond Garden Clubs' joint project *Capital Trees* – a walkway and native plantings along the Canal Walk in Great Shiplock Park. Since 1979, this award has funded 51 projects across Virginia. From hospital gardens, train stations, and historic sites to national and state parks, it significantly impacts Virginia with grants for community projects established by our member clubs.

Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award

The Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award, an annual grant, was presented to the Mill Mountain Garden Club in May 2015 for their project *Scoop the Poop*. This ongoing, public-awareness campaign educates the community about the dangers of pet waste to our waterways. Mill Mountain initiated a true community conservation project combining public education with community collaboration. Printed magnets advertise the program, and the club partnered with Roanoke Parks and Recreation Department to place signs, pet waste bag dispensers, and compostable bags on trails and in parks around the Roanoke Valley.



The Mill Mountain Garden Club won the Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award. Carol Carter (President, Albemarle) and Jane Chudina (Mill Mountain).

deLacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation



Polly Rowley (Fauquier and Loudoun) with daughter, Missy Janes (Fauquier and Loudon) and son, Mat Rowley.

Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club member Polly Rowley received the 2015 deLacy Gray Medal. Polly founded the Middleburg Horticulture Symposium 24 years ago, a bi-annual event that continues today. In addition, she designed and oversaw the installation of a 300-acre, hands-on learning laboratory at the Hill School that teaches the value of conservation. By choosing the plant materials herself, sticking to common native trees and plants that promote good use of soil, water, and wildlife, Polly's expertise of gardening for conservation is demonstrated in this beautiful educational garden.

Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award

For meritorious achievement in conservation, Paul E. Bugas, of Staunton, was awarded the 2014 Dugdale Award. Paul, a fisheries biologist, has rendered outstanding leadership in the management of Virginia's natural resources. He has dedicated his life to the conservation and preservation of fisheries and waterways; he focuses on the correct regulation of these habitats as he works with local, state, federal, and non-profit organizations to oversee habitats in 29 counties. Besides publishing, teaching, and educating youth on the importance of conserving our natural resources, Paul mentors many Environmental Science students.



Ruth Bugas (Augusta), Paul Bugas, Dugdale Award winner; Jeanette Cadwallender, GCV President and GCV Conservation Chair, Tuckie Westfall (Alexandria).

Conservation

Members of GCV's first formal committee continue a legacy to raise awareness for conservation issues of statewide relevance. In 2015, GCV supported preservation of the viewshed along the historic lower James River and continuation of the moratorium on uranium mining. The Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship was created in January 2015 to support research that directly impacts the commonwealth.

Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship

The Board of Directors approved and the Conservation and Beautification Committee task force formulated the brand-new Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship, making it GCV's third educational fellowship. It will support research of flora, fauna, or cultural practices that directly impact the Commonwealth. The one-year fellowship provides an annual grant for study at an accredited Virginia university for an undergraduate or graduate student.



Alexandra Thomas (Dolley Madison), Bonnie Brown, Professor of Biology, VCU; Nikki Andresen, Jeanette Cadwallender; and Tuckie Westfall (Alexandria), GCV Conservation Chairman.

Nikki Andresen of Virginia Commonwealth University is the inaugural Conservation Fellow. She is investigating optimum soil conditions and nutrients that pitcher plants require to maintain a healthy microbiome. It is anticipated that her work will enhance the general field of knowledge of wetlands ecosystems. GCV is very excited and proud to add to the educational opportunities for future conservation and environmental issues through this fellowship.

Conservation Workshop

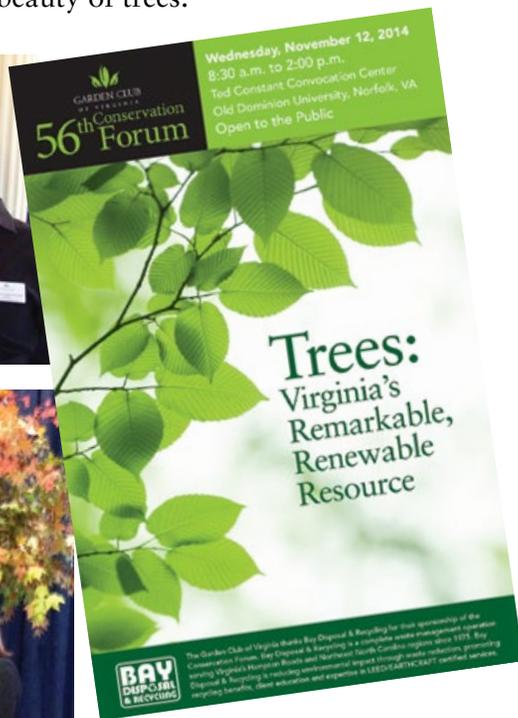
The Conservation Workshop highlighted the creativity of our own members in their clubs by *Thinking Outside the Bag*. Peyton Wells (Tuckahoe) described what a Virtual Flower Show could be. Sarah Hellewell (Hillside) provided participants with copies of the



A-Z Green Guide for Recycling. Wendy Vaughn (Princess Anne) and Tina Minter (Virginia Beach) taught us how to make a *Pearl Home* that improves the quality of our waterways. Janice Pawlukiewicz rounded out the program by explaining *Go Native, Grow Native*, the Northern Neck Land Conservancy initiative to sustain wildlife, conserve water and prevent pollution by planting native plants.

Conservation Forum

The Conservation Forum, open to GCV members and the public, was held this year at ODU on *Trees: Virginia's Remarkable, Renewable Resource*. A rapt audience listened as four extraordinary speakers described the neglected role of the Longleaf Pine in Virginia's history; management and care of Virginia's forest resource; what's involved in urban tree breeding; and finally, an appreciation for the beauty of trees.



Above: 56th GCV Conservation Forum Program cover, sponsored by Bay Disposal

Top Left: GCV Conservation and Beautification Committee Chairman Tuckie Westfall (Alexandria) and GCV President Jeanette Cadwallender (Rappahannock Valley)

Center: Princess Anne members Pat Creech, Marianne Dickerson, Cathy Malbon and Carole Decker (not shown) designed and constructed a tree from the roots up using fresh plant material.

Bottom: Dr. Musselman, professor of Botany and ODU, entertained and educated the group about how the Longleaf Pine played a major role in early Virginia shipbuilding.

Legislative Day

Legislative Day participants coordinated with the Virginia Conservation Network in January to learn about issues related to water and land conservation, plastic bag elimination and preservation of the viewshed of the lower James River. Specific bills before the General Assembly were discussed with legislators throughout the day, encouraging action on a variety of topics.



GCV's Historic Headquarters

Located in the heart of downtown Richmond's Monroe Ward district, a

Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and one of the area's first adaptive-use restoration projects, the Kent-Valentine House has served as the Garden Club of Virginia's headquarters since 1972.

The recently remodeled first-floor kitchen and butler's pantry will better serve our guests. Durability and accessibility were the focal points of the remodel, which adds more counter space, cabinets and caterer-friendly kitchen appliances.



The Kent-Valentine House is available for club meetings and private events for GCV members and the general public.

The first floor accommodates 120 guests for standup events and seats 60 for formal sit down. The third floor is perfect for meetings and workshops, with a capacity of 75. To reserve space or inquire about availability, call (804) 643-4137 or email KVHouse@gcvirginia.org.

Restoration

Since the first restoration in 1929 at Kenmore in Fredericksburg, GCV has used proceeds from its signature event, Historic Garden Week, to restore and preserve a vital segment of Virginia's landscape, with nearly 50 restorations completed to date. Each garden is open to the public.

Green Spring Gardens, Fairfax County

In June, GCV presented the restoration of the Beatrix Farrand Landscape at Green Spring Gardens to the Fairfax County Park Authority. This is the most recent restoration completed within the commonwealth by the Garden Club of Virginia since 1929.

Beatrix Jones Farrand was the only woman among the founders of the American Society of Landscape Architects and during her career she designed more than 200 gardens from the 1890s to the 1950s — at grand estates, public parks, botanic gardens, college campuses, and the White House.

In 1942, at Green Spring, this master of grand scale work distilled her design philosophy into a small space for the private owners of the property. With signature clarity of outline she created an outdoor space, ideal for entertaining. It was one of the last projects of her celebrated career and her only garden design in Virginia. The Garden Club of Virginia is privileged to have had the opportunity to pay homage to one of the pre-eminent American landscape architects with this revival of Mrs. Farrand's elegant design.

Monticello, Charlottesville



Monticello's Mulberry Row to the left. To the right is Kitchen Road.

The final mulberry has been planted along Mulberry Row, and the lanes of the Kitchen Road have been opened to the public. The Garden Club of Virginia's participation in the Mountaintop Project has been integral in revealing Monticello as Jefferson knew it.

Poplar Forest, Lynchburg

The GCV work at Poplar Forest continues to unwrap new layers of Jefferson's vision for this landscape.

Soon visitors will be able to approach the house on the same circular turnaround that directed carriages to the front steps.

Poe Museum, Richmond



The Enchanted Garden at the Poe Museum is included on the list of eight sites on the Richmond Garden Trail and described as a "hidden gem."

Historic Henry County Courthouse, Martinsville

This centerpiece of an uptown renewal has been a cooperative effort between the City of Martinsville and the Garden Club of Virginia. The GCV is looking forward to presenting the improved public space to the city in October 2015.



Photo courtesy of Sam Davis.

Landscape Architecture Research Fellowships

Proceeds from Historic Garden Week have enabled GCV to establish research fellowships for graduate level landscape architecture students. The William D. Rieley Fellowship documents historic gardens that are not privately held. The Rudy J. Favretti Fellowship documents privately owned historic properties. The results of the work of the GCV Research Fellows are available online at www.gcvfellowship.org, including published reports and site plans.

Belvoir Farms Estate

Belvoir Farms Estate in The Plains was the site of the 2014 Favretti Fellowship research. The Fellow, Cheryl Miller, earned a Certificate of Landscape Design from Harvard Architectural College and a Master's in Historic Preservation at The Boston Architectural College.

Originally, Belvoir was part of an 8000-acre grant to Reverend Alexander Scott. Fairfax and Hetty Harrison purchased 343 acres in 1906, and named the estate Belvoir, after the home of his ancestor, William Fairfax. Mrs. Harrison was active in the early years of both the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America.



A formidable and philanthropic woman, Hetty Cary Harrison was a contemporary of Beatrix Farrand, The garden at Belvoir Estates was first developed by Mrs. Harrison in the early part of the 20th century and was the site of 2014's Rudy J. Favretti Fellowship.

Now 760 acres, Belvoir has been under the current owner's care since 1976. The current plantings are well maintained, and the surviving walls, pergolas, teahouse, monopteros, steps, bed outlines, and landform provide the context of the earlier landscape. Cheryl's written record, documentation and drawings, have added to the historic record of unique Virginia properties.

The Restoration Committee, Rieley Fellow Cheryl Miller, (in yellow) and others at the Monopterus at Belvoir.



George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria

James Carroll, the 2014 William D. Rieley Fellow, studied the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. In the early 20th century, the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge built a memorial to George Washington on this site which overlooks the seaport. The Olmsted Brothers firm designed the winding drive and an elaborate series of terraces with walks, steps and retaining walls.



The 2015 Rudy J. Favretti Fellowship has been awarded to Wenling Li, (pictured at left) who is finishing her final year in the Master of Landscape Architecture Program at Harvard University. Her subject of research will be Berkeley Plantation in Charles City County.

The 2015 William D. Rieley Fellow, Amanda Goodman, will be researching Westover Plantation also in Charles City County. Ms. Goodman is completing her second year toward a Master of Landscape Architecture degree at the University of Virginia.

Garden Club of Virginia Restoration Projects

Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia Beach*	Historic Portsmouth Courthouse, Portsmouth	Poe Museum, Richmond
Bacon's Castle, Surry	Historic Smithfield, Blacksburg*	Point of Honor, Lynchburg
Belle Grove, Middletown	Historic St. Luke's Church, Smithfield	Poplar Forest, Lynchburg
Belmont, Fredericksburg	Hollins University, Roanoke	Prestwold Plantation, Clarksville*
Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg	John Handley High School, Winchester	Scotchtown, Beaverdam*
Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood	Kenmore, Fredericksburg	Smith's Fort Plantation, Surry
Centre Hill Mansion, Petersburg	Kent-Valentine House, Richmond	St. John's Mews, Richmond
Christ Church-Lancaster, Irvington	Ker Place, Onancock	State Arboretum of Virginia, Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce
Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History, Danville	Lee Hall, Newport News	Stratford Hall, Stratford
Executive Mansion Capitol Square, Richmond	Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg	Sweet Briar College, Amherst
Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Fincastle	Mary Washington Monument, Fredericksburg	University of Virginia, Charlottesville
Grace Arents Garden, Richmond	Maymont, Richmond	Washington and Lee University, Lexington
Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria	Monticello, Charlottesville	Wilton, Richmond
Gunston Hall, Mason Neck*	Montpelier, Montpelier Station	Woodlawn, Alexandria*
Historic Henry County Courthouse, Martinsville	Moses Myers House, Norfolk	Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Staunton
	Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon	Yearley House, Jamestown*
	Oatlands, Leesburg	

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Historic Garden Week

Historic Garden Week is the largest ongoing volunteer effort in Virginia. This statewide event is produced by 3,300 dedicated GCV members and is a beloved springtime tradition, connecting all 47 GCV member clubs. Through a shared mission, friendships built and a sense of teamwork, great work is achieved. Historic Garden Week creates a combined \$11-million annual economic impact throughout Virginia communities.



Historic Garden Week 2015 marks the first tours that support the Garden Club of Virginia's Centennial project, Partnership for Parks, in addition to supporting our restoration projects. Tour proceeds through 2020 fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic gardens, landscapes and state parks.



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Last summer GCV embarked on an upgrade to the HGW website which led to 95,069 new visitors from 64 countries in April alone. Our focus on social media brought in results too. We had a 338% increase in Facebook likes with our top post reaching 8,100 people. Tour chairmen and their teams got off to a great start at Boot Camp 3 in June. When April 18 arrived, the sun shone, the flowers bloomed, the visitors bought tickets, the press was unprecedented, and Historic Garden Week exceeded its goals.

Top of this page: Rose Hill, Caroline County

Opposite page: 1. Petersburg tour.

2. Jeanette Cadwallender (Rappahannock Valley), Alice Martin (Petersburg), Anne Geddy Cross (Ashland) at Rose Hill, Caroline County

3. Kingcrest Parkway, Richmond Tour.

4. Vicky Alexander and Martha Manson (Hunting Creek)

5. Creative floral arrangements greeted visitors at the Virginia Beach tour.

6. Tulips are featured in many HGW arrangements.

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Horticulture



Growing plants and flowers is the basis for gardening, flower arranging, and conservation. The Horticulture Committee exists to help each club's Horticulture Chairman serve the membership of her club by stimulating interest through educational workshops, exhibits at Annual and Board of Governors Meetings, articles in the *Journal*, and Horticulture Field Day.

Horticulture Field Day

Horticulture Field Day began in Winchester with tours of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Glen Burnie, and its many gardens. Tours of four private gardens and the green roof of the Discovery Museum followed. These included the gardens of Patsy Smith (Winchester-Clarke), Jo Ann Larson (Winchester-Clarke), Kathleen Quarles (Little Garden Club), and Peter Bullough (pictured above). Guests were invited to take a self-guided tour of the landscaping at Handley High School, a GCV Restoration site. The Clarke County tour on May 28th began at Blandy Farm, also a GCV Restoration site, followed by the private gardens of Carolyn Farouki, Tressa Borland Reuling, Ilona Benham (all of Winchester-Clarke), and Elizabeth Locke. The Burwell-Morgan Mill—another GCV Restoration site—was open and running.



Left to right:
Dannett Lightcap
(Warren County),
Former GCV President
Ann Gordon Evans
(Huntington),
Nancy Dickerson
(Princess Anne) and
GCV Horticulture
Chairman Beth DeBergh
(Warren County).

Horticulture Workshop

The Horticulture Workshop in October was attended by 55 club horticulture chairmen and presidents. Carol Heiser, Habitat Education Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, spoke on pollinators and backyard habitats. Milkweed seed packets were given out at the meeting in an effort to encourage planting milkweed and to recognize the decline of the Monarch Butterflies.

Two Annual Exhibits

The Board of Governors horticulture exhibit *Bountiful Harvest – A Cucurbit Creation* utilized pumpkins, gourds, and squash along with native and autumn plant material to create centerpiece containers. The Annual Meeting exhibit *Grandmother's Garden: Heirloom Seeds and Bulbs* was a seed and bulb exchange, including planting instructions, points of interest, old photos, and special memories.



Horticulture Awards of Merit

Established in 1960 for individual members of the Garden Club of Virginia who achieve significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in the community at large. Three members were honored at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk.

2015 Recipients:
Maggie Sue Creamer
*The Elizabeth River
Garden Club*

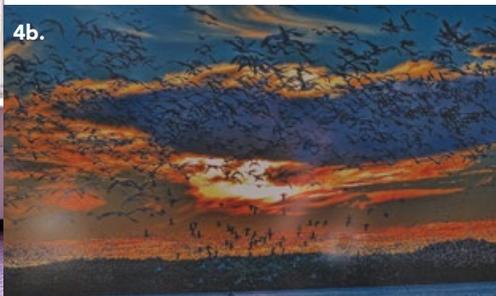
Betsy Eggleston
*The Spotswood
Garden Club*

Louise LaBarca
*The Garden Club
of Warren County*



GARDEN CLUB
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Symposium
WILLIAMSBURG 2015

In February, more than 300 Garden Club of Virginia members, friends, mothers, sisters and spouses learned, laughed, shopped, dined and most of all, enjoyed everyone at the Symposium 2015 Williamsburg. A committee of 27 GCV members, representing every GCV District, collaborated for over a year to create this memorable event.



Snipped!

Snipped!, the Symposium's Ironman-style Flower Arranging Grand Finale, brought Michael Grim, Bridgehampton Floral; Sybil Sylvester, Wild Flower Designs, *Southern Accents* and *Traditional Home* magazines; and James Farmer together for spirited, friendly competition. Margot Shaw, Editor and Founder of *Flower Magazine*, emceed the three designers who worked in timed competition to the music of the Smith Wade Band. The song themes included the sun, ("Here Comes the Sun") and rhythm and motion ("Do the Locomotion").



Top Left: Margot Shaw, James Farmer, Michael Grim and Sybil Sylvester.

Top Right: James Farmer, Symposium 2015 Chairman Terry Buntrock (Williamsburg) and Co-Chairman Misti Spong (Williamsburg).

Bottom: Judges for Snipped!: David Pippin, Floral Designer and owner of David Pippin Inc.; David Powers, Potomac Floral Wholesale; Clark Taggart, Floral Manager/Designer of Colonial Williamsburg's Design Studio at the Williamsburg Inn; and Frank Robinson, President and CEO of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

1: Jack and Nina Mustard (Williamsburg GC). Nina designed the Symposium 2015 website.

2: A fashion show showcasing up-and-coming Virginia designers was followed by a sampling of delicious farm-to-table creations featuring locally grown foods and local aquaculture.

3: Charlyne Flippin, Becky Porter (Blue Ridge) and Former GCV President and Chairman of the original GCV Symposium in 2008 Mina Wood (Lynchburg).

4a: Stunning floral designs interpreted award-winning photographs. Mary Anne Eure and Susan Rawls' (both of Nansemond River) arrangement accompanied **4b:** "Snow Goose Sunset," the 2011 Virginia Vistas Best in Show photographed by Ron Hugo on Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Scenic Virginia.

5: Bestselling lifestyle author James Farmer shared his love of Southern entertaining.

6: Linda Montgomery (Williamsburg) organized 41 fun and unique centerpieces contributed by member clubs for the luncheon tables.

7: David Powers and Randall Franklin, Potomac Floral.

Right: Thank you to our Sponsors!



Flower Shows

Held since 1931, flower shows are an important tradition in the Garden Club of Virginia. As the Centennial in 2020 approaches, work is being done to clarify every detail for arrangers and host clubs to ensure a good experience. Make sure to attend one of the shows this year to experience the beauty and talent firsthand.

Daffodil Show

The winter was long and cold, but it looked like Spring in Winchester when the Little Garden Club hosted *Winchester on Parade*. Inter Club classes honored singer Patsy Cline, and the Quad Blue was awarded to the Garden Club of Ashland presenting an illuminary arrangement spotlighting “Walking after Midnight.” Top bloom award went to Dianne Spence (Gloucester, Williamsburg) for “Magic Lantern,” and Lucy Wilson brought home the most blue ribbons to Martinsville.



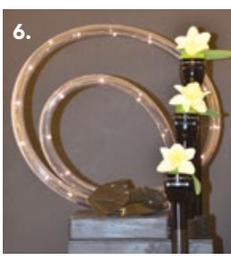
1: Diane Kelly and Suzy Oliver (Little GC of Winchester), Co-Chairs: 2015 Daffodil Show.

2: Dianne Spence's multi-award winning bloom in the show.



3: Dianne Wake and Susan Holland (Little GC of Winchester) co-chairmen of the judges dinner.

4: Lucy Wilson (Martinsville), winner of the most blue ribbons, and Jeanette Cadwallender.



5: Dianne Spence (Williamsburg, Gloucester) accepting her awards from Jeanette Cadwallender.

6: The Ashland Garden Club won the Quad Blue for their “Walking after Midnight” illuminary design.



7: Missy Rakes' Best individual arrangement in the show depicted the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in miniature daffodils.

8: John Handley High School's Daffodil Team

Rose Show

Gabriella Garden Club hosted a musical 76th Rose Show. It featured contemporary arrangements literally set to the music of the Great American Songbook. The Hunting Creek Garden Club won the Quad Blue with a stretch design interpreting “Evergreen”; Matilda Bradshaw (Mill Mountain) won for a creative interpretation of “Days of Wine and Roses” and Bernice Walker (Dolley Madison) won Queen of the Show with her “Veteran’s Honor.”



1: Judges Dinner Chairman Rebecca Atkinson and Rose Show Co-chairman Margaret Scott. **2:** The 76th Annual GCV Rose Show was held at The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, Va.

3: Bernice Walker (Dolley Madison) won the Jane Marshall Broyhill Memorial Trophy and Queen of Show for her “Veteran’s Honor.”

4: Peyton Wells (Tuckahoe) won the blue ribbon for her underwater arrangement. **5:** Hunting Creek’s stretch design won the Quad Blue.

Inter Club Award



The Annabel Josephs Inter Club Artistic Award is a perpetual trophy given annually to a member club for excellence in flower arranging at GCV flower shows. It is awarded to the club accumulating the greatest number of points in the artistic Inter Club Class yearly. While multiple winners have been the case recently, this year there was a single blue ribbon winner, the Ashland Garden Club.

Anne Geddy Cross and Janet Rosser accept the Annabel Josephs Award on behalf of the Ashland Garden Club.

Lily Show

Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club showcased fabulous lilies at the Foxcroft School, with a unifying theme *Lions, Tigers and Bears – Oh My!* There were new arranging styles and a non-lily horticulture section; both added excitement to this show. The Charlottesville Garden Club received the Quad Blue for their Creative Mass “Black and White.” Appropriately, Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club had the best Inter Club Lily Collection.



1: Co-Chairmen of the Lily Show, Lucy Rhame and Elaine Burden (Fauquier and Loudoun)

2: Charlottesville’s creative mass arrangement “Black and White” won the Past Presidents of the GCV Trophy and Quad Blue.

3: GCV Flower Shows Chairman Lea Shuba (Hunting Creek) and Harriet Condon (Fauquier and Loudoun).

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Flower Arranging School



Flower Arranging School is an exciting event open to all GCV members offering demonstrations of both unique and more familiar GCV flower arranging techniques. This year’s speaker was Crescentia Motzi, AIFD, CFD. She is a renowned international designer and popular at Longwood Gardens. Join this program yearly and boost your flower arranging skills.



Left to Right: Jeanette Cadwallender (Rappahannock Valley), June Hambrick, (Leesburg), Lee Snyder (Harborfront), Susan Henderson (Eastern Shore), Dawn Byrd (Eastern Shore), Casey Rice (Harborfront), guest speaker Crescentia Motzi, GCV Flower Shows Chairman Lea Shuba (Hunting Creek), Cyndi Fletcher (Roanoke Valley), Anne Vanderwarker (Dolley Madison)



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