



The Garden Club of Virginia exists to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage.

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The Hunting Creek Garden Club-1942 • The Huntington Garden Club-1935
The James River Garden Club-1915 • Leesburg Garden Club-1915 • The Little Garden Club of Winchester-1934 • The Lynchburg Garden Club-1922 • The Martinsville Garden Club-1923 • The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula-1994 • The Mill Mountain Garden Club-1927 • The Nansemond River Garden Club-1928 • The Garden Club of Norfolk-1915 • The Garden Club of the Northern Neck-1966 • The Petersburg Garden Club-1925 • The Princess Anne Garden Club-1932 • The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club-1924 • Rivanna Garden Club-1922 • Roanoke Valley Garden Club-1925
The Spotswood Garden Club-1924 • Three Chopt Garden Club-1939 • The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton-1928 • The Virginia Beach Garden Club-1937
The Garden Club of Warren County-1929 • Warrenton Garden Club-1911
The Williamsburg Garden Club-1929 • Winchester-Clarke Garden Club-1924

Year in Review

2017-2018





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

Dear Members and Friends,

Photo by Missy Janes



I find myself reading *Year in Review* time and time again. Perhaps you do as well? Is it the pleasure derived in celebrating the accomplishments of the Garden Club of Virginia at every level? Is it reading about the numerous and varied activities we've shared, creating excitement and ensuring successes along the way as we carry out our mission? Or maybe in browsing the pages, it is the knowledge that so many individuals have willingly shared enormous talent, time and resources to strengthen GCV.

We might agree on all the reasons mentioned. But I am certain we keep glancing back because we see the faces of lifelong friends on every page. We want to remember those moments when we are together, laughing and learning, knowing that our organization is not just one year older, but one year better, and realizing that we have so many opportunities ahead. How exciting!

Nina Mustard

Nina Mustard
President 2016-2018

Executive Director



I enjoy the flow of our program year. We gear up in late summer, early fall like the school year. Most of our committees schedule to meet in September here at Kent-Valentine House. Separated by summer's activities, everyone is happy to see one another. It's like a happy school reunion.

This year seemed to fly by unusually fast. Maybe it was because we had two new programs that were developed and implemented: Fall Symposium and Daffodil Day. Both took a lot of planning and discussing and energy to make them happen. By all accounts, they were well received. Look for them again in the new programming year.

Renovations to the Kent-Valentine House began this year. The outside was painted in the spring, but the roof replacement has been hindered by the rainy weather. We aren't sure when the roofing company will get to us this fall. The KVH Committee has also been working on a plan for spiffing up the first and the third floors. All this will be ready to help us celebrate our glorious centennial in 2020.

Petersburg Garden Club member Virginia Cherry, GCV librarian, has been working steadily to sort, upgrade and organize our library. The books have new book jackets and a new Library of Congress number. It is almost completed. This labor of love will make a noticeable and wonderful difference.

Lynn McCashin
Executive Director

GCV Centennial Project:

The Garden Club of Virginia's approaching Centennial has increased interest in rediscovering our early relationship with Virginia State Parks. Within the first decade of our existence we became a leading voice in support of creating state parks in Virginia. The success of our early vision was evidenced in 2017 when annual park attendance passed 10 million.

It is fitting that we are celebrating our Centennial with a five-year financial commitment to Virginia State Parks. Three years into our commitment, our member clubs have worked directly with parks to obtain funding for enhancements that have resulted in improved accessibility, newly created Children's Discovery Areas and Track Trails, learning laboratories, native plantings, erosion control and funding for the Youth Conservation Corp.

2018 TOTAL **\$114,145**

James River State Park

Belle Isle – phase two of improvements to the landscape at the Belle Isle mansion and enhancing learning panels in Visitor's Center *The Garden Club of the Northern Neck*

Caledon – drinking fountain *The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club*

Holliday Lake – underwater lighting *Hillside Garden Club and The Lynchburg Garden Club*

Hungry Mother – Children's Discovery Area

James River – native plant and pollinator garden *Rivanna Garden Club*

Lake Anna – native plant landscaping around new cabins *The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club*

Natural Bridge – continued improvements to Interactive Classroom *The Blue Ridge Garden Club*

Pocahontas – shoreline restoration *The James River Garden Club*

Shenandoah River – Pollinator Meadow with bee habitat *The Garden Club of Warren County*

Sky Meadows – Children's Discovery Area and trails *Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club*

Westmoreland – creating a Discovery Center in the former Visitor's Center *The Garden Club of the Northern Neck*

York River – landscaping improvements in three gardens *The Hampton Roads Garden Club, The Huntington Garden Club and The Williamsburg Garden Club*

Youth Conservation Corps – to help with purchase of materials

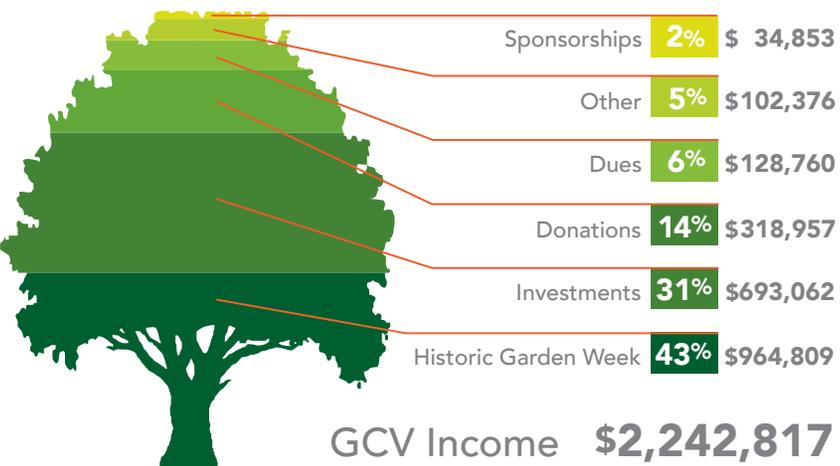
Treasurer's Report



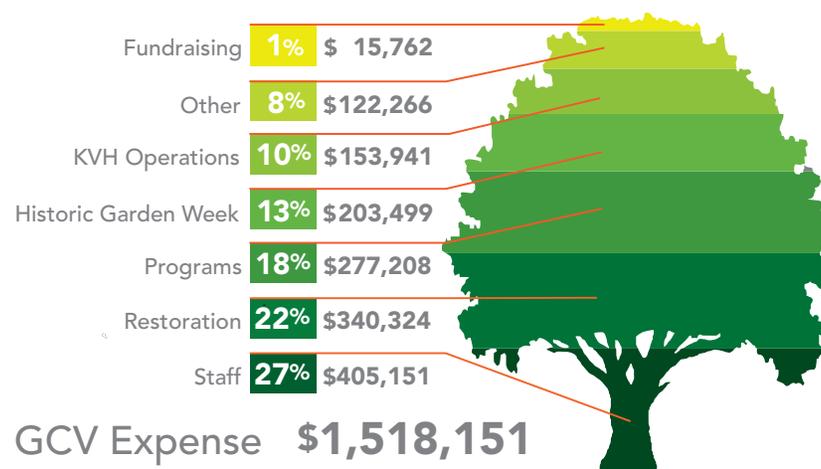
The Garden Club of Virginia operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2017 and ended on June 30, 2018. The budget for the fiscal year was presented by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors for a vote of approval and then to the membership at the May 2017 GCV Annual Meeting. As of our fiscal year end, our operating income exceeded the budget by 33% while expenses came in 9% below budget.

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. In addition, since the Garden Club of Virginia will celebrate its centennial in 2020, \$100,000 per year for five years (2015-2020) has been allocated from our Historic Garden Week proceeds to partner with Virginia State Parks on projects that fall within our shared missions: conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and/or education.

The other primary sources of funding for the work of the GCV are membership dues, the annual fund, and sponsorships. In addition, we receive income from our publications and rental of our carriage house. Any shortfalls are funded by a draw of up to five-percent from our endowment fund.



The expenses for the GCV include maintaining our headquarters, management/staff salaries, insurance, funding of our centennial projects, development expenses and the cost of our yearly audit. To communicate with our membership, we maintain our website and publish the *Journal* quarterly. The 2017-2018 budget included contributions toward our annual fall and spring meetings, the Fall Symposium and Daffodil Day. In addition, we funded the Commonwealth Award, the Bessie Bacock Carter Conservation Award, as well as Restoration and Conservation Fellowships. We budget to break even on our schools, forums and workshops.



Our assets of approximately \$9.3 million include the Kent-Valentine House property, our cash accounts and investment portfolio. At the end of June 2018, the GCV investment portfolio was valued at over \$7.2 million, which is approximately 77% 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.

Betsy B. Worthington
Betsy Worthington,
GCV Treasurer 2016-2018

Garden Club of Virginia Public Events

Sept. 25-26, 2018

2018 Fall Symposium

Oct. 25, 2018

**60th Conservation Forum
"The Real Dirt on Pesticides: Pollinators, Food and Our Health"**

March 26, 2019

GCV Daffodil Day

April 27-May 4, 2019

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

June 18, 2019

Lilies in Bloom

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

Garden Club of Virginia Awards

Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement



Glenna Moyers Graves received the Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement on May 16, 2018, at the 98th GCV Annual Meeting. Glenna joined the Spotswood Garden Club in 1975 full of enthusiasm and with a creative flair that has increased over the years. From 2000 to 2008 she was GCV's daffodil chairman and director at large from 2008 to 2010.

Glenna's extensive gardens include native plants, a large variety of flowering plants and her award-winning daffodils. Glenna has assisted clubs with growing and showing daffodils, guided Daffodil Show host clubs, and advised in the art of arranging and judging. Glenna has planted gardens for Camp Still Meadows, worked at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and the preservation of historic gardens at Fort Harrison.

Common Wealth Award



Common Wealth Award Committee Chairman Candy Carden (Northern Neck), Fauquier and Loudoun President Aline Day, Petersburg Garden Club President Mary Nelson Thompson, GCV Historian Bettie Guthrie (Petersburg)

First Place: Boulder Crest Retreat Virginia is a rural sanctuary where combat veterans, first responders and their families can enjoy recreational and therapeutic activities to improve their physical, mental, financial and spiritual wellness. The Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club's project will support the addition of a grove of native trees providing a much-needed transition between the guest lodges and the tranquility garden.

Second Place: The Lee Park Wildflower and Bird Sanctuary in Petersburg is the heart of Lee Memorial Park. As part of an ongoing effort to restore Lee Park, the Petersburg Garden Club has established an informational kiosk at the trailhead to the meadow and Wildflower and Bird Sanctuary. Signage and publications will tell the park's story, promote the conservation of the sanctuary and create programs for at-risk youth.



de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation

Mary Bruce Glaize, of the Little Garden Club of Winchester, received the 2018 de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation. Twenty-five years ago, Mary Bruce co-founded the Little Nature Camp sponsored by her club and has been a leader or co-leader ever

since. Mary Bruce is co-founder and trustee emerita of the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum. At the GCV, Mary Bruce chaired the Conservation Committee, the Nominating Committee, headed the Parks Engagement Committee and promoted state parks to GCV clubs. Mary Bruce is an amazing conservation steward for Virginia.

Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award

The Blue Ridge Partnership in Regional Invasive Species Management was awarded the 2017 Dugdale Award. PRISM works to confront problems in controlling alien, invasive plants, to encourage neighborhood cooperation and to encourage landowners, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to work together to control the most problematic species.



Rod and Maggie Walker accept the Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award presented to Blue Ridge PRISM at the Conservation Forum.

Bessie Bocock Carter Award



Garden Study Club's Donna Lawhon, First Vice-President Nancy Baker, President Judy Epperly; Martinsville Garden Club President Helen Carter; Debbie Lewis, (Garden Study); Sue Rosser (Martinsville); GCV President Nina Mustard and GCV Conservation Awards Chairman Leesie Leake (Three Chopt)

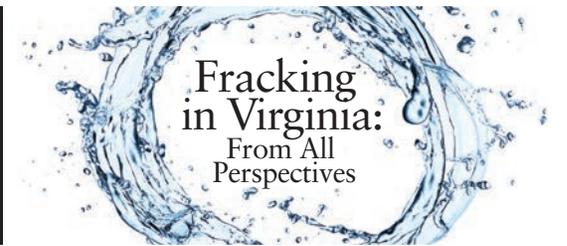
The Martinsville Garden Club and the Garden Study Club's Smith River Paw Path Pollinator Garden has attracted community involvement. Magna Vista High School students created insect "hotels" to welcome pollinators. The hotels have been placed along the Paw Path, with signage explaining their role in the path's rich ecosystem. Working in groups, Magna Vista students created webpages with podcasts about native plants planted along the trail. The clubs chose one of the student formats as the standard to be used on its website to bring awareness to the pollinator garden and trail. The clubs purchased the domain name "PawPath.org." Students also created QR codes for each plant sign so visitors, using smart phones and devices, can access additional information about plants. The next phase entails creation of elementary-level educational materials based on science SOLs for local school systems. The garden and trail offer visitors an opportunity to learn about pollinators and the plants they need to survive and thrive.

Conservation

From its beginning in 1920, the Garden Club of Virginia has pledged to conserve natural resources. Today, the GCV still leads the way by focusing attention on important conservation issues through educational leadership initiatives and legislative involvement.

Conservation Forum

The 59th Annual Conservation Forum explored hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Virginia. Experts from both side of the issue spoke about the status of fracking in our state and provide a balanced discussion on impacts to our economy, our water and our health. The Forum was held at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville on Oct. 27.



Friday, Oct. 27, 2017 • The Paramount Theater • Charlottesville, VA

Legislative Day

Held in partnership with the Virginia Conservation Network, Legislative Day helps ensure that a strong conservation voice is heard early in the Virginia legislative session. Volunteer advocates join a professional staff of network partners in meeting with state legislators to encourage them to support environmental policy advancements. The 2018 Legislative Issues confirm our commitment to the ban on uranium mining, advocating for state park funding, supporting a plan for recurrent flooding adaption, support for environmental education, opposition to seismic airgun testing off the Virginia coast and preservation of the Lower James River viewshed.



Virginia first lady Pam Northam (fifth from left) with Albemarle Garden Club members Chrissy McNeely, Carol Hunter, Kim Cory, Alexandra Shirley, Carol Carter, Nanette Alcaro and Gardy Bloemers.

Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship

Now in its fourth year, the Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship provides financial support for research in areas relating to the conservation of natural resources and/or environmental studies concerning flora, fauna or cultural practices that directly impact the Commonwealth of Virginia.



At the GCV Annual Meeting in Martinsville, Kathryn LeCroy, a graduate student at the University of Virginia presented “Evaluation of Bee Hotels as an Effective Conservation Tool for Spring-Emerging Mason Bees in the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Brynn Cook, also a graduate student at the University of Virginia, will be the 2018 Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellow. Her project is “Does the Air Pollutant Ozone Interfere with Squash Pollination?”

Conservation Educator Award

Jody Ullmann, director of Lynnhaven River Now (LRNow) Pearl School Program, received the 2017 Garden Club of Virginia Conservation Educator Award. Nominated by the Princess Anne Garden Club, the award was presented at the 59th Annual GCV Conservation Forum.

Jody has been a passionate environmental educator since the late 1970s. Throughout her career as science teacher, storyteller, garden teacher, education consultant, museum consultant and grant writer, her passion for science, the environment and for working with children has been evident.



Conservation Awards Chairman Leslie Leake (Three Chopt) and Jody Ullmann 2017 Conservation Educator Award recipient.

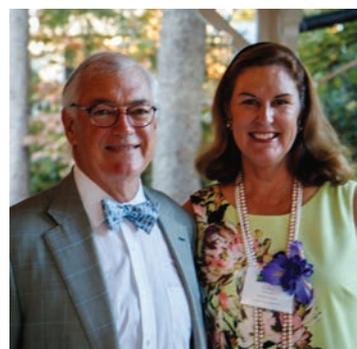


New GCV Honorary Member

Molly Joseph Ward served as secretary of Natural Resources under Gov. Terry McAuliffe, and as special assistant to former President Obama and as his Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. When in the governor’s cabinet, she visited all 37 Virginia State Parks. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and William & Mary Law School. In her legal practice, Molly managed many land-use and environmental issues and has written persuasively about the environmental threats from sea level rise. Her public career includes serving as Hampton’s mayor and treasurer. She spearheaded the successful effort to have Fort Monroe listed as a national monument.

Board of Governors

The 2017 Board of Governors was hosted by Blue Ridge Garden Club at Washington and Lee University in beautiful, historic Lexington. Member club presidents, delegates and GCV state leadership visited Natural Bridge State Park, explored downtown and Virginia Military Institute. Eric Wilson, executive director of the Rockbridge Historical Society, spoke on “Main Street Lexington: A Trail Through History, and Beyond.”



Above: Board of Governors attendees at Natural Bridge

Left: Ben and Carole Grigsby opened their home, The Pines, for cocktails.

Annual Meeting 2018

The Garden Study Club hosted the 2018 Annual Meeting “Women on Track” in Martinsville. The meeting took place at the New College Institute. Special events included a trip to Martinsville Motor Speedway, Hamlet Vineyards and a riding demonstration at Sandy River Equestrian.



Above Left: Former GCV President Helen Murphy (Northern Neck), who took a spin around the Martinsville Motor Speedway in a pace car, and Donna Lawhon (Garden Study). Right: Riding demonstrations entertained meeting goers.

The Kent-Valentine House

GCV's Grande Dame



Built in 1845, the Kent-Valentine House is an example of both Greek and Colonial Revival architecture. It is the only remaining residential structure known to be designed by Isaiah Rogers, of Boston. The GCV acquired the historic property in 1971 and transformed the residence into a functional office space without compromising its architectural integrity. The Kent-Valentine House serves as a busy gathering place for GCV member clubs, a host to local community events and a hub for Historic Garden Week.

KVH Usage

Number of Persons Attending:



As we near our centennial in 2020, we reflect on the impact our organization has made across the commonwealth. An important part of the history of the GCV includes saving the Kent-Valentine House from demolition and making it the headquarters of the organization. The adaptive reuse of Richmond's Kent-Valentine House perfectly illustrates how the work of the GCV can be a catalyst for change. The Kent-Valentine House restoration helped to spark the revitalization of the historic Monroe Ward neighborhood in downtown Richmond. Significant work has begun at the Kent-Valentine House. Since March, the exterior has been repainted, the roof replaced and lighting on the 3rd floor updated. Work continues including renovations to the 3rd floor meeting space, interior painting, wood floor repairs, repairing and reupholstering the furniture, and the conservation of the seven gold-gilded mirrors on the first floor.

The Garden Club of Virginia is honored to be stewards of this historic property. We look forward to seeing her preserved in all her splendor and invite you to come visit your house this year.

Above Left: In early spring scaffolding encased KVH as exterior repairs and painting took place.

Above Right: Members of the GCV Development Committee visit the dining room overmantle mirror – the first of seven to be conserved – at the studio of Rusty Bernabo. The three pier mirrors and four over-mantel mirrors on the first floor of Kent-Valentine House were gifts to the Garden Club of Virginia from the Valentine Family in 1971. Gilded in 23.75 karat gold, these mirrors were made in America in the late 19th century and are being restored to their original glory.

Right: GCV President Nina Mustard (Williamsburg) and First Vice President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke) with the dining room overmantle mirror frame as it leaves KVH for conservation.



Restoration

The GCV roots of restoration run deep. This is no more evident than at Stratford Hall, the site of our second restoration in 1930, where the East Garden is undergoing a transformation. The upper terrace will take on a look that is more consistent with an 18th-century design. The garden plan, designed by GCV Landscape Architect William D. Rieley, is based on a plan found in Thomas Jefferson's papers.

A new College of William & Mary project represents a unique approach for the Garden Club of Virginia. We are partnering with the college to create a garden based upon early Charles Gillette designs. The partnership extends the limits of landscape possibilities in honoring past president Taylor Reveley and his wife, GCV member Helen Reveley.

Stratford Hall

Drone photography (right) shows the cleared area with the new paths realigned to the locations identified through archaeological evidence at Stratford Hall.



A computer-enhanced graphic of Stratford Hall's East Garden with the new garden in place.

Continuing an 88-year relationship with Stratford Hall, our current garden restoration project at the site includes the installation of a historically appropriate 18th-century garden in one of the terraces of the existing East Garden. This rare 18th-century style garden is adjacent to an existing colonial revival garden, allowing visitors to see changes in garden design throughout Stratford Hall's history.

Old boxwood and tree stumps have been removed, drainage issues addressed, and handicapped access added. Brickwork and paths are complete, and the garden is ready for planting in Fall of 2018.

College of William & Mary



Groundbreaking at the Reveley Garden. GCV Restoration Committee Chairman Anne Baldwin (Alexandria), GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke), Former GCV Restoration Committee Chairman Dianne Spence (Williamsburg and Gloucester), Helen Reveley (James River), William & Mary President Emeritus W. Taylor Reveley III, William & Mary Chancellor and Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Past GCV President Nina Mustard (Williamsburg), William & Mary "For the Bold" Campaign Chairman Sue Gerdelman '76, John Gerdelman '75, and Williamsburg Mayor Paul Freiling. Photo by Skip Rowland.



The Rudy J. Favretti Fellowship at Sherwood Forest Plantation was awarded to Mary Fesak. Mary received a Master's degree in Historic Preservation from Clemson University at the College of Charleston. Her Bachelor's degree was also in the field of historic preservation and history.



The William D. Rieley Fellow at Shirley Plantation was awarded to Penelope Cottrell-Crawford. Penelope is a Master's candidate in Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona, and has earned a Bachelor's degree in Art History, Environmental Art and French Language from Lewis & Clark College.

- Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia Beach*
- Bacon's Castle, Surry
- Belle Grove, Middletown
- Belmont, Fredericksburg
- Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg
- Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood
- Centre Hill Mansion, Petersburg
- Christ Church-Lancaster, Irvington
- Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History, Danville
- Executive Mansion Capitol Square, Richmond
- Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Fincastle
- Grace Arents Garden, Richmond
- Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria
- Gunston Hall, Mason Neck*
- Historic Henry County Courthouse, Martinsville
- Portsmouth Arts & Cultural Centre, Portsmouth
- Historic Smithfield, Blacksburg

- Historic St. Luke's Church, Smithfield*
- Hollins University, Roanoke
- John Handley High School, Winchester
- Kenmore, Fredericksburg
- Kent-Valentine House, Richmond
- Ker Place, Onancock
- Lee Hall, Newport News
- Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg
- Mary Washington Monument, Fredericksburg
- Maymont, Richmond
- Monticello, Charlottesville
- Montpelier, Montpelier Station
- Moses Myers House, Norfolk
- Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon
- Oatlands, Leesburg
- Poe Museum, Richmond
- Point of Honor, Lynchburg
- Poplar Forest, Lynchburg
- Prestwold Plantation, Clarksville*
- Scotchtown, Beaverdam*
- Smith's Fort Plantation, Surry
- St. John's Mews, Richmond

- State Arboretum of Virginia, Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce
 - Stratford Hall, Stratford
 - Sweet Briar College, Amherst
 - University of Virginia, Charlottesville
 - Washington and Lee University, Lexington
 - Wilton, Richmond
 - Woodlawn, Alexandria*
 - Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Staunton
 - Yeardley House, Jamestown*
- * No Longer Under Contract

GCV 2020 Centennial Project: State Parks

- Belle Isle, Lancaster
- Caledon, King George
- Fairy Stone, Stuart
- Holiday Lake, Appomattox
- Hungry Mother, Marion
- James River, Gladstone
- Lake Anna, Spotsylvania
- Leesylvania, Woodridge
- Mason Neck, Lorton
- Middle Peninsula, Gloucester
- Natural Bridge, Natural Bridge
- Pocahontas, Chesterfield
- Shenandoah River, Bentonville
- Sky Meadows, Delaplane
- Smith Mountain Lake, Huddleston
- Staunton River, Scottsburg
- Westmoreland, Montross
- York River, Williamsburg

The GCV Research Fellows' reports and site plans can be found online at gcvfellowships.org.

Changing the Landscape of Virginia

- GCV Restoration Projects
- GCV Research Fellowships
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85th Historic Garden Week

The 85th anniversary of Historic Garden Week marked a milestone. At almost \$636,000 net, club members were part of our signature event's most financially successful year to date. This is a significant accomplishment.

This unique and unprecedented fundraiser underwrites important restoration projects that beautify our landscape and supports our centennial project with Virginia state parks. With 40 active restoration projects and 24 grants to Virginia's parks so far, the work of the Garden Club of Virginia has broad and significant impact. Additionally, this annual event funds a historic landscape research fellowship program that is building a comprehensive library of Virginia's important gardens and landscapes. Since its inception in 1996, it has documented 25 sites.



Much more than a benefit, Historic Garden Week is a beloved springtime tradition – for both our members and for the nearly 24,000 people who attend. The only statewide house and garden tour in the nation, it promotes tourism while showcasing communities both large and small across the commonwealth. Perhaps most importantly, this enduring legacy brings our membership together towards a common goal for eight days each spring. By all measures, this was a banner year.



1. This parterre garden, featured on the Westmoreland Place tour in Richmond, is reminiscent of an English manor and features terraced gardens where ornamental hawthorn trees and sweet bay magnolia are among the focal points. The four Richmond member clubs co-host three unique tours in support of Historic Garden Week. 2. Marianne Little and Carrie Goodman (Princess Anne) admire a creative pool arrangement on their 2018 tour showcasing Great Neck Point. 3. Historic Garden Week Chairman 2019-2021 Tricia Garner (Rappahannock Valley) 4. Historic Garden Week Administrative Coordinator Terri Lowman and Historic Garden Week Chairman 2017-2019 Stephie Broadwater (Nansemond River) 5. HGW visitors enjoy more than 2,200 arrangements created by talented GCV members.

Horticulture

The focus on horticultural education continues to grow and evolve.

The line between horticulture and conservation has become blurred, resulting in stronger interaction between the two disciplines. GCV members are showing increasing interest in gardening responsibly, and in redefining beauty in the landscape.

When members expressed interest in adding variety to horticulture exhibits, an expanded Horticulture Show in the fall brought in 500 annuals, perennials and herbs for judging.

Pollinators topped the list of favorites for horticulturists and conservationists.

Annual Horticulture Exhibits



The Board of Governors horticulture exhibits “Transforming Town & Trails” created “The Evans Hall Trail.” Hiking and walking trails have become very important to residents of Lexington and the commonwealth.

Trails provide access to natural beauty, encourage interest in the environment and stimulate tourism.

GCV members started their gardening engines and followed the Annual Meeting’s racing theme, “Women on Track.” The exhibits featured a climbing plant growing up a pole-like structure, a play on race lingo for the fastest qualifier earning the “pole” position.



Horticulture Field Day Gardening in the City of Seven Hills

GCV members gathered in Lynchburg for Horticulture Field Day 2018. The historic Old City Cemetery served as HFD headquarters, where participants enjoyed lunch, shopping and tours. Five unique and diverse private gardens showcased the creativity and horticultural talents of Kay and Kent Van Allen, Melanie and Lynch Christian, Jill and John Fees, Catherine and Mike Madden, and Lou and Ivor Thomas. An optional tour of Poplar Forest, a GCV restoration site, was offered on Tuesday.



Above: The delightful Madden garden

Below Top: Old City Cemetery Below Bottom: The Summer House at Foxhill Estate



Above: HFD Co-chairmen Elizabeth Hutter and Catherine Madden (Lynchburg) consult with Old City Cemetery Executive Director Denise McDonald.

Horticulture Awards of Merit

Established in 1960 for individual members of the Garden Club of Virginia who have achieved significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in the greater community.

Karen A. Jamison,
The Williamsburg Garden Club

Cathy Leitch,
Roanoke Valley Garden Club

Meredith Mercer,
The Charlottesville Garden Club

Marilyn P. Millard,
Rivanna Garden Club

Kaye Moomaw,
Hillside Garden Club

Fall Symposium

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RICHMOND 2017

Garden Club of Virginia members and friends found autumn inspiration at the Fall Symposium in downtown Richmond. Three historic properties served as venues for workshops, Flower Arranging School, horticulture, photography and artistic exhibits.



- 1: Friendly helpers at the John Marshall Ballrooms.
- 2: Former GCV President Mary Hart Darden (Nansemond River) and her daughter Fran Carden (Albemarle).
- 3: Flower Arranging Workshop creation.
- 4: Harborfront's Blue Ribbon-winning Traditional Mass.

- 5: Catherine Leitch (Roanoke Valley) won the Green Award for the best horticulture entry grown without pesticides and the best herb collection.
- 6: Flower Arranging School featured renowned Atlanta party planners and floral designers Kathy Rainer and Tricky Wolfes, owners of Parties to Die For.

Flower Arranging Workshops

In preparation for Daffodil Day, some of GCV's top arrangers and judges held three days of hands-on flower arranging workshops for the beginner, the advanced and botanical arts.



A botanical arts ID card



Meredith Lauter (Tuckahoe), Tory Willis (Rappahannock Valley), Laura Francis (Hunting Creek), Annie Vanderwarker (Dolley Madison), Nancy Baillio (Princess Anne), Shannah Cooper (Gloucester), Peyton Wells (Tuckahoe)

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DAFFODIL DAY

RICHMOND 2018

Garden Club of Virginia members and fellow daffodil enthusiasts gathered in downtown Richmond for Daffodil Day, a new GCV event designed to celebrate this beloved harbinger of spring.



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1: Blue Ribbon Pave Dinner Plate: Alison Conte and Missy Rakes (Roanoke Valley)

2: Marion Zimmerman's (Rappahannock Valley) Blue Ribbon-winning Botanical Art creation.

3: The Decca Gilmer Frackelton Award Blue Ribbon and Most Exceptional Arrangement Alison Conte and Missy Rakes (Roanoke Valley)

4: Daffodil Day Chairman Jennifer Kelley (Alexandria and Norfolk)

5: Ceci Brown (Gloucester) won the Anne Duvall Miller Massie Perpetual Trophy, the ADS Purple Ribbon, Best Collection of Five in the Show.

6: Photography Blue Ribbon Old Dutch Masters Re-created by Diane Ginsburg (Eastern Shore)



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One of the nation's largest collections of daffodil specimens was displayed in an elegant setting at the historic John Marshall Ballrooms. The comprehensive schedule of 245 classes includes GCV Collections, American Daffodil Society sanctioned classes and a youth division. Judged daffodil photography was also on display with classes including portraiture, abstract design, landscape, Old Dutch Masters floral design and mobile device photography of daffodils in a marketplace. Spectacular floral arrangements interpreting Richmond landmarks filled the Kent-Valentine House.

Daffodil Day included two presentations by rare plant expert and world traveler Tony Avent: "Cocktails and Travels with Tony" and "Surround Yourself with Shady Characters – Creating and Maintaining a Shade Garden."

The event also featured Part Three of Daffodil School with guest instructors from the American Daffodil Society.

Lilies in Bloom

The fun of growing and showing lilies was evident in June at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland County. Participants included 114 exhibits; 176 stems; 30 individual exhibitors and four Interclub Collections.



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1: Lilies in Bloom Chairman Nina Mustard (Williamsburg) and GCV Lily Committee Chairman Carrie Darracott (Augusta)

2: Karla MacKimmie (Warrenton) whose club won the Helen Turner Murphy Award for the Interclub Collection of eight stems from the 2007-2016 collections.

3: Polly Rowley (Fauquier and Loudoun) and GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke)

4: Best stem grown by a novice, Rose Marie Bundy (Tuckahoe)



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