

 GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA
Historic Garden Week

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do the home and garden tours sell out?

Tours generally do not sell out with the exception of Little Oak Spring, which is a timed entrance and separate ticket. Advance tickets are available at numerous local outlets.

Are tickets available on tour day?

Historic Garden Week 2026 features 29 tours. All tours will have tickets available for \$10 pp more on the day of their tour at www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/. Day-of tickets are available for some tours at designated ticketing locations listed in the *Guidebook*. To avoid disappointment, purchase tour tickets early via our website.

Where do the proceeds go?

Tour proceeds fund the ongoing restoration and preservation of Virginia's most iconic historic public gardens and landscapes, as well as other lesser-known sites across the state. To date, the GCV has completed projects at nearly 50 locations. In addition, ticket sales fund a research fellowship program in landscape architecture. For more information, about this inspiring work that dates back to the GCV's first landscape restoration in 1930, visit www.gcvirginia.org/our-work/landscape-restoration/restoration-projects/

Where can I pick up a *Guidebook*? Are they free?

Guidebooks are distributed to various locations in Virginia, and are free while supplies last. A retail outlet list will be available in mid-February at www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/tour-guidebook/.

You may purchase a *Guidebook* at www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/tour-guidebook/ or by sending a check for \$20 before March 6, 2026 to the Garden Club of Virginia, 12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

**Where do we go first? Where do the tours start?**

Please refer to the logistical information provided in the *Guidebook* for logistical information for each tour. We recommend that you visit the Tour Headquarters to ask questions, use the facilities and get oriented.

Where do we park?

Please refer to the logistical information regarding parking provided in the *Guidebook*. Typically, parking is available at Tour Headquarters. If the tour is a walking tour, this is the best place to park. Many neighborhoods cannot accommodate the additional traffic associated with Historic Garden Week tours that require driving to each location. In these cases, use designated parking areas marked with HGW signage. Please do not block residential driveways.

Are there restrooms available on tours?

There are no public restroom facilities at tour properties, but facilities are often available at the Tour Headquarters or other designated locations in the tour area. Please use the *Guidebook* information and/or the local tour brochure for further information.

Can we visit all the tours over the 8 days of Historic Garden Week?

Sadly, it is not humanly possible to attend all the tours over the course of Historic Garden Week. Visit the "Suggested Itineraries" page of our website to help you organize your visit and minimize driving between tour areas.



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What flowers will be blooming during Historic Garden Week?

Virginia is often at its height of springtime blooming during Historic Garden Week. The tours cover three different hardiness zones and weather is always a factor. Rest assured, however, that Mother Nature never disappoints. Visitors can expect to see tulips, peonies, iris, azaleas and dogwood. If it's been cool leading up to tours, there might be daffodils, camellia, wisteria and redbud too. If it's been warm, you might enjoy roses and hydrangeas.

Are the tours handicapped accessible?

Historic Garden Week tours are private and therefore the homes are not handicapped accessible. Some tours have uneven surfaces. Guests with mobility issues are advised to consider these factors prior to purchasing a tour ticket. Additional accommodations available to visitors who are visually or hearing impaired with advance notice, depending on timing and resources.

May children attend Historic Garden week tours?

A parent or other responsible adult must accompany children. Strollers are not permitted inside tour properties. Children under five, including babies, are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Some tours offer discounted rates for children ages 5 to 17.

Is there anything else I should know before touring?

Being featured on a tour is not an endorsement by the Garden Club of Virginia of the homeowner's political views, religious affiliations or other opinions or practices. Homes and gardens are chosen solely for their visual appeal and historic or design interest. By purchasing a ticket, you are agreeing to adhere to the GCV policies.

We've never attended Historic Garden Week. How do we pick a tour, or tours?

That's a great question, and there is a different answer for each guest! If your time is limited by date, start with this tour schedule www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/tour-schedule/ for a summary of each tour by clicking on each tour option. If you'd rather stay in one area of the state and enjoy the tours by region, visit www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/tour-schedule/suggested-itineraries/

Is photography allowed?

Photography of any kind, including via cell phone, is prohibited inside tour properties, and some tours prohibit exterior photography as well. Please abide by Historic Garden Week signage. Many of the host garden clubs post professional quality pictures of the stunning flower arrangements on social media. We encourage visitors to "follow" accounts listed by tour in the *Guidebook*.

What if it rains? What is your refund policy? All sales are final. Tours are held rain or shine, except for tours that are inaccessible due to weather conditions. Please follow us on social media for notices regarding tour day cancellations. Facebook: Historic Garden Week in Virginia and Instagram: @historicgardenweek

SAFETY

For your comfort and safety, please wear flat walking shoes, no spiked heels, and watch for steps and uneven surfaces as you visit the homes and gardens.

- Pets — except service animals — are not permitted.
- No smoking.
- No strollers, backpacks or large bags.
- The Garden Club of Virginia, its member clubs and owners of the properties are not responsible for accidents occurred on the tours.
- Due to safety concerns, the Garden Club of Virginia does not allow the use of golf carts or similar vehicles, and foot coverings may not be worn.



With so many tours to choose from this spring, there is something for everyone.

Visit www.GCVirginia.org for a complete listing of all tours, suggested itineraries, maps and to purchase tickets.