



The YEAR IN REVIEW



GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

The Garden Club of Virginia is not just an organization; it is a testament to the enduring love and respect for nature, horticulture, and the preservation of Virginia's historic landscapes. The Garden Club of Virginia's contributions have had a profound impact on the state's cultural and environmental landscape. By restoring historic gardens, promoting sustainable practices, and fostering community engagement, we have enriched the lives of countless Virginians. Our

efforts have ensured that Virginia remains a place where the beauty of nature is celebrated and cherished.

This past year began with a vision to focus on a range of initiatives that enhanced our offerings and supported our efforts. Our officers and committee chairmen focused on providing a well-rounded course of events. In supporting this vision, we provided opportunities to our members through education and experiences to further their knowledge and bolster our mission. Through a collective effort, creative ideas, and countless hours by our volunteers and staff, we have exceeded our expectations in so many ways.

Highlights included the 66th annual Conservation Forum on protecting birds and insects; History Blooms "Step into the Garden;" Daffodil Day at Virginia Wesleyan University with multitudes of stems, artistic design arrangements, and photography displays; and another successful Historic Garden Week featuring the native plant *Coreopsis*. HGW welcomed 22,642 visitors from 42 states and 16 countries, generating \$13.3 million in economic impact and sustaining our restoration work. Our Restoration Committee has been hard at work on several projects including a new planting plan at Washington & Lee's University Chapel, and continued research through the Historic Landscape Research Fellowship.

As we turn the final page on last year's journey, I am filled with gratitude and pride on the extraordinary work that our members have accomplished. Together we laughed, learned, and connected as a community. The Garden Club of Virginia stands strong, united by our passion for cultivation – in both soil and spirit.

Warmly,

Kris Carbone, GCV President, 2024-2026

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA



DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA,

As we look back on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for your generous support. Your contributions sustain the Garden Club of Virginia's mission to preserve historic landscapes, protect natural resources, and cultivate a love of gardening across the commonwealth.

Because of you, we are able to tell the story of Virginia through the lens of treasured landscapes, to foster conservation programs that safeguard our environment, and to deliver educational programs that uplift and inspire the green spirit in all of us.

This year, we are delighted to share a new way of recognizing the generosity of our donors:

The 1920 Society – This new tier honors donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually. Their leadership in giving strengthens our ability to plan boldly and make a lasting impact.

We are also overwhelmed by the record number of perennial donors cited in this report:

Perennials – A special recognition for those who have given for at least three consecutive years. Their steady commitment nurtures the roots of our work, allowing the GCV to grow season after season.

Whether you are a first-time supporter or a perennial, we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

With heartfelt thanks,

Andrea Butler, Executive Director

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA



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Generous Donors

FROM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

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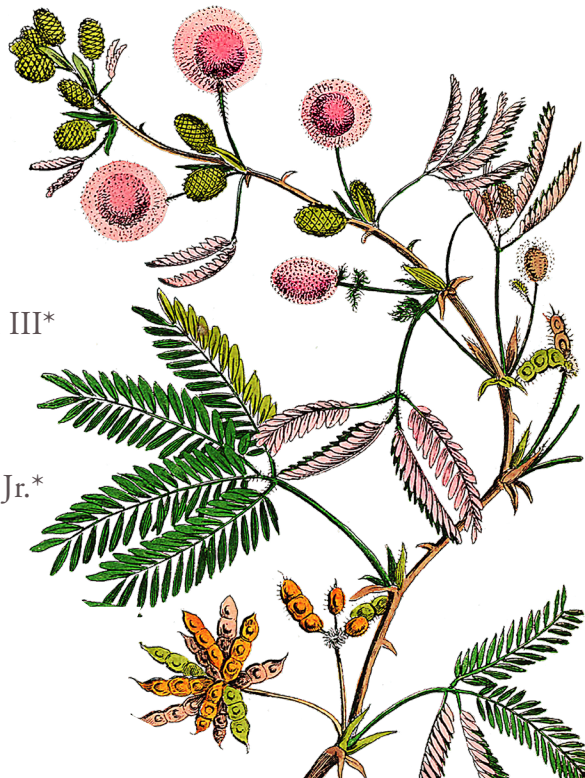
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**HISTORIC
GARDEN WEEK 2025
WELCOMED**

22,642
attendees from
42 states and
16 countries

GCV WELCOMED
46 first-time
donors and 68
inductees into the
1920 Society

**THE GCV
AWARDED THREE**
fellowship grants to
support research
of historic landscapes
and conservation

**GCV MEMBER CLUBS
WELCOMED**

208
new members

**THE KENT-VALENTINE
HOUSE HOSTED**

1,391
guests across
50 meetings
and events

**THE KENT-VALENTINE
HOUSE IS SPARKLING:**

THE GCV CLEANED
more than 1,034
crystal chandelier
prisms and framed 50
portraits of Former
GCV Presidents,
among other
donor-supported
updates

**GCV'S RESTORATION
COMMITTEE AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
PROVIDED** garden
or design assistance
to more than
a dozen
restoration
sites

**NET PROCEEDS FROM HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK
2025 EXCEEDED \$766,000**

**HISTORY
BLOOMS DAZZLED,**
with 26 member
club arrangements,
1,681 workshop and
program participants,
and 2,329 visitors

**THE GCV
PRESENTED**
55 awards to
recognize and
support outstanding
work in conservation,
education, horticulture,
artistic design, and
photography

**GCV COMMITTEES
HOSTED** more than
30 educational
events
and workshops
for members

**DAFFODIL DAY
FEATURED** more
than 1,700 stems,
maintaining its
status as one of
the largest
daffodil shows
in the country

**THE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE TRACKED**
27 ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS
THROUGHOUT the
legislative session, and
supported three that
became law (HB1941,
HJ446, and HB2034)

**GCV PRESIDENT
KRIS CARBONE TRAVELED**
more than 35,000
miles across the
commonwealth
(plus one
flat tire)

by the numbers



FROM THE TREASURER

The Garden Club of Virginia's financial stewardship focuses on more than balancing budgets—it's about sustaining the programs, projects, and connections that define our mission. This year, careful management, member generosity, and the success of Historic Garden Week allowed us to invest meaningfully in both our club and our commonwealth.

The GCV operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2024, and ended June 30, 2025. The

budgets for the fiscal year were presented by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors and then to the membership for a vote of approval at the May 2025 GCV Annual Meeting.

The GCV's largest source of revenue is our annual Historic Garden Week. The 2025 tour was a resounding success with a net income of \$766,775. These monies fund our restoration program and ongoing support of historic public landscapes throughout the commonwealth as well as a historic landscape research fellowship.

Sources of operating funds for the GCV include membership dues, the annual fund, donations, and sponsorships of events. In addition, we receive income from publication advertising, workshops and special programs, and rental of our carriage house. Our budget includes a draw of up to five percent from our Endowment Fund.

The expenses for the GCV include funding our restoration activities, fellowships, cash awards for member clubs' community projects, educational programs for members and for the general public, management and staff salaries,

property maintenance and operations of our headquarters, development, communications, and our yearly audit.

To communicate with our membership, we maintain our website, produce a monthly electronic newsletter and publish the *Journal* quarterly. We host and facilitate meetings for 17 standing committees and five special committees and fund two awards each year, the Common Wealth Award and the Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award.

As of June 30, 2025, GCV's assets totaled approximately \$13.3 million, including the Kent-Valentine House, cash reserves, and investment portfolios valued at \$10.9 million—representing 82 percent of total assets. Our Fiscal Year 2023-24 financial statements received a clean audit opinion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our Federal Form 990 was filed this year and is available for public review.

The Board of Directors remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and aligning our resources with our mission. Through thoughtful budgeting and investment, we are well positioned to continue preserving Virginia's historic landscapes and enriching the experience of our members and communities.

Your generosity enables us to balance our budget while expanding our impact through the mission we share. It has been my honor to serve as your treasurer this year.

Kelly Johnson

Kelly Johnson, Treasurer, 2024-2026
GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Financials are unaudited as of Sept. 2025 and will be audited by early 2026.

Historic Garden Week	44%	\$ 1,237,002
Investments	36%	\$ 1,025,580
Donations*	9%	\$ 262,320
Dues	8%	\$ 217,945
Other	3%	\$ 90,158

Income \$2,833,017

**Includes contributions to the Annual, Conservation, Common Wealth, Endowment, and KVH Funds*



\$ 506,721	30%	Management/Staff
\$ 470,778	28%	Historic Garden Week
\$ 460,667	27%	Programs*
\$ 138,072	8%	Kent-Valentine House
\$ 91,780	5%	Administration/Other
\$ 28,062	2%	Fundraising

Expenses \$1,696,090

**Includes restoration of historic public landscapes and educational programs.*

 **GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA**
Historic Garden Week

2025 HONOR ROLL OF SPONSORS

The Garden Club of Virginia's restorations of historic public gardens and fellowships in landscape architecture are made possible by the proceeds from Historic Garden Week in Virginia. We thank these sponsors for their gifts of \$1,000 or more.

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KNOT GARDEN UP TO \$99

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Since 1979, the Common Wealth Award (highlighting the “wealth” that is “common” to all Virginians) has provided an annual grant to member club projects focused on conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation, and education. Proposals submitted in the spring are voted on by GCV member clubs. This year’s recipient is **THE NATURE GARDEN ALONG THE SMITH RIVER PAW PATH AT THE SMITH RIVER SPORTS COMPLEX**, nominated by The Garden Study Club and The Martinsville Garden Club.



Jackie Van Dyke, President of The Garden Study Club; Kris Carbone, GCV President and member of The Garden Club of Danville; Frankie Smith, President of The Martinsville Garden Club; Common Wealth Award Committee Chairman Julia Boyd, member of Three Rivers Garden Club; and Debbie Lewis, Immediate Past President and member of The Garden Study Club.

Helen and Tayloe Murphy Award

The Helen and Tayloe Murphy Conservation Leadership in Government Award recognizes outstanding individuals and/or public governmental organizations in the Commonwealth of Virginia who have rendered exemplary service and visionary leadership in the conservation and wise development of the natural resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and who demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. The 2024 Murphy Award was presented to **THE CITY OF STAUNTON** for its environmental restoration work at the Gypsy Hill Park Stream Restoration Project.



Cordelia Gary, The Augusta Garden Club; Willow Hughes of City of Staunton; The Augusta Garden Club President Nancy Williams; The Augusta Garden Club members Jeanne Huffman, Nancy Hill, and Anne Avery.



Margorie Mayfield Jackson and the Elizabeth River Project



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Dugdale Award for Meritorious Achievement in Conservation

The Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award for Meritorious Achievement in Conservation was first presented in 1974, and in 1989 was named for Mrs. Arthur A. Dugdale of The Ashland Garden Club, an outstanding member of the GCV who originated the Conservation Forum. It is presented to an organization, industry or an individual who is not a GCV member for outstanding work in conservation.

The 2024 recipients were **MARJORIE MAYFIELD JACKSON**, founding director of the Elizabeth River Project, and **BRUCE AND SUSAN JONES AND THE JONES NATURE PRESERVE** in Rappahannock County. These recipients have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to conservation and ecological restoration, making significant impacts in their respective communities and beyond.

Conservation Educator Award

Established in 2016, the Conservation Educator Award recognizes individuals or organizations whose work in an educational environment supports the conservation ideals of the Garden Club of Virginia. The 2024 Conservation Educator Award was presented to **ROBIN BLAKE**, a middle school science teacher at Chesapeake Academy in Irvington. Blake was nominated by The Garden Club of The Northern Neck.



Robin Blake



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Horticulture Award 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 community at large. Two members received the Horticulture Award of Merit this year:



Joy Coakley's garden

JOY COAKLEY, THE SPOTSWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Joy is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic member who has served as chairman of her club's Historic Garden Week and horticulture committees. She is an active Master Gardener and has presented horticulture programs and workshops for The Spotswood Garden Club, other clubs, and James Madison University Arboretum public sessions. She enjoys sharing her plants and horticulture expertise, and visits many noted gardens for new plants and inspiration.



JANE COULTER, MILL MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB

Jane has been committed to promoting horticulture activities and education within her club, and to the growth and sustainability of its signature project, the Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden. She works weekly sessions with members and has "led the charge" to install an educational propagation garden to encourage native seedlings. Jane collaborates with local horticulture agencies, societies, Boy Scouts, and Roanoke's Tree Steward programs.



Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden

Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award

This monetary award, in memory of Former GCV President Bessie Carter, funds the implementation of a conservation project within the state that will serve as a catalyst for community action. The award is presented annually to a GCV member club for either natural resource conservation or environmental protection.



HILLSIDE GARDEN CLUB: ACCESS TO NATURE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING ON THE COSBY TRAIL

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah Nature Center began in 1950 as a summer day camp and, since 2021, has served as the city's only year-round nature center on its 42-acre conservation easement. The newly opened 1.2-mile Cosby Trail circles the property with three neighborhood entrances, but lacks clear markers and plant/animal identification. Funding from the Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award will provide interpretive signs to guide hikers,

engage school groups (including a nearby 500-student elementary), and invite hesitant residents to explore the urban forest. The project will also be highlighted during Historic Garden Week activities hosted at KBY.



Camp Kum-Ba-Yah Nature Center



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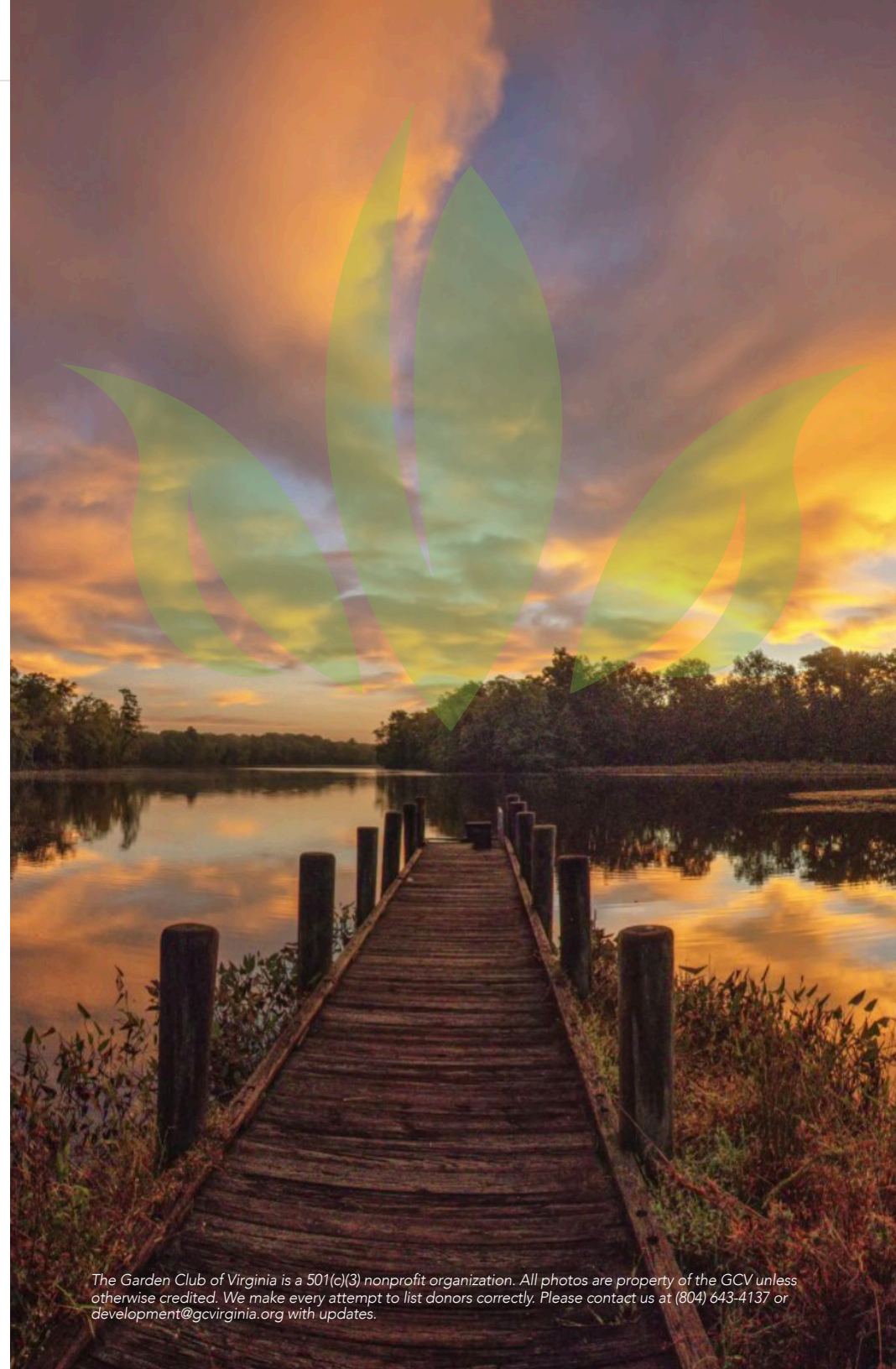
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