

**THE GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA**

Eighty-eighth

ANNUAL MEETING

“Tradition in Transition”

May 13, 14, 15, 2008



**The
Tuckahoe Garden Club
of
Westhampton
1928**

It is with great pleasure that The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton welcomes you to Richmond for the Eighty-eighth Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Virginia. We look forward to sharing our city and some of its most beloved attractions. We hope that you will avail yourselves of the Garden Tour that is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon featuring three exquisite private gardens and the Gillette designed garden at Virginia House. Wednesday's business meeting is highlighted by our speaker, landscape architect Ben Page.

From our tours of the newly restored Capitol building and state of the art Library of Virginia to afternoon tea at the Kent-Valentine House and box lunches from time honored Sally Bell's Kitchen we will weave a thread that ties together our theme of "Tradition in Transition".

We hope that you will be both informed and entertained during your visit to Richmond. Please let any of our club members know if we can be of assistance to you during this meeting.

Cabell West, Outgoing President TGC
Susan Landin, Incoming President TGC



The Tuckahoe Garden Club Seal

The center of our club seal is the *Peltandra virginica* (Tuckahoe arum) which early settlers found growing along Tuckahoe Creek. The starchy corms from which the plant grows were roasted and eaten by the Indians in this area of Virginia. Their name for the plant was "tockawhough." When the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton was founded in 1928, it took its name from the political district of Tuckahoe, Henrico County, and the area, Westhampton, in which the members resided. This area was annexed by Richmond in 1942. The wreath which encircles the Tuckahoe includes daffodils. The seal was designed and drawn by Tuckahoe Garden Club member, Brantley Knowles (Mrs. Peter I.C. Knowles II) in 1975.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

- 12:00pm** **Board Luncheon and Meeting
at the home of Cabell West
317 Charmian Road, Richmond
804-355-8130**
- 12:00-6:00pm** **Registration in the Palm Court Lobby
of The Jefferson**
- 2:00-4:00pm** **Optional Garden Tours**
- 5:30pm** **Buses depart for Cocktails and Dutch Treat Dinner
at Tuckahoe Plantation (rain or shine, casual)**

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

- 7:00-8:15am** **Breakfast on your own**
- 8:00am** **Registration at The Jefferson**
- 8:30am** **The GCV Business Meeting in the Grand Ballroom
of The Jefferson**
- 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:30am** **Business Meeting and Speaker, Ben Page,
Landscape Architect, Nashville, TN**
- 11:40am** **Buses depart for luncheon at the Capitol**
- 12noon** **Luncheon in Senate Room 2, Speaker: Scott Nolley
with Fine Art Conservation of Virginia**
- 1:00-3:45pm** **Tours of the Capitol, Library of Virginia,
Executive Mansion and grounds**
- 3:50pm** **Buses Depart Capitol grounds**
- 4:00pm** **Tea at the Kent-Valentine House**
- 6:30pm** **Cocktail Reception in the Rotunda of The Jefferson**
- 7:30pm** **Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of The Jefferson**

Thursday, May 15, 2008

- 7:00-8:15am** **Breakfast on your own**
- 8:30am** **The GCV Business Meeting in the Grand Ballroom of
The Jefferson**
- 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:30am** **Business Meeting resumes**
- 12:00pm** **Annual Meeting adjourns**
- 12:15pm** **Pick-up pre-ordered box lunches at the
Kent-Valentine House compliments of The Boxwood,
James River and Three Chopt Garden Clubs**

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Past Presidents Attending

*Mary Frances Flowers	1970-1972
Katty Mears	1984-1986
Ellen Godwin	1986-1988
Nancy Talley	1988-1990
Virginia Guild	1990-1992
Helen Murphy	1992-1994
Betty Schutte	1996-1998
Mina Wood	2000-2002
Mary Hart Darden	2002-2004
Deedy Bumgardner	2004-2006
*Honorary President of The Garden Club of Virginia	

Board of Directors – Presiding Officers

President	Sally Guy Brown
First Vice President	Cabell West
Second Vice President	Kim Nash
Treasurer	Dianne Spence
Recording Secretary	Ann Gordon Evans
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Bruce Glaize

Directors at Large

Peggy Bowditch	Di Cook
Anne Cross	Glenna Graves
Grace Rice	Catherine Whitham

Board of Directors – Chairmen

Restoration	Mary Lou Seilheimer
Historic Garden Week	Tricia Sauer
Conservation and Beautification	Marsha Merrell
Parliamentarian and Editor of The Register	Meg Clement
Finance	Anne Baldwin

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Chairmen of Standing Committees

Admissions	Lynne Beeler
Annual and Board of Governors' Meetings	Donna Clausen
Common Wealth Award	Nancy Lowry
*Conservation and Beautification	Marsha Merrell
Daffodil	Glenna Graves
Development	Karen Jamison
*Finance	Anne Baldwin
Flower Shows	Charlotte Benjamin
GCV Online	Nina Mustard
Historian and Custodian of Records	Sarah Bass
*Historic Garden Week	Tricia Sauer
Horticulture	Kay Van Allen
Investment	Nancy Bowles
Journal Advertising	Betsy Agelasto
Journal Chairman	Gail Braxton
Journal Editor& Editorial Board	Jeanette Cadwallender
Kent-Valentine House	Missy Buckingham
Lily	Mary Nelson Thompson
Massie Medal	Jocelyn Connors
Nominations	Mary Hart Darden
*Parliamentarian and Editor of the Register	Meg Clement
Personnel	Deedy Bumgardner
Public Relations	Linda Consolvo
*Restoration	Mary Lou Seilheimer
Rose	Pat Taylor
Speaker Series	Betsy Worthington

Chairmen of Special Committees

GCV Symposium

Mina Wood

GCV Staff

GCV Executive Director
HGW Executive Director
HGW Executive Assistant

Rose Marie Tronge
Suzanne Munson
Christine Harris

***Board Positions of The Garden Club of Virginia**

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

CLUB PRESIDENTS AND DELEGATES

Albemarle Garden Club

Trina English	President
Mardi Brownell	Delegate

The Garden Club of Alexandria

Mary Kay Ryan	President
Perry Guy	Delegate

The Ashland Garden Club

Lyn Hodnett	President
Venetia Redd	Delegate

The Augusta Garden Club

Grace Rice	President
Kathy Frazier	Delegate

The Blue Ridge Garden Club

Julie MacKinlay	President
Julie Grover	Delegate

The Boxwood Garden Club

Nancy Bowles	President
Susan Flowers	Delegate

The Brunswick Garden Club

Kay Outten	President
Diane Wagner	Delegate

The Charlottesville Garden Club

Trish Burton	President
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Chatham Garden Club

Huntley Friend	President
Mary Gregory	Delegate

The Garden Club of Danville

Anne Geyer	President
Carol Strange	Delegate

Dolley Madison Garden Club

Page Sullenberger	President
Linda Sorrentino	Delegate

The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore

Ellen Lusk	President
Lit Dodd	Delegate

The Elizabeth River Garden Club

Sharon Knowles	President
Barbara Byers	Delegate

The Garden Club of Fairfax

Johanna Rucker	President
Diane Wilkinson	Delegate

Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club

Ginger Wallach	President
Kassie Kingsley	Delegate

The Franklin Garden Club

Rebecca Gillette	President
Amy Browne	Delegate

Gabriella Garden Club

Sharon Whitt President
Elizabeth Walden Delegate

The Garden Study Club

Donna Lawhon President
Cece Johnson Delegate

The Garden Club of Gloucester

Sue Perrin President
Ann Hohenberger Delegate

The Hampton Roads Garden Club

Martha Field President
Sidney Jordan Delegate

Harborfront Garden Club

Elise Pitts President
Widget Williams Delegate

Hillside Garden Club

Lisa Cresson President

The Hunting Creek Garden Club

Lea Shuba President
Esther Carpi Delegate

The Huntington Garden Club

BoBo Smith President
Rebecca Fass Delegate

The James River Garden Club

Evie Scott President
Meg Turner Delegate

Leesburg Garden Club

Carole Maloney President
Kate Williams Delegate

**The Little Garden Club of
Winchester**

Chris Scully Delegate

The Lynchburg Garden Club

Catherine Madden President
Foxie Morgan Delegate

The Martinsville Garden Club

Susan Morris President
Nancy Spilman Delegate

**The Garden Club of the Middle
Peninsula**

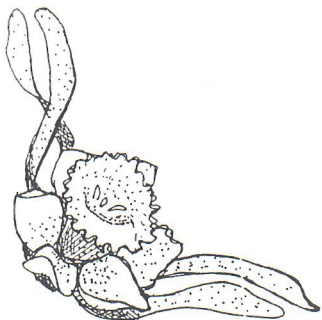
Betty Jo Butler President
Grace Rhinesmith Delegate

The Mill Mountain Garden Club

Jane Coulter President
Lee Robison Delegate

The Nansemond River Garden Club

Pat House President
Nancy Dempsey Delegate



The Garden Club of Norfolk
Jane Cole Delegate
Tricia Izard Delegate

**The Garden Club of the
Northern Neck**
C. J. Carter President
Gin Harris Delegate

The Petersburg Garden Club
Laraine Smith President
Sally Seward Delegate

The Princess Anne Garden Club
Mary Ann Schmidt President
Susan Hall Delegate

**The Rappahannock Valley
Garden Club**
Betsy Quarles President
Betsy Carey Delegate

Rivanna Garden Club
Lucy Huff President
Janice Carter Delegate

Roanoke Valley Garden Club
Linda Steadman President
Katherine Knopf Delegate

The Spotswood Garden Club
Monica Frackelton President
Joyce Overby Delegate

Three Chopt Garden Club
Lou Johnson President
Jeanette McKittrick Delegate

**The Tuckahoe Garden Club of
Westhampton**
Susan Landin President
Betty Jenkins Delegate

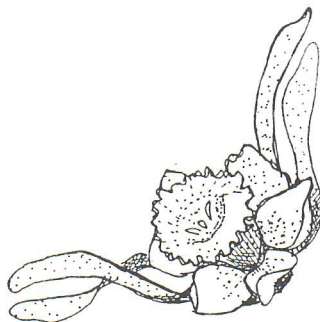
The Virginia Beach Garden Club
Mac Houfek President
Lynda Briggs Delegate

**The Garden Club of Warren
County**
Diane Kline President
Bonnie Baker Delegate

The Warrenton Garden Club
Penny Dart President
Patricia Prentiss Delegate

The Williamsburg Garden Club
Lynn Ford President
Cathy Adams Delegate

Winchester-Clarke Garden Club
Elaine Brandt President
Cindy Mullett Delegate



THE TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTHAMPTON

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Jeanne Ancarrow
Susie Benson
Linda Blackburn
Susan Blackwell
Hylah Boyd
Liza Cabell
Sara Cann
Liz Carden
Valerie Coleman
Peggy Crowley
Ann Doyle
Izzy Dudley
Jenny Evans
Susan Ewing
Dee Ferguson
Dorothy Ferrell
Carol Fox
Charlotte Frischkorn
Gordon Gibson
Preston Gomer
Nancy Goodall
Freddie Gray
April Greenwood

Woodley Habgood
Ruth Hill
Mary Horton
Betty Jenkins
Susan Jones
Leila Jones
Anne Kempe
Carolyn Kendig
Susan Landin
Claudia Lawton
Ginni Mackenzie
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Mary Miller
Jo Miller
Martha Moore
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Anne Page
Frannie Phillips
Helen Pinckney
Julie Preston
Ann Ramsey

Shelley Roberts
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Joanie Robins
Julia Borden Rose
Missy Ryan
Tricia Sauer
Lena Scott
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Scottie Slater
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Alice Tilghman
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Eleanor Towers
Kathy Watson
Peyton Wells
Cabell West
Carey Wharton
Lucy Williams
Macon Willingham
Lindy Wyatt

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Peggy Christian
Mary Meade Davenport
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Laurie Dudley
Tibby Gardner
Nancy Gresham
Peggy Guy

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Dabney McCoy
Camilla Moffatt
Maggie Belle Moore

Joyce Nash
Julia Neal
Betsy Parrish
Ann Scott
Laurie Spratley
Pattie Williams

HONORARY MEMBERS

Doris Blackwell
Judy Halsey
Emma Oppenhimer

Lou Preston
Nancy Purcell
Mary Leavell Tompkins

Alice Smith
Pam Ware
Wiley Wheat

COURTESY MEMBER

Anne Holton

THE TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTHAMPTON

Committee Chairmen 2008 Annual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Martha Moore, Joanie Robins

Accommodations: Ann Doyle, Carolyn Kendig

Banquet: Liz Carden, Tricia Sauer, Scottie Slater

**Board of Directors Luncheon: Sara Cann, Betty Jenkins,
Lena Scott**

**Capitol Luncheon: Hylah Boyd, Camilla Moffatt, Pam Ware,
Lucy Williams**

**Dutch Treat Dinner: Jeanne Ancarrow, Gordon Gibson,
Carey Thompson**

Favors: Claudia Lawton, Eleanor Towers

Flowers: Ruth Cunningham, Freddie Gray, Jennifer Sisk

Garden Tour and Activities: Mary Horton, Missy Ryan

History: Susan Blackwell

Hospitality: Susie Benson, Susan Jones

Hostesses: Carol Fox, Ruth Hill

Printing/Programs: Leila Jones, Carol Stokes

Public Relations: Ginni Mackenzie

Registrar: Kathy Watson

Registration: Dee Ferguson, Irene Owen

Speakers: Helen Pinckney, Sue Thompson

Transportation: Susan Landin, Sue Taylor

Treasurer: Libby Robertson

Volunteers: Linda Blackburn

ADDRESSES

Co-Chairs Annual Meeting

**Mrs. T. Justin Moore III
323 Oak Lane
Richmond, Virginia 23226**

**Mrs. W. Randolph Robins
404 S. Mooreland Road
Richmond, Virginia 23229**

Tuckahoe Plantation Dinner

**Mrs. Addison B. Thompson
12601 River Road
Richmond, Virginia 23238**

**Mrs. W. Taliaferro Thompson III
4602 Sulgrave Road
Richmond, Virginia 23238**

Board of Directors Luncheon

**Mrs. John T. West IV
317 Charmian Road
Richmond, Virginia 23226**

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THE TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTHAMPTON

A Brief History

Who could have guessed that a white-gloved luncheon of close friends at the Country Club of Virginia, June 28, 1928, with Martha Whitehead Michaux, would evolve into the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton? The Garden Club was established to educate, beautify and revitalize historical sites and surroundings of Richmond through hard work, time and charitable gifts.

Roadside beautification was one of the first tasks at hand for The Tuckahoe Garden Club. The State Legislature was petitioned by the Club to appoint a Landscape Engineer to serve on the Virginia State Highway Commission. In 1930, Harold J. Neale was the first to fill that position. He later became the first Honorary Gentleman of The TGC. Since that time, Legislators have learned The TGC is a group to be reckoned with!

The TGC has always been a membership of powerful women described as multi-talented, with the ability to multi-task. Members are very hands on and showcase many qualities such as leadership, organization, creativity, hard work and vision. The Club has produced 47 presidents, numerous committee heads and a massive fleet of worker bees. Although Historic Garden Week and the biannual Fine Art and Flower Show at the Virginia Museum remain a major focus of the Club's time and talents, the importance of restoration and creation of gardens has been a continuous goal of the Club. The John Marshall House, The Westhampton Library, Bandy Field and The Public Library Park have all benefited from the hands on work of The TGC. This Club can take pride in knowing that since its conception, several hundred dogwood, elm and sugar maples have been planted throughout Virginia gardens and roadsides greatly enhancing "Springtime in Virginia".

Major fund raising projects have included lectures and demonstrations by Martha Stewart, Shelia McQueen and Stephen Woodhams. Income from these events, as well as the annual Christmas Sale and Spring Fair, help fund area beautification projects. TGC had had the privilege to support through charitable gifts The Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Poe Museum, The Science Museum, Richmond Better Housing Coalition, Sacred Heart Center, Scenic Virginia, The Virginia House, Massey Cancer Center Healing Garden, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, James River Association and Maymont Flower Show. The TGC created a Micro-climate Wall at The Science Museum that continues to be an onsite educational tool.

The TGC received the Massie Medal in 1950 (John Marshall House project), and the Commonwealth Award in 1997 (Westhampton Library Park project) and again in 2004 (Bandy Field project). The talents of individual members have also been recognized through the years with the Massie Medal awarded to Jane Murrell in 1984, and to Charlotte Massie in 1985. Hylah Boyd received the deLacy Gray Memorial Medal in 1999. Many members have been awarded top place ribbons and accolades for their outstanding flower arranging and horticultural skills.

Not only active in the Richmond area, The Tuckahoe Garden Club became a member of the Garden Club of Virginia in 1933 and the Garden Club of America in 1952. Over the past 80 years The Tuckahoe Garden Club has maintained a consistent dedication and commitment to projects in horticulture, conservation and restoration.