

The Williamsburg Garden Club

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June 2014

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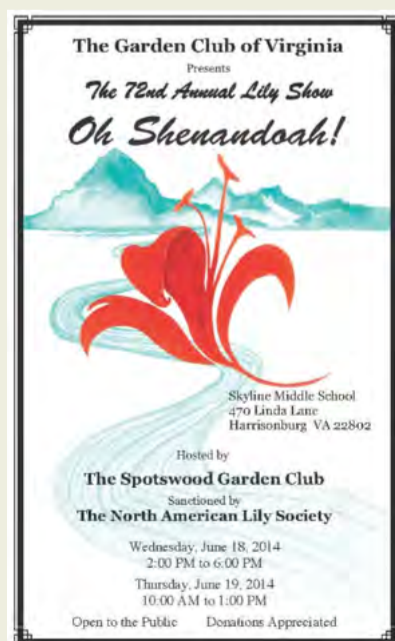
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"The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden."

-Thomas More



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Summer has just arrived and Williamsburg Garden Club members are already preparing for September and beyond with exciting programs and events. In the spirit of keeping up with dear friends, we will share activities, photos and news throughout the summer as we look forward to our 85th year together!

My best,
Nina

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2014-2016 Committee Chairmen

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Study Group
Michele DeWitt and Laura Geddy
WACGC Representative
Terry Buntrock and Dollie Marshall
WACGC Representative to Hospice House
Dollie Marshall
Wreath Sale
Carolyn Lodzieski
Yearbook
Linda Wenger

Nearly all of the committee chairmen listed above have WGC responsibilities which will require summer work. Sincere thanks to those of you who have agreed to chair and serve on these committees.

WGC News

Horticulture Field Day. Dawn Griggs, Adelaide Grattan, Michele DeWitt, Barbara Cummings, Ellen Kelso, Dianne Spence and I attended Horticulture Field Day May 21 at Pharsalia. Fifteen speakers spread the 200+ crowd into small, manageable gatherings throughout the day. Congratulations to Dianne Spence and her GCV Horticulture Committee. [Click Here](#) for photos.

Lily Show Call for Containers. Libbey Oliver, Laura Geddy and Terry Buntrock will be submitting our Inter Club arrangement for the upcoming GCV Lily Show to be held in Harrisonburg June 18-19. Our class is described as follows:

The Shenandoah River is dotted with waterfalls, some splashing gently over stones, others dropping over 100 feet in multiple levels before reaching the bottom. Create a Waterfall/Cascade Design depicting the beauty and power of these falls. To be placed on a pedestal in the center of the room.

If you have a tall container you think might be appropriate please contact Terry at buntrockterry@gmail.com or 293-8553.

I'll be driving up on Wednesday, June 18 for the day if anyone would like to join me, probably leaving around 9 am and returning home by 6:30 pm. I have room for 3 more in the car. Contact me at nmustard@cox.net or 871-2826.

WGC Art



Watercolor by Fran Jones
Peony

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Mattey's Garden



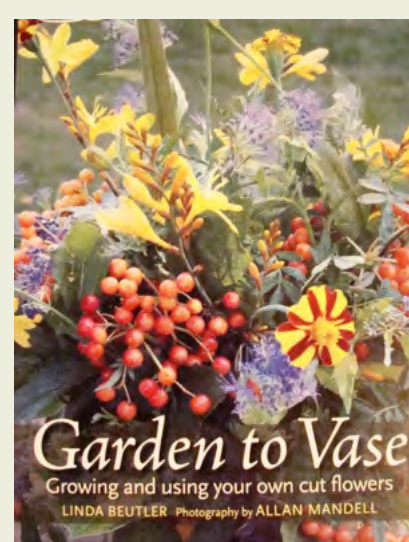
June Blooms
[Click to View Photos](#)

Nature Camp

Am I the only one who did not realize Nature Camp has a summer session for adults? Imagine the fun that could be - Prell Shampoo (do they still make this?), mosquito bites and Kumbaya! We're too late this summer, but let's keep this in mind when we make our plans for next summer. [Check out the website.](#)

Don't forget that we sponsor two campers each summer. If you have children, grandchildren or neighbors in grades 5-12 who might be interested, please contact Misti Spong.

A Current Favorite



Garden to Vase
by Linda Beutler

A garden club friend recommended that I purchase a copy of "Garden to Vase" by Linda Beutler, published in 2007. I found a copy online and it was love at first sight. Ms. Beutler explores floral styles which make creative use of plants already growing in your garden, and offers tips for choosing and harvesting plant material.

"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."

-Author Unknown

Because summertime finds us scattered far and wide, it is always a special treat to run into a WGC member unexpectedly. What fun to find a member in the grocery store and see a photo of her new puppy! To receive an email with a stunning photograph of a new grandchild. To look up and see a fellow member in the garden center, knowing her advice (or opinion) could be just what you need to finalize your purchase.

Our friendships are priceless, and I thank my lucky stars each day that I am a member of the Williamsburg Garden Club.

With July 4 fast approaching I wish for you and your family a lovely holiday, celebrating the independence we enjoy each day, just as we celebrate our friendships.

My best, Nina

Congratulations!

Williamsburg Garden Club is the proud recipient an Inter Club Artistic Class RED RIBBON at the June GCV Lily Show in Harrisonburg. The stunning Waterfall arrangement, pictured here, was planned, arranged and placed in the show by Libbey Oliver and Laura Geddy, with assistance from Leslie Coe and Terry Buntrock along the way.



From the schedule:

The Shenandoah River is dotted with waterfalls, some splashing gently over stones, others dropping over 100 feet in multiple levels before reaching the bottom. Create a Waterfall/Cascade Design depicting the beauty and power of these falls.

We offer congratulations and sincere thanks to Libbey and Laura for giving so much of their time in creating this award winning masterpiece.

[Click Here to view Lily Show photos.](#)

Anniversary Garden



Minouche and Dianne in the Anniversary Garden

Dianne Spence and Minouche Robinson recently spent hours working in the Anniversary Garden. They began at 7:30 am, choosing plant material from the wholesale nursery and were still weeding, planting and watering at 10 am. The work continues with fertilizing and mulching and more weeding. Thank you Dianne and Minouche...it looks fabulous!!!

Historic Garden Week

Historic Garden Week headquarters has been busy preparing leaders for the 2015 tour, and Williamsburg Garden Club members have jumped right in.

Advertising Chairmen were invited to attend a workshop at the Kent-Valentine House on June 16. Misti Spong represented WGC at the workshop and is working diligently to obtain Guidebook advertisers.

Tour Chairmen and Co-Chairmen were invited to attend **HGW Boot Camp** June 24-25. Meredith Lunceford and Terry Buntrock represented WGC at the 2-day Richmond event which provided intensive training with lectures and workshops for over 70 attendees. Thirty-two tours are scheduled for 2015.

Meredith and Terry came away from the event with new ideas, new friends and new garden boots. Awesome!



Boot Camp

Heritage Humane Society Garden

Kathleen Ring and Barbara Best recently held a meeting with Kim Laska, Director of the HHS. An update on the status of the Heritage Garden as well as the plantings around the Heritage Humane Society sign follows:

Kathleen and Barbara found the daffodil garden to be overgrown and filled with weeds. The verbena and bushes we installed a couple of years ago in that area seem to be thriving for the most part. The harsh winter took its toll on the lavender and rosemary we had planted around the HHS sign. Someone cut it back drastically this spring, and it has totally disappeared. Prior to this, Kim said the plants had thrived so well they were nearly covering the wording on the sign.

Kim stated she'd like the \$210.00 from our club to be used for more plants instead of mulch, since the Waltrips are donating the mulch.

Kathleen and Barbara made it clear that we are no longer responsible for any work that needs to be done. Kim was unaware that we have spent several thousand dollars on these two projects, and she would like our sign to stay since it shows evidence of community involvement. She knows the current state of the garden is not acceptable, and with the help of a newly hired Volunteer Coordinator, she plans to implement a training program for maintaining the Heritage Garden properly.

The following agreement was reached for the upcoming year: Kathleen and Barbara will take turns visiting the area once a month. In the meantime, Kim, Kathleen and Barbara will photograph the work done, noting improvements. Kathleen and Barbara will visit the garden together in April to determine if enough has been accomplished to keep our sign in place.



WGC Art



Watercolor by Susan Sims

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All Play, No Work!



Virginia Museum of Fine Art will host Fine Arts and Flowers in Richmond, November 5-9. [Click Here.](#)

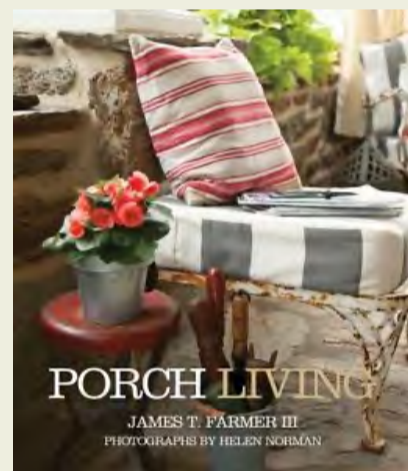


The Garden Club of Virginia will host Symposium 2015 in Williamsburg, February 2-4. Terry Buntrock and Misti Spong will co-chair the event.

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

-Sam Keen

A New Favorite



by James Farmer,
Symposium Speaker

I don't know how you feel about August, but I feel a lot like Scrooge, dreading the heat, mosquitoes, hurricane threats, garden weeds and leggy plants, dead grass, back to school displays, humidity induced big hair...you name it. I struggle to accomplish anything, except perhaps a noticeable improvement in the art of complaining.

I'd rather talk about September, when our garden club calendar explodes with activity! We'll see the results of WGC summer planning with programs and speakers, study groups, fund raisers, artistic schedules, and horticulture displays all revealed.

So, I take heart in dreaming of September, aware that the weather might be even **worse**, but I'll be too busy and too happy to complain.

My best, Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, September 15	WGC Meeting, 9:30 Kingspoint
Tuesday, September 23	GCV Flower Arranging School
Monday, September 29	GCV Conservation Workshop
Wednesday, October 1	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Thursday, October 2	GCV Rose Show Gabriella

Wreath Sale

Carolyn Lodzieski and Cindy May have been busy pulling details together for our annual wreath sale. Order forms will be distributed during August.

Your willingness to sell **and** purchase wreaths has made this event successful and fun for many years. Thank you for your participation!

So, while we wait for order forms, here is a sneak peak at a **new** offering for 2014, plus a preview of lovely custom bows.



Amaryllis Gift Boxes will include bulb of choice, pot, planting material and planting instructions and will sell for \$25. Custom Bows will sell for \$12.

[Click Here](#) to print images above.

Historic Garden Week 2015

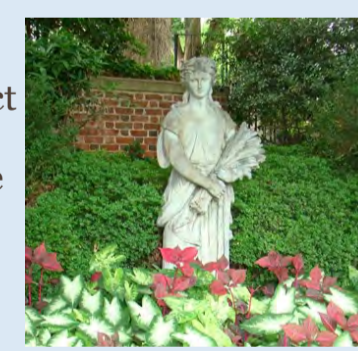
About two years ago Williamsburg Garden Club's HGW 2015 Tour chairman, Meredith Lunceford, was asked by Bruton Parish Church's 300th Anniversary Committee if she would consider using the church as part of the 2015 Historic Garden Week in Williamsburg Tour. Meredith's response was an enthusiastic, YES!



Bruton Parish Church

Because one of the most joyous events that can take place in a church is a wedding, Meredith chose "Love is in the Air," a perfect theme to allow the church to shine as the centerpiece of the tour.

The 2015 Tour will guide ticket holders through a celebration of romance, where each property will provide a unique interpretation of love - courtship, marriage proposal, wedding festivities, honeymoon, christenings and anniversaries.



Oval Garden

The following properties will participate in the 2015 tour:

- Bruton Parish Church
- Lewis Hall (floral design demonstrations and sale)
- St. Mary's Chapel
- Custis House and Garden
- Fife and Drum Inn
- College of William & Mary Presidents House and Garden
- Wren Building
- Providence Hall
- Colonial Williamsburg's Taste Studio
- Oval Garden near the Williamsburg Spa
- Matthey's Garden

Virginia Tourism's giant L-O-V-E letters will be decorated with flowers and set up in Merchant's Square where visitors will have an opportunity to create memorable "Love is in the Air" photos.



Merchants Square



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Acrylic by
Elaine Abbott

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Anniversary Garden Before and After



Top photo June
Bottom photo August

"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of
weather
And autumn's best of cheer."

- Helen Hunt Jackson

September has *almost* arrived, and along with it, a whirlwind of activities! The Wreath Sale Committee is busy distributing forms around town, so please be on the lookout for your packet in the next few days. Our Yearbook is nearing completion and will be delivered in early September.

Our September meeting is **All About Us** as we catch up with friends, celebrate our WGC legacy, and take a look at what's new for 2014-2015. A few surprises might be waiting!

When and Where

Monday, September 15 at 9:30 am
Kingspoint Clubhouse

Hostesses

Cathy Adams*, Dollie Marshall and Misti Spong

Artistic Exhibits

Engagement Party in the Sand: Create a centerpiece that reflects the seaside, to be used on a standing 30" round bar table. Use at least three flower materials and up to three containers. **New!** You may work with a partner and you will both get credit.

Horticulture Exhibits

Judged: Rose (Rosa)
Non-judged: Elective

You may invite a guest for the September meeting.

My best, Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, September 15	WGC Meeting
Tuesday, September 23	GCV Flower Arranging School
Sunday, September 29	Wreath Sale Deadline
Monday, September 30	GCV Conservation Workshop
Wednesday, October 1	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Thursday, October 2	GCV Rose Show Gabriella

2015 Rose Collection



The 2015 Rose Collection is \$59.00, payable to Fran Jones by November 15. [Click here for details.](#)

2014 Common Wealth Award Nominees

Each September, member clubs are asked to vote for the Common Wealth Award recipient. Two finalists have been selected for the 2014 Common Wealth Award: The Ashland Train Station, proposed by the Ashland Garden Club, and the Canal Walk at Great Shiplock Park, proposed by the Boxwood, James River, Three Chopt and Tuckahoe Garden Clubs. [Click Here to read proposals.](#)

First place will receive \$8,500 and second place will receive \$4,500.

Please be prepared to cast your vote at our September meeting. I will take our vote to Board of Governors in October and the results will be announced at that time.



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Pumpkins by Terry Buntrock
Oil on Canvas

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Heritage Humane Society Garden

Barbara and Kathleen encourage us to visit HHS to see noticeable improvements!



*Awesome!
August & September 2014*

"O' pumpkin pie, your time has come 'round again and I am autumnrifically happy!

- Terri Guillemets

Holiday Sale Reminder! The deadline for wreath and amaryllis orders is Tuesday, September 30 and the committee is anxiously awaiting our orders. Drop your forms and checks at Terry's on Bayberry Lane, or Cindy's in Kingsmill at 12 Hampton Key. If you haven't submitted an order, please remember that **every** sale contributes to our fund raising efforts, allowing us to maintain healthy operating funds and continued community support. Every sale counts and we need your help!

We'll host the Garden Club of Gloucester at our October meeting as we welcome invited guests Jeanette Cadwallender, President of the Garden Club of Virginia, and Tricia McDaniel, District 3 Director at Large.

When and Where

Monday, October 20 at 9:45 am
Williamsburg Community Building

Hostesses

Minouche Robinson*, Barbara Best, Michele DeWitt, Ellen Kelso and Linda Wenger

No Artistic or Horticulture Exhibits

Don't miss "WGC September Photos" at left, a montage of gorgeous horticulture specimens, arrangements and members!

October 1 will find us at the Rose Show in Danville, hoping for a WGC blue ribbon! We'll be entering Fran's roses for our Inter Club collection, and a creative line mass arrangement for Artistic competition. Off we go!

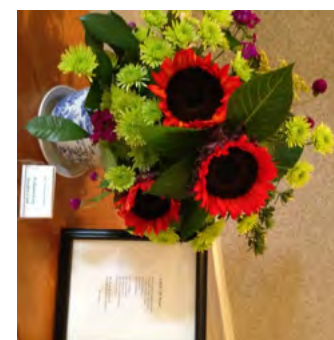
My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 30	Wreath Sale Deadline
Wednesday, October 1	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Thursday, October 2	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Monday, October 20	WGC Joint Meeting with GCG
Wednesday, November 5	Study Group and VMFA Trip

News from the WACGC

Many thanks to Dollie Marshall for providing flowers to Hospice House during the month of September.



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WGC Art



Oil Painting "Tulips"
by Cindy May

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News from Board of Governors

Plans for the GCV Centennial celebration in 2020 continue. Of particular note at the meeting was our partnership with the Virginia Association for Parks and Virginia State Parks. **Partnership for Parks** is a 6-year campaign, endorsed by Governor Terry McAuliffe and the First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe, which will result in a total of 13 state park visitor centers with new, innovative and engaging exhibits that will interpret our state's cultural and natural history for all ages while promoting a healthy active outdoor lifestyle for our citizens. Visit vaparks.net.

The 2014 Common Wealth Award Winner, Ashland Garden Club, will receive \$8,500 for their historic 1922 Train Station project. The four Richmond Garden Clubs will receive \$4,500 for their Canal Walk project at Great Shiplock Park.

A comprehensive study by Chmura Economics and Analytics has determined that the economic impact of 2014 Historic Garden Week in Virginia and its regions was **\$11 million**. The study also estimated a cumulative economic impact of **\$425 million** in 2014 dollars since 1969.



My Apologies

Dear Minouche, Barbara, Michele, Ellen and Linda,

Thank you for a delightful October meeting at the Community Center. The treats were delicious and the table stunning with silver and autumn decor. I apologize to all that I failed to acknowledge your hospitality to members and guests - an embarrassing oversight.

Sincerely,
Nina

Christmas Luncheon Regency Room

Our program committee asks that we sign up for the Christmas luncheon at our November meeting. Please make your check payable to WGC and indicate your preference of chicken or salmon.

\$27.00 Inclusive (per person)

Coriander Dusted Atlantic Salmon
Or
Grilled Chicken Breast

Roasted root vegetables, cherry tomatoes, forest mushrooms

Williamsburg garden gathering of mixed greens, truffle scented cheese and citrus-tarragon emulsion

Grilled artisan bread

Regency Rolls with Butter

Hummingbird Cake with Caramel Sauce

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

- Albert Camus

October simply disappeared! The calendar says we exhibited at the Rose Show in Danville, hosted a District 3 HGW meeting, exhibited horticulture at the Board of Governors at Montpelier, attended numerous committee meetings, hosted Gloucester and GCV leaders at our own WGC meeting, and attended the GCV Horticulture Workshop. Enjoy photo links at left.

So, as we bid farewell to October and Daylight Savings Time, we welcome November with Garden Club activities continuing in full force. Pull out your yearbook calendar for details!

Study Group Thursday, November 6 Baptist Church South Wing at 9:30
Depart at 11:00 for lunch at Commonwealth Club
Followed by visit to VMFA

Business Meeting Monday, November 17
Kingspoint Clubhouse at 11:00, lunch follows
Hostesses Cheri Mulhare*, Susan Brooks, Karen Jamison, Marcia Long, Cindy May and Gale Roberts

A NO WHINING MOMENT. Many of us did two arrangements in September so we could fulfill our requirements. But, let's be good sports and bring arrangements and horticulture to our November meeting for the simple reason that we NEED them for decor. We have lots of options so try something fun, even if you don't need the "credit." I will if you will!

If you plan to submit a new member proposal, send information to Susan Sims prior to the **November 10** WGC Board meeting. Please keep in mind that MENTORING is time consuming, but absolutely necessary for anyone sponsoring or endorsing a new member.

In the midst of November Garden Club madness, we find ourselves preparing for the holiday season, a time to give thanks for all that we have. My sincere thanks to you for your enthusiasm and dedication to WGC, making my current duties not only an honor, but a real pleasure.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, November 6 Study Group and VMFA Trip
Monday, November 10 WGC Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 12 Conservation Forum, ODU *
Monday, November 17 WGC Business Meeting

* Several of us will be heading to Norfolk for the Conservation Forum on Trees. Contact me if you want a ride. We might even consider a short side trip to Norfolk Wholesale Floral.

Note: New date for January Study Group is January 12.

A Cucurbit Creation



Horticulture Chairmen for each of the 47 GCV member clubs are asked each year to submit a horticulture exhibit at Board of Governors and Annual meetings. These very popular exhibits provide educational opportunities for club horticulture chairmen and meeting attendees. This year, the exhibits were displayed at Montpelier for public viewing.

Our horticulture chairmen Ann Milliman and Susan Brooks created this stunning arrangement for our Board of Governors exhibit. Their instructions from GCV were.....

This horticulture exhibit will give you the opportunity to explore the Cucurbitaceae family, genus Cucubita of which there are 1,342 plants. As you research this family, you will find a veritable rainbow of pumpkins, gourds and squashes. Out of this vast selection, you will choose a pumpkin, gourd, or squash and construct a container for a centerpiece to be filled with autumn plant material that has been gathered.....grasses, seeds, nuts, berries, leaves, fall flowers, sprigs of bittersweet, etc. that are appropriate to the FIELD TO FEAST theme. Native plants are encouraged.

Thanks Susan and Ann!

Conservation News

JCC Clean Water Heritage • America Recycles Day • Clean Virginia Waterways • JCC Fire and Emergency Services • Virginia Annuals Clean Business Forum • Leave No Trace • JCC Solid Waste & Recycling • JCC Law Enforcement • Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority • JCC Civic Engagement • JCC Green

1st Annual Litter & Recycling Expo

Sponsored by the James City County Commission
For more information, call 757.259.5375.

FREE!
and open to the public...

Friday, November 7, 2014
Noon-7pm
Legacy Hall, New Town (4301 New Town Avenue, Williamsburg)

Calling all James City County citizens, businesses, students and families to learn more about local recycling and litter prevention efforts! Exhibitors, demonstrations, games and activities will be ongoing throughout the day.

Event Schedule

Noon: Ribbon Cutting and Presentation of JCC Government Initiatives
2pm: JCC Business Community Spotlights
4pm: W-JCC Public School Recycle Rangers Presentation
6pm: Neighborhood and Community Group Spotlights

jamescitycountyva.gov/recycling/clean-county-commission.html

Call for Member Artwork

We love seeing member artwork and we want more! Please send to nmustard@cox.net.



*May your joys be bountiful
and
Your blessings be many.
Happy Thanksgiving!*

[View November Photos](#)

*Wreath pick up December 2 or 3 (weather dependent)
Christmas luncheon December 8*

***Christmas Luncheon
Regency Room***

We must have a final count by **December 3**. Please make your check payable to WGC and send to Beth Stabler at 141 Thomas Dale, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Indicate your preference of chicken or salmon.

\$27.00 Inclusive (per person)

Coriander Dusted Atlantic Salmon
Or
Grilled Chicken Breast

Roasted root vegetables, cherry tomatoes, forest mushrooms

Williamsburg garden gathering of mixed greens, truffle scented cheese and citrus-tarragon emulsion

Grilled artisan bread

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Amaryllis by Marcia Long

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A happy New Year! Grant
that I
May bring no tear to any eye

When this New Year in time
shall end
Let it be said I've played the
friend,

Have lived and loved and
labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

~Edgar Guest

Our Christmas luncheon provided the opportunity to welcome new members Debby Philp and Tracy Shackelford, and to announce our new Honorary Member, Elisabeth Reiss. What a very happy, optimistic year end!

And now, January begins with all the enthusiasm and good intentions that a new year offers. Karen Munzel and Gail Taylor will share their incredible design talents with us at the January 12* Study Group. Our regular meeting January 20 will feature [Jamie Brunkow](#) of the James River Association and will be open to guests. The Virginia Conservation Network will sponsor [Conservation Lobby Day](#) in Richmond January 26, and [GCV Symposium 2015](#) will come to Williamsburg February 2-4.

Here's hoping we share an enthusiastic, well-intentioned and very Happy New Year!

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 12 *Note date change	Study Group
Tuesday, January 20	WGC Meeting
Monday, January 26	Conservation Lobby Day
Monday - Wednesday, February 2-4	GCV Symposium

Don't Miss the Fun!



Over three hundred fellow GCV members and friends will visit Colonial Williamsburg February 2-4 to attend the 2015 Symposium. The symposium offers a glimpse of current lifestyle trends and the opportunity be with friends, old and new. [Learn more](#)

WGC is proud to recognize event chairmen Terry Buntrock and Misty Spong, as well as honorary chairmen Helen Reveley, Nancy Campbell and Elisabeth Reiss. We are also grateful to so many WGC members who are volunteering time and talent.

[Register Now](#)

Here are just a few bits of information since our most recent newsletter, and a few photos to remind you how beautiful Williamsburg is during Historic Garden Week. See you Monday morning at Study Group with Karen Munzel and Gail Taylor!

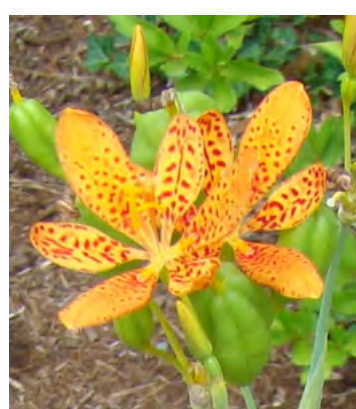
My best,
Nina

Wreath Sale Amaryllis



WACGC Newsletter

Garden Week 2015



Nature Camp Applications

Nature Camp applications are now available. If you have a candidate for one of our two club scholarships for Nature Camp 2015, please contact me and I will send you the application. Deadline for the application and essay is January 29, 2015. [Click Here](#) to read Nature Camp news.

Thank you,
Misti
mcspong@williamewood.com

The Williamsburg Garden Club General Meeting Minutes November 17, 2014

Nina Mustard called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at the Kingspoint Clubhouse. She thanked hostesses Cheri Mulhare, Susan Brooks, Karen Jamison, Marcia Long, Cindy May, and Gale Roberts. She also thanked October hostesses Minouche Robinson, Barbara Best, Michelle DeWitt, Ellen Kelso, and Linda Wenger.

Sue Spooner took attendance.

Nina read the October minutes. They were approved as written.

Nina recognized October and November member birthdays.

Board Reports

Membership: Susan Sims reported that club membership is composed as follows: 48 active, 24 associate, nine honorary, and four emeritae. This includes the following recent board-approved changes: one resignation (Dottie Healy), one active to associate (Nancy Brooks), and one associate to emerita (Gillie Wood). Susan read Gillie's letter accepting emerita status. She also discussed the club's tradition of asking the wife of a new Colonial Williamsburg president to join as honorary member. It was decided by a show of hands that Susan and Nina will ask Elizabeth Reiss to join the club. Susan also read proposal letters for candidates for membership and members cast their ballots.

Programs: Beth Stabler reminded members that the Christmas luncheon will be at the Williamsburg Inn on December 8 and asked that checks (\$27) be submitted by Dec. 3. She announced that January and February meetings will be held at the Quarterpath Recreation Center.

Treasurer: Margaret Driscoll reported that club assets total \$108,000, although some outstanding expense reports remain. She thanked members for getting receipts to her and reminded them that the club does pay sales tax, but no state or federal taxes.

Committee Reports

Community Projects:

Mattey's Garden: Genrose Lashinger reported that the garden has been "put to bed" for the winter but that both students and volunteers continue to frequent it.

Anniversary Garden: Dianne Spence reported that Minouche Robinson, Jack Mustard, and Scott Spence all have helped recently in the garden. Daffodils have been planted. The city will mulch the garden for the winter and we will start maintaining it again in the spring.

Conservation: Misti Spong reported that Legislative Day is January 26 in Richmond. The club has not received information on Nature Camp.

Horticulture: Ann Milliman offered a horticulture tip (prune fall-blooming camellias in late winter and plant in a spot that gets mixed sun and shade). She thanked Dawn Griggs for judging. Daffodil Collection and National Daffodil Convention: Dianne Spence reported that the collection has arrived and should be planted and labeled now. She will plant the collection in the Anniversary Garden so that flowers can be entered in the Daffodil Show. She reported that the daffodil convention will be held at Fort Magruder in 2015.

Historic Garden Week (HGW): Meredith Lunceford reported that Williamsburg will be featured as part of HGW on April 21, and the wedding theme will commemorate Bruton Parish Church's 300th anniversary. She announced that HGW member assignments will be distributed at meeting's end. She discussed the tour structure, and mentioned that one goal is to encourage tour guests to remain in Williamsburg to dine and shop. The daffodil is the featured tour flower.

Holiday Greens Sales: Carolyn Lodzieski reported that bow samples were available for purchase and distributed a sign-up sheet for the December 2 or 3 distribution day. Pick-up will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bell home. Club members will not deliver greens this year. She thanked members for their help in making the sale a success.

Study Group: Michelle DeWitt reported that the meeting has been changed to January 12 at the Williamsburg Baptist Church, and that Karen Munzel and Gail Taylor will lead.

WACGC: Dollie Marshall reported that eight WGC members recently planted pansies at the Hospice House. She thanked members for their help.

ARTISTIC: Minouche thanked members for their participation, as well as Jewel Lynn Delaune for judging the arrangements.

Election Results: Susan announced that two members have been voted into the club. She asked that members keep the news confidential.

Terry Buntrock encouraged members to register for the Garden Symposium, and announced that Virginia Living will feature a full article on the event and that Flower Magazine will carry a full-page ad.

Two-Minute Arranger: Ann Milliman

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

WGC Art



Watercolor Hybrid Tea Rose "Sheer Bliss" by Fran Jones

Quick Links

[WGC "Man Cave" Photos](#)

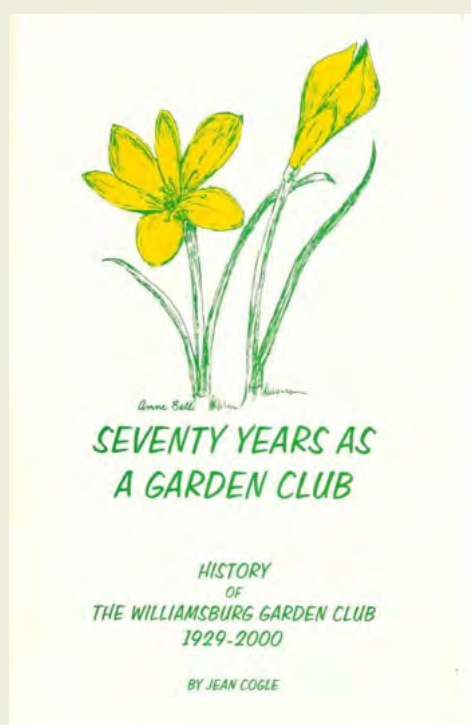
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WGC History



[CLICK HERE](#)
to read Jean Cogle's
history of the
Williamsburg Garden Club

*But friendship is the
breathing rose, with sweets
in every fold.*

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

WGC members are buzzing with GCV Symposium activity while Terry and Misti are burning the midnight oil. The registrant list includes dozens of WGC members, and I look forward to seeing you there.

There is no time for us to relax after the Symposium. Member proposals must be submitted to Susan Sims prior to the **February 9** WGC Board meeting. Remember, mentoring is time consuming but necessary for anyone sponsoring or endorsing a new member. We'll vote on proposals at our business meeting Tuesday, February 17.

Artistic for February calls for a foyer table arrangement, suitable for a Valentine wedding shower, so think red, pink and white! Horticulture calls for a Lenten Rose. Pull out your schedule for details. We want our luncheon surroundings to be beautiful at Quarterpath, so PLEASE bring exhibits. It might help to liven up business proceedings as well! See how our exhibits can transform the room by selecting "man cave" under Quick Links at left.

Lots of news is included, maybe too much, but it is just so much fun!

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

No February Study Group

Monday, February 9

WGC Board Meeting
TowneBank 10:00 am
New member proposals due

Tuesday, February 17

WGC Business Meeting
Quarterpath 11:00 am, lunch
follows.
Hostesses: Terry Buntrock*,
Kim Campbell, Lis Doley,
Fran Jones, Linda
Montgomery, Paula
Mooradian

News from Jeanette Cadwallender

GCV President Jeanette Cadwallender recently made the following announcement:



The GCV will make a gift of \$500,000 to the Partnership for Parks. This gift is to be made over 5 years in increments of \$100,000 per year starting in July 2015. It will be funded from the net proceeds of Historic Garden Week. [read more..](#)

Conservation News

Misti Spong and I recently attended GCV Legislative Day in Richmond on behalf of the WGC. She led the way in contacting our representatives, and in bringing these important issues to our attention. Our involvement really is important. Speak Up!

[GCV 2015 Legislative Positions](#)

[Uranium Mining in Virginia](#)

[James River Power Line](#)

[State Parks Funding](#)

Daffodil Show Assignment

The Little Garden Club of Winchester is hosting the 81st Annual Daffodil Show March 31-April 1. The Inter Club arrangements are inspired by the popular music of Patsy Cline, the first solo female singer to become a member of the Grand Old Opry in 1960. The Patsy Cline Historic House in Winchester is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Our inter club artistic assignment is **Creative Botanical**, inspired by one of her major hits "Crazy" and suggests an arrangement feeling "lonely and blue."

Cathy Clarke and Barbara Best, assisted by Dollie Marshall and Linda Wenger, will create the arrangement for us. This arrangement will require **artistic & horticulture** talent, so please contact them if you have any ideas!

Creative Botanical Design



A creative design style in which plant material is chosen for its superior horticultural quality. Plant material must dominate the arrangement and create excitement by its color, form, texture, or placement. The design represents nature by showing all the phases of the plant material's life, for example buds, partially opened blooms, full blooms in varying sizes, etc. but it does not put the flowers in their natural environment. Remember this is a creative design with boldness, simplicity and other creative features.

Characteristics: Plant material must be pristine. Other components or plant material may be used, but should be used to emphasize the botanical features of the plant material. These components may be man-made or natural line material. Their purpose is to highlight, but never dominate.

Containers: Use creative containers which harmonize with the flowers and other materials of the design.

Plant Material: Home grown plant material only. No abstracting of plant material. Rooted plants may be used.



February 17 Business Meeting

CANCELLED

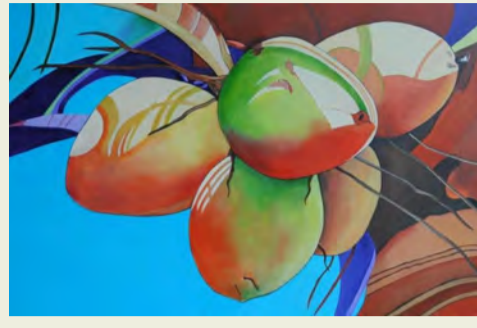
We will move all business items and vote on new member proposals at our March 16 meeting. Stay safe and warm!



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News March 2015

WGC Art



Psychodelic Pears
by Elaine Abbott

Quick Links

[GCV Symposium Photos](#)

[Daffodil Show](#)

[WACGC March News](#)

[WGC Facebook](#)

[Historic Garden Week](#)

[GCV Website](#)

2015 HGW



[Click Here for Tour Details](#)

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

We may be weary of snow and cold weather, but WGC March activities will surely convince us that Spring is on the way. And what better way to herald springtime than Historic Garden Week in Virginia?

With our Williamsburg tour wedding theme in mind, Susan Sims and Becky Howard will lead Study Group on Monday, presenting ideas for a floral bouquet/nosegay to be used by the bridesmaids or flower girl.

Our March 16 meeting will feature Garden Week with Meredith Lunceford telling us all about our Williamsburg tour. We'll take care of February's business first by voting on new member proposals and tidying up loose ends. Members Only at our March meeting!

The Little Garden Club of Winchester will host the 81st annual GCV Daffodil Show March 31 - April 1. Cathy Clark will create our artistic Inter Club arrangement, and Dianne Spence will be hoping for test collection daffodils to enter the horticulture Inter Club class. Contact them if you have daffodils or ideas. Want to learn more? See Daffodil Show Quick Link at left for details.

Several GCV Member Clubs are sponsoring fun events in March, listed below. Visit the [GCV Events](#) page for more information.

A big thank you to Terry Buntrock and Misti Spong for chairing the most successful GCV Symposium imaginable, and to the members of the Williamsburg Garden Club for untold hours of assistance. We have a very, very special club.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 2	Study Group Baptist Church Becky Howard & Susan Sims
Thursday, March 5	Daffodil Pots Moving Day at CW Greenhouse (<i>contact Meredith Lunceford</i>)
Wednesday, March 11	Dolley Madison Garden Club Presents The Threat to Pollinators: What Farmers and Gardeners Can Do
Friday, March 13	Arbor Day Tree Dedication and Awards Ceremony (<i>see WACGC March News Quick Link at left</i>)
Monday, March 16	WGC Business Meeting and Garden Week News Bruton Parish Hall 9:30 am Hostesses: Missy Carr, Marty Jones, Dianne Spence
Tuesday, March 17	The Boxwood Garden Club Presents Gracious Living and Stylish Entertaining
Tuesday, March 24	WACGC presents A Quilter's Garden (<i>contact Karen Jamison</i>)
Wednesday, March 25	Petersburg Garden Club presents Splashes of Spring
Thursday, March 26	Garden Clubs of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck present: Conservation Forum "Sustainability in a Time of Excess"
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31 and April 1	GCV Daffodil Show, Winchester

Symposium Preview Photos



(see Quick Links for Symposium Photo Album)



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News April 2015

WGC Art



Spence Girls by Cathy Clarke

Quick Links

[WGC Facebook](#)

[WGC March Photos](#)

[Historic Garden Week](#)

[GCV Website](#)

[WACGC April News](#)

"I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?"

- Edward Giobbi

It is beginning to look a lot like Spring! New daffodils are opening every day, and the early bloomers put on quite a display at the GCV Daffodil Show in Winchester over that past couple of days. Our "creative botanical" inter club arrangement was passed over by the judges, but Dianne Spence and Dollie Marshall brought home individual blue ribbons and trophies galore in the horticulture division. Congratulations, ladies!

Speaking of daffodils, the 2015 ADS National Daffodil Convention will take place in Williamsburg April 9-12 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center. You'll have the rare opportunity of seeing beautifully perfect specimens of daffodils, not often found. [Click Here](#) for details.

Historic Garden Week statewide tours begin April 18 with multiple tours daily through April 25. Visit the HGW website at www.vagardenweek.org for details. We'll all connect in Williamsburg on Tuesday, April 21 on our tour, and I'm trying to figure out how we can gather at the LOVE letters for a group photo. Stay tuned.

Don't forget to check **Quick Links** at left for more news items from GCV and WACGC.

Happy Easter,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12	ADS National Daffodil Convention, Fort Magruder
April 18-25	Historic Garden Week in Virginia
Tuesday, April 21	Williamsburg Tour

Release Your Inner Botanical Artist

Does anyone want to get together to rock the art world Thursday, April 23 at Wine and Design - a fun night of wine and appetizers with an art class included? Come away with your very own Japanese inspired botanical masterpiece. Talent is NOT required.

Several of our fun loving WGC members are spreading the word and I am on board. The cost is \$35 per person. Bring your own wine and appetizer if you wish. Art supplies and fun are provided. If you are interested, [Click Here](#) to learn more and register. Pre-registration required.

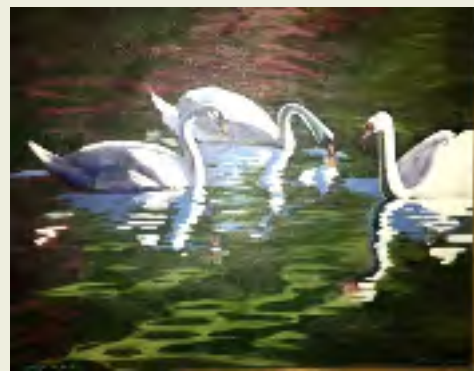




The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News May 2015

WGC Art



Swans by Susan Sims

Quick Links

[WGC Facebook](#)

[WGC HGW Photos](#)

[GCV Website](#)

[WACGC May News](#)

Don't Miss

Fran Jones is a guest artist at New Town Art Gallery 5140 Main Street through May 25.

2016 Daffodil Collection

Deadline May 25

\$22 per collection, each hybridized by Virginia breeders.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view collection.

Visit www.DaffSeek.org for additional information and photos of each variety

Anybody who wants to rule the world should try to rule a garden first.

~ Author Unknown

Congratulations and thanks to all who devoted so many hours and contributed so much to make our Historic Garden Week tour a resounding success. We have good reason to be proud of WGC with Meredith's leadership, and members who so graciously arranged, hosted, organized and planned whenever the need arose. [View HGW Photos](#)

Garden Week seems like just the beginning! Susan Sims and I will represent WGC at the GCV Annual Meeting in Norfolk May 12-14. Our horticulture chairmen Susan Brooks and Ann Milliman will prepare an exhibit of [Heirloom Seeds and Bulbs](#) for the meeting. Soon afterward, WGC members and spouses will celebrate our successful year May 18 at the home of Sue and Bob McClellan. See details below.

Don't forget to sign up for GCV Horticulture Field Day in Winchester, May 27-28. [Click Here](#). And finally, the GCV Lily Show will be held in Middleburg June 17-18. [View Schedule](#)

Margaret Driscoll reminds us to submit receipts to her for reimbursement as soon as possible. Our fiscal year ends June 30.

Check **Quick Links** at left for more news items from GCV and the WACGC May newsletter.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday May 18 6 pm - 8:30 pm	WGC Year End Celebration McClellan Home
Wed-Thu May 27-28	Horticulture Field Day, Winchester
Wed-Thu June 17-18	GCV Lily Show, Middleburg

Please Join Us



Please join us as we celebrate another wonderful year of good work, learning and friendship.

Monday, May 18
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sue and Bob McClellan's home
233 Sir Thomas Lunsford Drive

Kindly RSVP to Beth Stabler
by May 8 (if you have not
already done so!)

Important WGC Year End Business

We have two important items requiring membership votes. Because our year end meeting this year will include spouses in a celebratory social setting, our voting logistics will be tricky. Therefore, I am attaching two documents for your review prior to our May celebration.

WGC 2015-2016 Budget

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2015-2016 budget which must be approved by membership at our May year end celebration. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Margaret Driscoll prior to the May celebration. If there are no objections, we will call for a vote without discussion during the celebration.

March 2015 Meeting Minutes

[CLICK HERE](#) for WGC March meeting minutes which must be approved by membership at our May year end celebration. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sue Spooner prior to the May celebration. If there are no objections, we will call for a vote with no discussion during the celebration.





The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News June 2015

WGC Art



Osprey in Nest
by Susan Sims

How the year has flown! We have just a few activities before we say farewell to the club year.

A number of our members will be attending the upcoming Lily Show in Middleburg, June 17-18. Dollie Marshall, Linda Wenger, Dawn Griggs and Adelaide Grattan will represent WGC with a late Victorian arrangement. The "circus" theme has given them lots of ideas for colorful flowers. Stay tuned for photos.

HGW Boot Camp takes place June 23-24 in Richmond. 2016 Chairman Terry Buntrock and 2017 Co-Chairmen Dollie Marshall and Linda Wenger will attend.

Dianne Spence reminds us that orders for the 2016 Daffodil Collection are due (see more info in left column). Contact Dianne right away if you are interested.

Enjoy your summer, wherever you may be. WGC is honored to have your membership AND your dedication. You have made difference in our club, and I look forward to working with you next year.

My best,
Nina

p.s. I was lucky enough to have children and grandchildren for 3 days this past weekend. In crossing the Jamestown ferry we spotted several active osprey nests - a HUGE hit for 3, 5, and 7 year old boys. When I found Susan's osprey painting I was compelled to feature it with a smile on my face.

Quick Links

[WGC Facebook](#)

[WGC HGW Photos](#)

[GCV Website](#)

2015 Annual Meeting

Susan Sims and I represented the WGC, and Dianne Spence represented GCV Nominations at the recent 2015 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Garden Club of Norfolk. It was so enlightening to meet other club presidents and delegates, and to have an opportunity to chat one-on-one about individual club activities and issues. We even came home with ideas for our 2016 HGW tour! A special treat was having dinner while watching master glass blowers at the Chrysler Museum create a vase for the GCV in celebration of the centennial of the Garden Club of Norfolk.

[PHOTOS](#)

[HIGHLIGHTS](#)

2016 Daffodil Collection

Deadline May 25

\$22 per collection, each hybridized by Virginia breeders.

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Visit www.DaffSeek.org for additional information and photos of each variety

What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.

~ Gertrude Jekyll

Mark Your Calendar

Wed-Thu June 17-18	GCV Lily Show, Middleburg
Tue-Wed June 23-24	HGW Boot Camp

A Lovely Party



Congratulations to everyone who made our year end celebration so special! Sue and Bob McClellan were beyond gracious to open their home, and Beth Stabler led an amazing number of members in providing hospitality. What a perfect way to end our year! Thank you.

2015 Annual Meeting Horticulture

Ann Milliman and Susan Brooks created the gorgeous WGC Horticulture Exhibit shown below for the recent GCV Annual Meeting in Norfolk. The topic was Heirloom Seeds and Bulbs. This peony originally belonged to Dianne Spence's grandmother. [Read Dianne's remembrance.](#)



WGC Horticulture Exhibit
prepared by
Ann Milliman and Susan Brooks



HAPPY JULY 4TH!



*Wishing you and yours a safe and happy
Independence Day Weekend.*

Congratulations Adelaide, Dawn, Dollie and Linda Wenger!
Your **BLUE RIBBON** flower arrangement at the Lily Show was fabulous.
Thank you.





The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News August 2015

WGC Art



Purple Martin House by Elaine Abbott

Purple Martins

Martins, like all swallows, are aerial insectivores. They eat only flying insects, which they catch in flight. Their diet is diverse, including dragonflies, damselflies, flies, midges, mayflies, stinkbugs, leafhoppers, Japanese beetles, June bugs, butterflies, moths, grasshoppers, cicadas, bees, wasps, flying ants, and ballooning spiders. Martins are not, however, prodigious consumers of mosquitoes....
(from *Purple Martin Conservation Association website*)

[Learn more](#)

Quick Links

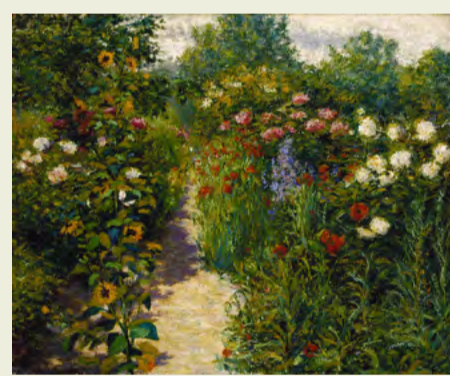
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[Historic Garden Week](#)

Hurry!



Chrysler Museum of Art presents
The Artist's Garden
American Impressionism and
the Garden Movement
1887-1920

Through September 6

[Click Here](#)

"The brilliant poppy flaunts
her head
Amidst the ripening grain,
And adds her voice to sell the
song
That August's here again."

- Helen Winslow"

I've been jolted back to reality by so many hard-working WGC members who are planning programs and study groups, assigning hostesses, organizing flower show entries, updating our directory, choosing wreath sale items, scheduling artistic and horticulture exhibits, finalizing HGW tour decisions.....whew!

Heartfelt thanks to awesome WGC members who keep us rolling year round.

My best, Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, September 21	WGC Meeting, 9:30 Kingsmill Mounts Bay Clubhouse
Monday, September 28	GCV Horticulture and Conservation Workshop
Wednesday, September 30	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Thursday, October 1	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Wednesday, October 7	GCV Flower Arranging School

Wreath Sale 2015

Carolyn Lodzieski and Cindy May are hard at work on our annual wreath sale. Order forms will be distributed during August. The willingness of every member to participate last year resulted in a spectacularly successful event. Congratulations and thank you!

Here is a preview for 2015.



Double Record



Red Peacock



Picotee



Custom Bows

Amaryllis Gift Boxes will include bulb of choice, pot, planting material and planting instructions and will sell for \$25. Custom Bows will sell for \$12.

Historic Garden Week 2016

Art and the Garden is a perfect theme for our 2016 HGW tour with Terry Buntrock at the lead. The tour will feature homes and gardens on Burns Lane and Jamestown Road, "Art in Bloom" floral exhibit at the Muscarelle, lectures and exhibits at Swem library, antique cars on Burns Lane, "Birds, Bugs, and Blooms" at the DeWitt Wallace and more.



Terry will provide more details at our September meeting. Our "publicity photos" include untold numbers of duplicates and weird angles in order to give us lots of choices for headquarters, but here is the link if you want to scroll through for fun.
[Click Here.](#)

Note: Terry has been updating our HGW Facebook posts and we now have 525 friends. See Quick Links at left.

Photos, Flowers and Glass

The James City County Rural Economic Development Committee sponsored a photo contest to celebrate James City County's rural heritage! First and second place winners in the categories will have their photos included in a **Photo, Glass and Floral Exhibit** that will be free and open to the public on Saturday, September 19 as part of Williamsburg Fall Arts programming. (from *JCC website*)

Terry Buntrock is coordinating the exhibit. Virginia Glass Guild artists will provide glass art, and local flower arrangers will provide floral exhibits. A number of WGC members have signed up to arrange and a few openings remain. If you are interested, grab a friend and contact Terry. Our first WGC meeting is September 21, so maybe your arrangements will last long enough to do double duty!

[Click Here](#) to view the photos.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the exhibit on JCC website.



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News September 2015

WGC Art



Marsh by Cathy Clark

Quick Links

[WGC Photo Albums](#)

[WGC Facebook](#)

[GCV Website](#)

[Historic Garden Week](#)

[WAGGC Newsletter](#)

Rose Show Inter Club

WGC will enter the Rose Show Inter Club artistic class with an **Italian Renaissance** arrangement of the 16th century to pay homage to the love of Romeo and Juliet. Susan Sims is leading the team. [Click Here](#) to view some examples of this early European floral style.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

- Albert Camus

How exciting that September has arrived and garden club activities can resume!

Our September meeting is once again **All About Us**. Catch up with friends, enjoy refreshments and sit back while committee chairmen provide a preview of the upcoming year.

When and Where

Monday, September 21 at 9:30 am
Kingsmill Mounts Bay Clubhouse

Hostesses

Becky Howard*, Karen Miles and Barbara Robeson

Artistic Exhibits

Welcome your guests into your home. Using predominantly garden plant material, make an arrangement for your entryway. You may include only one kind of store bought flower to add to your garden picked materials. This can be used on any piece of furniture, hang, or be set on the floor.

Horticulture Exhibits

Judged: Rose (Rosa)
Non-judged: Elective

You may invite a guest for the September meeting.

My best, Nina

p.s. I thought for a while my Aphrodite amaryllis from last year's Wreath Sale could be my September horticulture exhibit. It started blooming in mid-August and the final bloom is finishing up now. My new mission is to figure out where I planted our sternbergia last fall!



August 17 First full bloom and partial second August 17 Close up of first bloom August 18 First and second blooms September 1 Fourth and final bloom

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Sep 7	Labor Day
Monday, Sep 14	WGC Board Meeting
Monday, Sep 21	WGC Meeting
Monday, Sep 28	Conservation/Horticulture Workshop
Wednesday, Sep 30	GCV Rose Show Gabriella
Thursday, Oct 1	GCV Rose Show Gabriella

2016 Rose Collection



The 2016 Rose Collection is \$59 without climber, \$68 with climber. [Click here for details.](#)

2016 Common Wealth Award Nominees

Each September, member clubs are asked to vote for the Common Wealth Award recipient. Two finalists have been selected for the 2016 Common Wealth Award: The Charlottesville Garden Club and the Rivanna Garden Club for gardens at the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center, and the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club for the Green Roof Top project at the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum. [Click Here to read proposals.](#)

First place will receive \$10,000 and second place will receive \$4,000.

Please be prepared to cast your vote at our September meeting. I will take our vote to Board of Governors in October and the results will be announced at that time.

Hospice House Decor Help Needed

Our club provides flower arrangements or house plants to Hospice House each September, with Dollie Marshall organizing this effort each year. Please consider offering to provide an arrangement or house plant for one of the dates which follow. Contact Dollie Marshall for details.

September 1 Dollie Marshall
September 7
September 14
September 21
September 28





The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News October 2015

WGC Art



Rose by Fran Jones

Quick Links

[WGC Photo Albums](#)

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[WACGC Newsletter](#)

Rose Show WGC Entry



White Ribbon Winner
Italian Renaissance

Won't you come into the garden? I would like my roses to see you.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan

It was wonderful to see everyone last week at our first meeting. Thank you hostesses, and thank you everyone for bringing gorgeous arrangements and horticulture. [Click Here for September Photos](#)

The program committee has asked me to pass along these important details about our October meeting.

Monday, October 19 Jamestown Settlement Conference Building

9:30 **Coffee**

10:00 **Meeting**

We will be treated to a program by Alain Outlaw (Merry's husband) on Amblers Landscape along with a special introduction to a new horticulture feature at Jamestown Settlement.

11:00 **Optional Field Trip to Amblers**

All members are invited to join Alain for a short field trip to Amblers following our meeting weather permitting. Please note that we will walk from the parking lot to Amblers. Proper walking attire is recommended.

Parking: Please park in the lot on the Jamestown Road side. We will have signs and club members guiding you into the lot and building.

Hostesses

Gail Taylor*, Beth Stabler, Susan Sims

Artistic Exhibits

"Art and Flowers!" In keeping with the WGC 2016 theme for HGW, "Art and Flowers", choose a piece of art and reflect that piece in your arrangement. Display either a photo or the actual piece of art alongside your arrangement. Be sure to include plant material from the garden along with any bought flowers.

Horticulture

Judged - Last beautiful bloom in your garden (your choice)

Non-Judged - Optional Elective

You may invite a guest for the October meeting.

My best, Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Sep 30 Wreath Order Deadline

Wednesday Sep 30 - GCV Rose Show Danville
Thursday Oct 1

Wednesday, Oct 7 Flower Arranging School Richmond

Monday, Oct 19 WGC Meeting and Optional Field Trip

2016 Rose Collection



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The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News November 2015

WGC Art



Red Sunflowers by
Terry Buntrock

Quick Links

[WGC October Photos](#)

[BOG Succulent Exhibit Photos](#)

[GCV Flower Arranging School Photos](#)

[GCV Rose Show Photos](#)

[WGC Facebook](#)

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[GCV Website](#)

2016 HGW Guidebook



Common Wealth Award

And the winner is.....

First place \$10,000 for the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center submitted by Charlottesville and Rivanna Garden Clubs.

Second place \$4,000 for the Discovery Museum Green Roof Top submitted by Winchester-Clarke Garden Club.

Awesome!

The bright summer had passed away, and gorgeous autumn was flinging its rainbow-tints of beauty on hill and dale.

*~Cornelia L. Tuthill,
"Virginia Dare: Or, the Colony of Roanoke,"
1840*

Such a busy fall for WGC members!

Please join me in thanking Dollie Marshall, Marty Jones, Susan Sims and Sandy Nahm for providing Hospice House flowers throughout the month of September.

Our first Study Group meets Monday, November 2 at the Baptist Church with Ann Milliman and Cheri Mulhare presenting "Feast Your Eyes." I can promise that personality and talent will abound! Be there at 10 am, bring your friends, and join the fun.

WACGC has organized a morning of planting pansies at Hospice House Monday, November 2 at 9 am. (same day as Study Group). Dollie thinks if we show up early at Hospice House we can plant the pansies and still be at the Baptist Church in time for Study Group. The more planters, the merrier (and the lighter the work!)

Wreath Sale delivery date is approaching. In fact, amaryllis bulbs have arrived and will be available at Study Group on Monday, and again at our meeting on November 16. Cindy and Carolyn are hoping a few members will again volunteer with wreath delivery logistics, date to be announced soon. Please consider helping them out when the signup sheet is passed around.

Visit **Quick Links** at left for our latest photo albums - so many fun photos!

My best,
Nina

p.s. Be among the first to see the new 2016 **HGW Guidebook cover**, shown at left. Fort Monroe is featured, thanks to the efforts of Huntington and Hampton Roads Garden Clubs, and Terry Buntrock who represented the two clubs in "jockeying" for the honor.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 2	Study Group Baptist Church Ann Milliman & Cheri Mulhare "Feast Your Eyes"
Wednesday, November 4	Conservation Forum Film Festival Lynchburg
Monday, November 9	WGC Board Townebank
Thursday, November 12	HGW Marketing Kent-Valentine House
Monday, November 16	WGC Business Meeting and Luncheon Quarterpath

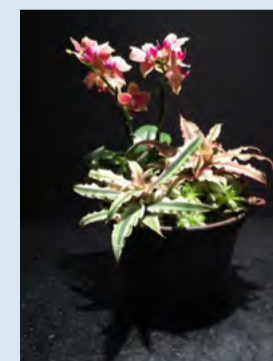
GCV Flower Arranging School October 7



[\(click here for more photos\)](#)

2015 BOG Horticulture

Susan Brooks, Cathy Clarke and Ann Milliman created this beautiful horticulture exhibit for our club, displayed at the 2015 Board of Governors meeting in Martinsville. [Click Here](#) for photos of additional GCV club exhibits.



November Business Meeting

November 16 is our first business meeting of the year. We'll have lunch first, followed by business which we will try to make as efficient as possible.

If you have a new member proposal, please submit to Susan Sims prior to our November 9 WGC board meeting. Guidelines can be found in our yearbook.

Bedtime Reading! We will approve the minutes from our September and October meetings. Please find both attached and be prepared to approve. If you have corrections, submit to Sue Spooner right away.

[September minutes](#)

[October minutes](#)



*Pansy Planting
has been
rescheduled!*

Hospice House Annual Pansy Planting
rescheduled for Friday, November 6 at 9 am

Would you like to plant pansies on Friday? Contact Dollie Marshall
229-2049 or dollie.marshall@gmail.com

[WACGC November Newsletter](#)



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News December 2015

WGC Art



Father Christmas
by
Marcia Long

Here's hoping you are having a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with loved ones, enjoying lots of turkey leftovers! And.....

If the turkey leftovers are disappearing, that means it's time to think about Christmas! Please make plans to pick up your wreath orders **Monday, December 30** at the Bell home, 327 Mill Neck Road in Walnut Hills between 12-3. Extra bows and amaryllis will be available, as well as rolls of ribbon.

Our Christmas luncheon is Monday, December 7 at the Williamsburg Inn. B.J. Costa will again provide holiday music for us beginning at 11:40. Lunch will be served promptly at noon. This is always such a lovely treat.

Visit **Quick Links** at left for our latest photo albums.

My best,
Nina

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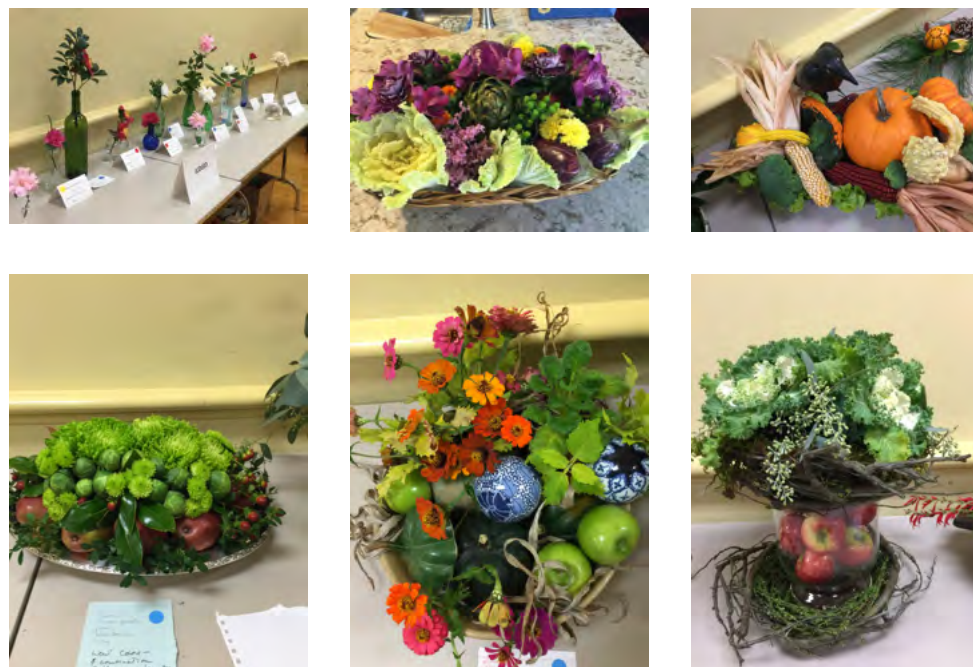
Mark Your Calendar

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| Monday, November 30 | Wreath Sale pickup 12-3
Bell home Walnut Hills |
| Monday, December 7 | Christmas Luncheon 12 noon
Williamsburg Inn |
| Friday, December 25 | Merry Christmas |

"At Christmas I no more
desire a rose
Than wish a snow in
May's new-fangled
mirth;
But like of each thing that
in season grows."

- William Shakespeare

WGC November Business Meeting Photos



[\(click here for more November photos\)](#)



New Year! New Mobile Friendly Newsletter! Try reading the newsletter on your phone or tablet.

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WGC Art



Bowl of Cherries
by
Elaine Abbott

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[Thomas Rainer's Website](#)

Dear Ann,

Happy New Year!

My wish for you is a new year filled with renewed hope and bountiful blessings.

January finds us remembering Meri Major who contributed to WGC generously in so many ways. Please invite your friends to join us Monday, January 11 at the Williamsburg Library on Scotland Street at 10:30 to hear Thomas Rainer, ASLA. He will be signing his book afterward, and light refreshments will be served.

We currently have three openings for Active membership. February is our final opportunity this year to propose new members, so please send your proposals to Susan Sims prior to the WCV Board meeting on February 8.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 11

Thomas Rainer Williamsburg Regional Library 10:30 am (see article which follows)

Monday, January 25

GCV Legislative Day in Richmond

Thomas Rainer, ASLA

Thomas Rainer is a landscape architect, teacher, and author. He is a passionate advocate for an ecologically expressive design aesthetic that does not imitate nature, but interprets it. He has designed landscapes for the U.S. Capitol grounds, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and The New York Botanical Garden. He works in Washington, D.C. as a Principal for the landscape architectural firm Rhodeside & Harwell and blogs at the award-winning site Grounded Design.

[Learn more](#)



Botanical Virginia Exhibit

"Clayton & Catesby: Botanical Virginia" at Jamestown Settlement explores documentation of native plants by naturalist Mark Catesby and botanist John Clayton in the 18th century and the Flora of Virginia Project in the 21st century. On loan from the Garden Club of Virginia, 17 period hand-colored engravings created from Catesby's watercolor paintings of American flora and fauna are included in the exhibit. A variety of related lectures and workshops will be available to the public. [Learn more](#)



Christmas Luncheon Fun



[Click here for more Christmas luncheon photos](#)

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

- Robert Burns, *Auld Lang Syne*



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News February 2016

WGC Art



Rose by Fran Jones

Dear Ann,

January seems to be going out in fine fashion, despite showing us her fickle nature for a few days. I hope you and your family fared well. Our poodles were not amused by the snow, but the rest of the household managed very nicely by eating junk food and binge watching Netflix.

Thank you all for hosting our very successful Meri Major speaker, Thomas Rainer. We had well over 200 attendees and the rave reviews continue. Meri's daughter Louise, so appreciative of our efforts, had a nice visit with Thomas afterward and took the opportunity to tell him how much her mother would have enjoyed his program.

February finds us busy with Study Group, Board meeting and Business meeting. Don't forget the Clayton and Catesby exhibit at Jamestown Settlement which ends Sunday, February 28. It is definitely a "must see" exhibit.

I look forward to seeing you Monday at Study Group.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 1

Study Group with Marty Jones and Linda Wenger, Williamsburg Baptist Church 10:00 am
[Click here for Study Group details](#)

Monday, February 8

WGC Board Meeting TowneBank lower level board room 9:30 am

Tuesday, February 16

WGC Business Meeting and Luncheon Quarterpath 11:30 am

Sunday, February 28

"Clayton & Catesby : Botanical Virginia" at Jamestown Settlement ends

Daffodil Show

The Huntington Garden Club will host the Daffodil Show at the Hampton Roads Convention Center March 30-31. Our March meeting will be a short field trip to Hampton for lunch and a visit to the show on **Wednesday, March 30**. Save the date and stay tuned for details!

Our Inter Club assignment is a **Phoenix design**, displayed on gray pedestals 42 inches high with 12 inch square tops, viewed from the front. The green Horticultural display risers will serve as backdrop. There is no height restriction; width cannot exceed 24 inches, or extend more than 6 inches on either side of the pedestal.

Dianne Spence will soon be asking us for daffodils in hopes of pulling together a WGC entry for a very challenging Inter Club horticulture class. If you grow daffodils not included in a collection, consider exhibiting as an individual. It really can be quite fun and definitely educational.

[Daffodil Show Schedule](#)

[Floral Styles and Designs](#)

Phoenix Design Examples



[More Phoenix Design Photos](#)

Conservation News

Legislative Day, originally scheduled for Monday, January 25, was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 2. Here are the positions recommended by the GCV Conservation and Beautification Committee, and endorsed by the GCV Board of Directors.

[GCV 2016 Legislative Positions and Issues of Concern](#)

[GCV Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley Pipeline Opinion](#)

Art and the Garden

Historic Garden Week ticket sales are in full swing online, and the HGW Guidebook is currently being printed. Our WGC tour tickets (shown at right) will soon be available at locations around town.

Terry has our Williamsburg tour well in hand. She will distribute **flower arranger cards** and **hostess instruction sheets** to chairmen at our February 16 business meeting. If you chair a property and cannot attend the February meeting, please make arrangements to collect the material from Terry. Congratulations to Terry for reaching over 550 friends on our HGW Facebook page!

Let's Have a Party! With the Muscarelle generous offer to provide space at no charge, we voted in November to celebrate with spouses at the museum after our tour, giving us a chance to socialize while viewing the art and flower arrangements. We agreed we could each contribute funds to cover the cost of wine, beer and appetizers. The party committee is working diligently to plan the event and will fill us in at our February business meeting. If you would like to help, please contact Lis Doley.



Thomas Rainer Rules!



[More Photos](#)

Quick Links

[WGC January Photos of Meri Major Series](#)

[WGC Facebook](#)

[GCV Website](#) (New website launches March 1)

[Historic Garden Week](#)

*Winter giveth the fields, and the trees so old,
Their beards of icicles and snow...*

- Charles duc d'Orleans, translated by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News March 2016

WGC Art



Iris in Garden of Custis Tenement
by Marcia Long

Greetings!

What a fun February with our Mardi Gras theme! Study Group was a huge success, as evidenced by the gorgeous arrangements at our February business meeting. [See Photos](#)

March brings MORE fun with Study Group led by Sandy Nahm and Ann Milliman. And, our March meeting will begin with lunch at Waypoint, followed by a visit to the GCV Daffodil Show in Hampton. Here's hoping for ribbons in Artistic and Horticulture classes!

Please join me in welcoming T. J. Cardwell as the newest member of the Williamsburg Garden Club. She will be working with the Muscarelle team during Historic Garden Week.

My best,
Nina

p.s. Visit the new GCV website! We now have our own webpage www.gcvirginia.org/williamsburg.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 7

Study Group with Sandy Nahm and Ann Milliman 10:00 am Baptist Church

Friday, March 11

Arbor Day Awards at the Freight Shed, Yorktown

Wednesday, March 30

Lunch at Waypoint, followed by field trip to Daffodil Show in Hampton

Wednesday and Thursday, March 30-31

GCV Daffodil Show hosted by Huntington Garden Club

Daffodil Show Field Trip

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Luncheon at Waypoint
and
Daffodil Show at the Hampton Convention Center

Gather at Waypoint Grill at **11:20 am** on Wednesday, March 30. Following lunch we will drive to the Hampton Convention Center, attend a program/film presented by the Garden Club of Virginia prior to the opening of the Daffodil Show and then attend the show – GO WGC Daffodil Team!

\$20.00 per person including tax and gratuity (\$15.50 ++). Includes entrée and beverage.

There are a few remaining spaces for luncheon at Waypoint. Please contact Beth Stabler this week if you would like to sign up.



Entrée Choices

Tuna Salad on a Bed of Lettuces with Garden Vegetable Soup and House-made Chips

or

Salmon Caesar Salad served with a toasted slice of Ciabatta

or

Grilled Chicken on a Market Salad of lettuces, craisins, pecans, carrots served with house dressing

Wine may be ordered and paid for individually.

Historic Garden Week News

Terry has pulled numerous rabbits out of the hat for our 2016 Historic Garden Week tour. Select the link here to read about her magic trick for parking on Tuesday. The file is printable.

[Click Here for HGW Parking Instructions](#)



A message from Dawn Griggs

Ladies,

We are looking forward to our next Garden Club "social" with spouses or significant others the evening of Garden Day, Tuesday April 26 from 5:30-7 at the Muscarelle.

We appreciate the "contributions" that we have received from many of you. Please note that we estimate this gathering to cost approximately \$500 and we have received \$385 thus far. Many of you will be bringing you "other half"....

For those who haven't contributed (although this is NOT mandatory) please send something to my home, made payable to me, Dawn Griggs, 201 Prince Charles Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

The suggested contribution is \$10 per person. Thank you again for your contributions thus far.... Where else can you be with your friends in a lovely setting with food and drinks for \$10 per person?

Call with any questions.

Best,
Dawn Marie

Quick Links

[New WGC Webpage](#)
[WGC February Photos](#)
[WGC Facebook](#)
[GCV Website](#) (New website)
[Historic Garden Week](#)

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~Charles Dickens, Great Expectations



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News April 2016

WGC Art



Virginia Bluebells
by Marcia Long

Greetings!

It has been said many times that springtime in Virginia begins with Historic Garden Week.

Statewide tours begin Saturday, April 23 and run through Saturday, April 30. Visit the HGW website at www.vagardenweek.org for details. Please arrange to enjoy some of the other tours if possible. Gloucester's tour is the first Saturday, Hampton-Newport News is Wednesday, and Richmond has Thursday and Friday tours. Those are doable without too much driving if you are pressed for time.

Our tour on Tuesday, April 26 will conclude with a celebratory party for members and spouses at the Muscarelle. Look for your party invitation in the next day or two.

Best of luck in your preparations for what is sure to be a hugely successful Historic Garden Week tour in Williamsburg.

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday April 12

Aprons Tied to Memories hosted by WACGC

Saturday April 23 - Saturday April 30

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

Tuesday, April 26

Williamsburg Tour and Celebration at the Muscarelle Museum of Art

Congratulations to Daffodil Show Winners



We have a yellow ribbon! Our Inter Club Phoenix design was created by **Tracy Shackleford and Leslie Coe** who continued our ribbon-winning tradition at GCV flower shows. Thank you Tracy and Leslie, and congratulations to you and the daffodil team for creating a beautiful arrangement.

And congratulations to **Dianne Spence** for winning the Jenette H. Rustin Trophy for parent and child cultivars.

Beth Stabler organized a perfect field trip to the show which was so much fun. We RULED the orientation with almost 20 members present! Laura Geddy and her GCV team did a wonderful job with the program which was informative for new AND seasoned members.

Thank you all. Great job.

[Click Here for photos](#)



CELEBRATE
HGW
&
ART IN BLOOM

WITH

WGC MEMBERS & SPOUSES

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
MUSCARELLE MUSEUM
5:30 - 7:00 PM

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*Come and let us seek together
Springtime lore of daffodils,
Giving to the golden weather
Greeting on the sun-warm hills."*

~Lucy Maud Montgomery, Spring Songweeet



The Williamsburg Garden Club

Membership News May 2016

WGC Art



Sunflowers
by Terry Buntrock

Greetings!

Our Historic Garden Week Williamsburg tour was absolutely spectacular, thanks to every single hardworking member of the Williamsburg Garden Club and a host of spouses and volunteers. We especially thank Terry Buntrock for chairing our art-filled tour which featured homes filled with gorgeous arrangements, antique cars, fine art and flowers, contemporary glass show and sale, lectures, garden tours and a cocktail party to celebrate the day's success. Even the weather was perfect! [View photos](#)

Our May picnic signals the final meeting of our 2015-2016 club year. We've reached our 87th year and we're still kicking high. Cheers!

My best,
Nina

Mark Your Calendar

Monday May 2

WGC Board Meeting 11:30

Monday May 16

WGC Picnic at Sandy Nahm's home, 2092 Harper's Mill, Governor's Land

Thursday May 26

Horticulture Field Day Roanoke Hahn Horticulture Gardens [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday and Thursday, June 15-16

GCV Lily Show Middleburg [CLICK HERE](#)

2016 Daffodil Collection

All 2016 GCV Daffodil Collection varieties are hybridized by breeders from Ireland and Northern Ireland. [CLICK HERE](#) for collection.



May Picnic

Sandy Nahm's Home
2092 Harper's Mill, Governor's Land
Monday, May 16 at 11:30 a.m.

HOSTESSES: Anne Willis*, Laura Fleishman, Dawn Griggs, Karen Munzel, Sandy Nahm, Kathleen Ring

ARTISTIC: "Al Fresco!" Using a picnic basket as your container, create an outdoor dining table centerpiece, using only plant material and flowers cut from your, or a friend's, garden.

HORTICULTURE: Judged – Peony; Non-Judged – Optional Elective



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- [WGC 2014-2016 Review in Photos](#)
- [WGC Facebook](#)
- [GCV Website](#)
- [Historic Garden Week](#)
- [WACGC May Newsletter](#)

*The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven -
All's right with the world!*

~Robert Browning