



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
96TH MEETING

OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2015
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

The Martinsville Garden Club



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When a group of ladies organized the Martinsville Garden Club in 1923, the Henry County Courthouse was the epicenter of life in a community of some 4,000 souls and 20,000 more in the county beyond. The area's claim to fame had been as "the plug tobacco capital of world;" it was becoming a hub of manufacturing furniture and, later textiles, that would be sold around the country and the world.

A decade after the club's founding, members began planting to beautify the courthouse grounds.

During the second decade of this century, the Garden Club of Virginia graciously agreed to devote proceeds from Historic Garden Week to revival of the grounds around the courthouse. No longer the site of court sessions, the red-brick building had become the Historic Henry County Courthouse, home to the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society, still symbolic of the community. The GCV's aim, to reshape the courthouse grounds into a civic green space, complements ongoing revitalization efforts.

Martinsville Garden Club members welcomes the GCV Board of Governors to town for the board's 96th meeting, Oct. 13 – 15, 2015. GCV leaders will witness the presentation of the courthouse project.

Martinsville Garden Club members will count the opportunity to host the meeting among its proud moments. One of the club's first proud moments occurred in 1924 at its acceptance as a GCV member, the 12th. Another came in 2013 when the club received the Annabel Josephs award, an honor shared with the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Most Martinsville Garden Club activities reflect its purpose: to promote interest in and knowledge of gardening, as well as to stimulate interest in civic planning and to aid in the protection of native trees, shrubs, wild flowers and birds.

Club members hope to enable the Board of Governors to have productive gatherings and to enjoy the place we call home. Enjoy your visit with us, and please come back soon.

Modified from a September 2015 GCV Journal article



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**OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2015
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA**

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SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 13

- 11:30 a.m.** GCV Board of Directors Lunch
1-4 p.m. Board Business Meeting
Both at home of Susan and Will Pannill
1-4 p.m. Registration, Baymont Inn and Suites
5:30 p.m. Bus departs from hotels for
Cocktails, Dutch Treat Dinner
Hamlet Vineyards
9 p.m. Buses return to hotels



Hamlet Vineyards

Wednesday, October 14

- 6-9 a.m.** Complimentary breakfast
Baymont Inn and Suites, Hampton Inn
8 to noon Horticulture drop-off, New College Institute
8:45 a.m. Buses depart from New College Institute for
Optional tour, Fairy Stone State Park
8:45 a.m. Optional tour departs from New College Institute,
Uptown / Historic Henry County Courthouse
8 to noon Registration, New College Institute
Noon Lunch, New College Institute
1-2:30 p.m. BOG Business Meeting
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4 p.m. Roundtable discussions (Choose two of three)
Topics: Finding and Retaining Members;
Partnering with State Parks; and Technology
5:30 p.m. Bus departs from hotels for
Cocktails, Home of Karen and David Jones, then
Awards Banquet, Chatmoss Country Club
9 p.m. Buses return to hotels



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SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 15

- 6-9 a.m.** Complimentary breakfast
Baymont Inn and Suites, Hampton Inn
- 9 a.m.** BOG Meeting, New College Institute
Speaker: Craig Seaver
Director, Virginia State Parks
- 11:30 a.m.** Box Lunch, courtesy of The Garden Study Club
- 11:30 a.m.** GCV Presentation
Historic Henry County Courthouse



Photo:
Rick
Dawson

Horticulture

These beautiful, sometimes unusual-looking and virtually indestructible plants have been chosen as the featured horticultural exhibit for the Garden Club of Virginia's 96th annual Board of Governors meeting.

Drop off your succulents on Wednesday, October 14, between 8 a.m. and noon, at the New College Institute.



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Photo: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Seaver's style

“My philosophy is to be a servant leader, utilize the collective intelligence of your team, listen, strive to go beyond guest expectations, work to establish positive relationships with co-workers, partners, friends, and community leaders, have a sense of humor, be passionate about something, be equitable, demonstrate integrity, take seriously the charge given to us as stewards of these special places called state parks, and create an environment that encourages unplanned collaboration.”

Meet Keynote Speaker Craig Seaver, Director Virginia State Parks

In a way, it all started at Fairy Stone State Park.

The year was 1985 when a young Craig Seaver of Ohio, not long out of college, arrived for an interview with the Virginia State Parks for his first full-time position as a park ranger. It was a natural segue for someone who had been in the Youth Conservation Corps, and who had interned and worked in state parks during summers while in high school and in college. His collegiate studies concentrated on biology and natural resource management.

Seaver and Karen, his bride of one month, camped out in Fairy Stone the night before his interview. The next day's meeting led to an offer for a job as a park ranger at Smith Mountain Lake State Park.

Seaver rose through the ranks during the following 29 years. He became a chief ranger, then an assistant Superintendent, as it was then called, and a park manager at several parks. He spent more than 20 years as the manager of Natural Tunnel State Park before being elevated to Field Operations Manager for the state park system.

When the top spot opened up, he was named the system's interim director and, ultimately, its seventh director in the department's 79-year history.

Sources: vaparks.net;
virginiaoutdoors.com

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GCV Launches Partnership for Parks

by Jeannette Cadwallender, GCV President

The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club

and

Anne Geddy Cross, Centennial Committee Chairman

The Ashland Garden Club

At its January 2015 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to make a gift of \$500,000 to the Partnership for Parks. This will be made as five gifts of \$100,000 over the next five years from the net proceeds of Historic Garden Week. It is our Centennial project and will be completed by 2020. It is our hope that others will come forward and join our effort that honors the legacy of our founders.

The Garden Club of Virginia (along with the Izaak Walton League and the Virginia Academy of Science) was instrumental in the establishment of Virginia State Parks in 1929. This project harkens back to our history and informs our future. The first HGW tour included Natural Bridge, slated to become a state park in 2016.

Our new partnership is with State Parks and the Virginia Association for Parks, a 501 (c)(3). The VAFP advocates for both state and national parks, and will be the repository for all gifts. The working goal is to raise \$5 million to put interactive exhibits in 13 parks within the Virginia State Park system. The gift from the GCV is the lead gift, and will infuse and energize the fundraising efforts of the partnership. Because HGW has been so successful in the last few years, we are able to provide this gift without diminishing our significant restoration efforts.

Our mission statement is: *to restore historic gardens and landscapes; conserve Virginia's natural resources; inspire a love of gardening and provide education for our members and the general public.* The Partnership for Parks enables us to fulfill that mission in a way that benefits the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. More than 120,000 acres are preserved in our parks and more than 8.8 million people visit each year. The state of the art educational exhibits for the 13 parks will ensure that today's young people are attracted to and learn about the great outdoors and nature.

As we approach our centennial, our founders would be pleased that the GCV is finding new and innovative ways to carry out the mission they envisioned.

Modified from an article that appeared in the March 2015 edition of the GCV Journal



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Mina Wood	2000-2002
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Kimbrough Nash.....	Restoration

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Kris Carbone.....	Membership
Betsy Casteen.....	Annual & Board of Governors' Meetings
Katherine Knopf.....	Awards
Anne Cross.....	Centennial
Mary Bruce Glaize.....	Partnership for Parks
Janet Hickman.....	Daffodil
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Kay Tyler.....	Kent Valentine House
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Esther Carpi.....	Photographer
Sherry Leffel.....	Rose
Nina Mustard.....	Strategic Planning
Catriona Erler.....	Travel
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Lucy Wilson / Introduction

And all members of The Martinsville Garden Club

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OUT AND ABOUT

Meeting places

Historic Henry County Courthouse

1 East Main Street, Martinsville, Virginia

New College Institute

191 Fayette Street, Martinsville, Virginia

Lodging

Baymont Inn & Suites

378 Commonwealth Blvd., Martinsville, Virginia

Hampton Inn

50 Hampton Drive, Martinsville, Virginia

Dining

Hamlet Vineyards

405 Riverside Drive, Bassett, Virginia

Chatmoss Country Club

550 Mount Olivet Road, Martinsville, Virginia

Homes

Susan and Will Pannill

935 Mulberry Road, Martinsville, Virginia

Karen and David Jones

975 Stonewall Jackson Trail, Martinsville, Virginia

Fairy Stone State Park



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Diversions

Janice Cain Stationery & Gifts
1085 Spruce St., Martinsville



Daily Grind
303 East Church St., Martinsville

Third Bay Cafe
1163 Spruce St., Martinsville

Najjar's Pizza Haven
2425 Virginia Ave., Collinsville

Rising Sun Breads
1049 Brookdale St., Martinsville



Mi Ranchito
1212 Memorial Blvd., Martinsville



Frith's Dixie Pig BBQ
817 Memorial Blvd., Martinsville

Checkered Pig BBQ
1014 Liberty St., Martinsville

Piedmont Arts
215 Starling Ave., Martinsville



Oakwood Cemetery
107 Cemetery St., Martinsville

Virginia Museum of Natural History
21 Starling Ave., Martinsville



Fayette Area Historical Museum
211 Fayette St., Martinsville

Bassett Historical Center
3964 Fairystone State Pkwy., Bassett

Dick&Willie Rail Trail
1284 Virginia Ave., Martinsville

Smith River Sports Complex
1000 Irisburg Road, Martinsville



Martinsville Speedway
340 Speedway Rd., Ridgeway

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The Board of Governors Committee of The Martinsville Garden Club extends heartfelt thanks to every member of the club for her gifts, talent and energy given to ensure a gracious and warm welcome for all attendees of this 96th Board of Governors of the Garden Club of Virginia.

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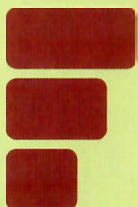
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