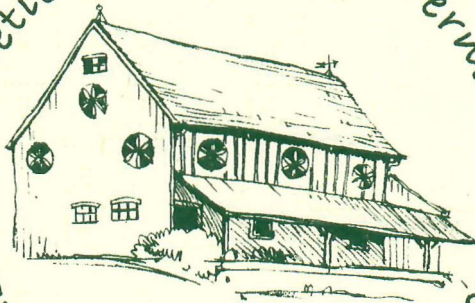


Ninetieth Board of Governors



Garden Club of Virginia 2009

*The Warrenton  
Garden Club*

*October 13, 14 & 15, 2009*

*WARRENTON, VIRGINIA*



THE GARDEN CLUB  
OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS'  
NINETIETH  
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15, 2009

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HOSTESS CLUB  
THE WARRENTON GARDEN CLUB

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PRESIDENT  
MRS. ROBERT C. DART

NORTH WALES ESTATE  
WARRENTON, VIRGINIA



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### BOARD DAY

*Tuesday, October 13*

11:30 am

Board Meeting at Kim Nash's home  
Lunch will be served.

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

6:30 pm

Early registration at the Hampton Inn  
Dinner at 'Hopefield'. Transportation provided.

### DAY 1

*Wednesday, October 14*

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Registration for all attendees

Optional Tour

We will provide a list of local restaurants  
upon check in for those wishing to have lunch.

1:15 pm

Buses pickup at the Hampton Inn for the Business  
Meeting at the North Wales Barn

2:00 am to 4:30 pm

Business Meeting

4:30 pm

Buses leave for the Hampton Inn

6:00 pm

Buses pickup at the Hampton Inn for Cocktails at  
North Wales. Banquet to follow at the Fauquier Springs  
Country Club.

Cash Bar for mixed drinks, wine will be offered  
throughout the evening.

9:45 pm

Buses return to the Hampton Inn

### DAY 2

*Thursday, October 15*

Hampton Inn provides continental breakfast

8:30 am

Depart Hampton Inn in your own car for the North  
Wales Barn. Parking will be in the front field at North  
Wales. Follow the map in your program. Shuttles will  
be provided from your parked car to the barn.

9:00 am

Business Meeting

11:45 am

Business Meeting adjourned

12:00 pm

Pick up Box Lunches

Shuttles back to parked cars.



## NORTH WALES ESTATE

North Wales is part of the 2900 acres granted in 1718 by Lady Catherine Culpeper Fairfax to Colonel Rice Hooe, Jr. and Captain John Hooe. The land was named for their father, Rys Hooe, who was born in Wales in 1599.

In 1763, John Hooe bequeathed his interest in the land to his daughters Sarah, Susannah and Anne. The latter became the wife of a Scottish immigrant, the merchant William Allason, in 1772. Mr. Allason built the surviving Georgian-style stone dwelling between 1776 and 1796. It is the earliest known example of two-story stone construction in Fauquier County, beginning a regional tradition.

North Wales remained in this family for six generations until it was sold to Edward Motley Weld in 1914. Weld was a Harvard-educated New York cotton broker and the son of Brigadier General Stephen Minot Weld, who fought in the Battle of the Wilderness. Weld was an avid horseman involved in fox hunting and steeplechase. Edward Weld's racing activities made a major, but sympathetic, impact on the landscape at North Wales.

Following Weld's impressive enlargement of the original manor house and creation of the equestrian center, the property took on a new social and recreational importance, with entertaining taking place on a grand scale. Weld's interest in equestrian sport was keen. In fact, a private race between horses owned by Weld and his friend J. Temple Gwathmey is said to be the progenitor of the now-famed Gold Cup Races, founded in 1922.

In 1929, Weld sold the estate to a corporation called Colonial Estates, of which neighbor Robert C. Winmill was then president. Winmill convinced a group of men to pay \$5,000 each to purchase historic North Wales for use as a club where visiting sportsmen could fox hunt, shoot, and keep their dogs and horses. Guests from all over the world, including Walter P. Chrysler, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon, enjoyed the ambience of the "Millionaire's Club," but it's fascinating to note that most people who came to hunt with the Warrenton Hunt at North Wales paid just \$5 a night. The club was run by an African American couple, popular orchestra leader Chauncey Depew Brown and his wife, Georgia White, who is said to have been the inspiration for the classic swing tune, "Sweet Georgia Brown."

World War II altered priorities of the members of the North Wales Club. In 1941, Colonial Estates sold the property to Walter P. Chrysler,

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## NORTH WALES ESTATE

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Jr., son of the auto magnate. A colorful character, Chrysler invested in Broadway and movies as well as art. He amazed the Fauquier community by building a "Chicken City" and a "Turkey City" while also dabbling in monkeys. Customers for the product of his fowl ventures included New York City's Stork Club. More conventionally, though with characteristic showmanship, Chrysler continued the horse industry theme at North Wales, turning it into a stud farm to breed his racehorses. He also continued to entertain by holding charity balls, of which one of the largest commemorated the 60th birthday of President Roosevelt, with proceeds benefiting the Infantile Paralysis Campaign. Chrysler made important, though not always welcome, contributions to the future of Fauquier County business and politics through his many contractual associations associated with North Wales.

Chrysler sold North Wales to former Oklahoma Congressman Victor Wickersham, who in turn sold it in 1956 to Parkwood, Inc., whereupon North Wales became the focus of a forty-year struggle to prevent suburban-style development. The head of Parkwood was eventually jailed for his role in a scheme that even victimized a group of Italian nuns. In 1968, a new owner, Cooper Communities Inc., tried to rezone North Wales to permit a 10,000-house subdivision for 31,500 people, which would have more than doubled the population of Fauquier County at the time!

Three Men—Bill Backer, President of the Upper Fauquier Association, S. Prentice Porter of Marshall and Francis Green of Warrenton—responded by organizing strong community support to oppose Cooper under the umbrella of the Fauquier Protective Association, which evolved into the Mid-Fauquier Association, which in turn evolved into Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC). The battle for North Wales resulted in many of the laws and ordinances that have prevented Fauquier County from losing its rural character. Through CFFC, this work continues.



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**THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA**  
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<b>Conservation and Beautification</b>	Anne Doyle
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<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Sally Guy Brown

**PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING**

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Mrs. Rudolph Bumgardner III (Deedy)	2004-2006
Mrs. Thomas C. Brown (Sally Guy)	2006-2008



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**CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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Annual & Board of Governors' Meeting	Anne Harrison Harris
Common Wealth Award	Linda Consolvo
Conservation & Beautification	Anne Doyle
Daffodil	Lucy Rhame
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Finance	Marsha Merrell
Flower Shows	Betty Michelson
GCV Online	Nina Mustard
Historian & Custodian of Records	Judy Kidd
Historic Garden Week	Martha Ware Bryan
Horticulture	Mary Eades
Investment	Anne Baldwin
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Lily	Mary Neslon Thompson
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Pulic Relations	Lea Shuba
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Rose	Pat Taylor
Outlook	Dianne Spence
GCV Symposium	Julie MacKinlay

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Candy Crosby

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Suzanne Aiello

**The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore**  
Tat Kellam





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Diane Wilkinson

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Kassie Kingsley

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Becky Gillette

**Gabriella Garden Club**  
Margaret Scott

**The Garden Study Club**  
Cece Johnson

**The Garden Club of Gloucester**  
Ann Hohenberger

**The Hampton Roads Garden Club**  
Martha Field

**Harborfront Garden Club**  
Widget Williams

**Hillside Garden Club**  
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**The Hunting Creek Garden Club**  
Anne Irving

**The Huntington Garden**  
BoBo Smith



**THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA**  
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Evie Scott

**Leesburg Garden Club**  
Carole Maloney

**The Little Garden Club of Winchester**  
Diane Kelly

**The Lynchburg Garden Club**  
Heidi James

**The Martinsville Garden Club**  
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Betty Jo Butler

**The Mill Mountain Garden Club**  
Anne Jennings

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Nancy Dempsey

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Gin Harris

**The Petersburg Garden Club**  
Sally Seward

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**THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA**  
**CLUB PRESIDENTS**

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Betsey Carey

**Rivanna Garden Club**  
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Katherine Knopf

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Joyce Overby

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Mac Houfek

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Corinne Llewellyn

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Penny Dart

**The Williamsburg Garden Club**  
Cathy Adams

**Winchester-Clark Garden Club**  
Jean Gilpin



## THE WARRENTON GARDEN CLUB

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Mrs. John C. Mackie

Mrs. S. Prentice Porter

Mrs. Marshall Wallach

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Mrs. Florian Dengel

Mrs. Edward B. Wright III

## **2009 BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**BANQUET** - Kathi Lindquist, Ingrid Lindsey, Liz Hamilton, Bibi de Heller

**BOX LUNCH THURSDAY**- Sherry Twining

**FLOWERS**- Laurie Starke

**BARN DECORATIONS** - Penny Dart, Karla MacKimmie

**HORTICULTURE** - Joan Semple, Page Styles, Caroline Parrish

**HOSPITALITY**- Susan Day

**LIASON TO HAMPTON INN**- Betty Lawrence

**INVITATIONS**- Betty Lawrence, Lindsey Dengel

**MAPS AND DIRECTIONS**- Susan Day

**NAME TAGS**- Karla MacKimmie, Penny Dart

**PROGRAMS**- Betty Lawrence, Lindsey Dengel

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**- Sally Hodgkin

**BOARD LUNCHEON TUESDAY**- Kim Nash, Caroline Parrish

**REGISTRAR**- Josine Hitchcock

**STAGING**- Maria Tufts, Patricia Prentiss

**TRANSPORTATION**- Penny Dart

**TREASURER**- Ellen Soyars

**OPTIONAL TOUR WEDNESDAY AM**- Linda Reynolds, Kim Nash

**HISTORY OF THE CLUB**- Jocelyn Sladen



## THE WARRENTON GARDEN CLUB - OUR FIRST 98 YEARS

The Warrenton Garden Club, organized in 1911, is recognized as a founder club by both The Garden Club of Virginia and The Garden Club of America. Over its 98 rich years, it has certainly been witness to change. Then, a hand written meeting notice would arrive with a two-cent postage stamp. Now, it's a matter of pushing 'Send'. Then, a broken carriage pole famously prevented a club vice-president from attending a meeting. (The minutes reflect she was formally excused.) Today, several members will apply rubber to the road and carpool to Kent Valentine House for a workshop on blogs. Change aside, essential traditions ride high. We still meet in each other's homes. We have amazingly high standards for tea and cakes. We still visit and learn from each other's gardens. We stress the use of our own plant material in arrangements. You'll see us at the flower shows.

We are among the oldest, but also among the smallest clubs in the country, with membership limited to 35 under new by-laws. Current active membership stands at 33 members, including three Junior members, a newly installed category. We have four sustainers, one associate and one honorary member. Five of us currently serve on committees of The Garden Club of Virginia, and one, Kim Nash, is its First Vice-President. We take pride in the varied honors we have earned as a small club. Over time, two of our members have been recipients of the Massie Medal, including most recently Mary Lou Seilheimer, and three have received the Delacy Gray Medal. Current membership includes a winner of the Horticulture Award of Merit and four Appleton Award winners. One previous member, Marjorie Arundel, was the winner of both the Garden Club of America Achievement Medal and its Medal of Honor. A number of our members have served on national committees of The Garden Club of America.

Through the years, we have earnestly tried to represent the best values of The Garden Club of Virginia. Beautification, awkward as the word itself may be, is an essential commitment. Even before 1920, as cars began replacing horse and buggies, garden club ladies took sharp note of bare ugliness left behind as roads were constructed around Warrenton. The planting of trees and shrubs began and continues to this day. When the first of our now many shopping centers was built, we negotiated with owners and managers to let us soften

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the rude lines and corners with pines, magnolias and other plantings. Some of the original trees remain. In most recent years, we built and maintained a flourishing garden at a highly visible intersection leading into Warrenton, donning orange to pull wiregrass at curbside, planting bulbs, hauling water, plucking soda cans from the Juniper. It was a well-appreciated little beauty spot until improvements ordered by the town resulted in renovation by poured concrete. Never mind. Our club will move on to the next project. Most recently, with donated help of Bartlett Tree Company, we provided needed care to a historic white oak tree growing in the median strip of Rt 17 at the town's limits, a heritage tree that had been barely rescued years earlier from annihilation by the Department of Transportation.

The Club's conservation agenda is full. We sponsor forums for the community and bring in speakers and do our best to stay informed of environmental concerns. New times bring new challenges. As threats to our countryside increase, we have strengthened a commitment not just to conservation action, but to the education of children about the nature. Each summer, the club's Natural History Day Camp, operated in cooperation with the Piedmont Environmental Council, gives children better understanding of the natural world. Its guiding light, member Gina Farrar, stresses quiet observation and closeness to nature. In 2000, Warrenton received a Common Wealth Award from GCV to plant and maintain a two-acre meadow at the Fauquier Outdoor Lab, an environmental facility owned by our school system. Here, school children can learn about their native plants. We have recently renewed our active involvement with The Outdoor Lab, and are engaging in hands on stewardship and development of its educational program.

And, of course, we lend efforts to make Historic Garden Week a success in our region. It is always an adventure. This past spring we dealt with a loose chandelier that crashed on a dining room table and a stretch limousine that could not turn around. But we carry on, taking special pride in filling each home with arrangements done by our members using plant material from our gardens to the extent it is possible. We made pots of money for the cause. And God Willing and the Creek Don't Rise, we will continue.

*Jocelyn Sladen  
September 27, 2009*



## NOTES

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### SPECIAL GUESTS

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Trina English

Chairman 2010 Board of Governors Meeting  
Albemarle Garden Club

Karen Jamison

Member of the Development Committee GCV  
The Williamsburg Garden Club

Catherine Whitman

Member of the Development Committee GCV  
Three Chop Gareden Club

Barbara Luton

Member of the Development Committee GCV  
The Blue Ridge Garden Club