2022 Historic Garden Week Chair Report  
  
Amy Hudgens and Mignon Tucker chaired the Richmond Tour on April 26-28 for Boxwood.  It was marked by a once in a lifetime procurement of the former Ambassador Rice House, designed by mid-century modernist Richard Neutra with 270-degree views of the James River.  The current owners, David and Christy Cottrell, agreed to hold their home open for an unprecedented two days, both Tuesday and Thursday. Both days attracted nearly 1000 guests.  
  
On Tuesday,  a walking tour of The Rothesay Circle Neighborhood featured five houses and one garden , including the iconic Richmond Home of Supreme Court Justice Louis Powell, now owned by Boxwood’s new member, Laura Strickler.   Architectural styles such as neo-Georgian, Mediterranean, mid-century modern, and an urban horse farm were on display as well as a variety of garden styles, including a Gillette. These provided unprecedented variety for tour participants. Over 700 tickets were sold.  
  
On Thursday, a walking tour of Westmoreland Place led attendees through a Gillette garden, a renovated quintessential brick home for modern living, a newly renovated home with an impressive mid-century modern and antique collection and a newly created swimming pool. Just over 600 tickets were sold.  
  
Over 300 volunteers generously donated their time as a hostess, arranger, or steering committee member. Tour ticket sales topped 2400, advertising sales exceeded $40,000 and sponsorships garnered over $27,000. Most importantly  the weather exceeded all expectations.  Under Boxwood’s leadership, the Richmond tour netted, unofficially,  over $160,000 which made Boxwood’s  2022 efforts  a record setting  contribution to the Garden Club of Virginia.  
  
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