

Boxwood Garden Club November Meeting – February 27, 2024

Welcome

- Kay Tyler called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
 - 48 members present
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Board of Directors Reports & Information

Recording Secretary – Kate Whitehead

- Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved

Treasurer – Cammy Carleton

- Report attached below
- Davenport Account: has made \$317 since December
- Just paid Boxwood's annual dues of \$8,125 to GCV

1st VP/Meetings – Katherine Adamson

- Rachel Davis and Margaret Simpson hostesses – thanks!
- Vickie Blanchard's mom joined us and celebrated her 95th birthday! Special thanks to Vickie for her suggestion of our speaker.
- Next meeting on March 19 at St. Stephen's Church featuring Meg Laughon, professional floral designer in Lynchburg, and Foxie Morgan, owner of flower farm and event home, Pharsalia, in Nelson County
- If you have suggestions for speakers or meeting venues for next year, please share those with Katherine Adamson.

2nd VP/Green Book – Stuart Roberts

- Looking ahead to next year's Green Book update, email Stuart Roberts with any changes to your personal information

Corresponding Secretary – Kit Sullivan

- If you know of anyone needing communication from Boxwood, email Kit Sullivan

President – Kay Tyler

- Historic Garden Week is April 20-27
 - Many thanks to Margaret Simpson, Jennifer Hudgins, and Joan Sewell for their hard work selling HGW Guidebook Advertising

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- Boxwood is 2026 HGW Richmond Tour Chair – contact Kay Tyler if interested in serving as a Chair, we will need 2-3 Chairs
- GCV Board Nominations – Kit Sullivan will be Member at Large for District 1
- Mary Glen Taylor's Homemade Fairy Gardens are for sale now!
 - Proceeds will combine with other donations in honor of Mary Glen

Committee Reports

GCV News – Helen Nunley, GCV Conservation Committee

- Nominations for the following awards are due March 1
 - *The Common Wealth Award*, provides annual grants to the community projects of the Garden Club of Virginia's member clubs for projects in the areas of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation or education.
 - <https://www.gcvirginia.org/main/award/2>
 - *The Horticulture Award of Merit*, for individual members of the Garden Club of Virginia who have achieved significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in the community at large.
 - <https://www.gcvirginia.org/main/award/1>
 - *The de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal*, presented to an individual member or a member club of the GCV in recognition of outstanding effort to further the knowledge of our natural resources and to encourage their wise use.
 - <https://www.gcvirginia.org/main/award/3>
 - Anna Aquino won in 2020 with Meg Turner (<https://www.gcvirginia.org/main/awardwinner/138>)
- *Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award* funds the implementation of a conservation project that will serve as a catalyst for community action.
 - Vote at March meeting for April 1 deadline
 - Finalists (additional details online at <https://www.gcvirginia.org/main/award/7>):
 - *The Elizabeth River Garden Club*: Eco-Landscape the Wilderness at Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve
 - *Gabriella Garden Club*: Preserving Downtown Danville's Urban Oasis: the HOME Pocket Park Transformation
 - *Hillside Garden Club*: Access to Nature & Outdoor Learning on the Cosby Trail

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GCV Horticulture Collections

- **Daffodil** – Kate Kerns and Connie Saffelle
 - **Daffodil Day – March 27, 2-5 pm, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach**
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/jt5YtMf/GCVDaffodilDay2024>
 - Horticulture: Kate Kerns and Connie Saffelle will need GCV daffodils that our members have grown from the 2010-2022 collections for the Interclub Exhibit.
 - Need 12 perfect ones to exhibit
 - Artistic: Sarah Crane is looking for daffodils, which do not have to be from the collections, for her Saturday Night Fever themed arrangement.

- **Lily** – Suzie Heberle and Julie Thomas
 - **Lily Show – June 18 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church**
 - Horticulture: Suzy Heberle will need lilies from previous GCV collections
 - Artistic: Natalee Johnsrud will coordinate once schedule is announced

General Assembly Lobby Day – Lee Nelson, Conservation Chair

- Lobby Day was January 30-31, 2024
 - Coordinated with Virginia Conservation Network (VCN) – <https://vcnva.org>
 - Virginia Conservation Network organized many conservation-oriented groups, like GCV and James River Association
 - Around 40 conservation bills, of which GCV supported 6
 - VCN helped arrange meetings with legislators to discuss 1 or 2 bills in depth
 - Ex. Environmental Literacy in Schools
 - Constituents: contacting your Representative really helps! Every contact is counted and the total numbers make a difference.
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- **Other Conservation Information**
 - Native Plant of the Month – Winter Holly Berry
 - *Boxwood is looking for ideas for a small project with a big impact* – email Lee Nelson with ideas: leemn1959@gmail.com

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Boxwood Projects – Anna Aquino

- Bee City USA
 - After 3.5 years, a resolution for Bee City passed City Council unanimously!
 - Contact Anna Aquino to get involved! annabella99@gmail.com
- Capital Trees
 - Exceeded fundraising goals for Hotchkiss Field Community Center!
- Peter Paul Development Center Playground
 - **Next workday: March 13, 9-11 am**
- GCV Conservation Committee - Legislative Subcommittee
 - GCV Positions on 2024 Legislative Issues: <https://www.gcvirginia.org/warehouse/fm/documents/conservations/GCV%20Positions%20on%202024%20Legislative%20Issues.pdf>
 - There were 4000 bills to study; focus on bills that speak to GCV's mission
 - Create an advocacy statement and make lists of bills to support and those to advocate against
 - Reach out to legislators! (List available from Anna Aquino or Kay Tyler)
 - Some Legislative Issues to consider: Invasive plants (such as fines for selling & buying ivy); add signage on individual invasive plants at point of purchase; volunteers allowed to paint herbicides under supervision of certified applicator; tree preservation bills (also backed by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation); reenroll Virginia in The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) after Gov. Youngkin's withdrawal; plastic bag tax; create a bill acknowledging native bees after non-native European Honeybee was named Virginia's Official Pollinator

Fundraising Committee

- The *First* Boxwood Garden Club Art & Flower Show – Camille Robinson, Laura Trevey, Muffy Jamieson
 - Friday, March 1, 5-8 pm, at ShoreDog Café & White + Willow Home
- Merchandise – Kate Whitehead
 - Bee City USA notecards featuring the incredible art work of Anna Aquino and her sister, Mary Kevan Roper, are available in sets of 8 for \$14
 - Boxwood notepads are with the printer and will be available soon!

Exhibits Report

Artistic – Lisa Caperton

- Exhibit Awards

CLASS I, Valentine Inspired:

Blue – Lisa Caperton

Red – Liz Price and Rachel Davis

Yellow – Missy Buckingham

Credit – Sarah Crane

CLASS II, Tussie Mussie:

Blue – Lisa Caperton

Yellow – Kit Sullivan

Horticulture – Jenny Andrews

- Exhibit Awards

House Plant: Best in Show – Natalee Johnsrud

Jenny Andrews – Red

Gina Denniston – Blue

Sarah Crane – Red

Katherine Whitehead – Yellow

Stuart Roberts – Blue

Lee Nelson – Blue

Natalee Johnsrud – 3 blue

Cindy Nolan – Blue

Kate Kerns – Blue

Joan Sewell – credit (late)

Hellebore: Best in Show – Kate Whitehead

Sarah Crane – yellow

Gina Denniston – Blue

Jennifer Hudgins – 3 – credit, blue, yellow

Kit Sullivan – 9 – 7 blue, 2 red

Kate Whitehead – 5 - 3 blue, 2 red

Cathy Lee – blue

Suzy Heberle – 4 – 2 yellow, 1 credit, 1 red

Stuart Roberts – 3 – 2 credits, 1 red

Muffy Jamieson – 2 yellows

Kate Kerns – yellow

Laura Strickler – yellow

Marge Street – red

Sharon Moody – yellow

Lee Nelson – 2 blues

Lucinda Stanchina – 3 – 2 blue, 1 red

Photography – Gina Denniston

- Exhibit Awards

CLASS I

Molly Carey – Blue

Gina Denniston – Blue

Sarah Crane – Yellow

Laura Trevey – Blue

Kim Condyles – Blue

Lee Nelson – Red

Amy Wilson – Yellow

Katherine Whitehead – Blue

CLASS II

Molly Carey – Blue

Gina Denniston – Blue

Sarah Crane – Blue

Laura Trevey – Blue

Lee Nelson – Blue

Kim Condyles – Blue

New Business and Announcements

GCV Updates – Missy Buckingham:

- Remember to support the GCV Annual Fund. Any amount helps!
- Shop GCV hats, visors, vests, aprons and more at <https://shop.gcvirginia.org>
- Historic Garden Week is April 20-27 (Richmond Tours: April 23-25)
 - Tickets and details at <https://www.vagardenweek.org>

Program – **The Art of Seasonal Entertaining, presented by Mary Spotswood Underwood**

- Owner of á la Bonne Femme and Brooke's Bank Farm in Essex County, Virginia:
 - Seasonal: Thoughtful, creative, respectful (our season and “somebody's” season); start with what's available locally; farmers markets will have what is growing in your area at that time
 - Respect the material means everything does not have to be “perfect”
 - Entertaining: about fellowship and bringing like-minded people together to share your talents and bring joy
 - Repeat elements around the space in different ways; details matter like putting flowers in your bathroom!
 - Chicken wire: fold in a ribbon then back on itself; uncoated chicken wire is more stiff, but coated protects your containers; secure with florists tape (clear for glass which sticks to itself, green on everything else); flower frog in bottom of container for weight and stability
 - Roses: 3-1 and Rose-tone rotation for health
 - Recommended Bulbs: Mona Lisa Tulips (white); Fritillaria; Ranunculus, especially Butterfly; Gloriosa Lily (yellow, similar to pink Rothchild)
 - Recipes to make when entertaining: do what you know = less stress
 - Bring botanicals into cocktails too
 - Order Curator's Choice furniture polish/hydrator online at <https://brookesbankfarm.com/shop>
 - More information about Mary Spotswood at <https://alabonnefemme.com>

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – March 19 at St. Stephen's Church

- 6000 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226
- 9:30 AM: Exhibits in place and Refreshments; 10:00 AM: Program and Meeting
- **Program:** *Sowing and Arranging the Spring Palette* by Meg Laughon, professional floral designer in Lynchburg, and Foxie Morgan, owner of flower farm and event home, Pharsalia, in Nelson County
- **Artistic:** Options Workshop on Monday, March 18 at 4 PM 19 Libbie Avenue
 - *Class I:* Winter's last breath! Celebrate breaking out of winter and marching into spring with a mixed bouquet of spring blossoms and/or branches in a clear glass container to reference the melting of winter ice.
 - Include a Statement of Intent for this arrangement. The Card of Intent (index card) should be 25 words or less and convey what the arranger is trying to achieve with her choice of plant material, container, accessories and the organization of those components.
 - *Class II:* Create a Naturalistic Landscape (Contemporary) using any combination of early spring branches, flowers and bulbs. Page 14 of Contemporary Floral Styles and Designs: https://gcvirginia.org/warehouse/fm/documents/FlowerShowResources/ContemporaryFloralStyles_2022.pdf
- **Horticulture**
 - *Class I:* Daffodil
 - *Class II:* Any Spring bloom
- **Photography**
 - *Class I:* Garden Accessories or ornaments such as statuary, containers, fountains, supports, follies, pergolas. Must include plant material but not as the focal point.
 - *Class II:* One white flower against a solid black background.

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**Boxwood Garden Club
Treasurer's Report
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Boxwood Garden Club Bank Account Balances

Operating Checking as of 2/27/24	\$ 10,340.69
Savings as of 2/27/24	\$ 20,233.98
Wells Fargo Credit Card	0.00
Davenport investment account (opened 12/15/23)	<u>\$ 30,317.37</u>
Total Boxwood account balances	<u>\$ 60,892.04</u>

Sources of Income:

Dues and Initiation Fees Collected	\$ 16,894.05
5807 Event - raffle & % of sales	\$ 965.00
Blooming Bucks - Brent & Becky's Bulbs	\$ 293.68
Donations in Memory of Mary Glen Taylor	\$ 505.00
Donations to Boxwood Garden Club	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>
Total	\$ 21,757.73

Boxwood Contributions:

Virginia Conservation Network	\$ 150.00
Brothers Concerned for Gilpin	\$ 200.00
Science Museum of Virginia	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Contributions to date	\$ 550.00

Notes:

1. All dues and initiation fees for 2023-2024 are collected
2. Boxwood paid GCV Dues of 125 x \$65 = \$8,125 this week