

Boxwood Garden Club Meeting – March 19, 2024

Welcome

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

Recording Secretary – Kate Whitehead

- Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved

Treasurer – Cammy Carleton

- Report attached below
- New sources of income: sales of Mary Glen Taylor's Fairy Gardens, Boxwood and Bee City Notecards, and Boxwood Art & Flower Show

1st VP/Meetings – Katherine Adamson

- Kathryn Angus (with help from Katherine Adamson) and Amy Wilson hostesses – thank you!
- Cocktail Party: May 2, 6-8 pm, at the home of Missy Gullquist
- Annual Meeting & Luncheon: May 14, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, at the home of Lucy Rise

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
 - Also, double check that your existing Green Book info is correct

Corresponding Secretary – Kit Sullivan

- If you know of anyone needing a note of comfort or congratulations on behalf of Boxwood, please email Kit Sullivan.

President – Kay Tyler

- Fairy Gardens have all gone to good homes; all but the biggest sold and thanks to Susan Armstrong, it was given to Westminster Canterbury's Child Care Center and they are thrilled to have it.

Old Business

Fundraising Committee

- Boxwood Art & Flower Show – Laura Trevey
 - The proceeds from the Art & Flower Show was \$5,150.50. Many thanks to the artists and floral designer who donated their talent to make the event possible. The new Bee City and Boxwood Garden Club notes were all sold.
 - Thanks to committee: Camille Robinson, Jennifer Hudgins, Muffy Jamieson, Cathy Lee, Lucy Rise, Laura Trevey, Joan Sewell, Kate Whitehead, and new members: Amy Thalhimer, Brooke Lustig, Emily Tripp, Julie Sprinkle, Nicole Bridge
 - Special thanks to Sharon Moody & the staff of ShoreDog Cafe and White + Willow
- Boxwood Notepads are here! 1 for \$6 or 2 for \$10

Peter Paul Playground recent workday on March 13

- Thanks to Anna Aquino, Suzy Heberle, Judy Kidd, Lisa Caperton, and Susan Overton for your hard work!
- Anna Aquino is meeting with and possibly training a neighbor who wants to help!

New Business

GCV Bessie Bock Carter Conservation Award funds the implementation of a conservation project that will serve as a catalyst for community action. Active Members voted for one of the following finalists. Gabriella Garden Club project won with narrow margin.

- *The Elizabeth River Garden Club: Eco-Landscape the Wilderness at Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve (5 votes)*
- **Gabriella Garden Club: Preserving Downtown Danville's Urban Oasis: the HOME Pocket Park Transformation – WINNER! (21 votes)**
- *Hillside Garden Club: Access to Nature & Outdoor Learning on the Cosby Trail (19 votes)*

Committee Reports

GCV Horticulture Collections

- **Daffodils/GCV 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 2013-2022 collections for the Interclub Exhibit.
 - **Collecting now!** Need 12 perfect ones to exhibit
 - *Artistic*: Sarah Crane is looking for **WHITE** daffodils, which do not have to be from the collections, for her Saturday Night Fever themed arrangement
 - Also looking for a day-of volunteer(s) to help arrange in Va. Beach
- **Lily** – Suzy 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
 - Boxwood will provide box lunches for judges. Kit Sullivan organizing the box lunch assembly.

GCV Horticulture Field Day – June 4-5 – Leesburg

- Online signups open March 25
- <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/GQT6gxI?CFID=7d2e0ced-3ffb-442a-93fe-48f9c0c72e67&CFTOKEN=0>

GCV Artistic Workshop – Cathy Lee

- *Arranging Workshop* on May 2 at Pharsalia (about 2 hours from Richmond)
 - \$75; online registration opens April 2
 - Morning session; picnic lunch; afternoon session
 - Open to *GCV members only* with each session limited to 30 people

Membership 2024-25 – Bobbie Flatin for Kim Condyles

- Contact Kim Condyles by May 1 to change membership status

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Exhibits Report

Artistic – Lisa Caperton

Class I: Winter's Last Breath

- Janice Whitehead, blue (1st)
- Lisa Caperton, red (2nd)
- Sarah Crane, yellow (3rd)
- Debi Berg, white (credit)

Class II: Naturalistic Landscape (Contemporary)

- Missy Good, blue (1st)
- Lisa Caperton, red (2nd)
- Sarah Crane, yellow (3rd)
- Debi Berg, white (credit)
- Bobbie Flatin, credit

Horticulture – Jenny Andrews

Daffodils

- Katherine Adamson, two blue
- Jenny Andrews, one red
- Gina Denniston, one blue
- Marguerite Mankins, one red
- Kate Whitehead, one blue
- Sarah Wootton, one blue
- Mary Mason Wood, two blue
- Natalee Johnsrud, two blue
- Cammy Carleton, two blue
- Muffy Jamieson, one blue
- Missy Goode, one blue, one red
- Sarah Crane, one blue
- Margaret Simpson, one blue, one red
- Janice Whitehead, three blue
- Joan Sewell, one blue
- Kit Sullivan, 10 blue, one red
- Julie Thomas, three blue
- Sharon Moody, one blue
- Kate Kerns, one blue and best in show
- Cathy Lee, one blue
- Kay Tyler, one blue
- Robin Johnson, one blue
- Debi Berg, one blue
- Marty Parrish, one blue

Any Spring Bloom

- Gina Denniston, one blue
- Mary Mason Wood, one blue
- Marguerite Mankins, one blue
- Cammy Carleton, two blue
- Sarah Crane, one blue
- Susie McCauley, one blue
- Natalee Johnsrud, two blue
- Stephanie Parker, one blue
- Kay Tyler, one blue
- Kit Sullivan, three blue, one red
- Cathy Lee, one red
- Marge Street, credit
- Janice Whitehead, two blue
- Marty Parrish, two blue

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Photography – Gina Denniston

- *Class 1: Garden Accessories or ornaments*
 - Molly Carey, Red
 - Kit Sullivan, Blue
 - Sarah Crane, blue
 - Muffy Jamieson, Blue
 - Stephanie Parker, Red

- *Class 2: One white flower against a solid black background*
 - Gina Denniston, Blue
 - Amy Thalhimer, Red
 - Molly Carey, Blue

Events and Announcements

Garden Guru event by Tuckahoe Garden Club: Kent Russell, Horticulturist from Bucks County, PA. Details and advanced tickets at <https://www.tuckahoegardenclub.com>

- Wednesday, April 17, 5-7pm, at 8701 River Road
- Tickets online \$40, at the door \$50

Mary Elizabeth Barnes recommended shopping at St. Stephen's Mayfair House for frozen foods and unique gifts and clothing items on sale.

Meeting Adjourned

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
 - Introduction by Missy Buckingham
 - “Gardening begins in January with a dream” – seeds! (See attachment)
 - Branches: Corylopsis (type of Witch Hazel; good in shade and with deer), Burning Bush, early Snowball Viburnum, Deutzia Chartreuse (bright green especially pretty at night), Elizabeth Tulip Magnolia (yellow flowers), White Forsythia, White Redbud, Edgeworthia (has flowers like lantana, in the Daphne family, good for deer), Apricot Quince, Curly Willow (can make a nest of curly willow branches in container instead of using frog; use chlorine tablets to keep branches from making water dirty)
 - Flowers: Daffodils (cut when still closed but just showing color, hold dry in fridge, cut again if necessary and put in water on the day of use, warm water will open faster), Anemone, Hellebore (longevity trick for young blooms: lightly slit from top to bottom, put in water up to the neck; best longevity when cut after they go to seed), Kale (provide 6 months of interest)
 - Native Perennials: Arrowwood, Baptisia, (handhout), lettuces, Radish (20 days from seed to veg!), Apple Mint (fuzzy, scented foliage), Mountain Mint (fall flower and blue green foliage)
 - *Tips and Tricks:*
 - Quick Dip: smidge *in* the water; dip heads of hydrangea in water with diluted QD
 - Chlorine Tablets keep branches from making water dirty (for sale at Pharsalia)
 - Cutting & Pinching
 - Pinch: Snapdragons
 - Cut: Zinnias (cut way back, not just to the branch), Baptisia and Peonies (cut heavily but leave enough foliage to feed roots), Dahlias
 - Cover your mechanics with moss first then stick plant material through moss
 - Solution to keep moss green: 1 oz yellow food coloring, 1/2 oz green food coloring, 1 qt water
 - Tip from Ron Morgan re: Cala Lilies: peel up about 3 fibers from the bottom to bend stem into shape; won’t last as long after stripping but will stay curled
 - Find containers, etc. via Google App -> “Shop for Products” -> take a picture

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- Dahlias: instead of removing for winter → cut back, cover with straw, cover row with plastic; this protects the tuber from too much moisture while allowing rain to get into nearby ground; uncover around the middle of March
- Where to buy plants: Colesville Nursery, Ivy Market, Village Garden Center (Waynesboro), Millmont Greenhouses (Waynesboro), Saunders Brother Farm Market (Nelson County)
- Native Perennials: arrowwood, baptisia, (handhout), lettuce, radish (20 days from seed to veg!), apple mint (fuzzy, scented foliage), mountain mint (fall flower w/blue green foliage),
- Lisa Ziegler's new book: The Cut Flower has great information on perennials
- <https://thegardenersworkshop.com/product/the-cut-flower-handbook/>

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SPRING WORKSHOPS 2024 IN NELSON COUNTY, VA

Friday, April 5, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sophisticated Terrarium Design Workshop with Leslie Geer

Saturday, April 13, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Do-It-Yourself: Wedding Boutonnieres and Corsages Workshop with Leslie Geer

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dreaming of Dahlias Workshop with Foxie Morgan

Friday, April 19, 2024 – Monday, April 22, 2024

Plant Sale at Pharsalia 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A Glorious Day in May with Peonies Workshop #1 with Foxie Morgan

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A Glorious Day in May with Peonies Workshop #2 with Foxie Morgan

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Flower Paradise Workshop with Foxie Morgan

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Eco Printing with Flowers: Flowers to Dye for Workshop with Leslie

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Botanical Cyanotypes: The Magic of Sun Printing Workshop with Leslie Geer

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lavender + Eucalyptus: Aromatic Wreath Workshop with Leslie Geer

To register, please go to: www.pharsaliaevents.com

To email us, please go to: info@pharsaliaevents.com

Creating Year-Round Interest in Your Garden

“Anyone who thinks that gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream.” – Josephine Nuese

Creating Good Bones in Your Garden

Careful placement and selection of trees, shrubs, rocks, steps, and perennials can create year round interest in your garden. Annuals can be added each year for bursts of color. Birdbaths, birdhouses, colorful pots, unusual containers or pieces of artwork or antiques can add unexpected interest and charm. Pieces of wrought iron fencing can make great trellis arbors.

Trees and Shrubs with Interesting Characteristics (Texture, Color, Shape, Food Source)

Tricolor Beech

Little Gem Magnolia

Umbrella Pine

Elderberry Shrub

Vitex (Purple blooms)

Deutzia

Winterberry (Red Berries – Need a male and female to create berries.)

Annabelle Hydrangea

Oak Leaf Hydrangea

Limelight Hydrangea

Sensation Lilac (purple with white edges)

Beauty of Moscow Lilac (gorgeous pink)

Viburnum opulus roseum

Mock Orange (white fragrant blooms)

Double Mock Orange

Weigela with variegated leaf and pink flowers

Weigela – Wine and Roses

Witch Hazel

Beauty Berry Bush

Rhododendrons

Forsythia

Pussy Willows

Great Late Winter Bloomer

Hellebores

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April

Dogwood with daffodil/tulip under planting with vinca ground cover
Candytuft with tulips
Apple tree blossoms
Viburnum – green and white
Lilacs – Sensation and Beauty of Moscow
Cherry Blossoms
Smoketree Leaves with sun streaming through the color
Hyacinthoides
Deciduous Azaleas
Tree Peonies
Exochorda x Macrantha - Scotchbroom (The Bride)
Money Plant
Pieris Japonica
Spireas

May

Catmint
Iris
Alliums (purple)
Columbine
Japanese Iris
Dianthus
Mock Orange
Peonies
Itoh Peonies
Baptisia (purple, blue, pink, yellow and pale yellow)
Weigelia
Rhododendron
Deutzia
Vitex
Solomon Seal
Snapdragons
Campanulas
Euphorbia Diamond Delight

June (Perennials augmented with colorful annuals)

Ammi
Kimberly Queen Fern
Plectranthus forsteri 'Marginatus' (green and white) – Swedish Ivy
Plectranthus 'Silver Crest'

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Yarrow (yellow)
Sedum
Ferns
Rose of Sharon
Solomon Seal
Herbs (African Basil, Kent Oregano, Rosemary, Chives, etc.)
Hostas
Sunflowers

July (Perennials augmented with colorful annuals)

Lavender
Lamb's Ear
Coneflowers
Herbs (Cardinal Basil, African Basil, Kent Oregano, Rosemary, Chives, etc.)
Hostas
Lisianthus
Zinnias

August

Hydrangeas (Annabelle, Oak Leaf, Limelight)
Lisianthus
Queen Anne's Lace
Rudbeckia
Dahlia
Dill
Celosia
Tansy
Zinnias
Curly Willow
Scented Geraniums
Hostas
Sunflowers
Phlox tall
Sedums
Ageratum
Aster Raydons Favorite
Celosias
Amaranth

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Fall Interest

Ornamental grasses

Herbs

Coneflowers

Pineapple Sage

Russian Sage

Cosmos

African Basil

Kent Oregano

Bronze Fennel

Dahlias

Sedums

Asters

Hostas

Flowering Cabbage and Kale – thru April next year

Mums

Pharsalia Events – 2333 Pharsalia Road – Tyro, Virginia 22976

www.pharsaliaevents.com (Nelson County)

To contact us: info@pharsaliaevents.com

**Boxwood Garden Club
Treasurer's Report - Board Meeting
March 18, 2024**

Boxwood Garden Club Bank Account Balances

Operating Checking as of 3/18/24	\$ 11,816.49
Savings as of 3/18/24	\$ 20,234.14
Wells Fargo Credit Card	0.00
Davenport acct as of 3/18/24 (opened 12/15/23)	<u>\$ 30,403.24</u>
Total Boxwood account balances	<u>\$ 62,453.87</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	\$ 3,100.00
Fairy Gardens	\$ 330.00
Notecards	\$ 322.00
Art & Flower Show	<u>\$ 5,150.50</u>
 Total	 \$ 27,560.23

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 2023-2024 dues and initiation fees collected
2. GCV Dues of 125 x \$65 = \$8,125 paid

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