**BOXWOOD GARDEN CLUB**

**MARCH NEWSLETTER**

**2023**

*“The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size!*” Gertrude S. Wister

Spring is almost here and some days it already feels like late spring! And the next day I’m covering my hydrangeas to protect them from frost!! My cherry tree is already blooming and it usually blooms the first of April! I’m just hoping there will be enough daffodils for Daffodil Day!

**ARTISTIC DESIGN WORKSHOP—MARCH 20, 2023**

We will be holding our last Design Workshop on Monday, March 20 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. We will meet in my driveway at 4600 Coventry Road (or my garage in the event of rain). There will be talented flower designers to assist you! We will also have a demonstration on how to exhibit daffodils. Appetizers and beverages will be served so even if you don’t want to arrange, stop by and visit!!

**MARCH MEETING—MARCH 21, 2023**

Our March meeting will be a FANTASTIC one! Nancy Ross Hugo and her daughter will be demonstrating their two different styles of flower arranging! They are so fun to watch! They will also set up their “Arranger’s Market” selling beautiful vases, clippers, floral accessories, etc.

As usual, exhibits need to be in place by 9:30 and our meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church on River Road.

**Artistic:**

Class I: *Spring Fling!* Show off the flowers of your spring garden or just your favorite flowers of this warmer weather.

Class II: *Traditional Line Mass:* Use an earth-tone container to blend with and feature this design which blends European and Japanese design. A mass of plant material should anchor a Traditional Line shape with color and harmony strengthening that line.

*Traditional Floral Styles and Designs, p. 32*

*Design elements of Balance and Color*

**Horticulture:**

Class I: Daffodil

 Class II: An early bloom

**Photography:**

Class I: A photograph of multiple beautiful spring flowers in a garden setting.

Class II: A close up photograph of your favorite flower. Do not shoot the photo straight-on. Instead, find an interesting angle from which to shoot the flower.

**PETER PAUL WORKDAY --WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

*Help is needed in the Peter Paul Garden!* Many hands make light work! Your Boxwood Board voted to donate money to replace plantings in the garden. Please join us from 9-12 at Peter Paul to help weed, plant, prune, etc.!!

**DAFFODIL DAY-MARCH 28-29, 2023**

*‘HERE COMES THE SUN”*

One of the nations largest daffodil shows will be held in Virginia Beach at Virginia Wesleyan University on March 28 (place exhibits) and 29 (show). Join GCV members and fellow daffodil enthusiasts for this spectacular event! The show’s schedule features horticulture, artistic design and photography. We are entering two interclub exhibits and several will be exhibiting daffodils. For more information please go to the GCV website at [www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)

**HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK-APRIL 15-22, 2023**

This year will be the 90th Anniversary of America’s Largest Open House with 29 tours across the state. Plans are in place; guide books have been distributed and I hope everyone is looking forward to participating or touring during garden week.

**BOXWOOD ANNUAL MEETING-MAY 23, 2023**

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Stratford Hall in Westmoreland County on Tuesday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. We will travel by bus to and from! More details will be provided soon!

Stratford Hall is a historic house museum near Lerty, VA. It was the plantation house of four generations of the Lee Family. It is the boyhood home of two Founding Fathers of the United States and signers of the Declaration of Independence. It is also the birthplace of Robert E. Lee.

The Garden Club of Virginia recently restored the gardens and we will tour the gardens, have lunch and our meeting! Please join us—it’s been a long time since we took a **bus trip!!**

**BEE CITY/CAPITAL TREES**

Anna Aquino has been busy working on both of these projects. I am attaching an update to this newsletter!

**HORTICULTURE FIELD DAY—JUNE 7-8**

Sign-ups have begun for Horticulture Field Day! Attendance is limited to 150 so register soon!!! It will be held in Williamsburg and will feature several gardens not open to the public. Visit [www.gcvirginia](http://www.gcvirginia) for more information and to register.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Artistic Design Workshop—Monday, March 20, 4-5:30**

**March Membership Meeting—March 21**

**Daffodil Day—March 28-29—Virginia Wesleyan University**

**Historic Garden Week—April 15-22**

**Horticulture Field Day—Williamsburg—June 7-8**

**Lily Show—Orange, VA—June 20-21**

We have a busy week next week and I hope to see many of you at the design workshop, March membership meeting or Peter Paul!!!

Happy Spring!!

Kit Sullivan

P.S. I am also attaching the minutes from our February meeting which we will vote to approve next week—so please read!!