

BOXWOOD GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

2022

“There is nothing I like better at the end of a hot summer’s day than taking a short walk around the garden. You can smell the heat coming up from the earth to meet the cooler night air.” **Peter Mayle**

Welcome back!! I’m still waiting for that cooler night air! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. From talking to many members this summer I can tell that our membership not only enjoys gardening and flowers but they LOVE to travel! We’ve had members visiting France, England, Italy, Cape Cod, Pawleys Island and many beaches and rivers. We even have a few currently on an adventure on the Camino de Santiago trail! I look forward to hearing about all of these adventures when we meet up again! And like another saying goes, “the tans will fade but the memories will last forever!”

Before I dive into upcoming events and meeting notices, I want to thank all of our members who spent time over the summer getting ready for the upcoming year. Cammy Carleton has put together our budget. Natalee Johnsrud has arranged a great line-up of programs. Lee Nelson has been working on the Greenbook. Cathy Lee has been arranging a speaker for a fundraiser next spring and corresponding with members as needed. Molly Carey has been gathering applications for our upcoming new members and working on updating the google drive. Kate Kerns has kept minutes from our Board meetings and worked on the gmail account. Kay Tyler, Margaret Simpson and Sarah Wooten have been working on HGW Guidebook ads. Missy Goode represented Boxwood (and won a blue ribbon) in the Artistic Division at the Lily Show. Van Ruffner has been updating our website. Kate Whitehead Stuart Roberts and Molly Carey put together the exhibiting schedule for the upcoming year. And last but not least, Rachael Davis and Margarete Mankins have been reviewing and updating our bylaws. Whew! I hope I haven’t missed anyone! It takes a village of Boxwood ladies!

WELCOME BACK MEETING/PLANT SWAP/DOORPRIZES

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at St. Mary’s Church. Coffee hour will begin at 9:30 (with exhibits in place by 9:30) and the program will begin at 10:00.

Hostesses: Katherine Adamson, Missy Goode

Program: Welcome Back! We will update you on all things Boxwood! We will also have a PLANT SWAP. Fall is perfect for planting so divide some perennials and “bring one, take one”. We will also be taking photos of all members to update our website so look pretty! And door prizes will return!

Artistic Exhibits:

CLASS I: Get Cookin’! Create an arrangement inspired by your kitchen or kitchen

garden.

CLASS II: Create a Naturalistic: Vegetative arrangement to illustrate the true beauty of herbs in the garden. Contemporary Floral Styles and Designs page 11, Design elements of Scale and Form

Horticulture:

CLASS I: Any herb from the fall garden

CLASS II: Rose

CLASS III: Fall Branch

Photography:

CLASS I: A photograph of a vegetable garden depicting symmetry. Can be a Private or public garden.

CLASS II: A photograph of food, beautifully displayed on the plate with herbs Easily seen on the plate. Be creative with how the photograph is shot. Explore different angles, various amounts of the plate being shown, etc.

DUES

Dues are now due and payable. As a reminder, Boxwood members voted to increase dues for 2022-2023 because the Garden Club of Virginia increased our member dues to them. The schedule of Boxwood Members Dues payable on September 1 is:

Active Members	\$150
Associate Members	\$150
Non-Resident Members	\$105
Guest Members	\$75
Life Members	\$65

You may pay by credit card online through the Boxwood Garden Club website (www.boxwoodgc.org) , log onto the Members Page and click on “Pay Your 2022-2023 Dues Here”. **There is a \$5 fee to pay on the website.** Or you may pay by check made payable to Boxwood Garden Club and mailed to:

Cammy Carleton
102 Penshurst Road
Richmond, VA 23221

(Or you may also give her your check at the September Boxwood meeting at St. Mary's Church.)

GCV SYMPOSIUM

The GCV Symposium will be held on September 20 and 21, 2022 at the Science Museum of Virginia. This will be a jam-packed two days of artistic, horticulture and photography exhibits, workshops, speakers, luncheons and a cocktail party, featuring botanical cocktails. The Horticulture division will feature cut stems and container grown plants. The Artistic division still has some openings available if anyone is interested. Speakers include Francoise Weeks, Thomas Woltz, Robert Llewellyn, Shaun Spencer-Hester and Emilie Carter. For more information and to get tickets visit www.gcvsymposium.org.

POP-UP HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP

Since the Symposium is a week before our September meeting, to help members feel more confident exhibiting horticulture, we will hold an exhibiting workshop on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at my home (4600 Coventry Road). You can go from here and place your exhibits at the Science Museum beginning at 11:00 a.m. Several members have expressed interest in learning more about exhibiting and what makes the difference between a blue ribbon and a yellow ribbon. Come and let's learn together!

GCV COMMONWEALTH AWARD

It is once again time to vote for the GCV Commonwealth Award. This award provides grants to exceptional community projects of member clubs in the areas of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation or education. Attached are the three nominees. Please read these over and be prepared to vote at our September meeting.

EASTERN SHORE SYMPOSIUM

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society is hosting a symposium on location at Eyre Hall, part of Historic Garden Week every year. This will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. They asked that I forward this information on to you. Sounds like a good "road trip" if you're interested. (See attached flier).

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Molly Carey is happy to report that we have 8 completed applications for new members. These will be presented to the club in October and voted on in November. Good job ladies!

BOXWOOD MEETING DATES FOR 2022-2033

September 27, 2022
October 25, 2022
November 15, 2022
January 24, 2023
February 28, 2023
March 21, 2023
April 17-23, 2023—Historic Garden Week
May 23, 2023—Boxwood Annual Meeting—Stratford Hall Bus Trip

GCV EVENTS FOR 202-2023

September 20-21, 2022--Symposium, Science Museum of Virginia
November 3, 2022—Conservation Forum, Location and Topic TBD
March 29, 2023—Daffodil Day, Norfolk Botanical Gardens
April 15-22, 2023—Historic Garden Week
June 7-8, 2023--Horticulture Field Day, Williamsburg, VA
June 20-21, 2023-Lily Show, Orange, VA

“ODDS AND ENDS”

--Cathy Lee is looking for a few volunteers to help paint pedestals for the Symposium on the afternoon of September 13 or anytime on September 14. If you are available to help, please contact Cathy at leecathym@yahoo.com or (804)615-2284.

--We are planning a luncheon for Associate and Life Members in October. Be on the lookout for your invitation. The Board will prepare and serve you!

--When attending the Symposium make sure to see our Boxwood Interclub Artistic Exhibit. Janice Whitehead, Missy Goode, Mary Mason Wood, Nella Timmons, Kathryn Angus, Gina Denniston, Lisa Caperton and Liz Price have been putting their heads together and working on an exhibit in the Dutch Flemish traditional design category. From the little bit I've seen on their email chain, it will be a masterpiece!!

That's it for now! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Kit Sullivan
Boxwood Garden Club, President