

Boxwood Garden Club September News & Updates

As much as I love the growing season and summer days, the expected crisp mornings and cooler temperatures are a welcome change for planting and experimenting in the garden. It's a good time to step back and evaluate...adding some native plants, removing some non-native invasives, leaving some 'weeds' and transplanting the ones that have outgrown their space.

It's also time for fall planting at the **Peter Paul Playground Garden!**

The Peter Paul Playground Garden (PPPG) looks beautiful thanks to our energetic BGC members and mastermind garden designer **Anna Aquino!** To keep it looking great, choke out the weeds, and reduce maintenance, we are looking for donated natives to plant this fall. If you have extra plants or cuttings with roots from your garden, we can add those in the Peter Paul garden. If not, your garden center brand is just fine.

Anna has put together an amazing native plant reference tool. It's part wish list for PPPG natives and a great resource for everyone to use. Note that the photos and live information links are from a wholesaler's website, so it is for reference only.

Anna's document also has before and after photos of the **PPPG**. **You don't want to miss it! Click here:**
<file:///C:/Users/ktyle/Downloads/Peter%20Paul%20Plant%20Plea%20Aug%202023.pdf.pdf>

Bring your donated native plant(s) to the meeting on **September 26 at St. Mary's**. If you cannot make the meeting, drop them off at 4204 Sulgrave Road before 9/26 or contact ktyle@sherwoodforest.org for pick up.

Not sure if your plants will work in the PPPG garden? Contact Anna at annabella99@gmail.com

Want to try an Artistic arrangement? Come to the workshop on Monday, Sept. 25 @ 4204 Sulgrave Rd. at 4 pm with your plant material, supplies, container, and idea.

Keep reading this missive for more information about all the GCV and Boxwood Garden Club activities, especially the September 26 Meeting and the rest of the 2023-24 Meetings & Events to add to your calendar.

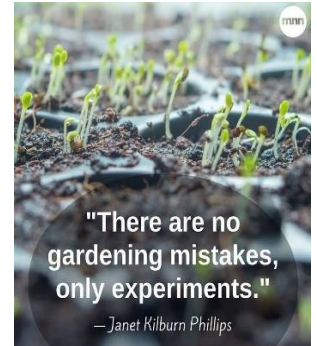
*Hope to see you at our first meeting **September 26th** at St. Mary's.*

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Kay Tyler

PS Keep in touch through Instagram or Facebook... share your gardening triumphs – horticulture, artistic or photographed masterpieces of all types.

GREEN BOOK



The Green Books will be available for pick up at the September 26th meeting. Remaining books will be mailed or delivered.

Directory Updates Due By Wednesday!

Please email **Stuart Roberts** (scroberts204@gmail.com) if you have any changes/corrections to your contact information for the Green Book by **Wednesday, September 6.**

*Many thanks to **Stuart** for her diligence in getting the Green Book completely reformatted!*

NEEDED...Past Green Book Page Inserts!

We are missing some past Green Book page inserts that need to be scanned in Boxwood *Google Docs* and for Kent-Valentine.

Please let us know if you have any of these and bring them to the September meeting.

1946-1947, 1947-1948, 1948-1949

1950-1951, 1951-1952

ALL 1960's: 1960-1961 through 1969-1970

1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1999-2000

Thank you!

Sarah Wootton, *Historian*
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Molly Carey, *Google Drive Administrator*
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GCV Common Wealth Award 2023 Finalists

These will be presented and voted on by BGC at our September meeting. I'm so proud of the four Richmond Garden Clubs... **go us!**

The following are the 2023 Common Wealth Award Nominees. The recipient will be announced at the Board of Governors meeting in October. [Read the Full Descriptions.](#)

The Boxwood Garden Club, The James River Garden Club, Three Chopt Garden Club, and The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton proposed:

The Virginia War Memorial Public Green Space

Gabriella Garden Club proposed:

HOME Pocket Park a Perennial Garden Oasis Within Its Urban Setting in Downtown Danville, Virginia

The Garden Study Club and The Martinsville Garden Club proposed:

The Nature Garden Along the Smith River Paw Path at the Smith River Sports Complex

GCV Member NEWS

September Membership News from Debby Lewis, GCV President. Check out the many GCV events from other clubs throughout the state:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Garden-Club-of-Virginia-Membership-News.html?soid=1101987988454&aid=7kCR_-1ti0o

NEW FOR GCV MEMBERS

Cultivating Conversations. This is a new program from GCV. Find out more and register for this free activity here:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/You-re-Invited-to-a-New-GCV-Learning-Series--Cultivating-Conversations-.html?soid=1101987988454&aid=V9bsB_oxAkU

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee will be meeting on **Thursday, September 7 at 4 pm at 4204 Sulgrave Road**, to discuss the BGC 2024 event which we hope will be an Art Show. If you want to be involved with the brainstorming session, please come! Fundraising Chair, **Camille Robinson** (camille@robinsonRVA.com).

Kate Whitehead will be using her talent to help create some Boxwood merch this year. Stationery, notepads, Tervis tumblers, and aprons are some ideas that have been discussed. Let Kate know if you have any other ideas.

Historic Garden Week Guidebook Advertising

Margaret Simpson is leading the HGW Guidebook Advertising committee along with committee members **Joan Sewell and Jennifer Hudgins**. Let Margaret know if you (or someone you know) would benefit from advertising in this beautiful publication. simpsongirls1001@gmail.com. **Deadline is September 30!**

SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS

*Many thanks to **Katherine Adamson** for securing a variety of speakers that will be sure to enlighten and entertain us.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

12291 River Road, 23238

9:30AM: Exhibits in place and Refreshments

10:00 AM: Meeting

Program: *Welcome Back! Business Meeting, Donate Native Plants for Peter Paul Development Center Playground & Garden, Member Plant/Seed Swap*

Artistic: *Workshop (optional) Monday, September 25 at 4 PM, 4204 Sulgrave Road, 23221 (garage)*

Class I: "History Blooms." Create an arrangement inspired by Virginia's abundant and amazing history and in anticipation of this new event which is a collaboration between The Garden Club of Virginia and The Virginia Museum of History & Culture, October 6-8 at the VMHC.

Include a Card 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: Celebrate the beauty of late summer flowers and colors by creating the Contemporary arrangement, *Mille Fleur* "thousands of flowers."

Page 12, Contemporary Floral Styles and Designs or https://gcvirginia.org/warehouse/fm/documents/FlowerShowResources/ContemporaryFloralStyles_2022.pdf

Horticulture:

Class I: Any herb from the fall garden

Class II: Rose

Photography:

Class I: Bird, insect, or other creature on a flower or stem

Class II: The flowering of a building, including window boxes, planters or landscaping that are integral to the aspect of the building.

2023-24 MEETING DATES & EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Richmond's Monumental Movement in Parks

Chris Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, Richmond, VA

Byrd Park Round House

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Green at the Science Museum of Virginia

Tyler Holtzman, Resident Horticulturist at SMV

Science Museum of Virginia, The Forum

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Greens Workshop

Laura Strickler's Garage

1238 Rothesay Circle, 23221

DECEMBER 5, 2023

5807 Shopping Spree & Fundraiser

The Shops at 5807

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

Richmond GVC 4-Club Meeting

Brie Arthur, Author and Horticulturist

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Entertaining the Seasons

Mary Spotswood Underwood

All Saints Episcopal Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

Sowing and Arranging the Spring Palette

Meg Laughon and Foxie Morgan

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Annual Historic Garden Week

April 20-27, 2024

www.vagardenweek.org for the schedule of events

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Boxwood Garden Club Cocktail Party

Missy Gullquist's home

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Lucy Rise's home

GVC CALENDAR 2023-2024

See www.gcvirginia.org for current information.

October 6-8, 2023	History Blooms, VA Museum of History & Culture
November 3, 2023	Conservation Forum, Charlottesville, VA and Webinar
March 26-27, 2024	Daffodil Day, Virginia Wesleyan University, Norfolk, VA
April 20-27, 2024	Historic Garden Week in Virginia
April 23-25, 2024	Richmond Historic Garden Week Tours
June 4-5, 2024	Horticulture Field Day, Leesburg, VA
June 2024	Lily Show (Details TBD)

