

Boxwood Garden Club November Meeting – November 14, 2023

Welcome

- Kay Tyler called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
 - 39 members present

Program

- The Green at SMV, presented by Tyler Holtzman, Horticulturalist at the Science Museum of Virginia, introduction by Rich Conti, Chief Wonder Officer at SMV
 - With support from Kinsey Peeler, Executive Director, SMV Foundation, and Beth T. Spivey, Director of Giving and Donor Services SMV
- The Green at SMV Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Landscape Maintenance Volunteer Days: April-October, first Tuesdays, 9am-noon
 - Volunteer Groups: contact Volunteer & Internship Coordinator, Jared Strawderman, jstrawderman@smv.org, (804) 864-1514

Board of Directors Reports & Information

Treasurer – Cammy Carleton

- Report attached below
- Cammy has begun opening an investment account at Davenport with \$30,000; the board approved investments with Davenport, using Will Charlet who handles the Endowment Account. Cammy and Kay will open these accounts in 2 year CDs.

1st VP/Meetings – Katherine Adamson

- Thank you donation to SMV in honor of our program speaker, Tyler Holtzman
- Thanks to our hostesses, Lucy Rise and Camille Robinson, for an incredible spread!
- Greens workshop: Tuesday, November 28, 10 am - noon, in Laura Strickler's Garage 1238 Rothesay Circle – additional details under "Events" below
- Shops at 5807 Shopping Night, Tuesday, December 8, 6-8 pm, 5807 Patterson Ave
- Richmond GCV Four-Club Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2024: 9:30 – 11:30 am at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Recording Secretary – Kate Whitehead

- Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved

Corresponding Secretary – Kit Sullivan

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- 2 cards: Muffy Jamieson's Mother-in-law, Judy Jamieson, passed; Pearl Adamson get well card

President – Kay Tyler

- Thanks to everyone for all they're doing for the Club during this busy time!
- Mary Glen Taylor's Homemade Fairy Gardens – used to be sold at BGC Greens Sale – pieces from her personal collection need happy homes! Share thoughts about possible donation or sale ideas with Kay, such as: sell at Garden & Flower Show
 - A Donation of \$505 to Richmond Tree Stewards will be made in Mary Glen's memory (<https://www.richmondtreestewards.org>) from funds given to Boxwood in her honor

Committee Reports – Information

Membership – Kim Condyles, Membership Chair

- 2023-24 New Members Vote taken by paper – all approved!
 - Nicole Bridge, Brooke Lustig, Julie Sprinkle, Amy Thalhimer, and Emily Tripp

GCV History Blooms Update – Cathy Lee

- Boxwood members decorated the public spaces: Janice Whitehead, Sarah Chiffriller, Mary Mason Wood, and Kate Whitehead
 - Look of a “Roadside Drive” through the country (without touching vehicles)
 - Anna Aquino, Sarah Crane, Marty Parrish, Jane Cowles, Kit Sullivan, Natalee Johnsrud – thanks for collecting and donating plant materials!
- Sarah Crane's beautiful container was used at the front desk
- 23 clubs created arrangements: inspired by a restoration, state park, or regional showcase aided by the GCV
 - Natalie created a restoration-inspired arrangement based on Wilton House; write-up by Molly Carey
- So many people contributed to this event!
 - Jody Branch took Sybil Sylvester to Tuckahoe to cut, AND tracked down correct plants for Cathy Lee for the dinner – above & beyond!

GCV Horticulture Collections

- Daffodil – Connie Saffelle
 - Bulbs are in and those who ordered should have received an email
 - Pickup on Kate Kerns' front porch; if you need to leave a check, slip it in her door
- Lily – Suzie Heberle
 - Bulbs are not here, stay tuned for info

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Conservation Forum Update – Lee Nelson, Conservation Chair

- Nov 2nd was the 65th Annual Conservation Forum in Charlottesville
- Kit Sullivan, Anna Aquino, Helen Nunley, and Lee Nelson attended
- Awards were given to Conservation-focused teachers
- Thomas Rainer: “Garden the wild and wild our gardens” – let the wild inspire your own garden; idea that what you do on a daily basis is what makes a difference
 - Increasing planting density helps use less mulch while keeping weeds down
- Eliza Greenman: Persimmon Nerd :) Nutrient-dense, good for wildlife, native
- Larry Weaner: introduced by Anna Aquino, ecology-based landscape architect
 - Match the plant to the habitat!
 - conservative plants match to one environment
 - non-conservative species does whatever wherever
- Post-event private tour at Oakencroft Farm and Winery – <https://oakencroftfarm.com>
 - Environmental and organic focus, trying to use hardy vines = less spraying plus good for bugs, birds, animals
- GCV Conservation Committee meeting next week for feedback and to start planning for next year

- **GCV Cultivating Conversations:** Archived on gcvirginia.org
 - Most recent: Heidi James: Pollinator Support in the Home Garden, November 13
 - Next Zoom presentation: January 22

- **Virginia Conservation Network** – <https://vcnva.org>
 - Dec 2; 9 am-noon – General Assembly Preview
 - Learn what issues are expected to come up during the 2024 General Assembly session in January. This is your best chance to hear about anticipated environmental legislation from statewide environmental experts
 - Join VCN in January for Lobby Day at the General Assembly
 - Contact Lee Nelson for more info: leemn1959@gmail.com or 804-380-8680

- Turn off outdoor lights at night to assist migrating birds

- Lee Nelson is inviting members to come up with ideas for our club *to do* something conservation-wise in our area to make our own impact! leemn1959@gmail.com

Boxwood Projects – Anna Aquino

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- Bandy Field
 - Join us Friday, November 17, 3 pm – Bandy Field Nature Park to celebrate our friend Mary Glen Taylor and Dedicate Her Sycamore Tree
- Bee City
 - Supposed to be announced at City Council on November 13 but didn't happen –
 - Will be introduced at the December meeting by Chris Frelke → then goes to Land Use Committee (members can attend in support) → then goes back to council in Jan or Feb (members should attend in support)
 - Email your own council members in support of Bee City!
- Capital Trees
 - Tonight (11/14): Hotchkiss Field Community Center presented by Katherine Adamson and Sarah Crane as a finalist at Impact 100; would be first environmentally-focused group to win a \$100K Impact 100 Grant; presentations by Capital Trees and four other finalists followed by vote
 - ask Katherine & Sarah about Impact 100! <https://impact100rva.org>
 - Hotchkiss Field is in the Highland Park neighborhood (Northside) – currently 1.88 acres in an underserved community with a pool, skating rink, basketball, pickleball, and computer lab among other features, but is in heat island – NEED green space, trees, proper entrance, accessibility; really needs a complete overhaul! HFCC is THE MOST USED community center in Richmond Park System!
 - <https://www.rva.gov/parks-recreation/hotchkiss-field-community-center>
- Peter Paul Playground
 - Successful planting earlier on Nov. 3; landscape is starting to fill in with native shrubs for longevity and to block out weeds; looks great!

Fundraising Committee

- The Shops at 5807 Shopping Spree – Joan Sewell
 - Tuesday, December 5, 6-9 pm
 - Fun & easy with raffles, great shopping AND raising funds for Boxwood!
- The FIRST Boxwood Garden Club Art & Flower Show – Camille Robinson
 - Friday, March 1, 5-8 pm, at ShoreDog Café & White + Willow Home
 - Artists will be members & their family members – 50/50 or 100% donation of sale
 - Flower arrangers will be members – arrangements donated for sale
- Merchandise – Kate Whitehead
 - Survey regarding potential merchandise for sale to come??

Exhibits Report

Artistic – Lisa Caperton

- Exhibit Awards

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CLASS I, Abstract

Sarah Crane – blue, Objective Abstract category

Lisa Caperton – blue, Non-Objective Abstract category

CLASS II, Art Nouveau

Natalee Johnsrud – blue

Lisa Caperton – red

Marguerite Mankins – yellow

Horticulture – Jenny Andrews

- Be careful about following guidelines with how plant material is displayed

- Exhibit Awards

Camellia

Kay Tyler - Blue

Natalie Johnsrud - yellow

Lucy Rise - red

Connie Saffelle- yellow

Cathy Lee - red

Marguerite Mankins- yellow

Sarah Crane- blue

Kit Sullivan - blue and red

Tricia Branch - red

Missy Gullquist - green and red

Lee Nelson - green and red

Best in Show - Kay Tyler

Fall Branch

Gina Denniston - yellow

Kay Tyler - blue

Natalie Johnsrud - red

Kit Sullivan- green and red

Cathy Lee - green

Sarah Wooton - green

Anna Aquino - 2 green

Kay Tyler - best in show

Photography – Gina Denniston

- GCV Photography educational events in January over Zoom – more details in GCV Newsletter

- One features using Adobe Lightroom as a photo editor

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- Exhibit Awards

CLASS I

Gina Denniston – Blue
Molly Carey – Yellow
Van Ruffner – Blue
Lisa Tripodi – Blue
Liz Hart – Blue
Laura Trevey – Red
Kit Sullivan – Blue
Sarah Crane – Blue
Lee Nelson – Red

CLASS II

Gina Denniston – Blue
Liz Price – Credit
Molly Carey – Blue
Van Ruffner – Yellow
Judy Kidd – Blue
Kit Sullivan – Blue
Sarah Crane – Credit
Sarah Wootton – Red
Lee Nelson – Blue

New Business and Announcements

- May Fair House Holiday Bazaar at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 - Tuesday, November 14, 10 am-5:30 pm
- Monday 11/20 or Tuesday 11/21 – bring greens to Kathryn Angus for Collegiate's Feast of Juul and Pageant, 8900 Glenmore Road

Events and Save the Dates

Friday, November 17, 3 pm – Bandy Field Nature Park

- Celebrate Our Mary Glen Taylor and Dedicate Her Sycamore Tree

**Tuesday, November 28: 10 – noon – Greens Workshop in Laura Strickler's Garage
1238 Rothesay Circle**

- Bring greens, berries and natural decorations for horticulture credit. Bring your tools and containers/forms to make a special holiday decoration for yourself, family, friends (or all the above). Help us make and deliver arrangements for our Life members. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

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Tuesday, December 5, 6-8 pm – The Shops at 5807, 5807 Patterson Avenue

- The Shops at 5807 will donate a percentage of sales to BGC. It's a wonderful way to start the season of giving!

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 9:30 - 11:30 am – New Member Orientation at GCV, The Kent-Valentine House

- For new members and invitees

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Richmond GCV Four-Club Meeting

- Wednesday, January 17, 2024: 9:30-11:30 am
- Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- Program: Speaker Brie Arthur
 - Author of "The Foodscape Revolution" and "Gardening with Grains"
 - www.briegrows.com and on YouTube at "Brie the Plant Lady"
- ***NO EXHIBITS for the Four-Club Meeting***

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Treasurer's Report - Business Meeting
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Boxwood Garden Club Bank Account Balances

Operating Checking as of 10/24/23	\$ 30,201.54
Savings as of 10/24/23	\$ 25,226.98
Credit Card Balance as of 10/24/23	\$ 0.00
Total Boxwood account balances	<u>\$ 55,428.52</u>

Donations in memory of Mary Glen Taylor \$505.00

Dues deposited \$14,633.65 (92.3%) as follows:

61/65 - actives
24/27 - associates
17/21 - life
4/5 - guest
3/3 - non-resident
109/121 - members have paid dues

38 - Square*
73 - Check

*2 members duplicated dues payment

We have begun the process of opening an account with Will Charlet at Davenport. We plan to open the account with \$30,000 to be invested in one or 2 year CDs paying 5%.