

# BOXWOOD GARDEN CLUB MEETING

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

### **Welcome**

- Kay Tyler called the meeting to order at 10 am

### **Board of Directors Reports & Information**

#### Meetings/Hostesses – Katherine Adamson

- Next meeting details and thanked hostesses
- Byrd Park Round House 10/24 – Chris Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities for the City of Richmond

#### Treasurer – Kit Sullivan for Cammy Carleton

- Budget 2023-24 presented (attached at end of minutes)
- No questions re: proposed budget → approved!

#### Meeting Minutes – Kay Tyler

- May 2023 Annual Meeting minutes previously emailed
- No questions regarding meeting minutes → approved!

#### Green Book – Stuart Roberts

- Picked up by members present at meeting and some delivered to absent members
- Unclaimed Green Books may be picked up at October meeting or contact Stuart to make other arrangements
- Life and Out of Town members will receive books via mail

#### Corresponding Secretary – Kit Sullivan

- \$450 donations in honor of Mary Glen; plant a tree
- It was a busy summer for correspondence – let Kit know if you hear of anyone she should contact on behalf of BGC

#### President's report: - Kay Tyler

- Advertising deadline for HGW Guidebook was September 30
- BGC Funds: would like a better return on large sum in checking account and regular savings, especially to support BGC hosting 2032 GCV Meeting
- Looking ahead, looking forward to voting on new members – November is important meeting!
- Monday workshop turnout!
- *Polly Anderson*: Past GBC president and member since 1970, was guest speaker giving tips for artistic and horticulture exhibits at the Windsor Farms Garden Club.
- Plant ID share tip of the day: View photo of plant on iPhone, tap (circle)i icon at bottom of screen, will tell you the type of plant
- Check out the Virginia Native Plant Society Facebook group

## **Committee Reports & Information**

### **GCV Liaison** – Missy Buckingham

- *GCV communications/website*: All members should be getting the GCV membership news. Add Garden Club of Virginia, [communications@gcvirginia.org](mailto:communications@gcvirginia.org) to your contacts. Let Stuart know if you do not get these emails.
- *Cultivating Conversations* – Zoom info sessions for all member clubs, see newsletter
- *Seasonal Planting Guides* – helpful to contribute plant material for Historic Garden Week
- *Book Cleanup at KVH* – Gently used books in the 3rd floor conference room available for cash or check (to GCV). Proceeds benefit KVH
- *The Garden Club of America Flower Show, "Ebb and Flow"* – Bolling Haxall House, September 27th, 10 am - 3PM
- *GCV Online Photo Challenge* – through October 25 – details and submission info in the month's GCV newsletter – *participate!*

### **GCV Awards** – Judy Kidd read annual Common Wealth Award nominees before vote on this year's options

- VA War Memorial (BGC, James River, Three Chopt, and Tuckahoe Clubs); Create Public Greenspace & appropriate memorial gardens; continue GCV's historical support of the military (esp. during and after WWII)
  - Unanimously Supported (qty. 30)!
- Gabriella and Danville Garden Clubs, pocket garden
- Garden Study Club/Martinsville GC, nature path

### **GCV Shows** – Cathy Lee, GCV Artistic Chair

- History Blooms is a partnership between VMHC & GCV; October 5-7 at VMHC; workshop & luncheon sold out but more available!
- 23 member clubs creating arrangements interpreting museum & GCV topics/items
- Our exhibitors need plant material! Details via email
- Speaker/Experience highlights:
  - *Friday*: Margot Shaw, editor-in-chief of *Flower* magazine and author of *Living Floral*, and Sybil Sylvester, owner of Wildflower Designs and author of *Fresh*, will lead a demonstration about the life and creations of pioneering floral maven Constance Spry
  - *Saturday*: P. Allen Smith, preservation, restoration, good design in "Living in the Garden Home;" Libby Oliver, CW Foundation head of flowers; Avra Lee, Black Women & Floriculture; Sat night: dinner w/Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture at Mt. Vernon

### **GCV Flower Shows** – Natalee Johnsrud

Coordinating artistic arrangements for Boxwood entries at GCV shows (like Daffodil and History Blooms)

- History Blooms: Wilton as inspiration for Georgian arrangement; see Natalee if you are able to help; must be in place by noon on Friday 10/6
- Lily Show: Natalee J. & Co. won blue for their arrangement

### **Horticulture Collections**

- Daffodil chair, Connie Saffelle
  - early November arrival of pre-ordered bulbs
- Lily chair, Suzie Heberle
  - Order signup passed or email [suzyheberle@verizon.net](mailto:suzyheberle@verizon.net) by September 30th to pre-order

### **Conservation Committee** – Marty Parish for Lee Nelson

- 65th Annual GCV Conservation Forum and Webinar, Charlottesville
- November 2, 9 am -1 pm; signup online through GCV site or click [here](#)
- Lunch at Oakencroft Farm & Winery, signup at [oakencroftfarm.com](http://oakencroftfarm.com)

### **Tech Team and Social Media**

#### **Website** – Van Ruffner and Molly Carey

- Van taking over for Mercer Taylor who did an amazing job with building the original site! Please send future ideas, corrections, etc. to Van [vanruffner@gmail.com](mailto:vanruffner@gmail.com)
- Useful and usable with LOTS of up-to-date information; meeting dates & locations (Word doc), newsletters, minutes, guides & tips, history & reference materials
- Programs, Info & Community Updates
  - This section is for events **outside** of BGC: send things you want included to Van
  - Good place to list plant material needed for arrangements and plants for Peter Paul Playground
  - Links to sites and info related to our meeting speakers
- Garden Week Assignments
- Exhibiting Style Guides plus arranging and exhibiting tips
- Awards: Exhibiting descriptions as well as histories & previous winners
- Green Books
- Archives: links to old Green Books
- Member Roster: click on photo to get detailed information; hoping to add a change of address form – let Van know if you need to update info or photo
- Member Profiles: details about committee histories beginning with 2003
- Conservation and Gardening Tips sections have a lot of valuable information!

#### **Social Media** – Laura Strickler

- Boxwood is on Instagram “boxwoodgardenclub” & Facebook “the boxwood garden club”
- For fun and engagement, not as a primary source of club information
- Public pages so non-members can see
  - Meeting & event reminders

- Photos of arrangements
- Showing off our members in action at related events
- Highlighting our good works in the community
- How can we help? Send the following items to post to Laura [laurastrickler@gmail.com](mailto:laurastrickler@gmail.com)
  - Photos: Boxwood events & committee gatherings; club arrangements & projects
  - Updates, reminders, and other info relevant to BGC with at least 2 days lead time

### **Google Drive** – Molly Carey, Van Ruffner, and Sarah Crane

- Google drive is like an electronic filing cabinet housing all Boxwood documents
- Each Board Member & Committee Head has a folder, not available to membership
- Houses past & current docs
- Let Van or Molly know if you find an editable doc that should be locked

### **Fundraising Committee** – Camille Robinson

- The Shops at 5807 Shopping Night: Joan Sewell, Dec. 5 (6 – 8 pm)
- 2024 Fundraising Event: Camille Robinson, Proposed Art Show. Request for ideas and volunteers, especially experienced w Art Shows. [camille@robinsonRVA.com](mailto:camille@robinsonRVA.com)
- Merch: Kate Whitehead - exploring BGC items for pre-order: Tervis tumblers, aprons, notepads, note cards – any ideas for gift-giving to [kwassum@mindspring.com](mailto:kwassum@mindspring.com)

### **Membership Committee** – Kim Condyles

- Will discuss & vote in November on prospective members
- Member status transitions and changes timeline/due dates

### **Boxwood Projects** – Anna Aquino

- Join the Planting, Pruning and Pulling Team for the PPD fall planting day, on November 3rd!
- Report for Capital Trees, Bee City, Bandy Field, PPD Playground Garden
  - Bee City – hopefully will be passed this fall by City Council!! Caretakers of Richmond’s Green Assets helped to get forward momentum. Lots of inspiration from UR Eco Corridor. Group learning how to create and maintain meadows (like at the Carillon) for future implementation around RVA.
  - Anna to be featured speaker at JRGC meeting re: invasives
  - Capital Trees is fundraising for a new community garden at Hotchkiss Field Community Center in Northside on Brookland Park Blvd
  - Peter Paul Playground – need plants! THANKS FOR ALL WHO DONATED and/or DIVIDED PLANTS for PPD! Wish list of native plants attached below.

### **Exhibits Chairs Information Share and Exhibit Winners**

- Make sure all exhibits are on the tables and ready for judges by 9:30 am!  
*(Get Artistic from Lisa Caperton/Hort from Jenny Andrews)*

## **Photography** – Gina Denniston (also chair of GCV photography committee)

- Give it a try! You get credit, feedback, enjoyment
- Rules & schedule in Green Book
- 1 photo per class
- GCV Photo Challenge; fall; anyone can enter online (*add link*)
- **Exhibit Totals!**

### Class 1

Blue: Molly Carey, Judy Kidd, Katherine Whitehead, Sarah Crane

Red: Van Ruffner, Laura Stickler

Yellow: Liz Price, Lisa Tripodi

### Class 2

Blue: Kit Sullivan, Van Ruffner, Sarah Crane

Red: Molly Carey, Laura Trevey

## **Horticulture** – Jenny Andrews

- Exhibiting guidelines on handout from meeting PLUS your Green Book *OR* the revamped [BoxwoodGC.org](http://BoxwoodGC.org) are excellent resources with lots of details!
- Be sure to follow the schedule!
- Cardboard 4- and 6- pack bottle carriers are great for transportation
- Exhibit Totals!

### **Class One Herbs**

Katherine Adamson - one yellow

Kit Sullivan - one green, two red, three yellow

Sally Young - 3 Red

Margaret Simpson - Two red, one yellow

Kay Tyler - 2 green

Connie Saffelle - one green, one blue

Suzy Haborle - two green, one blue

Kathryn Angus - One blue, three yellow , two red

Natalee Johnson's - one green

Joan Sewell - one green

Marge Street - one red

Jennifer Hudgins - one green

Mignon- two green , one yellow

### Class Two Rose

Kit - Blue

## **Artistic** – Lisa Caperton

- On your exhibit cards, the judges comments are from GCV guidelines and are for learning
- Reach out to members who are judges for help (Kit, Janice; Camille, Sarah R in training)
- Refer to Green Book Exhibits Section, and also GCV & BGC websites for detailed info
- Exhibit Totals!

### **Class I**

Blue: Muffy Jamieson  
Red: Sarah Crane  
White: Lisa Caperton, Kathryn Angus

**Class II**

Blue: Missy Goode  
Red: Kathryn Angus  
Yellow: Lisa Caperton  
White: Bobbie Flatin, Natalee Johnsrud, Kay Tyler

***Member Announcements/New Business***

- **Sharon Moody's Grand Opening of White Willow Home**, next door to Shore Dog.  
Grand Opening Open House: Thursday, September 28, 5-8 pm
- **Westover Pilgrimage House Tours September 30** – [www.westoverparish.org](http://www.westoverparish.org) for tickets,  
Westover Pilgrimage in Charles City. [www.westoverepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.westoverepiscopalchurch.org)
- **Others Announcements**
  - Raffle Winners

***Adjourned Meeting.***

***NEXT MEETING:***

- **October 24, Exhibits in place by 9:30 am, Program & Meeting at 10 am**
- *Chris Frelke: Richmond's Monumental Movement in Parks*
- Byrd Park Round House: 621 Westover Road, Richmond, VA 23220

## **BOXWOOD GARDEN CLUB NATIVE PLANTS WISH LIST for PPD 2023-24**

*Amsonia hubrichtii* threadleaf bluestar  
*Asclepias incarnata* swamp milkweed  
*Aster divaricatus* 'Eastern Star' white wood aster  
*Chelone lyonii* 'Hot Lips' turtlehead  
*Chrysogonum virginianum* 'Superstar' green and gold  
*Coreopsis verticillata* whorled tickseed  
*Echinacea purpurea* Echinacea purple  
*Eryngium yuccifolium* rattlesnake master  
*Eupatorium coelestinum* hardy ageratum, blue mistflower  
*Helenium autumnale* common sneezeweed  
*Helianthus* 'Lemon Queen' sunflower  
*Heliopsis helianthoides* smooth oxeye  
*Heuchera americana* 'Dale's Strain' American alumroot  
*Hibiscus moscheutos* swamp rosemallow  
*Liatris spicata* blazing star or gayfeather  
*Lobelia cardinalis* cardinal flower  
*Lobelia siphilitica* great blue lobelia  
*Lonicera sempervirens* trumpet honeysuckle or coral honeysuckle  
*Mertensia virginica* Virginia bluebells  
*Monarda* 'Gardenview Scarlet' beebalm  
*Monarda punctata* spotted beebalm or dotted horsemint  
*Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red' beardtongue  
*Physostegia virginiana* 'Pink Manners' PP23482 obedient plant or false dragonhead  
*Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm' orange coneflower or black-eyed Susan  
*Ruellia humilis* wild petunia  
*Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks' goldenrod or wrinkleleaf goldenrod  
*Tiarella cordifolia* 'Brandywine' foamflower  
*Verbena hastata* swamp verbena  
*Vernonia lettermannii* 'Iron Butterfly' ironweed  
*Veronicastrum virginicum* Culver's root  
*Zizia aurea* golden Alexanders or golden zizia

Boxwood Garden Club Budget 2023 - 2024

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<b>Income</b>			
	Dues		15,855
	Initiation Fees		700
	Total Dues and Initiation Fees		16,555
	Interest Income		36
	5807 Fundraiser		800
	Other Income - stationery sale		200
	Other Fundraising Event		2,000
	Donations received		450
<b>Total Income</b>			20,041
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Boxwood Program Expenses		
		Speaker fees	1,000
		Meeting space rent and expenses	750
		New Member Orientation	100
		Four Club meeting expense	500
		Historic Garden Week flowers & supplies	500
		Website expenses	800
			4.5 hours remaining on contract
	Total Boxwood Program Expenses		3,550
	GCV Program Expenses		
		GCV Dues (\$65/member)	7,865
		GCV Meeting/Program Expense	300
		GCV Annual Meeting transportation/hotel	500
		GCV Board Meeting transportation/hotel	500
		GCV Flower Show & horticulture expenses	500
		KV House flowers & supplies	300
		GCV Conservation Workshop & Forum	100
	Total GCV Program Expenses		10,065
	Outreach Expenses		
		Peter Paul Development Center playground	350
	Fundraising Expenses		1,000
	Administrative Expenses		
		Printing and postage	250
		Green Book-printing, envelopes & postage	700
		Annual filing fee with SCC	25
		Stationery printing	100
		Other administrative	350
			Nametags, green ribbon
	Total Administrative Expenses		1,425
<b>Total Expenses</b>			16,390
<b>Boxwood Contributions</b>			
	Total Boxwood Contributions		2,000
<b>Total Expenses including Contributions</b>			18,390
<b>Net Income</b>			1,651
			9/18/2023