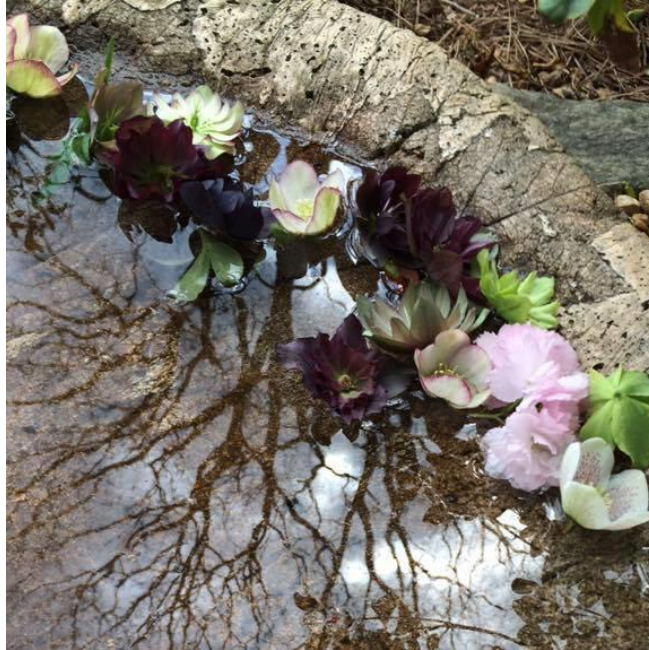


The Warrenton Garden Club



The Shadow Passes, The Light Remains

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1913

Founder Member of
The Garden Club of Virginia

1920

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Gina Farrar

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Mrs. John W. Lindquist	2006-2008
Mrs. Robert C. Dart	2008-2010
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Mrs. Dale A. Lindsay.....	2012-2014
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PROGRAMS, HORTICULTURE AND ARTISTIC INFORMATION

WGC PROGRAMS, ASSIGNMENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

2018-2019

September 13, 2018

10:00 AM

Program: "Recycling and Waste Management at Fauquier County Landfill"
Trish Ethier, Recycling Information Program Coordinator for Fauquier County
Hostess: Maria Tufts
8718 Springs Rd.
RSVP: tufts4@earthlink.net
Artistic: Create a design of your choice using flowers from your garden.
Horticulture: Bring a native American wildflower labeled with botanical and common names.

Sept. 25-26 GCV Fall Symposium, Richmond

Oct. 9-11 GCA Zone VII Meeting, "What's the Buzz in Virginia's Blue Ridge?" Roanoke

Oct. 11 "Sustainers' Containers" Evening Social and Fundraiser **6:00 – 8:00 PM**
Come for an evening of conversation, refreshments, and your chance to help the club raise a few dollars. Priceless books and ever-sought-after containers will be for sale.
Location: Piedmont Environmental Council, 45 Horner St.
Hostess: Laurie Starke
RSVP: lstarke0205@gmail.com

Oct. 15-17 Board of Governors Meeting, Alexandria

October 21 (Sunday)

4:00 PM

Program: Conservation Meeting - "C-Change" (Climate Change)
Rice Theater, Highland School
Presentation by a group of GCA members from Princeton, NJ, committed to bringing the discussion of climate change out of the political area and into local communities, believing that citizens want to know more about how climate change is going to affect their lives and futures.
No artistic or horticulture assignments

October 25 GCV Conservation Forum, Charlottesville

November 8**10:00 AM**

Program: "Local Color"

Location: First Baptist Church, 39 Alexandria Pike

Local Color Flowers is a Baltimore-based floral design business that creates personalized arrangements and bouquets from fresh, seasonal, and sustainable flowers cultivated by local specialty growers. They are committed to responsible use of resources, supporting the local economy, promoting neighboring farms, and providing clients an environmentally and socially conscious alternative when purchasing flowers.

Hostess: Kirsten Dueck

RSVP: kirstendueck@gmail.com

Artistic: Make a fruit and vegetable arrangement for a Thanksgiving table.

Horticulture: Pressed flower or leaf identified by botanical and common names and habitat

December 13**10:00 AM**

Program: Making Christmas arrangements with residents of The Villa at Suffield Meadows

Location: The Villa at Suffield Meadows

Hostess: Ellen Soyars

RSVP: ellen.soyars@gmail.com

Artistic: None

Horticulture: Bring conditioned greens and pine cones to create arrangements with Villa residents.

January 10, 2019**10:00 AM**

Program: Dede Petri, President of the Garden Club of America

Location: Piedmont Environmental Council, 45 Horner St.

Hostess: Kathleen Nevill

RSVP: kathleen@carterandspence.com

Artistic: Make a special treat for the birds.

Horticulture: Bring a favorite horticulture publication, magazine, book, website, or app.

February - No Meeting**Feb. 24-27** National Affairs and Legislation Meeting, Washington, DC**March 14****5:00 PM**

Program: Historic Garden Week

Hostess: Douglas Wise-Stuart

7295 Hawthorne Farm Rd., Marshall, VA

RSVP: mdouglaswise@gmail.com

Artistic: Western Line arrangement. Please refer to the GCV website for description and photos.

Horticulture: Anything blooming in your garden

April 11**5:00 PM****Annual Meeting**

Hostess: Ann-Rodman Shook
7578 Bear Wallow Rd.
RSVP: arashook@aol.com
Artistic: An Ikebana design using forced branches, foliage, and/or bulbs
Horticulture: Best Narcissus

April 27-May 4 Historic Garden Week**May 7-9** GCV Annual Meeting, Portsmouth**May 9****10:00 AM**

Program: Field Trip – Revisit Clifton and see the wonderful progress of The Gina Farrar Garden
Location: The Clifton Institute, 6712 Blantyre Rd.
Hostess: Lauren Lawson
RSVP: laurenwlawson@gmail.com
No artistic or horticulture assignments if there is a field trip

June Horticulture Field Day – Date and location TBA**June 13****10:00 AM**

Program: Jean Gilpin, President, Garden Club of Virginia
Location: Piedmont Environmental Council, 45 Horner St.
Hostess: Bibi de Heller
RSVP: bibi.deheller@gmail.com
Artistic: Create a centerpiece for a bridal luncheon
Horticulture: Bring a plant growing in your garden that attracts butterflies or other pollinators. Identify with botanical and common names.

June 25-26 HGW Boot Camp, Richmond**July 10****10:00 AM**

Program: Floral Arranging
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Artistic: Mille Fleurs arrangement. See the GCV website for description and photos.
Horticulture: Best lily, canna lily, or daylily

August – No Meeting

ARTISTIC AND HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS

2018-2020

Exhibits:

Members may bring more than one exhibit for either Artistic or Horticulture Exhibit or both, but only one (your designation) for each category will be judged.

Please have exhibits in place, with proper identification, 15 minutes prior to meeting time.

All active members are required to enter at least seven Warrenton Garden Club exhibits (in either Artistic or Horticulture or combination) during the year. (There is a fine for those who fail to meet the minimum.)

Horticulture Exhibits:

All specimens entered for exhibit must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least three months.

All horticulture entries should be displayed in small, green Perrier bottles (sans label) or clear gin/vodka bottles for larger, taller entries, unless otherwise specified. Each member should keep those bottles on hand.

Water should be carefully filled to the brim once you arrive at the host location: take care not to spill onto furniture.

Place only one specimen/bloom per bottle. To make the specimen/bloom stand straight, if needed, use clear plastic wrap around the stem at the opening of the bottle (unless otherwise specified.) Be sure your specimen/plant material has been groomed and is free of pest or disease.

All horticulture entries must be identified on a plain white card/paper by common and botanical names, plus additional horticulture information (habitat or culture) and other information as required. The member's name should appear on the reverse of the identification card.

Artistic Exhibits:

Artistic entries will be judged according to the online GCV Flower Shows Handbook on the website at www.gcvirginia.org under "Flower Shows," click on "Handbook," then click on the "Floral Styles & Designs."

Novices:

"Novices" are now defined as exhibitors in either horticulture or artistic classes who have never won a Blue Ribbon at a GCV show. You are encouraged to enter often. Both the GCV and GCA have special awards categories for Novices.

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The Garden Club of America

FENWICK MEDAL

Presented to a Garden Club of America member in recognition of creative work of outstanding beauty in the use and arrangement of growing or cut plant material, fruits or vegetables in a competitive class at a major GCA Flower Show.

1946 Mary R. S. Day

ZONE VII CONSERVATION AWARD

Presented in recognition of outstanding service in conservation.

1981 Hope Wallach Porter

SPECIAL AWARD

Presented in recognition of outstanding work in the preservation of tropical rain forests.

1985 Majorie Sale Arundel

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Presented in recognition of outstanding achievement and in tribute to creative vision and ability in the interpretation and furtherance of the aims of the Garden Club of America.

1986 Marjorie Sale Arundel

MEDAL OF HONOR

Awarded for outstanding service to horticulture.

1996 Marjorie Sale Arundel

ELIZABETH ABERNATHY HULL AWARD

Presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the environmental education of youth.

1999 Virginia Howard Farrar

ZONE VII MISTY SEIPP HORTICULTURE ARTS AWARD

2001 Carl Braun

CLUB MEDAL OF MERIT

2005 Jane Jenkins

CLUB HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2005 Kay Mackie

CLUB CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

2006 Susan Roszel

DOROTHY VIETOR MUNGER AWARD

Presented in recognition of creative work of outstanding beauty using predominantly fresh plant material.

2010 Jane Jenkins

ZONE VII HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Presented in recognition for outstanding achievement in historic preservation and/or restoration within the environs of the zone.

2014 Mary Lou Seilheimer

CLUB CONSERVATION COMMENDATION

Presented in recognition for having made a significant contribution to conservation in the community.

2014 Patricia Smith Johnson

The Garden Club of Virginia

THE MASSIE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT

Presented in recognition of outstanding work in the field of horticulture, service to the Garden Club of America with unusual dedication and distinction, improvement of the quality of life, or effectiveness in the protection, restoration, or preservation of the natural beauties of our Commonwealth.

1938 Mrs. George Sloan

2008 Mrs. Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr.

DE LACY GRAY MEMORIAL MEDAL FOR CONSERVATION

Presented in recognition of outstanding service in the dissemination of knowledge of the natural resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the conservation and wise development of such resources.

1978 Hope Wallach Porter

1992 Marjorie Sale Arundel

2007 Jocelyn Arundel Sladen

2012 Virginia Farrar

THE HORTICULTURE AWARD OF MERIT

Presented in recognition for outstanding achievement in horticulture.

1964 Margaret Keith Jadwin

1965 Sally Appleton Mitchell

1972 Toni V. Catlett

1995 Joan Selzer Semple

The Warrenton Garden Club

THE APPLETON AWARD

Named in memory of founding member, Mary P.A. Appleton, this trophy was established in 1973 and is awarded occasionally “to stimulate knowledge of, and continuing interest in, horticulture.

Perpetual Silver Trophy

1987 Laurie Starke

1999 Josine Hitchcock

2000 Ellen Soyars

2006 Josine Hitchcock

2015 Eileen Wilson

POINT SCORING FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The Garden Club of Virginia has a point system which is used by judges as a guide in Inter Club competition and which is listed in the GCV's Flower Show Handbook. These points are listed below to familiarize you with them and to encourage your participation in our monthly meetings.

Suggested Scale of Points

Mass

Conformance to schedule.....	10
Design	35
Color Harmony.....	20
Distinction	20
Condition.....	15
Total	100

Massed Line

Conformance to schedule.....	10
Design	30
Color Harmony.....	20
Distinction	20
Suitability of material	10
Condition.....	10
Total	100

Line

Conformance to schedule.....	10
Design	35
Interesting use of space	20
Restraint.....	15
Selection of material	10
Condition.....	10
Total	100

Period Arrangements

Design	20
Appropriateness to period	40
Color	20
Distinction.....	20
Total.....	100

Free-Form Designs

Conformance to schedule.....	10
Design	25
Color	15
Distinction.....	15
Originality.....	20
Expression.....	15
Total.....	100

Abstract Designs

Abstract Concept.....	15
Design	25
Distinction.....	25
Originality.....	20
Expression.....	15
Total.....	100

Mobiles and Stables

Movement0.....	20
Design	30
Color Harmony.....	15
Distinction	15
Expression	20
Total	100

Miniature Designs

Scale	35
Design (all other principles).....	25
Color Harmony.....	10
Distinction	15
Expression	15
Total	100

In the Oriental Manner Designs

Conformance	15
Design	35
Restraint	20
Interpretation	15
Distinction.....	15
Total.....	100

Interpretive Designs

Conformance to schedule.....	10
Expression	35
Design	25
Color	15
Distinction.....	15
Total.....	100

An exhibit must score 90 or above to receive a blue ribbon, 85 or above to receive a red ribbon, and 75 or above to receive a yellow ribbon. Honorable mention must score 65 or more.

CONDITIONING TIPS

HOW TO PROLONG LIFE OF FRESH FLOWERS

Flower arrangers have favorite methods for conditioning flowers. If you have found a method that is satisfactory, continue to use it. However, the following methods have been tested and proven to be effective. There are three basic principles for conditioning flowers:

1. Maximizing water absorption and water maintenance:
 - Cut your flowers early in the morning or near or after sunset.
 - Cut the stems as long as possible.
 - Immediately place the flowers in warm water and leave them for several hours or overnight to absorb as much water as possible.
 - Split the ends of woody-stemmed flowers or branches. Place them in hot water and leave them for eight hours or overnight.
 - For flowers with stems that bleed white milky juices (such as poinsettias and poppies), sear the stem over a flame to seal the cut and preserve moisture.
 - Re-cut stems before placing the flowers in arrangements.
2. Minimizing bacteria growth:
 - Use fresh water, clean clippers and clean containers. To clean a container, fill it with water, add a small amount of liquid bleach, and leave it for at least fifteen minutes.
 - Remove all leaves that would be underwater in the arrangement to prevent the growth of bacteria and rotting.
 - Add a small amount of alcohol, liquid bleach or sugar to the water in your vase or container to retard the growth of bacteria. Use the following proportions:
Alcohol: One teaspoon of vodka or grain alcohol (not rubbing alcohol) to one quart of water.
Bleach: One teaspoon of bleach to one quart of water.
Sugar: One tablespoon of sugar to one quart of water.
 - Since cut flowers absorb an amazing amount of water, add water to the vase or container daily. If the water is cloudy, add a little liquid bleach with the new water. (There is really no need to change all the water in the container; just add new water as needed.) When arrangements are first made, water is absorbed very quickly. Be sure to check the water level daily.
3. Reviving wilted flowers:
 - Re-cut ends of stems. Place stems in very hot water on a slant so that steam will not damage the blooms.
4. Special terminology used in this publication:
Soak: Place flower stems in deep water up to the neck of the flowers for two or more hours.
Submerge: Cover entirely with water.
Sear: Hold cut stem in a flame for a few seconds using a candle, lighter or a gas range.
Split Stems: Make several vertical cuts one to two inches upward from the base of the stem with a knife or sharp clippers.

Guidelines for Conditioning Individual Flowers

In this booklet, most flowers are listed in alphabetical order by their common name. However, some flowers are listed by their botanical name when this name is used more frequently.

ALLIUM

Condition for several hours or overnight in cool water. Add one teaspoon of bleach each quart of water in the container to prevent an onion-like odor.

ANDROMEDA (PIERIS JAPONICA)

Split stems. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

ANEMONE (JAPANESE)

Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cool water.

ANEMONE (WINDFLOWER)

Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition for several hours or overnight in cold water. Does not do well in oasis because stems tend to soften.

APPLE BLOSSOMS

Cut before bloom fully opens. Split stems. Place in hot water and condition overnight. Spray foliage with a fine mist of cool water.

ARTEMISIA

Split stems and place in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in warm water.

ASTER (MICHAELMAS DAISY, STOKESIA)

Split stems and place in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in tepid water.

ASTILBE

Condition overnight in warm water.

AUCUBA JAPONICA

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water. Foliage lasts for months.

AZALEA

Split stems. Add one teaspoon of alcohol for each quart of hot water and condition overnight. Each small branch cut from the main stem must be reconditioned. Spray with a fine mist of cold water.

BABY'S BREATH (GYPSOPHILA)

Condition for two hours or more in cold water.

BACHELOR'S BUTTON (CORNFLOWER)

Cut flowers when fully open because buds will not open after cutting. Condition overnight in warm water.

BAMBOO

Place stems in boiling white vinegar for two minutes. Submerge in cold water overnight.

BAPTISIA (FALSE INDIGO)

Condition overnight in hot water.

BEGONIA

Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in deep, cool water.

BEGONIA REX LEAVES

Dip stems in boiling water for thirty seconds. Submerge in cold water for one hour. Place stems in cool water and allow leaves to dry before arranging.

BELLS OF IRELAND

Submerge overnight in cold water.

BERGENIA

Submerge leaves for a few hours in cold water. Dry them off before arranging.

BERRIES

Split stems and condition overnight in warm water. Spray with clear plastic to prevent berries from drooping.

BITTERSWEET

Cut before fruit opens. Strip off leaves. Hang in a dark, dry place. Berries will open with no blemishes. Spray with clear plastic spray to prevent berries from shriveling.

BLACK-EYED SUSAN (RUDBECKIA)

Cut when flowers are one-fourth open. Do not take much foliage from young plants because it is needed to produce strong growth for the next year. Dip stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cold water.

BLEEDING-HEART (DICENTRA)

Cut when flowers are one-fourth open. Do not take much foliage from young plants because it is needed to produce strong growth for the next year. Dip stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cold water.

BURNING-BUSH

Condition for several hours in warm water.

BUTTERFLY-BUSH (BUDDLEIA)

Cut when one-half of flower spike is open. Split stems and place in hot water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cool water.

BUTTERFLY-WEED

Pick when flower is one-half open. Add two tablespoons of sugar for each quart of warm water and condition overnight. If flowers wilt, revive them in hot water.

CALADIUM

Dip stem in boiling water. Submerge the whole leaf in cold water for several hours.

CALENDULA (POT MARIGOLD)

Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

CAMELLIA

Cut an individual bloom when fully open. Wrap in wet cotton and condition in refrigerator overnight. When cutting a branch, split stems and condition overnight in warm water.

CANDYTUFT (IBERIS)

Split woody stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

CANTERBURY BELLS (CAMPANULA)

Sear stems. Condition in deep, cold water for several hours.

CARNATION

Rub stem ends in salt. Condition for two hours or more in deep, cool water.

CARYOPTERIS (HARDY BLUE SPIREA)

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

CATTAIL

Gather early in the season. Will last indefinitely out of water. Spray with hair or acrylic spray to keep from disintegrating.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS (PRUNUS)

Split woody stems. Dip stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition for two hours or more in deep, cold water.

CHRYSANTHEMUM

Split stems. Remove foliage from stems that will be below the water line. Condition for several hours in deep, cold water.

CLEOME (SPIDER FLOWER)

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

COLUMBINE (AQUILEGIA)

Place stems in warm water for one hour before arranging.

CORAL BELLS (HEUCHERA)

Cut when one-half of spray is in flower.
Condition overnight in warm water.

COREOPSIS

Cut fully open flowers with centers still tight.
Condition overnight in deep, cold water. Add one tablespoon of salt to each quart of water.

COSMOS

Pick when center of flower is smooth and before pollen ripens. Condition overnight in deep, cold water. Pollen contains moisture which might harm furniture.

DAFFODIL

Squeeze the substance from the lower part of the stem before placing in one or two inches of water. Since daffodils do not like oasis, arrange in flower picks or small jars buried in oasis, or punch holes in oasis with a pencil for each daffodil.

DAHLIA

Place stems in two to three inches of boiling water for a few minutes, then immediately into cold water. Condition overnight in cold water.

DAISY (SHASTA)

Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition for two hours or more in deep, warm water.

DAYLILY (HEMEROCALLIS)

The flowers will last for only one day. Buds continue to open in water. Cut stems on a slant. Condition for several hours in warm water.

DELPHINIUM

Cut when the upper flowers are in bud and the florets have just opened. Condition overnight in deep, cold water.

DEUTZIA

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

DIANTHUS (SWEET WILLIAM)

Re-cut stems. Condition overnight in cold water. Never leave out of water before arranging as color will fade.

DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS (CORNUS)

Cut in early morning or late afternoon. Cut before fully open. Split woody stems. Condition overnight in warm water. Each small branch cut from the main stem must be reconditioned.

DUSTY MILLER

Split stems. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

ECHINOPS (GLOBE THISTLE)

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

EVERGREENS

Split stems. Condition overnight in hot water.

FERNS

Pick after spores are brown. Submerge overnight in cold water. Remove and place stems in water until ready to arrange.

FEVERFEW

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

FORSYTHIA

Split stems. Place in boiling water for one or two minutes and then immediately into cold water. Add a dash of alcohol to the water. Condition overnight.

FOXGLOVE (DIGITALIS)

Condition overnight in warm water.

GERANIUM

Place in warm water for several hours. Spray with hair spray to keep petals from falling off so quickly.

GERBERA

Dip stems in boiling water. Condition overnight in cold water.

GLADIOLUS

Cut when second flower opens. Leave out of water for one-half hour. Split stems and condition overnight in cold water.

GOLDEN RAIN TREE

Cut when flowers are one-half open. Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

GOLDENROD (SOLIDAGO)

Remove most of the leaves and condition overnight in tepid water.

HAZEL (CORYLUS)

Peel off two or three inches of bark and split the stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

HERBS

Avoid new growth. Condition overnight in tepid water. Spray foliage with a fine mist of cool water.

HONEYSUCKLE

Dip stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cool water.

HOSTA

Cut when two or three flowers are open. Split stems. Place in cold water almost up to flower heads and condition overnight. The leaves should be submerged overnight in cold water.

HYDRANGEA

Flowers will last better if they are cut when they are mature. If possible, cut some woody stem with the flower. Split and sear stems. Submerge in tepid water for several hours. Spray flowers with a fine mist of cool water.

IRIS

Cut stem on the slant after flower begins to open. It will be in full bloom by morning. Condition for several hours in cold water. Remove each flower as it fades.

IVY

Submerge in cool water for two to four hours. Condition overnight in cold water.

LABURNUM

Split stems and scape off two inches of bark. Remove unnecessary leaves. Condition overnight in warm water.

LADY'S MANTLE (ALCHEMILLA MOLLIS)

Remove a few of the leaves. Place stems in deep, warm water. Condition overnight.

LARKSPUR

Condition overnight in cool water.

LAUREL

Split woody stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

LAVENDER

Cut flowers when one-half the spike is open. Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

LEAVES

If you wish leaves to be curled or to go in wavy shapes, tie them with string into a loose or tight roll. Place in deep, cold water for several hours.

LILAC (SYRINGA)

Split stems. Strip off all leaves except for the one nearest the top blossom. Peel off bark two inches up the stem. Dip stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Add a dash of alcohol to tepid water and condition overnight. For arrangements, leaves can be used separately and conditioned in the same way.

LILY

Cut stems on a slant and condition in warm water for several hours. Remove stamen tips with scissors to keep flowers clean. When cutting a lily, never cut more than one-half of the stem because the bulb feeds from the remainder of the stem.

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

Condition for an hour or two in deep, warm water.

LOBELIA (CARDINAL FLOWER)

Cut when one-fourth to one-half of the flowering spike is open. Place stem ends in boiling water for a few minutes. Condition several hours in tepid water. Remove faded flowers as upper buds unfold.

MAGNOLIA

Scrape bark away from base of stems. Split stems. Place in hot water and allow to cool in water before arranging.

MAHONIA

Peel off about two inches of bark from base of the stems. Split stems. Place in boiling water for several minutes. Condition for six hours or more in warm water.

MAIDENHAIR FERN (ADIANTUM)

Submerge whole stem in hot water. When water cools, tie in a plastic bag and leave in a cool place for one or two days.

MARGUERITE

Re-cut stems underwater. Condition overnight in warm water.

MAPLE LEAVES (IN AUTUMN)

Hammer stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

MILKWEED

Cut when one-half open. Remove as much foliage as possible. Sear stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

MIMOSA

Cut when one-half in flower. Submerge flower heads in cold water for a few seconds; then dip the stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition for several hours in warm water.

MINT

Place stems in boiling water for several minutes. Condition overnight in cool water.

MOCK-ORANGE

Split stems. Place in warm water immediately and condition overnight. Remove as many leaves as possible as it is difficult to supply enough water for both the leaves and the flowers.

MONARDA

Cut when one-fourth to one-half of the blooms on each stem open. Condition overnight in warm water. Other buds will open.

MONEY PLANT (HONESTY/LUNARIA)

Place stems in very hot water for a few minutes. Condition overnight in cool water.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL

Cut flowers when they begin to open. Split stems. Place in boiling water for one to two minutes and then immediately into cold water. Add a dash of alcohol to water. Condition overnight.

NANDINA

Submerge overnight in cool water. Foliage will last for weeks. Berries last well when placed in water. Berries can be dried.

OBEDIENT PLANT (PHYSOSTEGIA)

Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

PANSY

Pinch off rather than cut stems. Place in cold water immediately and condition overnight.

PEACH BLOSSOMS

Scrape bark two to three inches upward from the base of the stem. Split stems and dip in boiling water. Condition overnight in deep, cool water.

PEONY

Cut when flowers just begin to open. Sear stems or place in boiling water for two minutes. Turn upside down. Let water run lightly over flower and foliage. Condition overnight in warm water. Do not put in metal container. Stems must be seared again if re-cut for arranging.

PHLOX

Cut when clusters are one-half open. Split stems. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

PHOTINIA

Split stems. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

POINSETTIA

Cut from potted plant. Split stems. Sear stems for fifteen seconds to seal off sticky sap. Condition overnight in cool water. Will last for approximately one week in oasis.

POKEWEED

Place stems in boiling water for a few minutes. Condition in warm water for several hours or overnight. When using berries, remove leaves and condition for several hours in tepid water.

POPPY

Cut as bud shows color. Sear stems. Condition overnight in deep, cold water. If necessary to cut stems a second time, sear stems again.

PUSSYWILLOW

Cut when buds on one-fourth of branch have matured. Split stems. Condition in cold water until all buds have matured. Remove from water. Will last indefinitely.

QUEEN ANNE'S LACE

Cut at any stage, but it will keep best if cut before completely open. Avoid getting water on the bloom. Condition overnight in hot water. Will last approximately one week to ten days.

QUINCE BLOSSOMS

Split stems. Condition overnight in hot water.

REDBUD

Flowers appear before foliage. Cut budded branches before flowers open. Flowers drop quickly if they have opened outdoors. Split stems and condition overnight in hot water. Spray branches once daily with cold water to prevent buds from dropping and to encourage them to open.

RED HOT POKER

Split stems. Condition overnight in deep, cold water.

RHODODENDRON

Split stems. Place in boiling water for one to two minutes and then immediately in cold water. Add a dash of alcohol to water. Condition for six hours or overnight.

ROSE

Remove large thorns and lower leaves. Split stems. Condition for several hours in hot water. If roses wilt, re-cut and recondition in very hot water.

SALVIA

Place stems in one inch of boiling water for one minute. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

SCABIOSA

Cut when almost fully open. Remove unnecessary foliage. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

SCILLA

Cut when one-half the flowers are open. Condition overnight in deep, cold water.

SEDUM

Cut stems on the slant. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

SNAPDRAGON (ANTIRRHINUM)

Cut when spikes are one-fourth in flower. Condition for several hours in warm water.

SPIREA

Cut branches when one-half of branch is in bloom. Split stems. Place in boiling water for a few minutes. Condition overnight in warm water.

SPURGE (EUPHORBIA)

Cut when clusters are one-half open. Never leave out of water for any length of time. Place stems in boiling water for about fifteen seconds. Condition overnight in warm water.

STATICE

Cut when flower is in full bloom and place in warm water several hours. Condition overnight in cold water.

STOCK

Cut in late afternoon when flowers look their best and before lower flowers begin to fade. Split stems. Place in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in cold water.

SUMAC

For both red and green sumac, place stems in boiling water for about twenty minutes. Submerge whole spray in cool water for several hours or overnight.

SUNFLOWER

Cut in late afternoon. Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

SWEET PEA (LATHYRUS)

Avoid getting water on the petals. Condition overnight in warm water. Handle as little as possible.

THISTLE

Let them wilt. Sear stems. Condition overnight in cool water.

TULIP

After cutting, prick stem with a pin under the head of the flower. To keep the blossom upright, soak in deep, warm water. Add one tablespoon of sugar for each quart of water in the container.

VERBENA

Cut flowers when buds are showing true color. Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in warm water.

VIBERNUM

Pick not only during the flowering stage but for the berries in autumn. Split stems and dip in boiling water for a few minutes. Condition overnight in deep, warm water.

VIOLET

Submerge violets for one hour in cold water. Condition overnight in cold water. Spray arrangement frequently with a fine mist of cool water. To make an attractive natural arrangement, dig a clump of violets and place in a plastic-lined basket.

VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS (MERTENSIA)

Cut when three to four flowers of each cluster are open. Remove lower leaves. Split stems. Condition overnight in hot water. If necessary, repeat hot water treatment.

WATER LILY

Arrange with the leaves. To prevent closing after cutting, drop melted wax between each petal so it cannot possibly close.

WEIGELA

Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water.

WILLOW

Split stems and place in one inch of boiling water for a few minutes. Submerge in cold water overnight.

WISTERIA

Cut when cluster is about one-fourth open. Split stems and condition overnight in deep, warm water. Spray blossoms and buds with fine mist of cold water.

WITCH-HAZEL (HAMAMELIS)

Split stems and condition in warm water overnight.

WOODY STEMS

Split and scrape stems about two to three inches up from the base. Condition overnight in warm water. If stems were not cut to the desired length for the arrangement, any new cut must be reconditioned.

YARROW (ACHILLEA)

Condition overnight in tepid water.

ZINNIA

Place stems in boiling water for a few seconds. Condition overnight in tepid water. Zinnias last better if plants are watered before they are cut.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

September 2018

Expectations of Members

- * In order to maintain a vibrant and cohesive Club, members are expected to attend meetings. Those members with recurrent conflicts can elect to assume primary responsibility for the Newsletter, Courthouse planters or other projects of importance, to be determined by the President and her Board. Attendance at a GCV or GCA sponsored meeting will be noted in the attendance book. Each member will serve on, or chair, at least one committee.
- * Members are expected to participate in and support Club fundraisers.
- * Members are to hostess or co-hostess a meeting every other year.
- * Members should make every effort to bring artistic and horticulture arrangements to each meeting as specified in the program. They are required to bring a combined minimum of 7 per year. If they cannot attend the meeting in person, they may send an arrangement and or a horticulture specimen via another member. Extra credit towards the point requirement will be given for any artistic arrangement and any award- winning horticulture specimen entered in any Garden Club of Virginia or Garden Club of America affiliation. The year begins with the Annual meeting in April and ends at the March meeting the following year. Members who have not fulfilled their requirements will be notified in January. A \$100.00 fine, due at the Annual Meeting, will be imposed on those not complying with this rule.
- * In order for meetings to begin on time, assignments are to be in place 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Exhibitors should arrive with a 3x5 index card filled out with her name, the name of the assignment, and identification of the plant material exhibited.
- * **Garden Week is on the calendar one year in advance and all members are required to work the two days of the tour.** The only exception is the Club President who will visit the houses each day and will help wherever needed. Flower arrangers will cut, condition, and arrange on Tuesday and will be required to hostess for one day during the tour.
- * Members are encouraged to open their homes for Garden Week. It is difficult to ask others to be generous with their homes if we will not do so ourselves.
- * Members will serve on either the Rose, Daffodil, or Lily Committee. They will help their committee organize prior to the Garden Club of Virginia shows by attending committee meetings, helping to locate an appropriate container, and picking and conditioning flowers for the test collection or the arrangement. Each club member must attend at least one flower show every three years.

Membership Proposals

- * Any active member, other than the President and Admissions, who has been a member for at least 2 years, may propose one candidate per year for membership in the Club. **The letters must be in the hands of the Admissions Secretary by September 1 or January 1st.**
- * Members are discouraged from proposing close relatives.
- * The proposing member shall mentor the member for a period of 1-2 years.

- * A new member will not be asked to chair a committee or create an arrangement for a Garden Club of Virginia flower show during her first two years.

Transition Policies

- * The Officers (President, 1st Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer) are elected for two years.
- * The names of the candidates are proposed at the January meeting prior to the Annual Meeting in April, creating a 90-day transitional period for the incoming Officers.
- * To facilitate a smooth transition, each outgoing officer should transfer the job description to her successor and explain the position and its responsibilities.
- * The transitional period is also the time for the incoming President to assign all new committee chairs. The outgoing committee chairs should hand over their job descriptions and inform the incoming chair about any ongoing projects that need attention.

Condolences

- * When a member dies, a flower arrangement will be created by a member of the Club and taken to the appropriate location dependent on the family's wishes.
- * The Warrenton Garden Club will send a donation of \$100.00 in honor of a deceased member to either Garden Club of Virginia or Garden Club of America.
- * A flower arrangement will be sent to the home of a member who loses an immediate member of her family.
- * Members will be notified of deaths or illnesses (provided that information can be shared) via the telephone tree and email as specified by the President or, if she is unavailable, the Vice President.
- * In anytime of special need of a member, the President has the discretion of sending a flower arrangement from the Club.

Expenses for Garden Club of Virginia & The Garden Club of America

- * The Treasurer shall pay 100% of the registration fees and 50% of the hotel and travel expenses for the President and one delegate to attend the GCA Zone Meeting, GCV Annual Meeting, and the GCA Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall pay 100% of the registration fee and 50% of the President's hotel and travel expenses for the Board of Governor's Meeting in the Fall.
- * The Treasurer shall pay 50% of the fees for registration, hotel, and travel expenses for the Conservation Chair & delegate to attend the National Affairs and Legislative Meeting.
- * Fees for any activities not covered in the registration fee (i.e. optional field trips or dinners) shall be the responsibility of the attending member.
- * It is the responsibility of the member to turn her expenses in to the Treasurer in a timely fashion. A member may choose not to receive reimbursement.
- * At the termination of the President's tenure, a \$50.00 contribution will be sent to the Garden Club of Virginia in her name.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I.

NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR, CORPORATE SEAL

- A. The name of the Corporation is: THE WARRENTON GARDEN CLUB.
- B. The principal office of The Warrenton Garden Club shall be in Warrenton, Virginia. The Warrenton Garden Club may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or the purposes of The Warrenton Garden Club may require.
- C. The fiscal year of The Warrenton Garden Club shall commence on January 1 of each year and end on December 31, of each year.
- D. The Warrenton Garden Club shall have a corporate seal, circular in form and mounted upon a metal die, suitable for impressing the same upon paper and inscribed thereon the name of The Warrenton Garden Club and the words "Not For Profit," "Seal" and "Commonwealth of Virginia."

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSES

- A. The purposes for which The Warrenton Garden Club is organized are exclusively charitable and educational in order to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, horticulture and conservation through education and participation in civic projects; to share the advantages of association by means of open public meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications; to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment and public spaces through programs and action in the fields of conservation, civic improvement and education; to promote gardening among amateurs; to protect our native trees, wildflowers, and birds; to encourage conservation of our natural resources; to promote civic planting in public spaces; to encourage roadside beautification; to aid in the restoration and preservation of historic gardens in Virginia.
- B. The territory in which The Warrenton Garden Club's activities are principally to be conducted is Warrenton, Virginia.
- C. No part of the net earnings of The Warrenton Garden Club shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of The Warrenton Garden Club, or private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for The Warrenton Garden Club affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director, or officer of The Warrenton Garden Club or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of The Warrenton Garden Club. No substantial part of the activities of The Warrenton Garden Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and The Warrenton Garden Club shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III.
MEMBERSHIPS

A. The Warrenton Garden Club's membership shall consist of five classes.

1. Active
2. Associate
3. Sustaining
4. Honorary
5. Affiliate
6. Junior

B. The eligibility for membership in The Warrenton Garden Club shall be:

1. The possession of a garden and ability as a gardener.
2. Willingness to take part in Club activities when called.

C. The following questionnaire shall be answered by those proposing and seconding a new member.

1. Has the proposed member:

- a) A garden?
- b) Ability as a gardener?
- c) Knowledge of horticulture and conservation?
- d) Congenial personality?
- e) Willingness to cooperate in the following activities:
 - 1) In Executive work?
 - 2) In staging flower shows?
 - 3) In writing papers?
 - 4) In horticulture and conservation?
 - 5) In opening her house and/or garden, if requested?
 - 6) In community and public education work?

D. The proposing letter must state in what other ways the candidate is especially qualified for membership in The Warrenton Garden Club. The proposer shall be responsible for her candidate's understanding of her duties.

ARTICLE IV.

DEFINITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

A. Active members shall not exceed thirty-five (35) in number and shall be those who are able to attend meetings and take part in the work of the Club. Not more than two (2) members shall be transferred from Active to any other membership category in one year.

B. Associate members shall be those who have been active members in good standing and, for compelling reasons acceptable to the Board of Directors, wish to become temporarily inactive. Length and quality of service to the Club is to be given special consideration by the Board of Directors. They may attend meetings but have no vote, are not eligible to hold office and may not present or endorse names for membership. They are not called upon to entertain. They are members of The Garden Club of Virginia and The Garden Club of America with their privileges. After four years in the Associate class, members must return to Active membership when vacancies open in the Active class or must resign from The Warrenton Garden Club. Associate members may apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement in the Active class at any time prior to the completion of their four-year terms when there are vacancies in the Active roster. Reinstatement of Associate members into the Active category shall take precedence over the proposals of new members. The number of Associate members is limited to five (5).

C. Sustaining members shall be those who have been active members in good standing and for reasons acceptable to the Board of Directors can no longer be active. Length, twenty (20) years, and quality of service to the Club is to be given special consideration by the Board of Directors. They may attend meetings but have no vote, are not eligible to hold office and may not present or endorse names for membership; are not called upon to entertain but are members of The Garden Club of Virginia and The Garden Club of America with their privileges. Membership shall be limited to fifteen (15).

D. Honorary membership shall be awarded with strong recommendation of the Board of Directors to those whose knowledge of horticulture and conservation has enriched both The Warrenton Garden Club and the community. Honorary Members may attend meetings, but have no vote, nor may they hold office. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

E. Affiliate membership. The Garden Club of America Affiliate Membership is available to every Garden Club of America member. This may be granted at the discretion of her garden club Board to a member who:

1. Has served satisfactorily in one or more GCA clubs,
2. Is no longer active, or
3. Has moved to another area where there may not be a GCA club.
 - a) When a member resigns because she has moved, she may become an affiliate member of The Garden Club of America.
 - b) The Board of her former club may recommend her to the GCA club or clubs in her new area.
 - c) An Affiliate member of The Garden Club of America is part of a club's total Garden Club of America quota.
 - d) She may not hold office nor serve on a national committee. She may not represent her club as a delegate to a Zone or Annual Meeting. Each club shall specify the options she may retain within her own club such as dues, voting, attendance at meetings, exhibiting at flower shows, etc.

- e) The Affiliate member may attend The Garden Club of America lectures, enjoy the use of Headquarters and is eligible for Visiting Garden privileges.
- f) The names of Affiliate members must be filed at Headquarters. Affiliate membership may be granted by the Board of Directors of The Warrenton Garden Club to any member who has completed satisfactory service to the Club or become non-resident. Affiliate members moving to the Warrenton area from other GCA clubs may only become members of The Warrenton Garden Club through its normal membership channels. The Warrenton Garden Club shall not accept automatic transfers.

F. Junior members shall not exceed five (5) in number and shall be those who are under 40 years of age. They will be proposed for membership in the same way as Active members. They are required to attend four (4) meetings per year and must take part in one project of the Club per year. They shall pay no initiation fee and shall be charged reduced annual dues. They will not be called upon to entertain and shall retain no vote. They must be Active members in the Club after five years, when vacancies open in the Active class, but may do so earlier if they choose and openings permit.

G. Active members who wish to change their membership category shall write to the Admissions Secretary asking that their names be placed on the waiting list of their choice. Such requirements for transfer shall be considered for approval by the Board of Directors at its meetings immediately prior to the March and November meetings of the club.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

A. Members may be elected twice a year at the March and November meetings. If several vacancies exist, one or more may be filled if the Board of Directors so votes. No member shall propose more than one name during the period of one year. A new member may not propose or second a candidate for membership until she has been a member for a period of two years.

B. The name of each candidate shall be proposed in writing and shall be accompanied by the written endorsement of two other members together with a copy of the membership questionnaire. These papers shall be sent to the Admissions Secretary two months prior to the election meeting. The Admissions Secretary, who shall make no recommendations and has no vote in the Board of Directors, unless she is a member of the Board, after insuring that the papers are in order, shall turn them over to the President who in turn presents them to the Board of Directors.

C. After discussion of the candidate's qualifications, a written ballot will be taken. Every member of the Board of Directors must vote on each candidate, by absentee ballot if necessary, stating order of choice or a veto. A proposed name must receive the votes of two-thirds (6) of the Board of Directors in order to be presented to the club membership. Candidates' names are presented to the President at least one (1) month before an election meeting.

D. Vacancies in the club membership need not be filled if the majority of the Board of Directors so votes.

E. The Admissions Secretary shall also receive requests for transfer from one classification to another and in turn refer them to the President for Board of Directors approval.

F. All members shall receive ballots from the Admissions Secretary prior to the meeting when a vote for a new member or members takes place. Members who will attend the meeting will vote, by secret ballots, at the meeting. A member who cannot attend the meeting should let the Admissions Secretary know that her ballot will be mailed. Those mailing their ballots are urged to send them to the Admissions Secretary to arrive three (3) days prior to the vote, to accommodate slow mail and to allow the Admissions Secretary adequate time to follow up on possible lost or forgotten ballots. Election will be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current active membership. An unmarked ballot will be considered an abstention. The Corresponding Secretary will notify each candidate of her election to The Warrenton Garden Club and will write a letter outlining her duties as a member,

G. There shall be no waiting list for membership, but letters will be returned to senders and they may be resubmitted at least two months before the election meeting.

H. A candidate for Club membership is not to be notified of her proposal by anyone until after her election to the Club.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES

A. The annual dues for Active members shall be \$175.

B. The annual dues for Associate members shall be \$175.

C. The annual dues for Sustaining members shall be \$175.

D. The annual dues for Affiliate members shall be \$175.

a. The annual dues for Junior members shall be \$50; there will be no initiation fee for this class.

E. Dues are payable by January 31st.

F. There shall be an initiation fee of \$50 for new members.

ARTICLE VII.
OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

A. The officers of this Club shall be a President, a First and Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

B. The officers shall be elected by the members for the period of two (2) years, at the Annual Meeting of the Club. The names of candidates shall be proposed at the January meeting prior to the Annual Meeting by a Nominating Committee of three (3) members appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The affairs of this club shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the officers of the Club (elected under the procedure described in Article VII hereof) and three active members, whose names shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee and who shall be elected by the members for the period of one (1) year, at the Annual Meeting of the Club. The names of three active members nominated for the Board of Directors shall be proposed at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the Annual Meeting by a Nominating Committee of three (3) members appointed by the President.

B. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Admissions Secretary who shall carry out the procedure set forth in Article V of these bylaws and shall also receive requests for transfer from one membership classification to another.

ARTICLE IX.
MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the members and the Board of Directors shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, if possible. The Annual Meeting will be held in April; during this meeting members will receive annual reports, elect directors and officers, and vote upon policy changes.

ARTICLE X.
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted at any Regular Meeting by a written ballot and a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the active membership, providing that no amendment shall be adopted until it has been proposed in writing at a Regular Meeting held at least 30 days prior to its being voted upon.

ARTICLE XI.
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors; in the absence of the President, the First or Second Vice-President shall assume her duties.

B. The President shall appoint the chairmen of all standing committees.

C. The President shall prepare reports for the Annual Meeting of the Club, the Garden Club of America and the Garden Club of Virginia.

D. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, regular and executive, of the Club.

E. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the general correspondence of the Club. She shall keep a correct list of the membership. She shall promptly notify the Treasurer of any changes. She shall mail ballots to all members before all election meetings.

F. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds. She shall keep a correct list of the membership; she shall notify both the Garden Club of America and the Garden Club of Virginia of any changes in number, change of address, and change from one classification to another. She shall make a report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII.
STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Admissions
- B. Archive of American Gardens/Garden History and Design
- C. Club Administrator (formerly On-Line Chairman)
- D. Conservation and Beautification
- E. Community
- F. Flower Boxes
- G. Flower Clerk
- H. Flower Shows
- I. Fundraising
- J. Historian, Librarian and Scrapbook
- K. Historic Garden Week
- L. Horticulture
- M. Natural History Day Camp
- N. Newsletter
- O. Parliamentary
- P. Programs
- Q. Public Relations
- R. Representative to GCA Bulletin and GCV Journal
- S. Scholarships and Awards
- T. Test Collections
 - a. Daffodil
 - b. Lily
 - c. Rose
- U. Visiting Gardens
- V. Year Book

ARTICLE XIII.

USE OF ASSETS COMING INTO CORPORATION'S POSSESSION

Any money or property devised, bequeathed, conveyed, transferred, or given to The Warrenton Garden Club may be applied to the general purposes of The Warrenton Garden Club, unless the donor or transferor of such money or property at the time of the gift or transfer to The Warrenton Garden Club shall have specified some particular corporate purpose or purposes to which such money or property shall be applied, and in that event, such money or property shall be applied to the particular purpose or purposes so specified by the transferor or donor, or such purpose or purposes as will not be in conflict with the express or implied intent of the transferor or donor and that will not be in conflict with these bylaws and The Warrenton Garden Club's Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XIV.

QUORUM

Two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting and one-third of the active membership at the regular meetings. Exception: The vote for new members shall be two-thirds of the Active Membership.

ARTICLE XV.

EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, no member, director, officer, employee, agent or representative of this Warrenton Garden Club shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of The Warrenton Garden Club not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of such Code and regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING ALL OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE WARRENTON GARDEN CLUB, a Virginia non-stock corporation, certify that Bylaws are the duly authorized and officially adopted Bylaws of The Warrenton Garden Club as of September 2008, and shall be inserted in the Yearbook of The Warrenton Garden Club.

HISTORY

1911-1970

Copied from Follow the Green Arrow: The History of the Garden Club of Virginia, 1920-1970, Mrs. James Bland Martin (Historian/Editor), The Dietz Press, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, 1970.

WARRENTON was the first to come into a Virginia where electric lights were just appearing, the automobile and paved highways unknown, and the telephone primitive. "Polly, why don't you start a garden club in Warrenton?" In 1910 this question was asked Mrs. Samuel A. Appleton by her sister, Miss Ernestine Abercrombie Goodman, and by Mrs. J. Willis Martin, founders of The Garden Club of Philadelphia in April 1904, destined to be the mother of The Garden Club of America. Inspired, on her return to Warrenton, Mrs. Appleton went to Woodbourne to ask Miss Keith and Mrs. Lucien Keith what they thought. They liked the idea. Early the next year five friends met with Mrs. Appleton at Marshfield, a constitution and by-laws were written, and a list of potential members was made.

On May 4, 1911, the first meeting was held at Woodbourne, and Mrs. Lucien Keith was elected president. Included among the officers was "Garden Photographer," and she was Mrs. Appleton. (Later, its second and several times president, she wrote the Warrenton story from 1911 to 1921.)

"There were few of the popular garden magazines which we now have in such super abundance. Helen Rutherford Ely's Women's Hardy Garden, soon to become a best-seller, is credited with being largely responsible for awakening a nationwide interest in flower gardens. Of course our copy was dog-eared." (Later in 1916, at a GCA meeting, Mrs. Appleton met this author who was honeymooning at the meeting with her bridegroom, Benjamin Fairchild.)

In the spring of 1913 Warrenton was one of the twelve founding members of the GCA, and Mrs. Appleton was there. Her sister, Miss Goodman, "was ordered out of the room by Mrs. J. Willis Martin, the first President, and told not to return without a statement of policy, crystallizing the objects of the club." This still appears on each issue of the GCA Bulletin.

"At home we began to have little club competitions, purchased several books for our library-to-be, and mostly read papers, swapped plants, and started a question book, always invaluable. The roads were still under construction, but a Model T Ford or two had appeared on the scene." There are many references to "hub-deep mud," and, "Our esteemed Vice President was prevented from attending by the unfortunate breakage of the carriage pole just as she was starting for town. We, who know the weary back that accompanies a female gardener in the exterminating war with weeds, and the ache of tired feet that have spent themselves stamping out the loathsome insect life that destroys the flower of our labor, could not even hint that she should walk to the meeting, but with one voice accepted her excuse as legitimate."

In 1917, the first flower show was held in the clubhouse of the Horse Show grounds. In that same year, the club undertook what was probably the first Highway Beautification. "Construction work on the roads was now mostly done, leaving in its wake bare roadsides and ugly fills. This was of such concern to us that Miss Gaskins wrote a little piece for our local paper, which caught the eye of Judge John Barton Payne, who offered us a very sizable sum to undertake this work of civic improvement. On his farm, St. Leonard's, there were no trees left on the road frontage. We found 'Uncle Billy,' who had planted trees around the county for years and was considered expert. In the early fall we walked the roads, Uncle Billy

driving stakes where the location of a group of trees seemed best. Permission of property owners was gladly given, with promises of upkeep. Judge Payne wanted large trees, so they averaged 6 to 8 feet, oak, hickory, sweet gum, dogwood and judas. Uncle Billy dug the holes and planted during the winter when weather permitted. He boxed all the trees and watered them faithfully, hauling the water in large barrels.”

With the beginning of World War I, answering the urgent government appeals for economy and food production, the club concentrated on vegetable gardens. In 1917, it held a vegetable show to which the men were invited, and they swept the show. “Mr. Appleton and Mr. Groome took the honors with exhibits of superb vegetables, beautifully displayed.” It was noted that “dreary wartime recipes abounded.” Dreary or not, these were collected from members, bound and sold for 25 cents for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Then came 1920 and another invitation to become part of a larger organization. (Warrenton is the only club to be a founding member of both GCA and GCV.) Mrs. Appleton was in Richmond, and her eyewitness account: “Mrs. Patterson entertained us at dinner. Of that historic party, I remember a precious little colored mammy who greeted us at the door with ‘Ladies, won’t you-all come in and rest yo’ wraps?’” Then and there, an invitation was extended for the GCV to hold its next annual meeting in Warrenton.

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WARRENTON in 1921, at the request of Mrs. Patterson joined the Virginia Good Roads Association. Also at her suggestion, they sent three boxes of plants to the Public Health Hospital at Greenville, S.C. (Many interesting facts, such as this hospital philanthropy, unmentioned in the early GCV minutes, have been found in the individual club histories. Since no details are given, this historian wonders why Mrs. Patterson was so concerned with Greenville, S.C.)

They began their campaign to beautify Warrenton. In 1922, the history says: “We planted a few trees in the town square and had a plan for many more there and on Main Street. However, the mistaken opposition of the shopkeepers, whose property fronted there, made this impossible. We now intend to conduct a campaign of education to convince the present objectors that the trees will really be an advantage to them, not a hindrance.”

In 1928, replying to the GCV President, “I am sorry I cannot send you a year book as we no longer have them. We are outrageously casual, and no one wanted to be tied down to any meeting too far in advance.”

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WARRENTON in 1930 recorded with pride that its member, Mrs. Fletcher, had hybridized a peony, which was accepted and registered as Wonder Lea.

The club continued with its civic program: planting at the Poor Farm, at the colored Rosenwald High School, and on the Lee Highway. Again, “Tremendous effort is being made to clean up the town. A prize has been offered for the most attractive small garden seen from any one of the streets of Warrenton. A committee was formed to interview the dwellers we hoped would compete. A New York member was assigned to Green Street. The first person she tried to interest in the project told her that no damn-Yankee could teach her how to plant a garden. However, we are not discouraged.”

One handwritten report from this period begins: It has been said that it is hard to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. It is equally hard to make a good report from a club that took a deep rest during July and August."

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WARRENTON entered the decade with high hopes, but their efforts were soon turned to activities connected with war. When they entertained the GCV Board of Governors in 1941, it was the last meeting in a country technically at peace.

They plunged into the gigantic job of designing and executing the garden and the plantings at the new Signal Corps Post at Vint Hill. On Christmas they went inside and trimmed 12 Christmas trees and hung 60 wreaths. Another war year saw them making 84 Christmas decorations for Fort Belvoir, for which they also furnished planting material around the hospital.

By 1946, they were able to think of more peaceful pursuits. So they decorated, for two years, the huge tent of the Warrenton Horse Show for luncheons given for the T.B. Association.

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WARRENTON continued to plant—and plant: At the Community Playground, additional at Rosenwald High School, oaks and dogwood at historic Oak Shade Church in Culpeper, and at the hospital, where the members also arranged flowers regularly. In 1956, a critical situation arose at the hospital: "For the past eight years, one of our major projects has been the landscaping of the Warren Memorial Hospital. With plans approved for the construction of a new wing, a crisis came in the form of the removal of some 90 boxwood. This emergency was met by the sale of all involved shrubbery, and the money reserved for re-landscaping the grounds around the new wing when construction was completed." (Ed: When this was being typed for the printers, these words sounded overfamiliar. A horrid feeling that the Warren County history and Warrenton history, cheek to cheek in the alphabetical file, had been confused. No. Both clubs had faced the same situation and handled it in the same way, differing only by ten boxwood!)

Over and over the name of the talented Mrs. Alan Day appears. There are few awards she didn't win for her club, culminating with her biggest "arrangement," the staging of the 1957 GCV Rose Show. No one who attended this show will ever forget the Rose Garden that she made of the Fauquier Spring Club.

The town of Warrenton still presented an unresolved challenge to the club. So it tried a new tack. Let Sally Mitchell tell it: "We began by helping a store transform a dump heap into a garden, with espaliered trees against a wall painted a soft Williamsburg color, then came borders of fat begonias, a dogwood tree gracefully shading the creeping ground covers, with the result that the cooperating store came in for a great deal of free publicity of the most favorable kind. Next accomplishment was the rear entrance to a handsome bank of Georgian architecture where, along the side of the entrance, a border was planted, containing delphiniums, coral-bells, and marigolds, bordered with box bushes. Euonymus climbs happily up the wall, and it is a pleasure to cross the parking lot provided by the bank and go inside with the picture of a Peace rose in one's mind's eye, instead of yards of bare cement." Later the club reported spectacular success with the use of window boxes in the town area.

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WARRENTON was still at it as this decade begins, “hoping that the merchants will back and not buck us.” A “Trees for Warrenton” memorial project continued. Dogwoods were planted at the Taylor High School and plans were made for landscaping the Museum of Fauquier County Memorabilia, formerly the old jail. There were more window boxes in town and more planting at the hospital, including 15,000 daffodil bulbs and several hundred irises planted where they are visible from the patients’ solarium. Decorating of St. James Church at Christmas continues to be an annual custom. (Polly Day’s artistry of screening the windows completely one year would have won acclaim from professionals.)

When Lucie Duer served as GCV Conservation Chairman, her club (as well as the state) followed her vision: programs for 800 elementary school children, all-day field trips for 150 children and 1,300 acres donated by one member to the Nature Conservancy. Byrd Greene served as GCV Highway Planning and Zoning Chairman, among other things, and the club backed her vigorously, leading crusades that eliminated non-conforming signs and prevented unfavorable re-zoning.

When Warrenton comes to the GCV’s 50th birthday, celebrating their 59th en route, we wish they could bring their renowned Mrs. Samuel A. Appleton, now an Honorary Member. Having attended our founding meeting, she could check the progress over the fifty years.

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1970-1980

This was the decade of beautification in celebration of the nation’s Bicentennial of 1976. Mrs. Russell Arundel (Marjorie) planned and planted the highway approaches to Warrenton. Members worked on the club’s contribution of a square, “Spirit of ’76,” for the rug at the Kent-Valentine House. Funds for these projects were raised by selling a postcard featuring an endangered Partridge Berry drawn by Hildy van Roijen. Hospital Hill was beautified with daylilies and the Court House Square with three six-foot concrete curbside planters. Two of these were mowed down by errant drivers.

The club sent local teachers to Audubon Camp and gave 600 daffodil bulbs to be planted by local schools. Members picked up roadside litter, an effort which made Mrs. J. H. Tyler Wilson (Bambe) richer when she found \$10! Mrs. Wilson was the GCV Chairman of the Annual and Board of Governors’ Meetings (1970-1972). The deLacy Gray Memorial Medal was presented to Mrs. S. Prentice Porter (Hope) in 1978 for her leadership in advocating the billboard ordinance and the anti-litter campaigns in an effort to “Keep Fauquier Beautiful.”

The club was charmed by an anecdote concerning Mrs. Cornelius Jadwin’s (Peg) grandfather, Major Robert Peabody Barry, who bought the farm Dunnottar, near Warrenton in 1876. The giant tea rose was planted there some years later. Mrs. Jadwin wrote, “When another house had to be built after 1899 the bush was moved to the new garden, where the Barrys sat in fine weather. It was here that my mother scolded me for picking a bloom by its head, but my grandfather replied that there was no better use for a rose than to be loved by a small child. Five generations have lived on the farm, and we still cherish the same bush.”

The club protested in vain the removal of ancient trees gracing town sidewalks. The town merchants, having seen what improvement the flower boxes and barrels made on Main Street when overflowing with petunias, geraniums and periwinkle planted by the club, decided to plant their own.

To help preserve the beauty and nature of the Rappahannock River, members opposed the Salem Dam project.

The last surviving founding member of the GCV, Mrs. Samuel A. Appleton (Mary), died in 1973. In her memory, the Mary P. A. Appleton Award "To stimulate knowledge of, and continuing interest in, horticulture," was established. How pleased she would be with the projects undertaken to win her award!

Club presidents during the 1970s were Mrs. W. Langhorne Bond, Mrs. W.J. Catlett, Jr., Mrs. Robert D. van Roijen, Mrs. Melville Church III and Mrs. Henry F. Dunbar.

1980-1990

Perhaps because rural Fauquier County is increasingly threatened by the sprawl of metropolitan Washington, the soul of The Warrenton Garden Club lies in environmental stewardship. The club is extremely proud of its members whose work had been recognized outside Warrenton's boundaries. Mrs. S. Prentice Porter (Hope) continued to educate and influence Fauquier citizens, as well as the local and state government, about the dangers of irresponsible land development. Mrs. Russell Arundel's (Marjorie) creative vision in furthering conservation of the world's dwindling wild bulbs and other resources earned her national recognition. The Warrenton Garden Club basked in the reflected glory of these two crusaders. The Warrenton Garden Club sponsored the GCV 39th annual Lily Show in 1981.

Viewing education as the cornerstone for a viable future, The Warrenton Garden Club's pet project since 1984 had been its annual two-week day camp, partially supported by the Piedmont Environmental Council. Virginia H. Farrar ran this adventure at her farm, and members assisted her in helping children (ages 8-12) discover, observe, appreciate and enjoy the area's natural history. It should be added that heat, rain, bugs and slime did not deter these kids! The club also contributed to various scholarships and programs specializing in environmental studies and donated a large portion of the gardening books found in the Fauquier Library.

Members continued to carry on the club's tradition of planting trees and landscaping various spots within the community, and the ladies tended to many flower boxes throughout the old town. In addition, seed money was spread to beautify Crocket Park, Haiti Park, Main Street, the Route 29 by-pass, the Warrenton Center, and the surroundings of the Fauquier Hospital.

Funds for these endeavors came, in large part, as a gift from heaven. Following the death in 1985 of long-time member Miss Lucie Duer, the club was allowed to remove from her estate approximately 1,000 "Kingsville" boxwood, which she had rooted. The plants were further propagated and sold by the membership.

Each year, The Warrenton Garden Club invited the public to a meeting featuring an expert in the field of conservation. Speakers came from the Piedmont Environmental Council, The Virginia Wildlife Center, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the World Wildlife Fund, among others. The range of topics discussed by these representatives indicated how Warrenton's environmental concern has grown from its local roots up through a global canopy.

Club presidents during the 1980s were Mrs. Henry F. Dunbar, Mrs. John Eric Decher, Mrs. J. Brooks Semple, Mrs. Barry W. Starke, Mrs. Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr., and Mrs. J.H. Tyler Wilson.

1990-1995

Seventy years later, The Warrenton Garden Club was unable to rest on its laurels as a founding member club. It remained one of the smallest clubs in the GCV at a time when the community was expanding rapidly. Along with this growth, the club faced exponentially enlarged challenges at a time when almost 50 percent of the active membership held jobs outside the home.

Mrs. James S. Lee (Alison) was awarded the Sponsor's Cup at the GCV Lily Show in 1990.

The preservation of our natural resources and rural countryside was a major concern of The Warrenton Garden Club. To further environmental education, the club continued to provide financial support to various local and national programs specializing in ecological studies. Warrenton's Natural History Day Camp thrived and some of its alumni returned to fill counselor posts. The club sponsored open forums on land, use, water and the invasion of alien plants. Warrenton's sense of environmental responsibility was sharpened by the zeal of Mrs. Arundel who was awarded the deLacy Gray Medal in 1992 for her demonstration of love for the natural environment and responsibility for its preservation.

The GCV Board of Governors' Meeting held in Warrenton in 1992 produced a profitable dividend. Mrs. Charles H. Seilheimer (Mary Lou), the organizer of the event, persuaded Mrs. Barry W. Starke's (Laurie) husband (F.A. S. L. A.) to design the signature bag with Warrenton landmarks. After the GCV ladies returned home, Warrenton was able to use the popular canvas totes as a sale item. Mrs. Seilheimer served as Chairman of the GCV Horticulture Committee (1992-1994) and the GCV Corresponding Secretary (1994-1996).

While still keeping an eye on its origins, The Warrenton Garden Club managed to adapt its style as the 21st century approached. It continued to hold most meetings in members' homes, exchange plants regularly, and have highway beautification as an on-going project. In 1928, Warrenton's club president (Mrs. George C. Lawrence) declared the club outrageously casual. How would she feel about the bag lunches that are replacing high teas as the standard meeting fare today? What would she think about propagating and selling plants from the gardens of club members to help finance projects? Would she be prepared to don a blaze orange vest and work pants to wield shovels and rakes to improve the entrances to the historic old town? The Warrenton Garden Club is confident that she would approve of the evolution.

Club presidents during the early 1990s were Mrs. J. H. Tyler Wilson, Mrs. Edward C.A. Wachtmeister, Mrs. Arthur H. Nash and Mrs. Maximilian A. Tufts, Jr.

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1995-2010

In the 15 years covered by this synopsis, the Warrenton Garden Club grew from 34 to 39 members*, while remaining one of the smallest clubs in both the GCV and GCA. By 2001 we were all on line facilitating communication: meeting notices, minutes, newsletters, etc. Many active members have full-time jobs outside the home presenting us with several challenges, especially that of enticing younger members to join the club. To that end we introduced a Junior membership in 2008. Juniors (under the age of 40) have fewer requirements making it easier to juggle jobs, children and participation on our activities. We are still able to meet in each other's houses, a circumstance that contributes to the familial character of our group. We meet 10 times during the year (not February and August) with a mix of lectures, workshops and field trips. While horticulture and flower arranging remain important aspects of the club, conservation has taken on a more prominent role as we fight, adapt and accommodate to threats and changes in our environment.

In 2000 we achieved our 501(c) (3) status clarifying our position as a non-profit institution.

Prior to that the calendar was changed so the year runs April to April but events are planned into June. This gives the incoming President and her committee chairmen a grace period in which to plan the following year's program.

The Appleton Award, "to stimulate a knowledge of and interest in horticulture," initially established in 1963, was revived in 1998. Mary Abercrombie Appleton was a founding member of the Warrenton Garden Club, the Garden Club of America and the Garden Club of Virginia. Josine Hitchcock won the award in 1999 and again in 2006. In 2000 Ellen Soyars took home the silver trophy.

In 1997 a club newsletter was created. The name, the format and the frequency of its appearance have changed over time, but it continues to delight and inform our membership. An Archives committee was established in 1999 to collect and organize the club's records in preparation for our centennial in 2011.

GCV and GCA Participation: We continue to participate in GCV's Historic Garden Week on a biennial schedule. In 1998 an Operating manual for Historic Garden Week was created to make the transition for one chairman to another less onerous.

In 2002 and again in 2005 several members of our club participated in GCA's Partners for Plants, In 2002 we spent two days on the Shenandoah National Park locating and marking ginseng to prevent its illegal removal. The following year an arrest was made based on the marked product being offered for sale! In 2005 several members spent two days in the Jefferson National Forest in SW Virginia working with the Forest Service to determine the sustainability of black cohosh.

In the 15 years covered by this synopsis several of our members have held offices in one or both of these organizations and our small club has won numerous GCA and GCV awards.

Community Projects: A Community Beautification Award was established, one for a commercial establishment and one for a private home. After a few years, the project was abandoned, but should perhaps be revived.

We maintain the Yen Cheng Garden, a touch of beauty and serenity at one of the busiest traffic intersection in town.

The flower planters on the Courthouse steps, given in memory of Mrs. Tyler Wilson (WGC President 1971-73 and 1989-91), are maintained by our members.

The 2-week Nature Camp, sponsored by our club and the PEC, continues to introduce young people to their natural world and encourage them to protect it.

As a finalist for the Common Wealth Award in 2000 we assisted in the restoration of the Fauquier Outdoor Lab by planting trees and shrubs.

Fund-raising: Over the years we have introduced several fund-raising projects but have not been able to sustain any of them long enough to gain community recognition. A Christmas Greens workshop was introduced in 1999.

In 2001 we established a Memorial Fund to honor the women of our club who have died, the income from which is to be used for community activities.

We hosted the 2001 GCA Zone VII meeting at Airlie with over 100 attendees. At that meeting Dr. William Sladen was elected Member-at-Large of the GCA.

Presidents in this period were Mrs. Maximilian Tufts, Jr., Mrs. Walter Hitchcock, Mrs. J.O. Hodgkin, Mrs. Claude Lawrence, Mrs. Edmund Twining, Mrs. John Lindquist, Mrs. Robert Dart, and Mrs. Dana MacKimmie.

*29 Active members, 2 Associates, and 3 sustainers (total 34) in 1995 expanded to 32 Active members, 1 Associate, 3 Sustainers and 3 Junior Members (total 39) in 2010.

2010-2015

In 2011 we celebrated our centennial with a lavish black-tie dinner at North Wales, an historic estate owned by Michael and Patricia Prentiss (one of our members). A bench was added to the WARF children's playground to honor our centennial year and to provide a comfortable place for parents while their children play. As a founding member-club of GCA, eight of our members attended the GCA Centennial celebration in New York and were present for the dedication of GCA's 2013 Founders' Fund Centennial Award in Central Park.

Our junior membership continues to provide us with new energy. Our three original juniors have all elected to become full members, bringing their skills and expertise to the larger group. New young juniors have joined our ranks and in 2015 we have four engaged and charming members in that category. This new blood enriches our club, but it is also exciting to have descendants of earlier members join us. In 2013 Mary North Cooper joined her sister and mother as members of WGC; Mary North and Caroline are the grandchildren of Emily North Church Hutcheson. In 2014 Michele Mitchell, grand-daughter-in-law of founding member, Mrs. Samuel Appleton, joined our ranks.

We try to balance horticulture, flower arranging and conservation in our program year. Our horticulture committee included helpful "to do" lists in each newsletter and 2-minute tips at the meetings. Perhaps the highlight of the period was "Arranging Men," an evening program where the men created a judged flower arrangement in a lady's shoe, followed by a cocktail party. In 2012 our conservation meeting was held at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) in Front Royal where we

were introduced to the processes and objectives of their difficult program to breed and sustain endangered species, among them the Pzewalski horse (the nearest equine to the animals found in prehistoric cave painting).

Our bi-monthly newsletter brought renown to our club and to the editors when it was featured in a power-point presentation at the GCA Zone meeting in 2014.

Presidents during this period: Karla MacKimmie, Ingrid Lindsay, Ellen Soyars.

Community Projects: In 2011 we established a partnership with the WARF (Warrenton Aquatic and Recreational Facility) by planting and maintaining a garden around their handicap-accessible children's playground. In conjunction with the Fauquier Hospital, we pledged financial support for childhood education associated with the garden project at their Bistro. In 2013, 50 middle-school students learned to grow and prepare vegetables with cooking lessons under the supervision of the chefs at the Bistro.

Our junior members have taken on the community project of keeping the planters on the courthouse steps filled with seasonally appropriate plants.

For 30 years Gina Farrar, founder of Nature Camp, introduced young people to the wonders and the trivia of nature on her farm, Chapultepec. Sponsored by both our garden club and the Piedmont Environmental Council, campers often returned as counselors and many went on to have significant careers in environmental work. In 2011 Gina won the Conservation Education Award from the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District for promoting "conservation education through outdoor adventures." But Chapultepec is for sale and in 2014 PEC declared it was no longer able to provide the insurance essential to keep Nature Camp open. Perhaps a new venue can be found and a fresh source of support will enable WGC to revive this project.

Every year we hold a conservation meeting that is open to the public. The 2011 topic, devoted to the proposed lifting of the ban on uranium mining, brought individuals from across the state to express their opposition.

In 2014 we began working with the Fauquier Education Farm by providing volunteers to seed trays of vegetables for its produce farm. This organization grows tons of vegetables for lower-income residents of Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties.

GCV and GCA Participation: Small but mighty, as founding members of both GCV and GCA we strive to remain active in both clubs. Several members have held statewide and national positions. With great pride we celebrated the election of Kim Nash to be President of The Garden Club of Virginia in 2010.

In 2012 Gina Farrar was awarded the DeLacey Gray Medal for Conservation from GCV and in 2014 Mary Lou Seilheimer was given the GCA Zone VII Club Conservation Commendation for her work in "restoring, designing and maintaining one of America's significant gardens." Patricia Smith Johnson received the GCA Zone VII Club Conservation Commendation, awarded to a non-member, for her "27 years of dedicated service as Director of the Natural History Day Camp."

Our participation in the three GCV flower shows has been consistent but often hampered by weather (daffodil) and pests (rose) so our triumphs have come primarily from participation in the Lily Show.

Fund-raising: Our primary fund-raising effort continues to be Historic Garden Week. It takes all of our energy and talents every two years to raise funds for GCV's restoration of historic gardens in Virginia.

To raise funds within the club for other GCV and GCA commitments we have launched several projects, but none have taken hold deeply enough to receive sustained community support. The most recent project was the production of notecards with beautiful photographs of blossoms.

2016-2018

The stresses and strains of our rapidly changing world have had an impact on our small club. More of our younger members are working as well as raising families with less time to devote to volunteer organizations. Older members continue to offer their expertise and historic knowledge, but often can no longer provide the energy and sustained commitment of active membership. This story is not unique to WGC but we are refining our approach to focus on topics of interest and need in our local community as well as for the wider world.

We still require participation in artistic and horticulture projects throughout the year, but we accept an entry even if the member cannot attend. Taking advantage of the technical skills of our younger members, our yearbook is now in digital format making annual changes easier and more cost effective. And we are more flexible in our meeting times and requirements to accommodate the complex schedules of younger members. Our digital newsletter, *The Weeder*, continues to be informative, amusing and beautiful, bringing accolades from both GCV and GCA.

While we have welcomed new junior and active members, we have, sadly, lost a number of long-time and beloved members of the club: Gina Farrar, Kay Mackie, Susan Roszel.

In March 2018 the club boasted 30 active members, 13 sustainers, and 3 juniors.

Presidents during this period: Ellen Soyars, Madeleine de Heller.

Community Projects

The Fauquier Community Garden grows vegetables to feed those in need in the surrounding area and WGC has taken on a significant role by planting hundreds of seed-trays to go into their greenhouses, volunteering in the garden itself, and helping with their major fund-raising dinner at the end of summer. In 2017 over 50,000 pounds of vegetables were made available to local food banks and individuals.

The gardens surrounding the WARF children's playground are maintained throughout the year with a major effort spring and fall as well as smaller groups going in weekly to weed and tidy up during the summer.

The junior members continue to maintain the courthouse planters, often including their children (The Buds) in the project. When the town of Warrenton obtained a grant to put hanging baskets along Main Street, we participated in selecting the plants and planting the baskets.

Our annual conservation meeting is open to the community and we try to have topics of interest to a wider audience.

Our December meeting has been held at a local senior retirement community where we provide plant material from our gardens and assist the residents in making Christmas arrangements for their rooms.

GCV and GCA Participation

Several members actively participate in GCV activities. Kim Nash, former GCV President, was chairman of the Restoration Committee. Karla MacKimmie, Aileen Laing and Penny Dart served on the Journal committee, Linda Reynolds on the Horticulture and the State Parks Committee and Ingrid Lindsay on the Development Committee.

Margrete Stevens is a member of the GCA Leadership Committee.

As a very small club, hosting major events for both of these organizations is a stretch. We are slated to host the Zone VII GCA meeting in 2021 (2023 if zone meetings are held in alternate years) and will be a participant in the GCA Annual meeting held in Asheville in 2020. While the decision by GCV to suspend the flower shows (or at least having local clubs host them) has met with mixed feelings, it is a relief to our small club not to host the Rose Show in 2021.

In 2016 a trove of glass slides in the club archives was identified as capturing the grounds and gardens of the Warrenton Country School (1915-50). Through a fortuitous seating arrangement at the GCA annual meeting, our club President, Ellen Soyars, discussed the slides with the chairman of GCA's Garden History and Design Committee. The result: we donated the slides to the Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens.

To celebrate the centennial of the GCA, funds were raised for a tree project. After several unsuccessful attempts to plant trees in honor of the centennial, we partnered with the Master Gardeners in Warrenton to plant native trees in the arboretum at Rady Park as part of their renovation project. Dedication was on June 2, 2017.

Fund-raising

Historic Garden Week remains our most successful fund-raising effort; all proceeds are used for the restoration of historic gardens in Virginia that are open to the public.

Notecards and postcards with photos of local flowers were produced as a fund-raiser but sales were disappointing.

In 2017 a dollhouse made by one of our members was raffled off and sales of the book, *Capability Brown and Belvoir* by Emma, Duchess of Rutland plus a tea for the Duchess were hugely successful. These were one-off and very labor-intensive; we have yet to successfully institute a successful long-term fund-raising project, perhaps because we are too small to sustain an effort of that intensity and so much energy goes into Garden Week.

Aileen H. Laing, Historian

Warrenton Garden Club