



The Ivy Anchor

The Hampton Roads Garden Club
Newsletter

May 2024

April proved to be a busy month for all of us. But the fruits of our labor produced a fabulous Historic Garden Week! Thank you to Chairman Sam Bishop and her HGW Committee who have worked so hard for two years planning the details of the tour. It was a wonderful day from start to finish and as HRGC President I could not be prouder of our members for how we collectively come together and create such a wonderful event every year. The creativity of our members is evident in the spectacular flower arrangements that were produced for the tour this year. The pictures I have included in the newsletter prove that we have some of the best arrangers in the state. I have tried to include at least one arrangement made by each arrangement team, however please forgive me if I have left someone out or made any errors. Thanks to Kristin Barnes and many other members who sent me pictures and to those of you I called asking for help in identifying arrangements. The day was topped off by a fun evening at Flowers After Hours, chaired by Courtney Gilmore and Teresa Robinson. The Poquoson Yacht Club was the perfect setting to end the day on a high note. Congratulations Sam and committee for a job well done!

I am looking forward to our May meeting and luncheon where I will be passing the gavel to incoming president Ann Fisher. Ann and I will be attending the GCV Annual Meeting in Charlottesville two weeks after our meeting. Because the Annual Meeting is so late this year, I will be publishing a June newsletter to report on the meeting and wrap up the club year.

Spring has sprung and I hope you all are enjoying the blossoms as much as I am. Digging in the dirt and planting new flowers is always something I look forward to. I hope you all have fun digging too.

Mary Johnson





May Membership Meeting & Luncheon Notice

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time: Business Meeting 10:30 am; Luncheon to Follow

Program: End of Year Report; Passing of the Gavel

Location: The Home of Sarah Huddleston, 1604 Harbor Road, Williamsburg, VA. 23185

Hostesses: Amanda Graham (Captain), Courtney Gilmore, Kathy Hutcheson, & Birgit Kingsbury

Parking: Parking is limited so please carpool if you can. Please drive past Sarah's house on Harbor Road to the Marina to park. You may walk back to the house or ride the golf cart from the Marina. We are saving parking on the street in front of Sarah's house for our Associate Members.

Additional Information: Sarah's backyard offers a beautiful view of the water and the marina. During lunch several members may need to eat outside on the patio to create more space inside, only if the weather is beautiful. However, it can be breezy so you may want to wear a hat, bring a wrap, and wear sunscreen to be prepared.



HRGC Annual Membership Dues

HRGC Actives, Associates, and Non-Resident members **Annual Dues are \$125.00** and are due to Treasurer Jennifer Dick by May 31, 2024. You may bring a check to the May meeting, Venmo your dues to @Hampton-Garden, or you may mail your check to Jennifer Dick, 69 James Landing Rd., Newport News, VA. 23606.

In addition, all receipts for reimbursement must be submitted to Jennifer by May 31, 2024, the close of our fiscal year. Thank you for your prompt attention to these financial matters.



HRGC Roundtable

After announcing at the April meeting that time was running out to schedule a HRGC Roundtable, Mary Johnson told the members she would send out a survey instead. However, in the days following the meeting she heard from several members that they would really like to have the Roundtable so that different opinions could be heard and there could be a consensus among members

about topics of discussion. So Mary has tentatively scheduled two Roundtable sessions to be held on **Tuesday May 14th** at Sister Cities at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Each session will last 90 minutes and topics will include, community projects, fundraisers, HGW, as well as others. Mary will have a sign up clipboard for each session at the meeting. If we do not get enough members to participate then she will cancel the Roundtable. If you have a topic that you feel should be brought to the Roundtable, please contact Mary.



2024 GCV Daffodil Collection "Classics"

The 2024 Daffodil Collection is composed of five different 'Classic' daffodil bulbs. Classic daffodils are those that were registered between 1940 and 1969. These beautiful daffodils are ones that you will often find naturalizing in your gardens and open spaces. Many of them have been used to develop some of our newer varieties. They are perfect for showing and growing. There are many classes offered by the American Daffodil Society specific to the 'classic' blooms. Our collection touches on five of

the different ADS daffodil divisions. They will be a lovely complement your Spring gardens. Blooming from 'early' to 'late' season.

All members have been emailed a copy of the collection description and the order form. You may click on it here: <https://files.constantcontact.com/6e34a939001/af5e07c3-5140-4b9c-b462-070324de07a4.pdf?rdr=true>

Our Daffodil Chair, Sarah Huddleston, will be collecting your orders at the May meeting. When filling out your form please add tax but do not add shipping charges as Sarah has graciously agreed to go to Brent and Becky's and pick up the orders for us. Please make all checks out to Sarah Huddleston. Bulbs will arrive in the fall in time to plant for beautiful blooms in the spring!



Historic Garden Week 2024

Submitted by HGW Chair Sam Bishop

We are still buzzing with joy and gratitude from the wonderful turnout at our recent garden and house tour event – we were close to 500 visitors and over 400 tickets sold.

The day started with some sprinkles, but the sun began shining around lunch, the flowers were in full bloom, and the air was filled with laughter and shared stories as we wandered through the

garden paths and explored the nooks and crannies of the homes. It was a joy to see old friends reconnecting and new friendships blossoming amidst the beauty of nature. And the arrangements!!! We truly outdid ourselves this year. The stunning arrangements added vibrant splashes of color throughout the garden and your "eye" for design attention to detail have truly elevated the homes and gardens. The flowers really were the stars!

The City of Poquoson welcomed visitors with a hydrangea themed sign coming into town – which was a surprise to all of us on the committee and visitors began filing into the learning garden as early as nine o'clock. The Master Gardeners and Colonial Beekeepers were on hand to share information that was not only appreciated but also truly inspiring. It's amazing how much we can learn and grow when we come together as a community.

The day ended with a wonderful Flowers After Hours at the Poquoson Yacht Club – Courtney Gilmore and Theresa Robinson did a wonderful job of finishing a lovely day with a delicious event. The FAH food and friendship was the icing on the cake!

Thanks to the Chairs, House captains, and entire HGW Committee for their support and assistance in making this event a success but a special thank you to those of you that hostessed and arranged – without you the tour would not happen. Your dedication and generosity helped to create an experience that we will cherish for years to come.

The 2025 tour will be hosted by Huntington GC in Wythe/Hampton. Amy Behm and Cindy Hyman will be the Chairs and I know they are planning a beautiful tour.

HGW Arranging Day



Page Kremp gets ready to arrange in the Burcher home.



Lori Shuford stands beside an arrangement that she and Page Kremp designed.



Ready to work in the Corn Garden are Becky Tench, Debbie Tanner, Anne Sweetman, and Milly Wassum.



Jane Quinn and Sue Morgan get ready to water their arrangement in the family room of the Pankoke home.



Amanda Graham and Kathy Hutcheson arranged in the kitchen of the Pankoke home.



Martha Sides and Trish Lively decorate the laundry room of the Pankoke home.



House Captain Stacy Queensberry, Flower Chair Allison Hund, and Karan Mulkey get ready to inspect all of the arrangements in the Pankoke home.

Jenny Griffith and Mindy Beasley work on their arrangement in the playroom of the Pankoke home.

Decorating the fire pit outside at the Pankoke home is Val Bowen and Sherry Maynard.

HGW Tour Day



HGW Chair Sam Bishop is ready to greet guests at the welcome table at the Poquoson Learning Garden.



The welcome table was decorated with a beautiful hydrangea basket and oyster shells by Bobbie Cooke and Ann Moir.



Watermen's work boots hold an arrangement by Bobbie and Ann.



Hostess Co-Chair Julie LoCicero and Treasurer Jennifer Dick are ready to sell tickets and help guests begin the tour.



Allison Clock and Dale Banning get ready to hostess in the Burcher home.



Linda Smith greets guests at the welcome tent in front of the Pankoke home.

Arrangements-Pankoke Home



The dining room table arrangement by Gay Huffman



Buffet arrangements by Karan Mulkey and Ann Fisher



Floral Charcuterie Board by Karan and Ann

includes a floral cake!



Beautiful kitchen arrangement by Amanda Graham and Kathy Hutcheson.



"A Day at the Market" by Amanda and Kathy.



Stirring the pot on the stove by Amanda and Kathy.



Two lovely arrangements in oyster shell containers by Sue Morgan and Jane Quinn sat on the mantle of the family room.



Side table arrangement by Sue and Jane.



A rattan bar cart holds a pretty arrangement by Karan Mulkey.



A pink and green arrangement was created by Maureen Hutchens and Amine Morgan to compliment the colors in the powder room.



A market bag holds an arrangement by Maureen and Amine in the colorful mud room.



A purple and green arrangement in a fishing creel by Catherine Kelley and Tyra Freed has fishing rods standing in it and decorates the Jack and Jill bathroom shared by the children.



A large floor arrangement by Mary Diggs and Kristin Barnes greeted visitors to the Primary Bedroom.



Arrangements in the bright and cheery laundry room were created by Trish Lively and Martha Sides

A sweet arrangement on the bedside table by Mary and Kristin



A sink full of flowers by Trish and Martha

An arrangement in the Primary Bathroom by Mary Johnson



A colorful Gerbera Daisy arrangement by Trish and Martha



Arrangements by Mindy Beasley and Jenny Griffiths are held in horseback riding silver trophies and are adorned with winner's ribbons in the playroom of the home.



A Lego arrangement by Mindy and Jenny sits in the Lego play area for the children.



A cowboy boot arrangement by Stacy Queensberry decorates a child's bedroom.



An arrangement by Sidney Jordan and Sandy Parks sits on the table in the Screen Porch.



A gorgeous oyster shell arrangement by Sidney and Sandy sits in the outdoor grill area.



An arrangement of oyster shells by Sidney and Sandy sit in an oyster grilling pan on the grill.



The bathroom in the pool house at the Pankoke home was decorated by Sarah Huddleston.



A close up of the lovely arrangement by Sarah.



Sarah created this beautiful arrangement for the kitchen of the pool house.



The fire pit is decorated with a fiery arrangement by Val Bowen and Sherry Maynard.



Another arrangement by Val and Sherry.



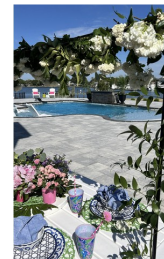
The sitting area around the deck is all decked out with beauty by Val and Sherry.



The patio pool table is treated to a lovely hydrangea arch over it. This beautiful setting was designed by Jennifer Dick and Molly Trant.



The table arrangement by Jennifer and Molly.



A view of the pool from under the arch by Jennifer and Molly.

Arrangements-Burcher Home



An large arrangement of Dogwood branches and Irises by Allison Clock and Maryann



More beautiful Dogwood blossoms compliment the



Roses, ferns, and greenery by Allison and Maryann sit atop the armoire in the bedroom.

Ayer sits in the corner of the bedroom.



A long vibrant blue, yellow and green flower arrangement by Page Kremp and Lori Shuford adorns the dining table .

bedroom area by Allison and Maryann.



Page and Lori created a butterfly garden that sat atop the entrance to the living room area. Very unique!



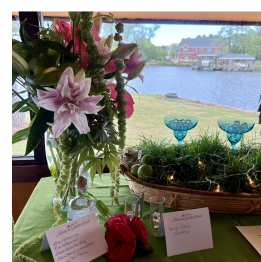
Page and Lori used vases that matched the colors of the living room perfectly.



Anne Harrison Harris designed a modern arrangements of Lilies that was a perfect fit for the kitchen.



This lovely arrangement by Pam Patterson and Rita Quinn greeted visitors to the porch.



A whimsical bar area display was created by Pam and Rita.

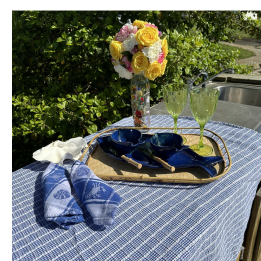
Arrangements-Corn Garden



An arrangement by Dale Banning featuring Lady Banks' Rose and Viburnum sits in the greenhouse.



Green and yellow arrangements by Dale Banning and Debbie Tanner add to this colorful setting.



A wine bottle full of roses highlights this setting by Debbie Tanner



This three tiered basket arrangement by Linda Smith sits on the patio table.



A close up of the beautiful flowers in Linda's basket arrangement.



This vibrant arrangement in the conch shell container was created by Brigit Kinsbury.



A large square arrangement by Milly Wassum and Anne Sweetman brightens up the outdoor seating area.



A close up of the lovely flowers used by Milly and Anne.



The view from the Corn Garden.



A lovely setting by the pond created by Donna Herbert and Becky Tench.



A close up of the Swan arrangement by Donna and Becky.



Don't miss the frog peeking out from among the flowers created by Donna and Becky.

Flowers AfterHours



Flowers After Hours Co-Chairs
Courtney Gilmore and Teresa
Robinson planned a wonderful
evening to celebrate our
garden tour! Thank you ladies!



Dale Banning and Sarah
Huddleston



The delicious food!



Mary Johnson, Sidney Jordan
and Jane Quinn



Joanna Bigley and Jenny
Griffiths



Mindy Beasley and Kristin
Barnes



Tim Fisher, Ann Fisher, Teresa
Robinson, Monte Robinson,
and Birgit Kingsbury



Julie LoCicero and Maryann
Ayers



Becky Tench and Stacy
Queensberry



Trish Lively and Martha Sides



HGC member and HGW
homeowner Kim Shoemaker
with Rita Quinn and Donna
Herbert



Sarah Huddleston, Sue Morgan,
Jane Quinn and Ann Moir



Congratulating HGW Chair Sam Bishop for a job well done are Ann Moir, Jenny Griffiths, Lori Shuford, Jennifer Dick, Kristin Barnes, Mindy Beasley, Sam, Mary Johnson and Sherry Maynard!



Charleston Bus Trip

The Charleston Bus Trip was a resounding success! Chairman Becky Tench has received many complimentary notes, phone calls, and messages from so many of the participants thanking her for a fabulous time on the bus and in Charleston. The ladies from the Williamsburg Garden Club who joined us on the trip sent the club a check for \$200 to add to our fundraising efforts to thank us for the wonderful time they had in Charleston. Becky thanks Mindy Beasley, her co- chair for all her assistance and hard work as well as Treasurer Jennifer Dick for her tireless efforts in collecting checks at numerous times and keeping track of the many financial transactions. She would like to recognize and thank all the members of the bus committee, Kristin Barnes, Ann Fisher, Mary Johnson, Sidney Jordan, Birgit Kingsbury, Sue Morgan, and Jane Quinn for their help in planning the trip and making the bus so fun for all that traveled with us to Charleston.

Becky is proud to announce that after expenses that the trip was extremely successful and that our club made a profit of \$5,046.05!!



Walk Hampton Clean

On the morning of Saturday, April 20, 2024, volunteers from HRGC met at Buckroe Beach in Hampton to participate in Walk Hampton Clean. They cleaned up trash along the beach boardwalk and the park area adjacent to the beach and left the area more beautiful than when they arrived. After their hard work they rewarded themselves with a lunch at the Deadrise restaurant. Thanks to Birgit Kingsbury and Page Kremp who spearheaded the project and to Maryann Ayer, Val Bowen, Mary Diggs, Lori Shuford and Trish Lively for volunteering!



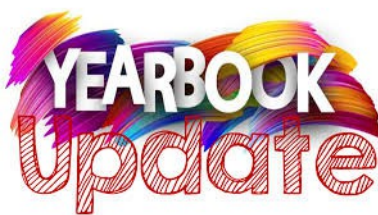
Maryann Ayer, Lori Shuford, Mary Diggs, Trish Lively and Val Bowen are ready to Walk Hampton Clean! Not pictured, Brigit Kingsbury who took the photo!



A highlight of the day was observing a flock of Oystercatcher birds on the beach!



Maryann bags some trash!



HRGC Directory Changes

Please update your membership directory in the yearbook with the following changes:

Maureen Hutchens: New email address- monohutch@icloud.com

Rita Quinn: New email address- rquinn@hrhr-inc.com

Also, please remember that the HRGC Blog, The Dirt, is always updated with current member contact information. You may find information on how to access the blog on page 9 of your yearbook.

GCV Horticulture Field Day

GCV's Horticulture Field Day is fast approaching. This year's event is June 4-5, 2024 in Leesburg, VA. GCV Horticulture Chairman Allison Clock has planned two full days packed with activities visiting beautiful private gardens and estates as well as a photography workshop and a featured speaker. Horticulture Field Day is one of GCV's most popular events and sells out quickly. Make

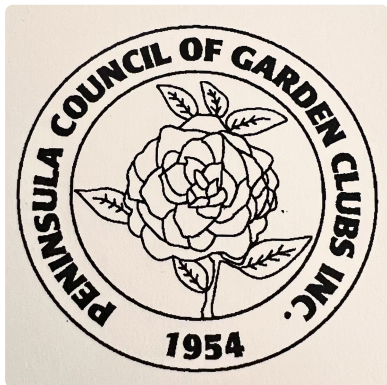


plans to be in Leesburg for all the festivities. Please use the link below for additional information and to register for the event.
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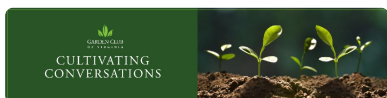
GCV Annual Fund

Due to Historic Garden Week and the workload on the GCV staff, the Annual Fund donations had not been updated by the newsletter's deadline. Mary will provide the updated numbers at the membership meeting. Please remember that June 30, 2024 is the last day to contribute for this club year. Thank you to the members that have donated to date and supported our Annual Fund "Piece of the Pie" campaign!



Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs

The PCGC Luncheon and Installation of Officers will be held on May 10, 2024 at the Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton VA. 23669. The event starts at 11:30 am and cost is \$30 a person. If you would like to attend please contact Martha Sides. Deadline to RSVP is May 1, 2024.



Cultivating Conversations

A Celebration of Historic Garden Week

May 13, 2024, 5 p.m., by Zoom

This session will celebrate the stunning gardens of Historic Garden Week, giving participants a virtual tour of some of HGW's most beautiful spaces, and allow participants to share their own HGW successes with fellow members. Register on the GCV website.

GCV Lily Show

June 18, 2024, 2-4:30 p.m. (Awards Ceremony at 2:15 p.m.)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



6000 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23226

Free of Charge and Open to the Public

For more information, to view the horticulture schedule, and a list of events, please click here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/G0ENZIx/LiliesinBloom2024>



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our May Birthday Ladies!

2-Sandy Parks

2-Pam Patterson

11-Rose Field

17-Sam Bishop

17-Bobbie Cooke

28-Sally Harris (Associate)

29-Molly Trant

30-Sherry Maynard

Just For Fun

me at the start
of garden season:



me at the end
of garden season:



Walked out of the garden
center and the receipt blew
out of my hand



Mary Johnson

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters