


*Year in
Review*
2018 – 2019




GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA
Centennial
1920-2020



Celebrating and
preserving the natural beauty
of our commonwealth
are at the heart
of all we do.

Dear Members and Friends,



It is remarkable to think that we, members of the Garden Club of Virginia, have begun the celebration of our Centennial Year! All the planning and preparation will come to fruition with our Founders Day events in May 2020.

As we look to our future, it is important that we acknowledge the achievements of our past. These pages demonstrate that the members of GCV continue to build on the tenets and beliefs of our founders. Conservation, restoration of historic landscapes, environmental education, preservation of our natural resources and the beautification of our commonwealth are all represented here.

A successful and fun Historic Garden Week continues to sustain our important restoration work as well as our Research Fellowship program. Through your efforts, this event has also enabled us to present our Centennial gift to the commonwealth — \$500,000 in grants over five years to Virginia State Parks.

Our focus on the importance of native plants and pollinators, limiting the use of single use plastics, environmental education for all ages, and legislative advocacy all demonstrate our continued relevance in today's world.

Enjoy reliving our year. Thank you for your time, your talents, and your resolute determination to stay true to our goals and mission. You continue to inspire!

Jean E.R. Gilpin
President 2018-2020

Executive Director

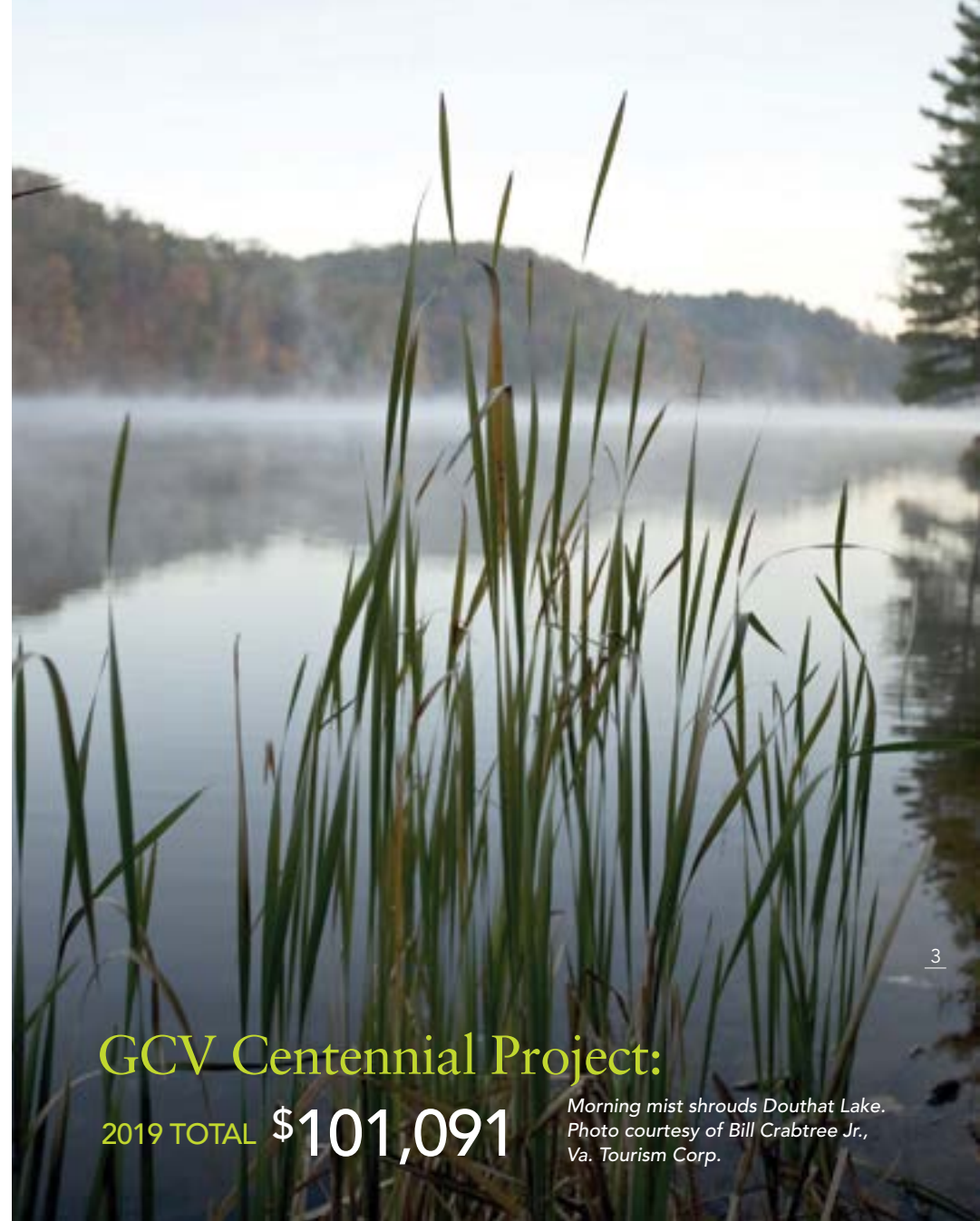


The renovations to the Kent-Valentine House are adding a fresh sparkle to our elegant headquarters. KVH is the hub for committee meetings, many workshops and demonstrations, and it is the home base for the GCV staff. Working mostly behind the scenes, the GCV staff keep the day-to-day operations of this organization running smoothly in addition to supporting the work of our committees and the board.

The GCV staff is a wonderful group of professionals who love their work and believe in the mission of the Garden Club of Virginia. When you call the Kent-Valentine House, Quan McGough, our office and events coordinator, is the voice you hear first. Ann Heller, the communications coordinator, sets up event registration and helps clubs with the database. Kathie Avery is our very busy bookkeeper who is in the office two days a week. Lexie Haglund, director of development, manages the fundraising for the GCV. Karen Ellsworth, director of HGW and special programs and Terri Lowman, HGW administrative coordinator, anchor the Historic Garden Week office. Lee Mondesir is our KVH facilities manager and keeps up with us all.

We enjoyed another outstanding year of GCV programs, workshops and friendship. So many GCV members attended a beautiful and fun Fall Symposium, a popular Conservation Forum in Charlottesville, Daffodil Day at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Horticulture Field Day in Orange, and the kickoff of the GCV Centennial. It was a busy and important year.

Lynn McCashin
Executive Director



GCV Centennial Project:

2019 TOTAL \$101,091

Morning mist shrouds Douthat Lake.
Photo courtesy of Bill Crabtree Jr.,
Va. Tourism Corp.

Bear Creek – Pollinator meadow and landscaping

Belle Isle – Phase 3 of Belle Isle Manor and Bel Air House landscaping *The Garden Club of the Northern Neck*

Chippokes Plantation – Visitor Center Exhibit Updates

Claytor Lake – Native Landscaping

Douthat – Dark Sky Park

Natural Bridge – Visitor Center Base Camp Exhibits
The Blue Ridge Garden Club

Pocahontas – Civilian Conservation Corps Cabin Work Week

Shenandoah River – Visitor Center Landscaping *The Garden Club of Warren County*

Sky Meadows – Phase 3 Trail System *Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club*

Staunton River Battlefield – Mulberry Hill landscaping

York River - Landscaping and turtle habitat *The Hampton Roads Garden Club, The Huntington Garden Club and The Williamsburg Garden Club*

Youth Conservation Corps – To help with the purchase of supplies

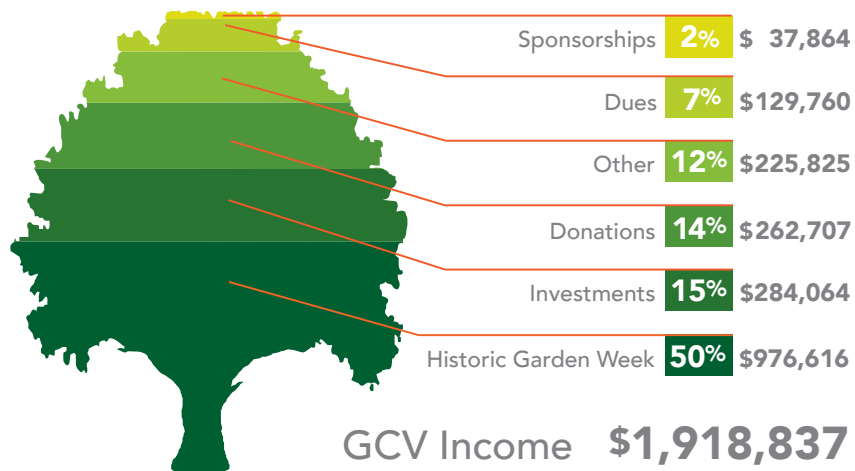
Treasurer's Report



The Garden Club of Virginia operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2018, and ended on June 30, 2019. The budget for the fiscal year was presented by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors for a vote of approval and then to the membership at the May 2018 GCV Annual Meeting. Our income for the year exceeded the budget by 21% while expenses came in 5% below budget.

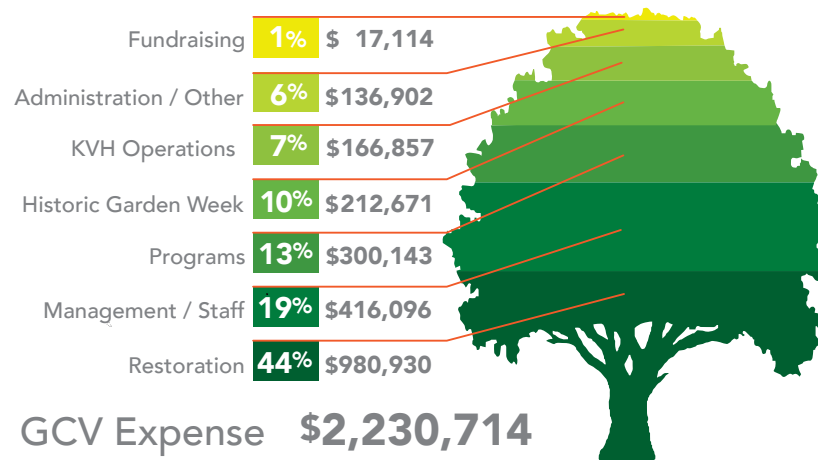
The Garden Club of Virginia's largest source of revenue is our annual Historic Garden Week. After the related expenses are taken out of the HGW profits, the remaining funds are used to support our restoration projects throughout the commonwealth. Since 2015 from this income, we also make grants to Virginia State Parks for our 5-year Centennial gift. During fiscal year 2018-2019 donations were made to Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps and to eleven Virginia State Parks.

The other sources of operating funds for GCV are membership dues, the annual fund, sponsorships and donations. In addition, we receive income from publications and rental of our carriage house. While our income exceeded our budget in 2018-2019, a large portion of our income was sponsorship funds restricted to the Centennial celebration and HGW funds designated for our Restoration projects. Therefore, in order to balance our operating budget, a draw of 3% was taken from our endowment fund.



The expenses for the GCV include maintaining our headquarters, management/staff salaries, insurance, funding of our restoration/centennial projects, development expenses and the cost of our yearly audit. To communicate with our membership, we maintain our website and publish the *Journal* quarterly. The 2018-2019 budget includes contributions toward our annual fall and spring meetings, the

Fall Symposium, and Daffodil Day. Also funded were the Common Wealth Award, the Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award, a Conservation Fellowship, and two Restoration Fellowships. We budget to break even on our schools, forums and workshops.



Our assets of approximately \$8.9 million include the Kent-Valentine House property, our cash accounts, and investment portfolios. At the end of June 2019, the GCV investment portfolios were valued at over \$6.9 million, which is approximately 78% of GCV's total assets. Our financial records are audited annually, and we receive a clean opinion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our Federal Form 990 is filed each year and is available for public review.

The Garden Club of Virginia continues to be in a strong financial position going forward into our Centennial year allowing our members to continue the work of our mission throughout the commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Alexander
GCV Treasurer 2018-2020

Garden Club of Virginia Public Events

Sept. 24-25, 2019

Back to Nature
Horticulture, Hiking and
61st Annual Conservation Forum
Trees: Canopy of Conservation
Natural Bridge State Park

March 31, 2020

Daffodil Day 2020

April 18-25, 2020

**Historic Garden
Week in Virginia**

May 13-14, 2020

**Founders Day,
Richmond**

Garden Club of Virginia Awards

Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement



Massie Medal recipient Judy Perry with granddaughters Ainsley (left) and Audrey.

Judy Boyce Perry received the 2019 Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement at the Garden Club of Virginia annual meeting, hosted by her club, the Elizabeth River Garden Club.

Judy's depth and breadth of service is evident in the positions she has held in the GCV, including flower shows chairman, horticulture chairman, director at large, second vice president and artistic judge. Recently, Judy served GCV as historian, on the restoration committee (editor of Restoration News) and as restoration fellowships chairman.

Within her club, Judy has served as president, chaired GCV meetings and flower shows and authored flower arranging books. Judy's activities within her community – especially in conjunction with her club's Common Wealth Award-winning project, Paradise Creek Nature Park -- have earned her admiration among her club members and throughout Portsmouth.

Judy believes that everyone has a gift to share, and her ability to be a confidence builder to encourage others to lead and contribute, make Judy a most worthy recipient of this highest honor bestowed on a GCV member.

de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation

Anne Mead Beals, of the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, received the 2019 de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation at the annual meeting in Portsmouth on May 8.

Anne promotes responsible forestry and the ideals of conservation. In 1973, she and her late husband, George, moved to Oakley Farm in Spotsylvania County and managed it using responsible farming and forestry practices. The farm earned numerous recognitions and is now managed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as working forestland.

Anne worked with the Spotsylvania County public schools to create the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience for 4th graders. Anne participated in the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute and has served in leadership positions with many conservation organizations. At GCV, she chaired the conservation and beautification committee, and worked with the National Wildlife Foundation to create a presentation on climate change that she shared with GCV clubs.



Anne Beals and her son Thomas.

Common Wealth Award



GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke); Augusta First Vice President Virginia Gillock, Elizabeth River President Betty Jo Gwaltney, and Common Wealth Award Committee Chairman Karla MacKimmie (Warrenton)

First Place: Urban Garden Invites Youth to “Dream a Different Future” submitted by The Elizabeth River Garden Club

Paradise Creek Nature Park, once a polluted stretch of Paradise Creek in Portsmouth, has been transformed into an urban oasis that promotes environmental stewardship of the Elizabeth River and Chesapeake Bay. The Commonwealth Award will fund an outdoor classroom that can be enjoyed by the thousands of people who visit this park yearly. Those who may benefit the most, however, are the at-risk youth from nearby neighborhoods.

Second Place: Project Dogwood – A Hundred Year Journey submitted by The Augusta Garden Club

Since its 1919 founding, the Augusta Garden Club has planted dogwood trees along Staunton's city streets, parks and public spaces. The Commonwealth Award will increase the presence of Virginia's state tree; over 40 dogwoods will be planted in a Habitat for Humanity neighborhood in downtown Staunton and at Montgomery Hall Park, one of Virginia's first African-American parks, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bessie Bock Carter Conservation Award

This year's winning project is the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve, sponsored by Winchester-Clarke Garden Club in partnership with the City of Winchester's parks and recreation department and Shenandoah University's environmental studies program. This 25-acre urban green space and wetlands preserve is an educational and recreational resource for Winchester. In 2017, recognizing the fragility of the marsh, Winchester-Clarke began raising funds and volunteering



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to restore and protect it. The marsh is a habitat for more than 304 plant species more than any other comparable wetlands in Virginia. The marsh's limestone bedrock, low acidity and high nutrient levels, captures pollutants and keeps them out of drinking water. The club will add signage, accessible-to-all paths, an audio walking tour, and manpower to help keep the marsh free of invading plants. This year's award was presented at the 2019 GCV annual meeting in Portsmouth.

Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award

The Piedmont Environmental Council was awarded the 2018 Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award for Conservation. The PEC, founded in 1972, has a mission to "promote and protect the Virginia Piedmont's rural economy, natural resources, history and beauty." It is one of the most effective community-based environmental groups in the country and has played a vital role in the promotion of land conservation, with more than 400,000 acres of land permanently protected in the nine-county area it serves.



Conservation Awards Chairman Heidi James (Lynchburg), Conservation Educator Award recipient Nancy Newman, Conservation and Beautification Committee Chairman Carrie Dorsey (James River), Piedmont Environmental Council Senior Advisor and Director of Strategic Partnerships John McCarthy, GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke), and PEC President Chris Miller

Conservation Educator Award

Nancy Newman was awarded the 2018 Conservation Educator Award. Nancy was a curriculum coordinator at Venable Elementary School in Charlottesville before she retired in 1997. Upon retirement, she created an outdoor science curriculum for elementary students at Venable where outdoor classrooms are home to birds, invertebrates, snakes, mammals and plant life, all thriving in an urban setting. These programs also benefit at-risk children, who monitor streams, hike, and identify birds and plants. Under Nancy's leadership, the gardens at Venable have been designated as a Monarch Waystation and a National Wildlife Habitat.

Board of Governors 2018

The 2018 Board of Governors was hosted by the Hunting Creek Garden Club. Member club presidents, GCV state leaders and former presidents enjoyed cocktails and dinner in beautiful, historic Old Town Alexandria, toured Mount Vernon and Pope-Leighey House. Potomac Riverkeeper Network Vice President of Programs and Litigation Phillip Musegaas spoke of "Restoring the Nation's River."



Above: Board of Governors attendees at Mount Vernon

Right: Front row, Board of Governors Co-Chairmen Laura Francis and Vicky Alexander, Hunting Creek President Gugi Hooff shared a fun moment with the Directors at Large (the Six Dwarves) and Jean Gilpin (Snow White).



Annual Meeting 2019

The Elizabeth River Garden Club hosted the 99th Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of Virginia May 7-9, 2019. Club presidents, delegates, board members, former GCV presidents and committee chairmen explored Olde Towne Portsmouth, a charming historic district and seaport, and enjoyed three days of business, socializing and celebrating.



Above Left: Annual Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Sondej and Chairman Martha Perkins (Elizabeth River). **Right:** Historic Garden Week Chairman Stephe Broadwater (Nansemond River), Development Committee Chairman Sue Rosser (Martinsville), Corresponding Secretary Janet Rosser (Ashland) and Recording Secretary Kris Carbone (Danville) "Sail-e-brate Aboard the Carrie B."

Conservation

For nearly a century, the Garden Club of Virginia has worked to conserve our natural resources. Through legislative advocacy, public education and teamwork with other likeminded organizations, the GCV works to safeguard the environment for the next 100 years.

Conservation Forum

The 60th Annual Conservation Forum explored “The Real Dirt on Pesticides: Pollinators, Food and Our Health,” an informative and engaging program that addressed the toxicity and lingering effects of popular pesticides sold in grocery stores and garden centers. Speakers shared the latest research on the crisis of declining pollinators, discussed alternative, sustainable methods of dealing with garden pests and weeds, and why we must protect ourselves and the environment. The Forum was held at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville on Oct. 25.



Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship



Now in its fifth year, the Garden Club of Virginia Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship supports research in areas relating to the conservation of natural resources and/or environmental studies concerning flora, fauna or community (cultural practices) that directly impact the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Conservation and Beautification Chairman Carrie Dorsey (James River) with Brynn Cook, a graduate student at the University of Virginia, who presented “Foraging Specialization in Polluted Atmospheres” at the GCV Annual Meeting in Portsmouth.

Heather Kenny, a graduate student at the College of William & Mary, has been awarded the 2019 Garden Club of Virginia Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship. Her study will use animal personality to optimize conservation programs in Virginia. Her case study of Eastern bluebirds’ nesting habits and their response to surrounding noise pollution will provide valuable data for the management and conservation of wildlife.



The Kent-Valentine House

After two years of planning, fundraising and hard work, our elegant headquarters is ready to welcome garden club members and guests for the Centennial celebration. A new roof and exterior painting were completed in early 2018. Interior painting, furniture refinishing and reupholstering spanned almost a year. On the third floor, the lighting was upgraded, new carpet installed, and a fresh coat of paint and wallpaper refreshed our busy meeting area. Refinishing the first-floor wood floors will be completed early in the new fiscal year.



Above: A close look at a damaged mirror frame



Right: Preparing to transport an overmantle to the conservator's studio

KVH Usage between July 2018-June 2019:

86 GCV Events

1256 Visitors

1 Member Private Event

20 Visitors

5 GCV Member Club Events

190 Visitors

8 Non-Member Private Events

510 Visitors

100 Events

1996 Total KVH Visitors

A Mirror Campaign was created to support the conservation of our seven stunning gilded pier mirrors and overmantels. Three mirrors have been repaired. The mirror that hangs in the back parlor is at the conservator's studio, and three more await funding.

The Kent-Valentine House has enthusiastically embraced the GCV-wide "Refuse to Use" campaign. We are eliminating single-use plastic cups and other plastics that add to the landfills and harm the oceans. We already have green processes in place and want to do more for the environment.

Restoration

Looking back over our first century, Garden Club of Virginia members have created a legacy of garden restorations with the funds raised by working together during Historic Garden Week. More than 40 restoration sites across the commonwealth are open to the public, and this year we added two new completed projects.

Poplar Forest's carriage circle. Its original surface has been preserved and is being covered with cement and cobbles to resemble the Jefferson-era original. Stones for the Poplar Forest circle were gathered from the same local fields used by Jefferson.

One of the projects is a new design for the East Garden at **Stratford Hall**, a restoration first completed by the GCV in the early 1930s. Based on plans found in Thomas Jefferson's papers, GCV Landscape Architect William D. Rieley designed an 18th-century garden in the upper tier of the existing garden closest to the Great House.



At Stratford Hall, new pathways are accented with dramatic shrubs, the addition of flowering plants, herbs, vegetables and fruit trees. *Photo by Matt Peterschmidt.*
Below: Point of Honor now features enhanced brick walkways and trees that resemble Lombardy poplars often found in Federal style gardens.



The second project completed this year is at **Point of Honor** in Lynchburg, which has been a GCV restoration site since 1978. Previous landscape work included adding a long cobblestone driveway, paths, a parking lot and trees appropriate

to the period. What has been missing at this elegant house is a garden where weddings or other gatherings can be held.

As GCV celebrates its Centennial, it is reconnecting with Ver-sur-Mer, the small town in northwestern France assisted by the club during World War II. GCV is donating funds to help complete the landscaping at the **British Normandy Memorial** being built at Ver-sur-Mer in memory of the British soldiers who died June 6, 1944, on Gold Beach. The memorial's stone foundation laying occurred June 6, 2019, the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.



Photo by: Liam O'Connor

A special addition to the Kent-Valentine House grounds is this beautiful *Cornus 'Rutban' Aurora* dogwood (at right) planted in memory of Margaret Bemiss. Among her many contributions to the GCV, Margaret was the author of *Historic Virginia Gardens: Preservation Work of The Garden Club of Virginia 1975-2007*.

Other projects continue including **Poplar Forest** and **William & Mary**.





Dania Khlaifat

2019 Rudy J. Favretti Fellow

Dania researched Farmington, the late 1700s plantation of George Divers, a good friend of Thomas Jefferson. Farming and horticulture cemented this friendship and, in 1803-04, Divers added two Jefferson-designed additions. Dania, a Fulbright scholar from Amman, Jordan, graduated in May with a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts with a focus on Cultural Landscape Management. She earned her BA in Architecture in 2014 at Al Ahliyya Amman University.



Hayden Hammons

2019 William D. Rieley Fellow

Hayden researched Mount Airy in Warsaw, a property that has been held by the same family since the mid-1600s. The historic house was built in the mid-1700s by John Tayloe II and was the center of plantation and political life of the era. Hayden will earn his Master of Landscape Architecture degree at Louisiana State University in 2020. He earned his BA in History at LSU in 2012 and took courses toward a MA in History at Mississippi College.

- Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia Beach*
- Bacon's Castle, Surry
- Belle Grove, Middletown
- Belmont, Fredericksburg
- Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg
- Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood
- Centre Hill Mansion, Petersburg
- Christ Church-Lancaster, Irvington
- Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History, Danville
- Executive Mansion Capitol Square, Richmond
- Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Fincastle
- Grace Arents Garden, Richmond
- Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria
- Gunston Hall, Mason Neck*
- Historic Henry County Courthouse, Martinsville
- Portsmouth Arts & Cultural Centre, Portsmouth
- Historic Smithfield, Blacksburg*
- Historic St. Luke's Church, Smithfield*

- Hollins University, Roanoke
- Kenmore, Fredericksburg
- Kent-Valentine House, Richmond
- Ker Place, Onancock
- Lee Hall, Newport News
- Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg
- Mary Washington Monument, Fredericksburg
- Maymont, Richmond
- Monticello, Charlottesville
- Montpelier, Montpelier Station
- Moses Myers House, Norfolk
- Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon
- Oatlands, Leesburg
- Poe Museum, Richmond
- Point of Honor, Lynchburg
- Poplar Forest, Lynchburg
- Prestwold Plantation, Clarksville*
- Scotchtown, Beaverdam*
- Smith's Fort Plantation, Surry
- St. John's Mews, Richmond
- State Arboretum of Virginia, Bland
- Experimental Farm, Boyce
- Stratford Hall, Stratford
- Sweet Briar College, Amherst

- University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- Washington and Lee University, Lexington
- William & Mary, Williamsburg
- Wilton, Richmond
- Woodlawn, Alexandria*
- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Staunton
- Yeardley House, Jamestown*

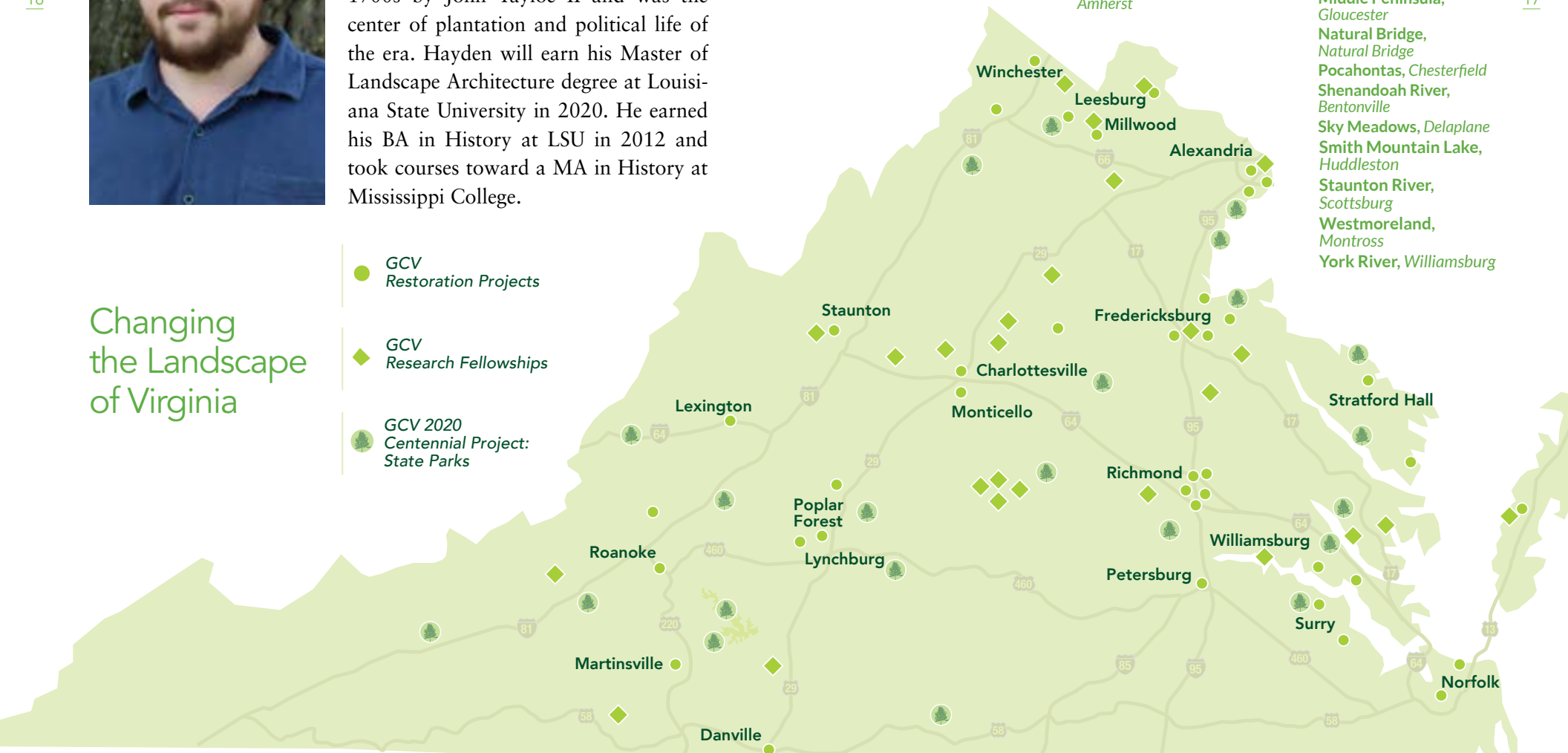
* No Longer Under Contract

GCV 2020 Centennial Project: State Parks

- Bear Creek Lake, Cumberland
- Belle Isle, Lancaster
- Caledon, King George
- Chippokes Plantation, Surry
- Claytor Lake, Dublin
- Douthat, Millboro
- Fairy Stone, Stuart
- Holiday Lake, Appomattox
- Hungry Mother, Marion
- James River, Gladstone
- Lake Anna, Spotsylvania
- Leesylvania, Woodridge
- Mason Neck, Lorton
- Middle Peninsula, Gloucester
- Natural Bridge, Natural Bridge
- Pocahontas, Chesterfield
- Shenandoah River, Bentonville
- Sky Meadows, Delaplane
- Smith Mountain Lake, Huddleston
- Staunton River, Scottsburg
- Westmoreland, Montross
- York River, Williamsburg

Changing the Landscape of Virginia

-  GCV Restoration Projects
-  GCV Research Fellowships
-  GCV 2020 Centennial Project: State Parks



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Historic Garden Week

Historic Garden Week has three goals. As a fundraiser, it underwrites important restoration projects that beautify our landscape, supports our Centennial project with Virginia State Parks as well as a research fellowship program in landscape architecture. As a public relations event, it promotes local tourism, showcasing communities both large and small across the commonwealth.

Finally, it is the only activity shared by every member of the Garden Club of Virginia annually. Camaraderie and friendship happen when smart women come together to make a difference.

Historic Garden Week 2019 was attended by 25,112 visitors with net proceeds totaling \$621,195. This tremendous accomplishment would not be possible without the hard work of 3,500 GCV members, countless friends and sponsors, and almost 200 private homeowners.

This spring we showcased the Virginia bluebell and Waverley Hill, the former home of Emily Smith, the president of the Garden Club of Virginia from 1928 to 1930. Designed by William Lawrence Bottomley, with gardens by Arthur Shurcliff, this gorgeous Georgian-Revival country house in Staunton was completed in 1929 – aptly, the year of the first Historic Garden Week.

Thank you for your continued support of “America’s Largest Open House.” For 86 years you have welcomed visitors to our beautiful state with gracious hospitality, maintaining a beloved springtime tradition.

Members of the Ashland Garden Club Bebe Luck, Brenda Gilman and Dale Sayers, travelled to other tours to get inspired and enjoy the beautiful weather during HGW 2019.



1. The Governor’s mansion, a GCV restoration site, opens at no charge to the public during Historic Garden Week in Richmond. Members of the Three Chopt Garden Club helped it look its very best. **2.** The new owner’s rejuvenation of the original landscape plans at Waverley Hill in Staunton include a slate terrace, koi pond and pool. Visitors from all over the world come to Virginia during Historic Garden Week to appreciate the peak of springtime blooming. **3.** The Historic Garden Week state committee was led by Co-chairman Tricia Garner (Rappahannock Valley) and Chairman Stephe Broadwater (Nansemond River). **4.** Members of the Augusta Garden Club enjoy work and fun. Behind-the-scenes moments like this are what create lifelong memories and friendships. **5.** It is estimated that more than 2,300 floral arrangements — using greenery and flowers grown from members’ own gardens — decorate the 200+ featured private homes each tour season. **6.** Historic Garden Week, the nation’s only statewide house and garden tour, would not be possible without the generosity of homeowners in communities across the commonwealth. This tour in Lynchburg was attended by approximately 1,200 visitors.



Horticulture

Whether it's toting buckets of stunning lilies to Richmond, planning a club exhibit for a statewide meeting or traveling with friends to a fabulous garden, GCV members love to share and learn about gardening. Horticulture and conservation have joined forces to raise awareness of supporting pollinators and responsible gardening.

Annual Horticulture Exhibits



The 2018 Board of Governors exhibits “The Potomac, Our History—Our Future,” focused on improving the health of our state’s waterways and the importance of riparian buffers in that effort.

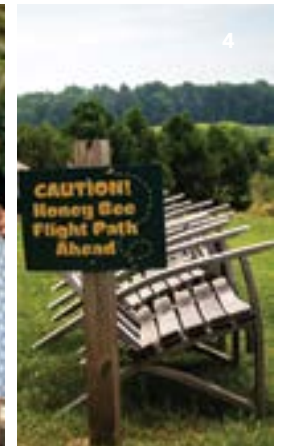
The theme of the 2018 Board of Governors exhibits focused on improving the health of our state’s waterways and the importance of riparian buffers to that effort. In May, GCV members created exhibits featuring blooms or plants which best represent a “Storm Survivor,” at the Annual Meeting in Portsmouth (pictured here).

Horticulture Field Day

More than 200 GCV members enjoyed beautiful gardens, good food and great fun in majestic Orange County. HFD began with a tour of the incredible gardens of Mount Sharon Farm, with English, French and Italian influences, graciously opened to us by Mary Lou and Charlie Seilheimer. The next day featured The Market at Grelen, a European style garden shop situated on a 600-acre tree nursery. Participants learned proper pruning techniques and how to build a stunning container garden for season-long interest. After lunch, it was on to Montpelier (a GCV Restoration Site) to visit the Annie duPont formal garden and the lovely private grounds of nearby Gaston, kindly opened by Catherine and Steven Brooks.



1. Gaston 2. Mount Sharon Farm 3. Jean & Tom Gilpin and Mary Lou Seilheimer 4 and 5. The Market at Grelen 6. Montpelier



Horticulture Awards of Merit 2019

Established in 1960 for individual members of the Garden Club of Virginia who have achieved significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in their communities.

Susan Garrett
The Nansemond River Garden Club

Sherry Leffel
The Spotswood Garden Club

Fall Symposium

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RICHMOND 2018

Garden Club of Virginia members and fellow garden and flower enthusiasts gathered for two days of workshops, speakers, a flower show featuring horticulture, floral design, and photography exhibits plus a boutique and luncheon.



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1: Fall Symposium and Flower Arranging School GCV President Jean Gilpin, Flower Arranging School Speaker Holly Heider Chapple (Leesburg) and GCV First Vice President Missy Buckingham (Boxwood). Holly is known for her Oasis-free arranging.

2: Fall Symposium 2018 Chairman Jennifer Kelly (Alexandria).

3: Rappahannock Valley Garden Club's Reflective arrangement won the Quad Blue.

4: Best in Show, Nobel Prize and Sulfur award were won by Susan Garret (Nansemond River).

5: Photography Best in Show was won by Constance Owens (Virginia Beach)



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6: Greg Campbell and Erick New, co-owners of Garden District in Memphis, signed and told stories about their recently released book and demonstrated floral arrangements.

7: GCV flower show judges conducted a hands-on flower arranging event especially for the beginning arrangers.



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For more great photos and complete list of award winners, visit gcvirginia.org

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DAFFODIL DAY

RICHMOND 2019



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Daffodils and their many admirers filled the Kelly Education Center at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. The horticulture schedule offered American Daffodil Society classes, GCV members-only classes, youth and novice exhibitors. Six artistic classes interpreted “March of the Trumpets,” and photography classes made music with daffodils through Rhythm, Harmony, Crescendo and Improvisation.

‘Green Arrow,’ a new daffodil honoring the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Virginia, was introduced and won several awards.



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During judging, a fun and informative member orientation reviewed GCV basics and current activities relating to Historic Garden Week, restorations, conservation, the Kent-Valentine House and more. The GCV president and state-level leaders attended and answered members’ questions.

Virginia Living magazine dispatched a photographer and editor for an article that will appear in their house and garden supplement next spring.

There were some impressive numbers from the show: 120 volunteers; 132 individual exhibitors; 27 interclub exhibitors; 1,419 stems in Horticulture; 40 pieces of silver, cups, crystal, and special ribbons presented; and 489 ribbons given (164 blue; 123 red; 97 yellow; and 105 white/honorable mention.)



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1: Daffodil Day 2019 Chairman Adele Smith (Middle Peninsula)

2: ADS Best Intermediate Collection of 5 was won by Ceci Brown (Gloucester)

3: Jeanette Cadwallender (Rappahannock Valley) won The Member Clubs’ Award, Best Standard Bloom in Show, ADS Gold Ribbon, the ADS Small Growers’ Ribbon, for her ‘Green Arrow.’

4: GCV Daffodil Committee Chairman Janet Hickman (Hillside)

5: Barbara Backus and Marion Zimmerman (Rappahannock Valley) won the Tri-Color and the Decca Gilmer Frackelton Award for their Botanical Naturalistic interpretation of “A Daffodil Crescendo.”

6: Catriona Erler (Albemarle) won the Blue Ribbon and the Claire Smithers Mellinger Award for her photograph of daffodils in a landscape.

More photos and complete awards list at gcvirginia.org



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The 77th Annual GCV Lily Show was dedicated to the memory of Katherine Beale, Harborfront Garden Club. Participation included 35 individual horticulture exhibitors, six interclub collections, 181 horticulture stems and 122 horticulture exhibits. Lilies in Bloom 2019 offered two Interclub Artistic Classes.



1: GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke) presented the Past Presidents of GCV Trophy for Best Interclub Arrangement to Janice Whitehead (Boxwood) for her club's entry in the Late Georgian class.

2: Helen Murphy (Northern Neck), won the Gertrude Cody Minter Memorial Award for Best Lily Stem in Show and the Eugenia Diller Award Best Oriental/Trumpet Hybrid Lily for 'Valverde.'

3: Lilies in Bloom 2019 filled the fellowship hall at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland County.

4: GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke), Flower Magazine's Margot Shaw, GCV First Vice President Missy Buckingham (Boxwood), GCV Artistic Design Committee Chairman Tory Willis (Rappahannock Valley) and GCV Executive Director Lynn McCashin.



GCV members met Flower Magazine Editor in Chief Margot Shaw at the Kent-Valentine House on June 18. Margot signed copies and talked about the creation of her book *Living Floral: Entertaining and Decorating with Flowers*.



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