



GARDEN CLUB  
OF VIRGINIA

*Centennial*

1920-2020

*Year in  
2019 • 2020  
Review*



The Garden Club of Virginia  
exists to celebrate the beauty  
of the land, to conserve  
the gifts of nature and to  
challenge future generations  
to build on this heritage.



#### DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Our world changed in March of 2020, and the Garden Club of Virginia rose to the challenges she faced. Time honored traditions continued, yet in a new way. Daffodil Day became our first virtual flower show; Historic Garden Week mounted an online presence of homes, gardens and arrangements; the GCV Annual Meeting became an archived webpage which presents a history of our accomplishments during the past two years. I encourage you to revisit [gcvirginia.org/2020](http://gcvirginia.org/2020) to share in all of the fun we have had together.

This publication salutes each of you, the members and friends of the Garden Club of Virginia. It is your support that allows us to continue to reach goals that are at the core of our mission: to celebrate the beauty of Virginia, to conserve our natural resources, to restore historic landscapes, to provide environmental education, and to educate the next generation so that they might carry on this important work.

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and resources. We could not do what we do, or be who we are, without you. Your encouragement, your patience, your creativity, your generosity, and your collaborative spirit combine to form a strong foundation for the Garden Club of Virginia. It has been my greatest pleasure to lead such an inspiring group.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean E.R. Gilpin".

**Jean E.R. Gilpin, President 2018-2020**

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA



Fiscal year 2019-2020 is certainly one for the record books. While the first half of the year started and progressed in what is now the old normal, the second half quickly changed in very strange ways. By the first of March, we were aware of this “new” virus and were developing messaging for Historic Garden Week and by mid-March we had canceled it. GCV staff began working from home and everyone began a relationship with ZOOM. Their contributions to the virtual Annual Meeting, HGW communications, *Journal* online, virtual Boot Camp and daily GCV life were greatly appreciated.

Our staff responded with their usual determination and grace to this new way of doing GCV business. The Kent-Valentine House was closed to meetings and visitors until July except for staff who were all back in their offices. We adjusted to the need for social distancing easily since we are spread out naturally in the second-floor offices. We set up sanitizing stations and handwashing signs. This process grew into the KVH protocols for reopening the house for small meetings or visitors.

Through the winter, we hired a new Finance Manager. Stacey Davis came on board bringing solid accounting and financial management skills. It was wonderful having Kathy Knollmann here for a few months supporting GCV accounting and orienting Stacey. Lexie Haglund, Development Director, departed and we wished her well in her new endeavors.

Even with our “new normal,” the resilience and resolve of the staff working along with GCV leadership, clubs and GCV members never wavered.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn McCashin".

**Lynn McCashin, Executive Director**

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

# Treasurer's Report



The Covid-19 pandemic falling in the last quarter of our 2019-2020 fiscal year greatly impacted GCV's income expectations while our expenses remained relatively unchanged.

As you know, the Garden Club of Virginia's largest source of revenue is our annual Historic Garden Week. The losses from Historic Garden Week 2020 had significant repercussions on our organization's finances, not only for this year but for several years to come. To compensate for a 55% loss of revenue, your Board of Directors made several decisions to allow us to meet the financial challenges before us. We reduced or delayed expenses wherever possible, applied for and received a PPP loan, made additional withdrawals from our Endowment investment account, passed an interim yearly budget which will be reviewed for possible changes in October, and obtained a one-year line of credit.

The Garden Club of Virginia operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2019 and ended on June 30, 2020. 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 2019 GCV Annual Meeting. While we were able to keep our expenses 1.3% below planned for the year, our income also came in 29% below our goal. In addition to HGW income, the other sources of income for GCV were membership dues, the annual fund, sponsorships and donations, income from publications and rental of our carriage house. Additionally, we withdrew 4.5% from our Endowment fund as planned in our 2019-2020 budget.

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. Also funded were the Common Wealth Award, the Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award, a Conservation Fellowship and two Restoration Fellowships. This year's expenses include the final payment of our Centennial gift to the parks and any losses incurred as a result of cancelled GCV events.

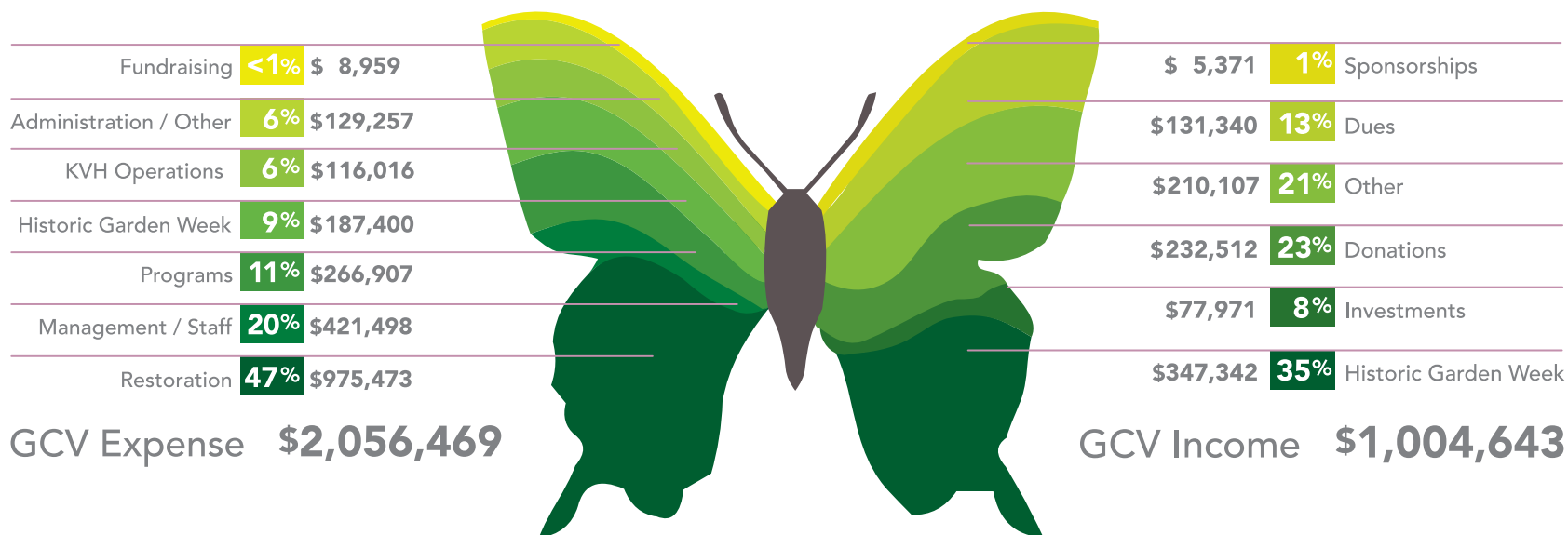
Our assets of approximately \$7.9 million include the Kent-Valentine House property, our cash accounts, and investment portfolios. At the end of June 2020, the GCV investment portfolios were valued at over \$5.9 million, which is approximately 75% of GCV's total assets. Our financial records for 2018-2019 fiscal year were audited, and we received a clean opinion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our Federal Form 990 was filed this year and is available for public review.

In navigating the immediate needs of GCV in this economic downturn, GCV has been primarily dependent upon withdrawals from our Endowment fund built up by the forethought of our predecessors and the generosity of our membership. The 2019-2020 GCV Board strongly recommended that rebuilding our Endowment fund should be a priority in the future.

The Garden Club of Virginia has been fortunate to be able to weather the setbacks of this year, and we look forward to continuing the work of our mission throughout the commonwealth for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

**Victoria Alexander**, Treasurer 2018-2020  
GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA





GARDEN CLUB  
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# who we are



## EDUCATION

Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club sponsors the State Arboretum's Public Garden Intern at Blandy.



## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore refuses to use plastic bags. On the steps of Ker Place, members show off their newly created bags made from recycled materials supporting this GCV initiative.



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Nansemond River Garden Club supports the native plants garden at King's Fork High School. Club President and GCV Parliamentarian Linda Consolvo presents the school with their gift.



GCV welcomes our 48th member club, Three Rivers Garden Club.



## LEGACY AND LEADERSHIP

ABOVE: District 2 Director-at-Large Fran Carden (Albemarle Garden Club) and her mother, Former GCV President Mary Hart Darden (The Nansemond River Garden Club) enjoying a GCV event.



RIGHT: Sisters and Former GCV Presidents Helen Murphy (The Garden Club of the Northern Neck) and Katty Mears (The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore)



President Jean Gilpin (center) visits four clubs in the Norfolk area in her tour around the commonwealth.



## FRIENDSHIPS

ABOVE LEFT: Directors at Large Debbie Lewis (The Garden Study Club) and Anne Harrison Harris (The Hampton Roads Garden Club)

ABOVE RIGHT: The Warrenton Garden Club members: Common Wealth Award Chairman Karla MacKimmie, Kathleen Nevill, Former GCV President Kim Nash and GCV Photographer Penny Dart

LEFT: GCV President Jean Gilpin (Winchester-Clarke Garden Club) and GCV First Vice President Missy Buckingham (The Boxwood Garden Club)



## LOOKING FORWARD



GARDEN CLUB  
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# what we do

Landscape Restoration • Support for  
Member Club Community Projects

The carriage turnaround at Poplar Forest has been carefully restored to represent Thomas Jefferson's original surface.  
Photo by Eric Proebsting, Poplar Forest



POPLAR FOREST CARRIAGE TURNAROUND



WILLIAM & MARY

Garden Club of Virginia's newest project, the Reveley Garden, is a partnership with William & Mary. The one-acre garden is inspired by a 1926 Charles Gillette plan and has been adapted to fit the existing space between Ewell Hall and Jefferson Hall. Drone photo above by Charles Funk. Photo at right by Frances Heller.



BARTLETT TREE WORKDAYS



STRATFORD HALL EAST GARDEN

ABOVE: The East Garden at Stratford Hall, site of our 1930 restoration, has undergone a transformation. In the current restoration, the upper terrace takes on a look that is more consistent with a 19th-century design and is based on a plan found in Thomas Jefferson's papers. Photo courtesy of Rieley and Associates.

RIGHT: At Bartlett Tree Workdays, Bartlett Tree Experts partnered with the Garden Club of Virginia within our communities to expand our knowledge of tree and shrub care, and to enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods.



MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

The 2020 Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award was awarded to the Little Garden Club of Winchester for their project at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. The Weir Garden will showcase stone weirs—low, dam-like structures—that regulate water flow during periods of extreme precipitation.



PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The recipient of the 2019 Common Wealth Award was the Boxwood Garden Club's enhancement of the Peter Paul Development Center Playground and Garden in Richmond.



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# what we do

Virginia State Parks Grants • Conservation  
and Beautification • Growing and Showing •  
Historic Garden Week



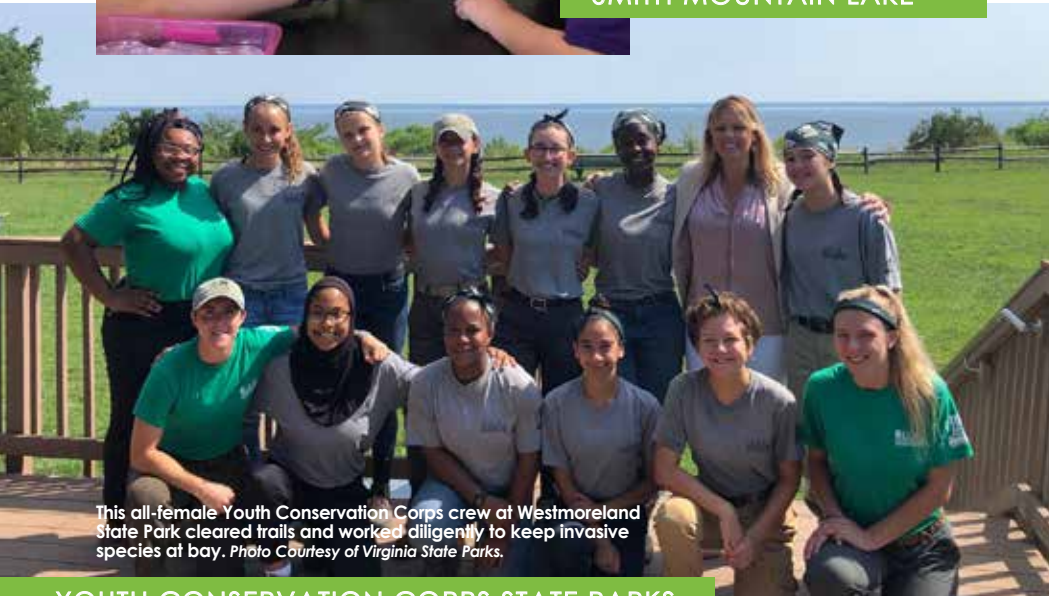
Students compare water samples in Smith Mountain Lake's Wet Lab and use microscopes to identify microorganisms. Photo Courtesy of Virginia State Parks.

## SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE



## HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK 2020

Historic Garden Week 2020 was cancelled for the first time since WWII due to the global pandemic. During that week, the Garden Club of Virginia reminded the public on social media of past tours, including photos of historic properties, flower arrangements, and extraordinary gardens. The 2020 Guidebook became the first to be registered with the Library of Congress. The anticipation for Historic Garden Week 2021 is building. Photo by Sandy Geiger, The Garden Club of Gloucester.



This all-female Youth Conservation Corps crew at Westmoreland State Park cleared trails and worked diligently to keep invasive species at bay. Photo Courtesy of Virginia State Parks.

## YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS STATE PARKS



Rockbridge Baths Elementary School students assisted Dylan Kerl of Bartlett Tree Experts in planting a serviceberry tree during Back to Nature at Natural Bridge State Park.

## CONSERVATION FORUM



Former GCV President Deedy Bumgardner and Grace Rice (The Augusta Garden Club) as "trees" at the 2019 GCV Conservation Forum.



## PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

ABOVE: At Photography Workshops members polished their photography skills and learned useful tips on sending digital images and preparing photographs for exhibiting.

BELOW: By producing a virtual show, Daffodil Day became an opportunity to expand our vision of flower shows. The website, [gcvirginia.org/daffodilday](http://gcvirginia.org/daffodilday), remains available as a great source for artistic design, photography, historic daffodils Test Collection (1930) and Daffodils A-Z. Photo by Jane Hammond.



## DAFFODIL DAY 2020



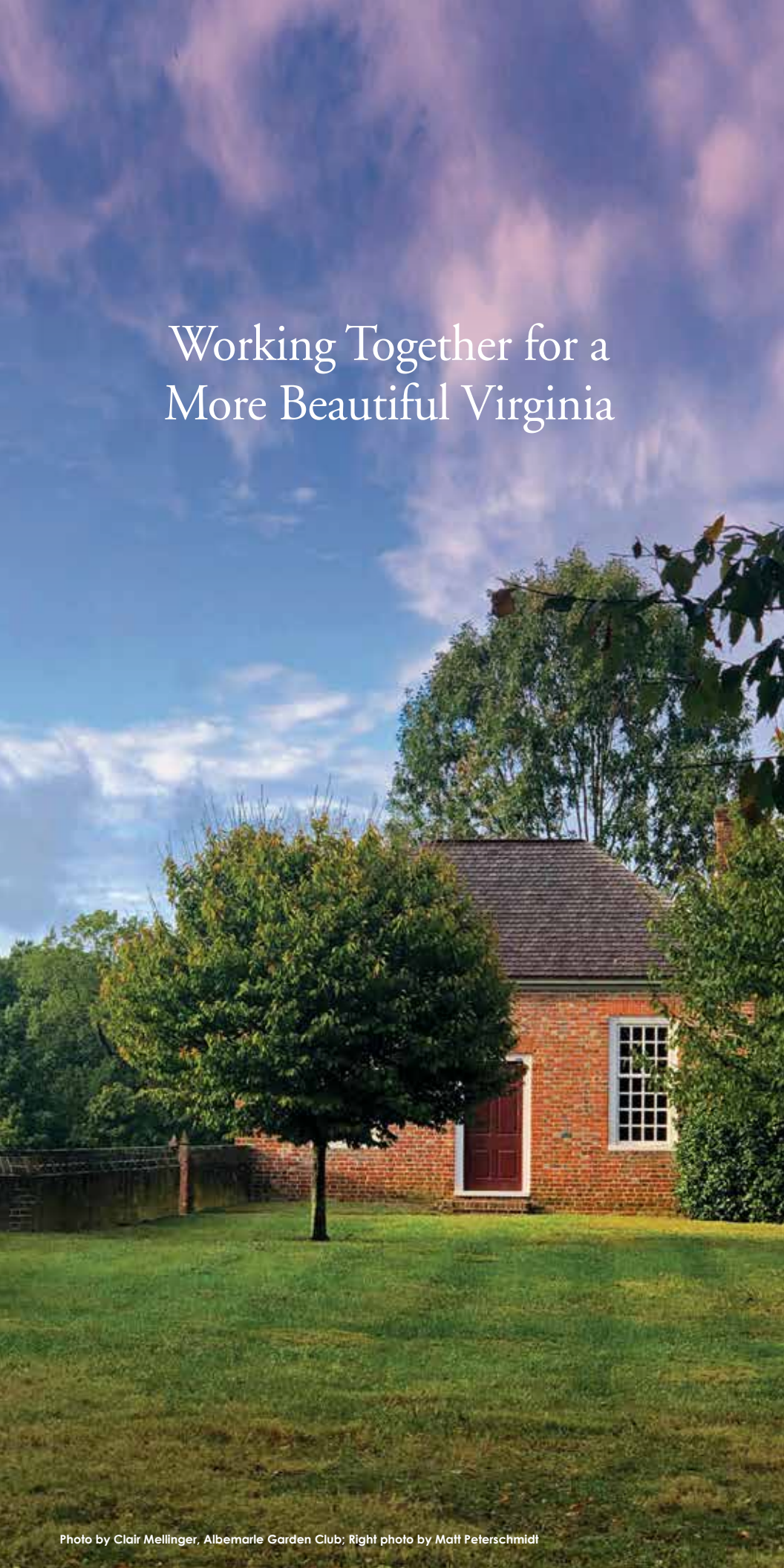
## LEGISLATIVE DAY

ABOVE: 94th District Delegate Shelly Simonds, Allison Clock (The Hampton Roads Garden Club), Patricia Loughridge, Linda Marks and Elizabeth Kostelny of Preservation Virginia.



## 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

RIGHT: Environmental Studies Fellow Heather Kenny (at right) and her research assistants studied the effects of noise pollution on Eastern Bluebirds' nesting habits.



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