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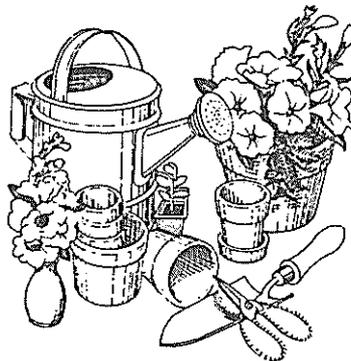
GARDEN SONG

Words and Music by David Mallett

Inch by inch, row by row,
Gonna make this garden grow,
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by Inch, row by row,
Someone bless the seeds I sow,
Someone warm them from below
'Til the rain comes tumbling down.

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones,
We are made of dreams and bones,
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand.
Grain for grain, sun and rain,
Find my way in nature's chain,
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land.

Plant your rows straight and long,
Temper them with prayer and song,
Mother Earth will make you strong,
If you give her love and care.
Old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree.
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there.



TO COMMEMORATE
MORE THAN SEVENTY YEARS
OF
FRIENDSHIP AND
DEDICATION
TO
THE IDEAL THAT
ENVIRONMENT PLAYS
A BIG ROLE IN OUR
ENJOYMENT
OF
LIFE



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PREFACE

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be writing a history of anything. They say things happen at the right time and I guess that is the reason for this book.

Swem Library at the College of William and Mary called to ask if I would like to have a collection of yearbooks of the Williamsburg Garden Club. I was president of the club at the time, and was delighted to find old yearbooks dating back to 1932. My thoughts were that I would type the history from each book and pass it along to the historian.

Well, the mass of material got bigger and bigger, -- and before I knew it, I had more than twenty pages in the computer. Why not just keep going?

This history is certainly not complete -- several yearbooks were missing, and I did not go into our stored scrapbooks, minutes, etc. The GCV JOURNALS available in our files dated from 1959. Time became a factor with me, and I offer these remembrances with the hope that it covers most of the important events and projects during seventy years.

I wish to thank Anne Bell for her drawing of our flower, the yellow fall crocus, which appears on the cover. Also, I thank my husband, Dennis, for his many hours of proofing the book and Gale Roberts and Suzie Brooks for their encouragement and proofing, also. It really was a labor of love for me to honor my garden club in this manner.

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**HISTORY OF THE WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN
CLUB
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OVER SEVENTY YEARS AS A GARDEN CLUB**

Imagine Williamsburg as a small town in 1929! There was little business along Richmond Road; two lanes of traffic ran down Duke of Gloucester Street, as cars were beginning to enter the picture, with many streets unpaved and frequently muddy. There was no wall around the Wren Courtyard at the college. The depression had left its mark everywhere. Colonial Williamsburg was just a vision in the late 1920's; there was no Williamsburg Inn and Lodge, or Visitor's Center; the Busch Brewery and Busch Gardens had not entered the picture, and there were no large housing developments in the area. People knew their neighbors and cared for their surroundings. Women in the area showed concern. Wives of professors at the college and women who attended Bruton Parish Church had great ideas for beautifying Williamsburg. What could they do to encourage civic improvement?

Garden Clubs were new phenomena. Colonial ladies left the direction of their gardens to husbands and gardeners. Also, they had nothing at all to do with clubs -- that was another male right. Victorian ladies became interested in the subject of flowers and wrote about gardening and learned their botanical names and terms.

On March 21, 1929 a Garden Committee was started as part of the Williamsburg Civic League. Various phases of gardening were studied; work was done toward civic improvement; and numerous flower shows were held. On June 11, 1931 the outstanding event of the year was an

invitation to become a member club in The Garden Club of Virginia, thus linking it with statewide ideas and aspects of garden work. The admissions chairman stated that "Williamsburg was most worthy of being invited to join our organization. Williamsburg has become a national shrine, and for us its strongest appeal will always be its historic association with all of Virginia. There are some lovely old gardens, some new ones, and a charming personnel."

In 1932 the Garden Committee had grown so large, and the work undertaken was of such scope that it was felt a separate club should be formed. On March 21 of that year thirteen members met, and organized themselves into an independent group. They adopted a constitution and elected officers, including Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr. as president from 1929-31. Meetings were scheduled on the third Monday of each month, with the annual meeting in March. The original thirteen women, with thirteen others who signed the constitution at a later date, became the charter members of The Williamsburg Garden Club. Later more members were added to make a total of forty active and ten associate members. Article I of the Constitution stated that "the purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest in amateur gardening, to encourage civic planting, and the preservation of trees, shrubs, wild flowers and birds." Dues were \$2.00 per member.

A special meeting and luncheon of The Williamsburg Garden Club was held on April 4, 1932 at the Travis House. The Norfolk Garden Club was in attendance and a tea was held following the luncheon.

The designated flower, mentioned in the first yearbook, was the yellow fall crocus, a royal flower. "The small

yellow flower, commonly called crocus, which blooms in the gardens of Williamsburg each autumn, is the *Sternbergia Lutea* and is a native of the southern shores of the Mediterranean. It was brought to Williamsburg in the early colonial days as an ornament in the Governor's Palace Gardens. When the last royal governor fled back to England and the Palace fell into ruins after being used to house sick Continental soldiers, the bulbs were carried to the gardens around the state, making the interwoven links of friendship and kinship which made up the fabric of all Virginia society."

In 1931-33 Mrs. Edward M. Gwathney served as president and relates in her annual report that the club carried out a program of civic work by sponsoring and aiding in the planting of the school grounds at Matthew Whaley. A small sum was given as an initial gift toward plantings for the Governor's Mansion in Richmond. A contribution was given toward planting the grounds of the Yorktown Sesquicentennial. Support was given to a bill in the Legislature which advocated improvement of highways by the removal of signboards. Members traveled to Kenmore, Stratford and Wakefield gardens in October of 1932. (You will note as you read this history that emphasis in these areas did not change over the intervening years.)

Associate members during 1931-33 included Mrs. John Bentley of St. Mark's Mission in Nenona, Alaska; Mr. George Coleman of the St. George Tucker House, and Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin of the George Wythe House in Williamsburg; Mrs. John Garland Pollard of the Executive Mansion in Richmond, Virginia; and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. of New York City.

A most forward-looking step was the organization of a study group. These were conducted by members, and participants were hard-core horticulturists and novices. The study group met in the morning with separate programs and activities with no business allowed. One of the first projects was the testing of new plant material suggested by The Garden Club of Virginia. A miniature flower show was featured at the end of each informal program. Study Group was, and remains today, a monthly event (in most years) equal in importance to the programs at meetings. Standing committees included Membership, Properties, and Program. Special Committees included Garden Gossip, Nominating, Restriction of Outdoor Advertising, Local Records, Conservation, Study Group, Planting at Governor's Mansion, Flower Show and Garden Week. (See Appendix 1. Sally Stetson Remarks at 50th anniversary, page 59)

Publishing A Williamsburg Scrap Book was a project headed by Mrs. George Coleman; other committee members were Mrs. E. M. Gwathney, Mrs. W. T. Hodges, Miss Cora B. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Stetson, Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr. and Mrs. R. B. Watts, by whom the book was compiled. The first printing was December 1932, the second, March 1933, and the third, 1937. A copyright is shown in the 1937 edition and the book was printed by Dietz Printing Co. of Richmond, Virginia. A Colophon at the back of the book states: "Here endeth A Williamsburg Scrap Book as compiled by the members of the Williamsburg Garden Club, who sought the town's intimate story in records, legends, old clippings and forgotten letters---preserving between the covers of this volume the unique material for the generations of the future. -----originally done in the year Nineteen Hundred and Thirty - Two, and on the

Tercentenary of the Founding of the site of Williamsburg, and reprinted for the third time in Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven." This served as the first big fundraiser.

House and garden tours were held by the women of Bruton Parish Church before the existence of The WGC. This became Historic Garden Week, jointly sponsored by the garden club and Bruton Parish. Another project, a Nature Trail, was taken over by The College of William and Mary.

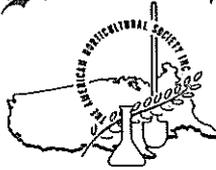
A test was used by the Admission Committee in regard to applicants for membership: 10% quality of garden, 10% personal care of garden, 20% experience and knowledge of flora culture, 10% ability to write and talk on gardens, 20% willingness to cooperate in all activities and 30% personality. Each applicant must total at least 70%.

A spring flower show (Garden Week), chaired by Mrs. E. T. Henley, was held in May 1932 with members and non-members participating. A plant exchange proved most helpful. Books were purchased for the local library, and collecting records concerning old gardens became a priority. Also, a list was made of historic trees in the community and a book was compiled of "historical and romantic" instances of Williamsburg.

In 1935 the garden club was elected as a member of the American Horticultural Society. (*See Illustration on page 5a.*)

IN MEMORIAM (1932) the death of Mrs. John Garland Pollard, associate member, is noted.

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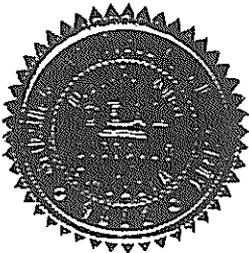
*Through the Board of Directors
has elected you*

Williamsburg Garden Club

a member of that Society

*In recognition of your active interest in the
advances of horticulture and its contributions to
the culture of the peoples of the world through
the growth, development and dissemination
of the knowledge of horticultural science.*

*In Witness Whereof, this certificate
has been signed and presented.*



1935

Donald Hyman

President

Grace P. Wilson

Secretary

Yearbooks were not available from 1933 to 1940.
(The following data are from Follow the Green Arrow, Vol. 1.)

Presidents during 1933-41 were as follows: 1933-34, Mrs. William T. Hodges; 1934-35, Mrs. J. R. Geiger; 1935-37, Mrs. Charles G. Milham; 1937-39, Mrs. Ashton Dovell; and 1939-41, Mrs. Theodore S. Cox.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Virginia was held in Williamsburg in May 1938. Members attended meetings in the Apollo Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall at The College of William and Mary. Guests were entertained for luncheon at the Williamsburg Inn, and later, members walked through gardens in the restored area. Dinner followed, also at the Williamsburg Inn, with Mrs. Ashton Dovell serving as Toast Mistress. Speakers for the evening were Mayor Channing Hall, Mr. Arthur Shurcliff, Mr. William Perry of the firm Perry, Shaw, and Hepburn, architects for Colonial Williamsburg, and Mr. Kenneth Chorley, President of Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. opened Bassett Hall and its garden during the next afternoon. A buffet luncheon at the Coke-Garrett House, with Mrs. Charles G. Milham serving as hostess, was the final event of the day.

Projects during 1930-1940 included publishing A Williamsburg Scrap Book; establishing the Nature Trail, which The College of William and Mary later incorporated into the larger project of Matoaka Park; encouraging and giving awards to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for horticultural and landscaping projects (especially with native plants); promulgating rules for awards for Christmas decorations on restored area houses; serving,

when asked, as judges for this competition; and planting, with the help of a landscape architect, a large cemetery plot with boxwood, flowering shrubs, trees, and evergreens (location undetermined)-see Follow the Green Arrow, Vol. 1, p. 71. The original constitution was amended several times to meet changing conditions.

Mrs. A. Edwin Kendrew served as President in 1941-43 and membership consisted of 35 active, 5 sustaining, 11 associates, and 6 honorary members; 14 of the 26 charter members were still active. Meetings were held the third Monday of the month; dues for active, associate and sustaining members were \$4.00; the initiation fee was \$5.00. The constitution stated that "Any active member who shall have missed four consecutive meetings shall automatically become an associate member, unless she shall have been granted a leave of absence by the club, on the grounds of illness, or absence from the City according to by-laws at the time."

A special area in the Williamsburg Library was set aside for The Williamsburg Garden Club collection of 47 books. A Horticulture Committee was formed and handled the lily, narcissus, and rose test collections for The Garden Club of Virginia. Roadside Development remained an active committee. Garden Week 1941 chairman was Mrs. Francis H. Craighill. Study groups were held on Friday before the regular monthly garden club meetings which were scheduled the third Monday of the month. In 1942 over 140 army or navy families were living in Williamsburg. The club entertained this group at a reception and tea. Planting and arranging flowers were offered to the various military installations in the area and much attention was

paid to the families. The club landscaped and planted flower borders at the Red Cross Building at Camp Patrick Henry (later known as Patrick Henry Hospital on old Denbigh Boulevard). It plowed Victory Gardens, took up canning as a special project, and marked time until it could return to being a garden club.

In 1942 The GCV assembled and printed Cook Book, a compilation of favorite recipes of members of the GCV. Each club sent in three recipes, handwritten, and the book was dedicated "To The Long-Suffering Husbands of All Garden Club Members This Book Is Remorsefully Dedicated." WGC sent in recipes for English Chopped Pickle, Pecan Pie, and Sally Lunn Bread. Several canning recipes were included from garden clubs across the state.

The years 1941-1945 were troubled times due to World War II and restrictions were everywhere. The President of The GCV stated that "The existing world cataclysm must of necessity bring change and restrictions not only in the lives of individuals but into the activities of organizations. Already there is an awareness of the inevitability of greater localization of our efforts." She continued: "How to tell of tired bodies, unusual chores, endless work. The misery of concealed anxiety. The frustrations of fatigue. The ready acceptance of the inconveniences of rationing - voluntary services of all kinds". Gardens were Victory Gardens; all emphasis was upon vegetables; food, it was said, would win the war. Canning was the vogue, and Garden Gossip (a publication of The Garden Club of Virginia before the emergence of the JOURNAL) carried recipes from members. Local flower shows were held with competition centered on horticultural specimens; some artistic

arrangements were included simply for enjoyment. Annual meetings of The Garden Club of Virginia were cancelled in 1943-1945 due to travel limitations.

During the war years, individual members of the clubs performed various activities in their communities and in the state. They participated in Red Cross, War Savings Bonds, U.S.O. Volunteer Special Services, Motor Corps, etc.; the list is unending.

Mrs. Francis H. Craighill became president in 1943. The special committee, Canning, was continued and victory gardens were encouraged. The committee functioned through 1946 and was then dropped in 1947. A special committee, Flowers at U.S.O., was chaired by Mrs. Gardiner Brooks, Sr. Garden Gossip was chaired by Mrs. John Stetson. Roadside Development continued. In 1944-45 a different yearbook was produced--- one sheet of green paper, folded in an attractive way with smaller print. Mrs. Craighill continued as president and the club membership count remained the same. A parliamentarian was added as an officer in 1943, as a standing committee in 1944, then back to an officer in 1945. It seems it was a necessary position but the club was not sure where to put it! It appears that Garden Week was not held in 1942-1947 due to World War II as there was no listing of the committee during this period.

The United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) conferred upon the garden club a certificate dated September 16, 1946, for meritorius service during World War II.
(See Illustrations on following pages)



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The Williamsburg
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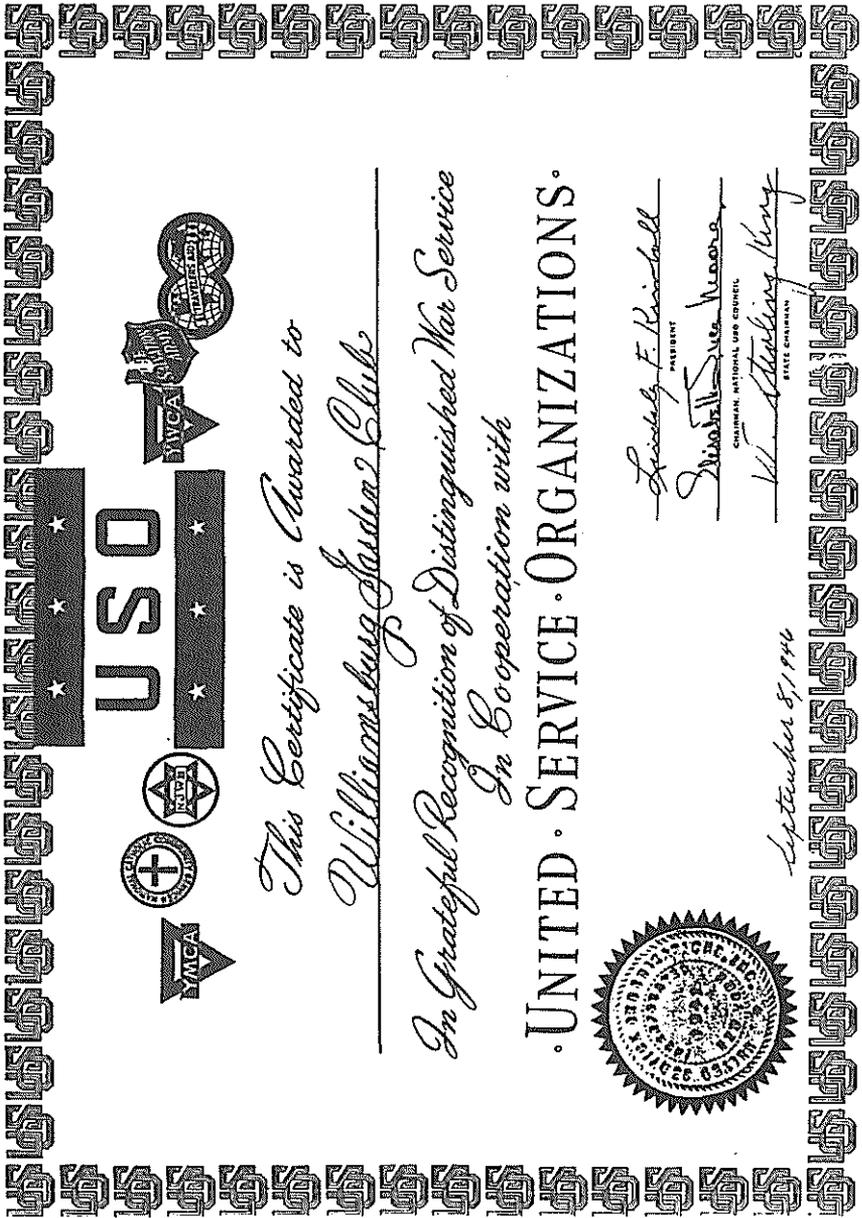
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in recognition of the service
you rendered the USO

Residence Club of Williamsburg
during World War II -

Gratefully yours
Cecilia M. Shawbaker
Director

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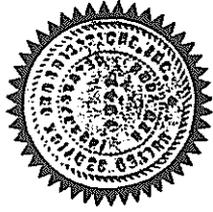


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Frankly F. Rainball
PRESIDENT

Shirley S. Moore
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL BOARD

W. Sterling King
VICE CHAIRMAN

September 8, 1946

IN MEMORIAM listed the death in 1944 of Miss Edith Smith of Bassett Hall, honorary member.

Mrs. William G. Guy served as president in 1945-47. The yearbook returned to its original booklet form. Canning, Flowers at USO, Garden Gossip, 4-H Club, Hospital Planting, and Roadside Development were some of the special committees. Study Group continued to be a strong element in garden club work.

IN MEMORIAM listed the death of Mrs. Henry C. Krebs, 1945, and Mrs. Theodore F. Rogers, 1946, both active members.

The president for 1947-49 was Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne. Special events included sending a representative from the club to a Community Council; Foster Child, Garden Gossip, 4-H Club and other activities continued. Canning as a special committee was eliminated in 1947. In October 1947, The Garden Club of Gloucester, Hampton Roads Garden Club, Nansemond River Garden Club and Williamsburg Garden Club co-sponsored a program at the Williamsburg Theater given by Mrs. Henry M. Kistner on "Flower Arrangements". A 1948 Spring Flower Show, chaired by Mrs. John Lewis, was noted.

In January 1948 and 1949 members attended an Eighteenth-Century Flower and Garden Symposium, arranged by Colonial Williamsburg at the Williamsburg Inn. Active membership held at 40; Associate and Sustaining memberships were limited to 20. An active member who missed five regular meetings during a year was automatically put on the associate list unless excused by the board. Associate members were those who had been

active members in good standing, but, for reasons acceptable to the board, they could no longer be active. A sustaining member was a man or woman who could not be an active or associate member, but who was interested in gardening and in furthering the object of the garden club.

IN MEMORIAM: Deaths of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. on April 6, 1948 and Mr. George P. Coleman on June 17, 1948, both sustaining members, were noted.

In November 1949 the 30th Board of Governors Meeting met in Williamsburg as guest of WGC. Directors dined at The College of William and Mary with Mrs. John E. Pomfret at the President's House. There were two walking tours of Williamsburg gardens, and Mrs. John E. Fisher showed slides of her flower arrangements which graced various historic places in Colonial Williamsburg.

Garden Week was interrupted by World War II and resumed in 1950, chaired by Mrs. Hibbert Corey and Mrs. Thomas Thorne. Mrs. Richard Morton and Mrs. Robert Hoke were chairs of Garden Week in 1951.

Mrs. John E. Pomfret, wife of the president of the College of William and Mary, served as president of WGC in 1949-51. A House and Garden Symposium, sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg, was held on February 27 and March 6, 1950. The club provided tea at the Raleigh Tavern for the Symposium. In April the club visited Chippokes Plantation in Surry County. Conservation was still a high priority.

IN MEMORIAM: Ms. Marguerite Wynne-Roberts died April 22, 1949, and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., charter Member

and first president of WGC died June 12, 1950. Both were honorary members.

Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks Sr. followed Mrs. Pomfret as president for 1951-53. Special committees included Study Group, Community Council Representative, Foster Child, Garden Gossip, Garden Week with Mrs. Harold Fowler and Mrs. Richard Talley as co-chairmen, 4-H Club, Highway Planning and Zoning, Fall Flower Show, Horticulture, and a new committee, Flowers at Eastern State Hospital. Active membership was 40 and Associate and Sustaining was 20. Honorary was unlimited. Dues were \$4.50 (up \$.50 from earlier days) and the initiation fee remained \$5.00. Claude Jones, Jr. gave a flower arranging program in October 1952. Participation in Garden Week continued with Mrs. James Miller in charge of the tour at the end of April 1953.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary was celebrated in March 1954. Mrs. Charles J. Duke served as President for the years 1953-55. Howard Scammon presented Christmas readings at the December program. Mrs. Warner Snider presented "Recollections of Old Virginia" as the program for the 25th anniversary meeting on March 15.

Mrs. Thomas Thorne was President of The Garden Club of Virginia in 1954-1956 and initiated a new JOURNAL to take the place of the first Garden Club of Virginia publication, Garden Gossip. The purpose was to keep the members aware of all activities, programs, committees and information concerning clubs. Mrs. Thorne wanted the magazine "to be easy to hold and to read; the name should be dignified and euphonious", expressing what the JOURNAL was to be. She set up a dedicated committee to

————— ANNIVERSARY —————

Poem written by Mrs. George P. Coleman on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Williamsburg Garden Club, and read by her at a meeting of the club on March 15, 1954 at the Parish House.

Since first our Garden Club began
 five and twenty years have flown,
Five and twenty summer suns on our
 labor come and gone.

These five and twenty years have brought
 stiffened backs and greying hair,
Some green thumbs have weary grown:
 vacant places here and there.

In our ranks, bring misty eyes, as the
 passing time we measure —
But new joy each year has held,
 new friends, new memories to treasure.

"Rosemary for remembrance is,"
 as Ophelia said.
"Pansies for thoughts," as well we know,
 are found in every garden bed.

Where dear remembrances, and thoughts
 of every kind have grown to bless us.
And promises of joy to come, with
 eager hopes rise to caress us.

What other work could e'er be found
 to bring us all together,
Like planting bulbs or sowing seed
 in drought or rainy weather.

I like to think our tie, a wreath
 of endless bloom and color,
Held in our hands, as on we go
 bound thus to one another.

And though, ahead of us, the forms
 of some who held the wreath have passed
Into the distance, still we feel
 thy grasp the magic garland fast.

So, every spring the daffodils assure
 us with their golden mirth
That Love and Beauty are not dreams,
 but the Realities of Earth.

plan and form the new publication and later named Mrs. John Stetson (Sally) as editor to succeed her.

The club participated in all flower shows of The GCV. Mrs. William Person, Sr. served as Chairman of Garden Week in 1954 and Mrs. Baxter Bell, Sr. in 1955. Associate and Sustaining membership increased to 25. Dues increased from \$4.50 to \$5.00.

IN MEMORIAM: Mr. Archie G. Ryland, charter and sustaining member, died on June 11, 1953, and Miss Frances Gillette, an honorary member, died on July 26, 1953. Mr. Charles J. Duke and Mr. John M. Stetson, sustaining members, died on September 26, 1953 and May 5, 1954, respectively.

Mrs. A. Pelzer Wagener became president in 1955 and served only one year. Mrs. John Stetson served on the JOURNAL staff for The GCV and also on a new committee established in the WGC, The Garden Club of Virginia JOURNAL. In addition, Mrs. Stetson was Scrapbook Historian. On January 17, 1955 Mr. Stanley W. Abbott presented a program on "Trees and what they mean to you and me". Mrs. Robert Vermillion was Chairman of Garden Week in 1956 which ran for four days and was a cooperative effort with the women of Bruton Parish Church. Homes of eight members were offered, plus restored homes of Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg Scrapbook appeared as a new committee. An inter-club flower show was held in October 1955.

Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy, Sr. followed Mrs. Wagener as President in 1956. Dues increased to \$6.00. Conservation and 4-H Club were paired as a special committee.

Members toured Woodlawn and Gunston Hall during 1957 and Garden Week Chairman was Mrs. Richard Talley and the next year 1958 Mrs. Lester Cappon served in that capacity. Again, Garden Week was co-sponsored with the women of Bruton Parish Church.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Frank Armistead, a charter and active member, died on August 11, 1956. Mrs. Edward M. Gwathney, charter member, second president of the club and honorary member at the time of her death, died on April 29, 1956. Mrs. Theodore S. Cox, past president of the garden club, died May 16, 1957, Miss Katherine Morecock, charter member, died on May 14, 1957 and Mr. Arthur A. Shurcliff, honorary member, November 12, 1957.

President during 1958-1960 was Mrs. Richard W. Talley. Historic Garden Week chairman was Mrs. Vernon Geddy Sr. in 1959. The club made a pilgrimage to Stratford Hall. Donations to Nature Camp continued. A luncheon meeting was held with the Garden Club of Gloucester, Hampton Roads Garden Club and the Huntington Garden Club at the James River Country Club.

A new entity, Sponsoring Committee of the The Williamsburg Garden Club Auxiliary, was added in 1958. Fifteen members formed the new Auxiliary with Mrs. Lucius D. Battle serving as chairman for this younger group of ladies. Members had no vote in Williamsburg Garden Club activities, could not hold office, and paid no dues or fees until elected to full membership in the club. Separate meetings were held for the Auxiliary, but members could attend open meetings and send representatives to The Williamsburg Garden Club meetings. They were not

members of The Garden Club of Virginia and worked under guidance of the Sponsoring Committee appointed by the Executive Board of WGC.

Members attended the Miller and Rhoads Virginia Woman's Forum in Richmond in November. In January 1960 Mrs. James Gordon Smith, President of The GCV, was guest speaker. The Auxiliary of The WGC, The Capitol Landing Garden Club, and The Green Springs Garden Club were invited in February 1960 to a special program given by Mrs. Channing Bolton. Mrs. Frank Evans led Garden Week in 1960.

The number of projects grew during the years 1950-60 and included planting and maintaining plantings around the Confederate Monument at the Courthouse on South England Street and placing fresh wreaths at this monument on special occasions; placing fresh flowers on the chapel altar of Eastern State Hospital each Sunday and on holidays; and planting a rare oak tree at the College of William and Mary in memory of John Clayton. Mrs. John Stetson became the editor of the JOURNAL and handled the planning and writing of the publication in Williamsburg. Betty Anne Wallace served as Associate Editor.

Mrs. William L. Person Sr. was installed as president for 1960-62. The programs for the The WGC reflected a greater interest in flower arranging during this year. Members toured Belle Air and Berkeley Plantations, situated along the James River. A luncheon meeting was held with the Gloucester, Hampton Roads, and Huntington Garden Clubs in Williamsburg. In 1960 Historic Garden Week continued to be co-sponsored by WGC and the

women of Bruton Parish Church. Ten private homes were open, five on Sunday and Monday and five on Tuesday and Wednesday. Pilgrimage Tickets were \$2.00 each and Combination Tickets were \$3.50. The 1961 Director's Meeting was held in Williamsburg with Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy (Carrie Cole) as hostess. Chairman of Historic Garden Week in 1961 was Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas Drewry in 1962. The initiation fee was \$5.00 and dues remained at \$6.00 for Actives and increased to \$8.00 for Associates and Sustaining members.

IN MEMORIAM: Mr. Alden Hopkins, honorary member, died on September 16, 1960.

The Club was lead by Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr. in 1962-64. Special Committees included Study Group, Garden Club of Virginia JOURNAL, Horticulture, Exhibits by Members, and Historic Garden Week 1963 with Mrs. Robert Hornsby, Sr. as chairman (the women of Bruton Parish Church continued as co-sponsors). Mrs. Ernest M. Frank was Chairman of the Auxiliary. The office of Parliamentarian seesawed again to become a standing committee! Slide Collection continued as a committee responsible for slides of Garden Week arrangements and members' gardens.

In October 1962 the Board of Governors met in Gloucester. Sally Stetson delighted her listeners with the JOURNAL report. "It is, we know, far from perfect. Our spelling often leaves a shudder in our readers, our grammar is sometimes reprehensible, our proof-reading faulty. We apologize for our errors and ask your indulgence for our shortcomings, while pointing with considerable pride to the splendid articles our members send in." Sally wrote many articles for the JOURNAL using the pen-name Marie

Contraire (possibly a play on words from "Mary, Mary, quite contrary...") Mrs. Thomas Thorne (Lelia), Chairman of the Restoration Committee, gave a report on the restoration of the East Lawn at The University of Virginia; so far over \$45,000 had been spent there.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Francis H. Craighill, past president and sustaining member, died on July 19, 1962; Mrs. K. J. Hoke and Mrs. A. G. Williams, associate members, died July 16, 1962 and September 11, 1962 respectively.

Mrs. Hibbert D. Corey assumed leadership as president for years 1964-66. Active membership remained at 40 and associate and sustaining members reached 30, for a total of 70 members.

The 28th annual GCV Rose Show was sponsored by WGC in October 1964 with Co-chairmen, Mrs. William L. Person, Sr. (Emily) and Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks, Sr. (Charlotte) in charge. Local awards were The WGC Award, Awards Chairman's Award, The President of The WGC award, The WGC Auxiliary Award, The Rose Show Chairmen Award, Williamsburg Restoration, Inc. Award, and the Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne Award.

A frozen bumblebee added excitement to the show due to the efforts of Mrs. Yelverton O. Kent (Lib) who submitted the Flemish arrangement for the club. All arrangements in the Flemish style were to have bird nests, bees, butterflies and insects in them. Lib was eager to make the arrangement as authentic as possible, so she decided to freeze a bumblebee and use it in her arrangement. The day of the show when she removed "him" from the freezer,

he appeared to be frozen solid (or so she thought). As the day progressed, temperatures rose and the warmth of the exhibition room at Williamsburg Lodge Conference Center brought the bee back to life. Off he flew with no regard for the arrangement he was to help portray! It took five men and a stepladder to catch the bee, and finally a spray had to be used. She had wanted a woozy bee, not a dead one for her arrangement!

Lib Kent also used a praying mantis, but had trouble getting him to pray. Finally, after three hours of wasted effort, she resorted to silica gel to get him into the reverent position. Needless to say, this was a very entertaining Rose Show in Williamsburg.

Flowers at Eastern State continued as a special committee, as did Highway Planting and Zoning. Library, Records and Williamsburg Garden Club Scrap Book merged as one committee. Mrs. J. Ricks Wilson, Jr. served as chairman of the Auxiliary which continued with separate programs and a membership of 15. Garden Week 1964 and 1965 was led by Mrs. Roger Leclere. Proceeds statewide reached \$59,337. Joint sponsorship of Garden Week continued with Bruton Parish Church. Garden Week in Williamsburg proved quite successful.

IN MEMORIAM listed the death of Mrs. R. B. Watts, charter and associate member, on March 26, 1964 and Dorothy Bernet Cappon (Mrs. Lester J.), active member, on August 11, 1965.

It was noted from earlier yearbooks that no first names were used or listed in yearbooks when referring to members. The above mention of the death of Mrs. Cappon

**ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A ROSE SHOW OR WE
HAD A BALL IN WILLIAMSBURG -OCT.1964
BY THE TALESPINNER (Lois Hornsby)**

It now seems like a fairy tale. You see, there was this royal decree--made by the Most Wise Board of Governors that there should be an annual display of roses grown by some of the fairest growers in the realm (of Virginia, that is). Every citizen was to be invited and there would be prizes for the most perfect blooms and the finest artistic arrangements. This special year, 1964, the affair was to be held in Williamsburg. The fates had so decreed it; not only that, it was Williamsburg's turn. Two truckloads of props had been delivered last year and were gathering stature (?) in the barn of one of our most favored members.

On the day preceding the heralded day of "judgment" one could follow the "Rose Show" sign popping up all around (almost by magic) to find the attractive North and South Ballrooms being beautifully set up by the local GC elves assigned to the project. There were gray-green elves spraying niches to match themselves and vice versa: black-blue elves hammering; finger-crossed elves hoping and planning; and stem-clipping elves arranging magnolia leaves. Perhaps most impressive were the pink and red elves steaming and pressing table covers. It seems that after long rows of tables (for over 70 entries) were set up with covers and niches stapled in place on top, the covers looked untidy. So these ingenious elves improvised an ironing board (table on wheels) to roll around to "depressed areas". As some spritely types would crawl around underneath with interesting bits of clothing and anatomy poking out here and there, the cluster of ironers above would steam away the pesky wrinkles. (Faces and other problems were offered for unwrinkling but had to be put off.) Adding to the unusual scene were a few small sized elfins waiting for mothers; also assorted visitors to Historic Williamsburg. These unworking groups were rich with conversation and questions ranging from: "When are we going, Mommy?" and "Is it lunch time?" to "What's going on here?" and "Don't tell me you have all been restored from the 18th century?"

At the appointed time, pages were eagerly awaiting the first participants. Elves had transformed themselves from work suits to tweeds and at the outer door of the hall carloads of curiously named contestants were being unloaded, groomed and gingerly escorted and announced by their sponsors at the Credentials Room. Here

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A ROSE SHOW (cont.)

were to be processed all Registrations, Awards, Publicity, and Permanent Records: a feat both awe-inspiring and elf-shaking. The best organized elves were ensconced with quantities of paper and pencils, typewriters, telephones, duplicates, triplicates, onion skin, thin skin, and positively no thick skulls! These workers brought fine poker faces befitting their business yet all the while smiles for friends and wandering exhibitors. Remember, this was the riot of preliminaries, the real day of the "show" was sure to be a SHOW.

A morning wander and the wonder again. A tell-tale trail of water trickling along the carpet, led to a scene of scurrying and last minute concentration. "Horticulture" had an ocean of bottles and cotton, and all imaginable types of shears. "Artistic" sported the usual drapes, thumb tacks, wires, scotch tape; and for the Flemish flare, shells, bird's nests and bugs. Nymphs with watering cans were replacing the lost waters of the "trailblazers." - Everywhere were roses of beauty beyond belief!

Soon, doors closed to exhibitors, the judges went to work and one local elf checked into the beauty shop next door for a hair cut while the deliberations took place. Incidentals: Lost: Several Judges en route to luncheons in local homes. Found: A worker decapitating discards from Horticulture to make an arrangement for the Offering table! Note: A silver offering was in order since there was no charge for attendance but the watchers of the offering bowls were quick to shake the silver out of sight leaving for display and effect the fresh garden green of paper money appreciated by most flower growers.

There was a large attendance for the occasion and the perfect climax for this fall ball was reached when an award was given to one named "Cinderella." Now the memory of it all lives -- happily ever after!

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is the first time a first name was included. No first names were used in the rosters until 1969. This was a policy also for The Garden Club of Virginia.

Mrs. Corey continued as president. Active membership was raised to 55 with associates and sustaining remaining at 30 for a new total of 85. The Auxiliary was disbanded in May 1965. Mrs. Harold Sparks and Mrs. Arthur Strong served as Co-Chairmen of Garden Week for 1966. 1967 chairs were Mrs. Arthur Strong and Mrs. T. D. Mahone.

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne returned for a second term as president in 1966-68. A new committee formed to plan for the Annual Meeting Of The Garden Club of Virginia in May 1967 in Williamsburg with Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr. and Mrs. Richard Talley in charge. The constitutional membership was 85 members, 55 active and 30 associates and 12 honorary members. Charter members listed were Mrs. Richard L Morton, Mrs. John M. Stetson, Mrs. Clyde C. Hall, Mrs. George P. Coleman, Mrs. Ashton Dovell, Mrs. W. T. Hodges and Mrs. Fred R. Savage. Three hundred invited guests, (including some from The Williamsburg Garden Club), from all over the state traveled to Richmond in May 1967 to tour the St. John's Mews, Elmira Shelton House and twenty historic blocks of Church Hill, restorations recently completed by the City of Richmond. Lunch was served at the Twenty-Three Hundred Club.

Delegates to the 1967 Annual Meeting traveled to Williamsburg after the Richmond event and were entertained for cocktails at Charlton House, home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Drewry; the 19th century home of

Judge and Mrs. Robert T. Armistead; and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Talley; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kendrew entertained at dinner and the evening ended with a candlelight concert at Bruton Parish Church. At noon the following day buses transported directors to the homes of Mesdames John L. Lewis, Jr., Thomas E. Thorne and Vernon M. Geddy, Sr. . Lunch was served in the new Commons at The College of William and Mary. Delegates toured the new campus, including the Swem Library and Crim Dell. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle H. Humelsine entertained delegates with cocktails at Carter's Grove Plantation; later, dinner was served in the Virginia Room at the Williamsburg Lodge. Mr. Humelsine, as President of Colonial Williamsburg, was a special guest at the dinner.

At the December luncheon at Bruton Parish House there was an auction of Christmas items contributed by each member. Dahlia Show blue ribbon winners were Mrs. Alfred Armstrong (Martha), Mrs. Robert Hornsby (Lois), and Mrs. T. R. Vermillion (Marguerite). Study group continued to be an important part of the club. Bird Preservation made its appearance as a new committee. Flower arranging was featured and point scoring appeared in the yearbook for judges. Members attended the Conservation Forum in Richmond in March. The JOURNAL continued to call Williamsburg home with Sally Stetson as editor.

(See Appendix 13 for listing of articles written by WGC members for JOURNAL.)

Garden Week chairs were Mrs. T. D. Mahone and Mrs. Arthur Smith in 1968. It was the duty of the treasurer in this time period to collect and secure the proceeds at the

end of each day of Garden Week in secret places in homes. The next morning it went to the bank. When Suzie Brooks was treasurer, she would hide it under the bed in her guest room; others put the money under their pillow for safe keeping. During Garden Week the President's House at the College of William and Mary was open. Local ladies, especially professors' widows, sat around and enjoyed the tourists and acted as hostesses. Also, all the home owners (not Garden Week house chairs) provided lunch for whomever was working at the house - or arranging - and members volunteered for the whole day.

Who can forget the stories of being a "picker" for Garden Week? Flower arrangers would have one, two or three "pickers" at their disposal, send them off all over Williamsburg and the counties to gather specific flowers or greens, and then conditioning was done for all materials gathered. Tulips were wrapped in newspaper, individually rolled, and packed tightly in milk cartons. Then, they were stored in old refrigerators in garages. The refrigerators had to be non-frost-free, so old ones were kept in garages for this purpose as well as for food storage. Mrs. Corey grew almost all of the tulips; row after row had to be checked daily starting several weeks before Garden Week. Another "push" to nature was the practice of pouring hot water on Dutch Iris beds behind Melinda Kendrew's house so that buds would open for Garden Week. During these years most flowers were grown in local gardens and used in the arrangements. It was rare if any flowers were purchased; the arranger paid for any necessary purchases.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Philip P. Nelson, died on November 16, 1966 and Mrs. John R. Fisher on June 23,

1967; both were sustaining members. Also, Mrs. George P. Coleman, (Mary Haldane), honorary member, died October 25, 1967.

Mrs. Cotesworth P. Lewis served as President from 1968-1970. Historic Christ Church was the site for a group tour. Garden Week Co-Chairs were Mrs. Arthur Smith (Peg) and Mrs. Yelverton Kent (Lib) in 1969 and Lib Kent and Mrs. John Kinnier (Katherine) in 1970. On March 17, 1969 the 40th anniversary of the club was celebrated. On May 19-21, 1970 The Garden Club of Virginia held its Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting in Richmond at the Hotel John Marshall with the James River Garden Club as the hostess club. Annual dues increased to \$8.00 for active members and \$10.00 for associates and sustaining.

IN MEMORIAM included three active members: Emily Moore Hall, December 14, 1968; Rebecca Kiester Wagener, (Mrs. S. Pelsler), January 20, 1969; and Elizabeth Kneeland Wallace (Mrs. Robert P.), July 23, 1969. Active member Harriet Foster McCreary, (Mrs. Robert D.), died December 22, 1969.

Community Projects was added as a Special Committee. The club continued a project which included providing fresh arrangements for Eastern State chapel altar. During the early years before Eastern State hospital moved from Francis Street to James City County, members offered to decorate the altar each week for church services. Suzie Brooks remembers handling a month when her sons accompanied her and had to be watched constantly as the patients loved children. Access to the church area was through the kitchen and buckets of flowers were hauled from a good distance away. Brass vases were cleaned

when necessary, and arrangements were prepared each week. When the hospital moved to a new location in James City County, a change was made in providing fresh flowers. Due to the larger space involved in the auditorium, large permanent flower arrangements were made by a few members and donated for use at the altar.

The club also planted dogwood trees at the new Williamsburg Community Hospital; gave each public school a hardwood tree to be planted by students; conducted a large planting project in January 1969 at Rawls Byrd School; attempted to save the college woods from being stripped and sold as timber, started an annual scholarship to Nature Camp; supplied and placed attractive trash receptacles at troublesome spots in the city; and annually supplied artificial Christmas wreaths trimmed with red bows to The Pines Nursing Home (now called The Williamsburg Center).

During the 1960's trees were planted also at the new Williamsburg Courthouse and the new Life Science Building at the College of William and Mary.

Mrs. Arthur D. Strong served as president in 1970-72. The club traveled to Scotchtown, a home of Patrick Henry located in Beaverdam, Virginia. Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne (Lelia) was Chairman of the Restoration Committee of The Garden Club of Virginia in 1970-72. Standing committees included Membership, Parliamentarian, Program and Properties. The club sent a representative to the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs; this practice has continued through the years.

Members visited the garden of Mrs. Donald H. Parker (Ella

Mae). Historic Garden Week Co-Chairmen were Mrs. Kinnier, Mrs. Robert L. Burgess (Martha) and Mrs. Channing Hall, Jr. (Ida) in 1971. In October 1971 the club traveled to The Carillon in Richmond to attend The GCV Rose Show. In November members attended The Garden Club of Virginia Area Luncheon held at the Lodge Conference Center with Mrs. George Flowers, Jr., President, presiding. Only four study groups were offered during 1971-1972. 1972 Garden Week chairmen were Martha Gravely, Ida Hall, and Mrs. Thomas Wood (Gillie).

Projects during 1970-80 included: giving silk floral arrangements to Eastern State Hospital chapel in lieu of supplying fresh/dried arrangements there; continuing to give annual scholarships to Nature Campers; and continuing to supply Pines Nursing Home with artificial Christmas wreaths trimmed with red bows. Participation in Arbor Day continued; this was started in the early 1970's by the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs; one project was the planting and maintaining the Stryker Memorial Garden at the Williamsburg Regional Public Library and John Baldwin Memorial Boxwood Garden at the corner of Richmond Road and Boundary Street. All clubs had a hand in maintaining the two gardens.

Books contributed to the Williamsburg Regional Library numbered over 100. Headquarters of The Garden Club of Virginia JOURNAL, with Sally Stetson as its Editor, and Mrs. Robert T. Vermillion (Marguerite) as the Associate Editor, was in Williamsburg.

IN MEMORIAM: 1971 Mrs. Fred Savage (Lorna Cole Daley), charter member, died, and Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne (Lelia), past president of WGC and The GCV, in 1972.

1972-74, Mrs. T. Robert Vermillion (Marguerite) was installed as president. Conservation and Environment appeared as two separate special committees. Historic Garden Week chairs were Mrs. Frederick Belden (Phyllis) and Elizabeth F. Wallace (Fitzie). Study Group, Council of Garden Clubs, GCV JOURNAL, History, Library, Slides Librarian, and Public Relations and Scrapbook were Special Committees. Horticulture had subcommittees including Exhibits by Members, Flower Shows, and Daffodil, Lily and Rose Test Collections. Members traveled to the Kent-Valentine House in Richmond in October 1973. A panel discussion on Local Civic Beautification and Planning was the program for January 1974 with Mr. Carlton Abbott, Mr. Stanley Abbott and Mr. Edwin Kendrew as panel members. The annual meeting and picnic were held in May 1974. Four study groups were held in 1972-1973. Eight study groups were held during 1973-74. Active membership remained at 55 and Associate and Sustaining membership was limited to 30. Dues rose to \$8.00 for Actives and \$10.00 for Associate and Sustaining members.

IN MEMORIAM: 1972 Imogene Bell Etheridge (Mrs. Wallace E.), an honorary member, died; in 1974, Kenneth Chorley, honorary member; Bess Ethel Dennis, associate member; Theodosia Jeanette Fowler (Mrs. Harold), active member; and Henry Morris Stryker, honorary member, died.

1974-76, Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks, Jr. (Suzie) served as president. The club continued interest in Conservation and Environment. The Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs Flower Show was held in September of 1974 and April 1976; many display niches were filled by the club. Members attended the Miller & Rhoads Forum in

Richmond. In October 1974 members traveled to the Daffodil Mart in Gloucester. According to notes by Sally Stetson, members heard a lecture on daffodils while sitting on crates in the yard; temperatures hung around 40 degrees and a high wind was blowing. The club was also represented at the Conservation Forum in March at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville.

The GCV requested a needlepoint square from each club to form a rug for the Kent-Valentine House. Mrs. Victor Iturralde, a well-known needle expert, was selected by The WGC to work out arrangements for the square. Thomas Thorne (Tom), Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at The College of William and Mary and a local artist, painted the club's flower, *Sternbergia Lutea*, (yellow crocus). Mary worked out the stitching diagram for the painting, stitched the square, and the finished product is now part of a large rug which hangs on a wall in the Kent-Valentine House in Richmond.

Suzie sent out the first club newsletter in August 1974 summarizing activities for the past year. She noted that the club received an award from the Council of Garden Clubs for the best printed year book among member clubs. The monetary award was returned to the Council and the certificate placed in the club's scrapbook. A gift check was accepted from the women of Bruton Parish Church which enabled the club to balance the budget for the year. Study group met on the first Monday of the month and workshop sessions were held in arranging and horticulture. In January 1975 house plants were exchanged, and in May a garden plant exchange was enjoyed by all.

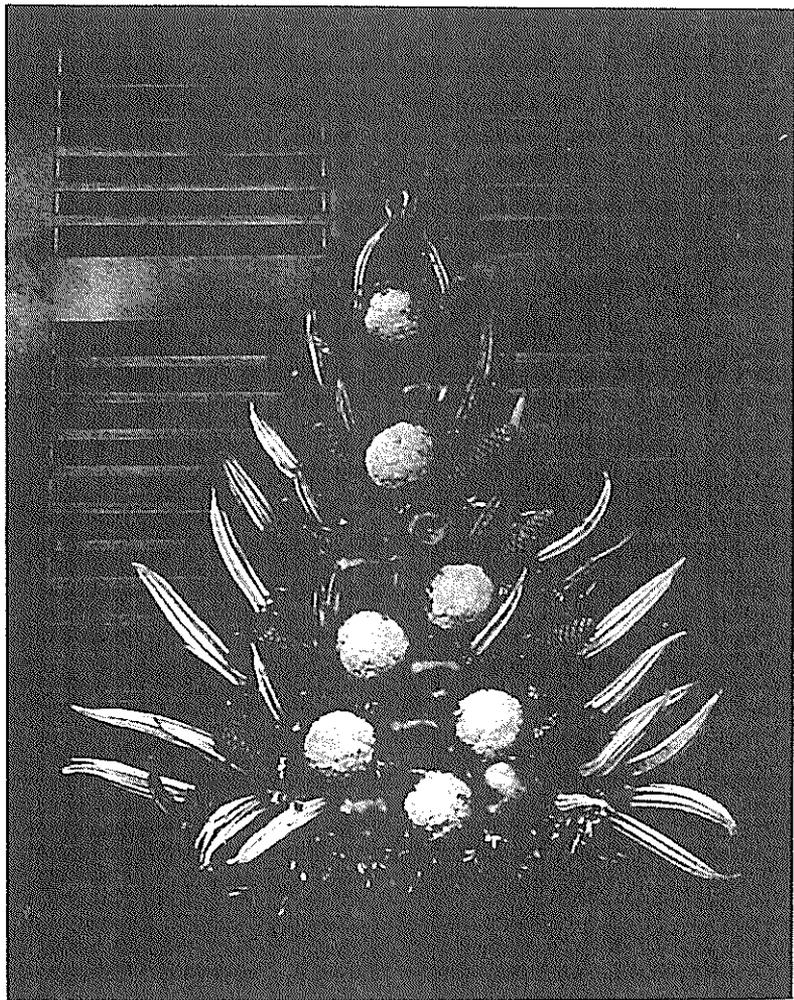
In 1975 Historic Garden Week chairmen were Elizabeth

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—Photo, Colonial Williamsburg

DOORWAY DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

MRS. ARTHUR SMITH, *Williamsburg Garden Club*

Wallace and Mrs. Richard Sessoms (Sally). In 1976 Sally Sessoms and Mrs. Harry Hager (Barbara) served in that capacity.

Sally Stetson was listed in the GCV Inter-Club Speakers Bureau 1974-1975. Her subject was The JOURNAL and she stated that "she spoke delightfully on other subjects but not, she said, on flower arrangements!"

IN MEMORIAM: Yancie Donegan Casey (Mrs. Jerome), charter member, died December 12, 1974; Stanley William Abbott, honorary member, died May 22, 1975.

1976-78, Mrs. Arthur L. Smith (Peg) assumed the role of president. Standing Committees were Membership, Parliamentarian and Program. Sally Sessoms and Mrs. Harry Hager (Barbara) chaired Garden Week in 1976 and Barbara Hager and Mrs. Herbert Funsten (Edie) were chairs in 1977. Members attended the Miller and Rhoads Forum and Conservation Forum in Richmond. Members assembled at the Methodist Church for a trip to the Kent-Valentine House for a Sherry Luncheon. An insert in this yearbook revealed a budget in 1976-77 of \$1,814 and a proposed budget for 1977-78 of \$1,754. The club held a savings certificate for \$4,000 and a savings account of \$1,872. Contributions were made to the National Wildlife Federation, the Virginia Resource Use Education Council, and Nature Camp. Books were purchased for the Williamsburg Public Library and donations were made for Arbor Day; tray favors were again sent to patients at Williamsburg Community Hospital. A report was made in November from members who attended the Miller and Rhoads Forum in Richmond. Membership remained at 85; active dues were \$10.00, with associate and sustaining

dues at \$12.00.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. William T. Hodges (Annie Powell), third president, died on November 11, 1975 and Mrs. Clyde C. Hall (Beulah Brooks) died June 20, 1976. Both were charter members. Also, Thomas E. Thorne, honorary member, died in 1976; Virginia Rowe Holmes (Mrs. David), honorary member, and Frances Randolph Robb, associate member, died in 1977. Estelle Dinwiddie Morton ((Mrs. Richard L.), charter member and honorary member, and Lt. Col. Warren J. Green, Ret., honorary member, died in 1978.

The office of president for 1978-80 was held by Mrs. Thomas W. Wood (Gillie). Garden Week chairmen for 1978 were Edie Funsten and Ella Mae Parker; 1979 chairs were Ella Mae and Mrs. Phil Thorp (Bobbye); and Bobbye and Mrs. Warren Romans (Sue) in 1980. Members traveled to Chippokes in Surry County in September 1978. A business meeting/book review in November was held at the President's House at The College of William and Mary.

The doors opened on the Forty-Second Annual Rose Show in Williamsburg in October 1978 with the theme "That the Future May Learn From the Past." Participants were intrigued with beautiful, historic Williamsburg. One of the awards was entitled "Award Honoring Three Outstanding Horticulturists: Imogene B. Bell, Mary S. Iturralde, Mary B. Strong -- Best Miniature Rose in the Show." Another award entitled "Award Honoring The Williamsburg Garden Club Staff Members of The Garden Club of Virginia JOURNAL: Sally Stetson, Marguerite Vermillion, Margaret Corey, Class 120 -- "The Wren Building" was won by Mrs. R. A. Babb (Betty), honorary member of The

WGC. Other award titles were "The Thomas E. and Lelia Bancroft Thorne Memorial Cup, Class 121"; "Award Honoring Kathleen F. Vermillion (Chairman of the Rose Show for 1977 & 1978)--Class 122 'Virginia Institute of Marine Science' "; and "Award Honoring Margaret B. Smith (Immediate past president of The Williamsburg Garden Club) -- Class 123 'Army Transportation School' ". Participants were overwhelmed by the beauty of the show with 569 roses displayed at their peak by 132 exhibitors. The five arrangement classes emphasized our learning institutions in the area and ranged from the formal, elegant eighteenth-century to abstract design; there were many truly beautiful, artistic, imaginative, colorful works of art.

Mrs. Victor Iturralde (Mary) won a Horticulture Award of Merit in October 1978 for her 45 years of dedication to horticulture and for providing an example in her garden and in lectures for budding horticulturists.

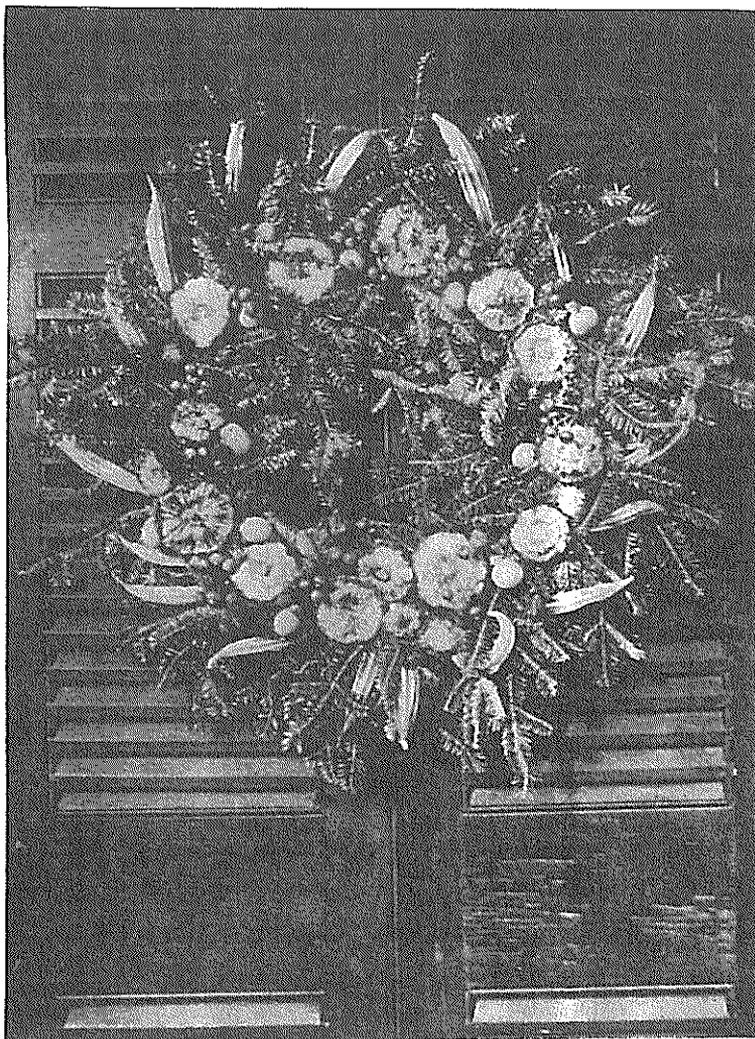
On March 19, 1979 the club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a champagne luncheon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Funsten (Edie). Three charter members, Mrs. Ashton Dovell (Martha), Mrs. Archie Ryland (Mary), and Mrs. John M. Stetson (Sally) were honored guests. A history of the club was presented by Sally Stetson. (*See Appendix 1*) The club traveled to Gloucester to Warner Hall, home of Mrs. Bolling Powell (Mary) for the annual meeting and picnic.

In October 1979 a luncheon was held at the Williamsburg Lodge; attendees included the Franklin, Gloucester, Huntington, Hampton Roads and Nansemond River Garden Clubs. The speaker was the President of The Garden Club of Virginia, Mrs. Thomas Whitehead Murrell, Jr. Also in

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CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH
Mrs. Arthur L. Smith, Williamsburg Garden Club

October, the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs Flower Show was held at the National Center for State Courts. Conservation Forum, Miller and Rhoads Forum and Garden Symposium were attended by club members. Flower Shows continued as a committee and its purpose was to stress participation in the Daffodil, Rose and Lily Shows of The Garden Club of Virginia. Three separate chairmen were noted. Book purchases by the Library Chairman continued. Landscaping of one of the entrances to the city of Williamsburg was undertaken.

1980-82, Mrs. Harry G. Hager (Barbara) served as President. Members traveled in October 1980 to the Tidewater Conservation Forum sponsored by the Princess Anne Garden Club. Claude Jones, Jr. presented a program on flower arranging in March 1981 in the Dodge Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Also, in March a mock Daffodil Show was presented by the WGC Study Group, entitled "Easter Parade". Awards were given in the Artistic Division and the Horticultural Division; The Harris, Simpson, Spence Challenge Cup was awarded to the Best-In-Show in each division. A flower show sponsored by the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs was held in May 1981.

In 1981 Sally Stetson, Editor of The Garden Club of Virginia JOURNAL for two decades, was awarded the Massie Medal for distinguished achievement. After the celebration and flowery praise from The Garden Club of Virginia, Sally said, "I feel like I've been to my own funeral. I've never been kissed so much in my life."

The initiation fee remained at \$10.00. Dues rose to \$15.00 for active members and \$17.00 for associate and sustaining

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—Photo Colonial Williamsburg.

Arrangement by Claude Jones, an honorary member of the Williamsburg Garden Club, of Scotch broom, cattails, oats, wheat, huckleberry and vegetables.

members. The Christmas luncheon was held in December 1981 at Bruton Parish House. Special guest was Miss Jean Printz, President of The Garden Club of Virginia. Garden Week chairmen were Sue Romans and Mrs. Baxter Bell, Jr. (Anne) in 1981, with Anne and Mrs. Scott Spence (Dianne) in 1982.

Mrs. Joseph N. Rountree (Sue) served as president 1982-84. In October 1982 members traveled to Stratford Hall for a tour and lunch. The December luncheon was held at the Trellis Restaurant. Barclay Sheaks presented a program on "To See or Not to See" at the April 1983 meeting. In May the club traveled to Monticello for a day trip and toured the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Through the years individual members lent horticultural and volunteer support to the College of William and Mary ranging from Kingsville boxwood propagation to Dogwood Wildflower Trail advice and planting, from leading docent arboretum tours to weeding the Baldwin Memorial Garden.

In the spring of 1982 Mary Strong was instrumental in establishing a wildlife sanctuary on the campus of The College of William and Mary. Most of us remember our travels with dozens of slides and photographs, but Mary recorded in poetry her impressions of an extended stay in England. She gathered them into a small book, The English Way, and proceeds from sales were divided between purchases of benches and plants for the sanctuary and a donation to the Kent-Valentine House.

The idea of a seminar on church floral arts in America was conceived by Betty Babb, an honorary member of The WGC, a member of Bruton Parish vestry and a Colonial

Williamsburg floral arranger, in consultation with the Rector and chairman of the altar guild, as well as with the Foundation's flower supervisor. Workshops were held throughout the year as arrangers, many of whom were members of The Williamsburg Garden Club, learned new techniques and applications of church flower arranging.

In 1983, Historic Garden Week chairmen were Dianne Spence and Dottie Carpenter; Historic Garden Week 1983 celebrated 50 years of garden tours around the state. In the early days the cost to see the homes and gardens was 50 cents for each. Later years have seen proceeds grow tremendously, adding much-needed funds for use by The Garden Club of Virginia in its ongoing restoration program of gardens around the state. At this time thirty different sites boast green lawns, stately trees and flowering gardens; some have had return engagements from The Garden Club of Virginia to correct or enhance what was done before. A news article dated April 27, 1983 indicated that 400 volunteers assisted in the 50th Historic Garden Week. Through the years over \$3,000,000 had been raised to finance not only restorations of historic gardens but also preservations and some interpretations. The first major historic garden restoration was at Kenmore. Since then such properties as Bacon's Castle, Bruton Parish Churchyard, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Maymont, Monticello, Mount Vernon, Stratford Hall, The University of Virginia, and many other historic landmarks have been aided by funds from Historic Garden Week. The latest restoration in the year 2000 was the Gillette garden at the Governor's Mansion in Richmond. These projects are funded largely with proceeds from Historic Garden Week in Virginia, a ten - day state - wide open house of

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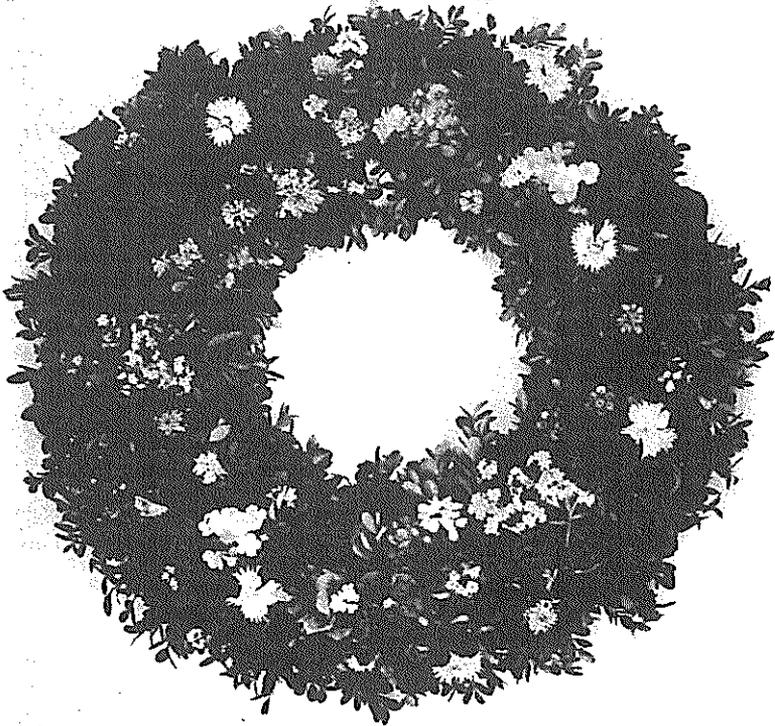


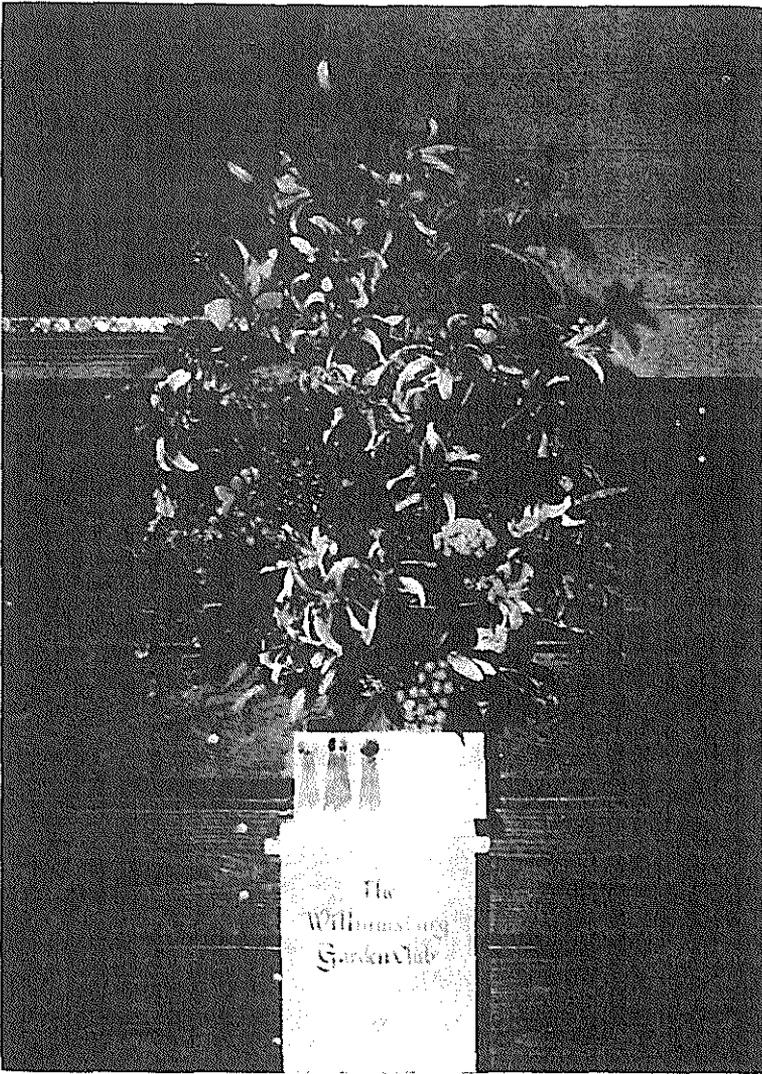
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The Williamsburg Garden Club

Mrs. Arthur Smith

Display at the Annual Meeting, The Garden Club of Virginia

Danville, Va., May 1984



THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA LILY SHOW 1984
Best in Show (arrangements) Tri-Color Blue, Inter-club class
"America the Beautiful"
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private and public gardens from the Atlantic to the Appalachians. The tours are held the last week in April each year.

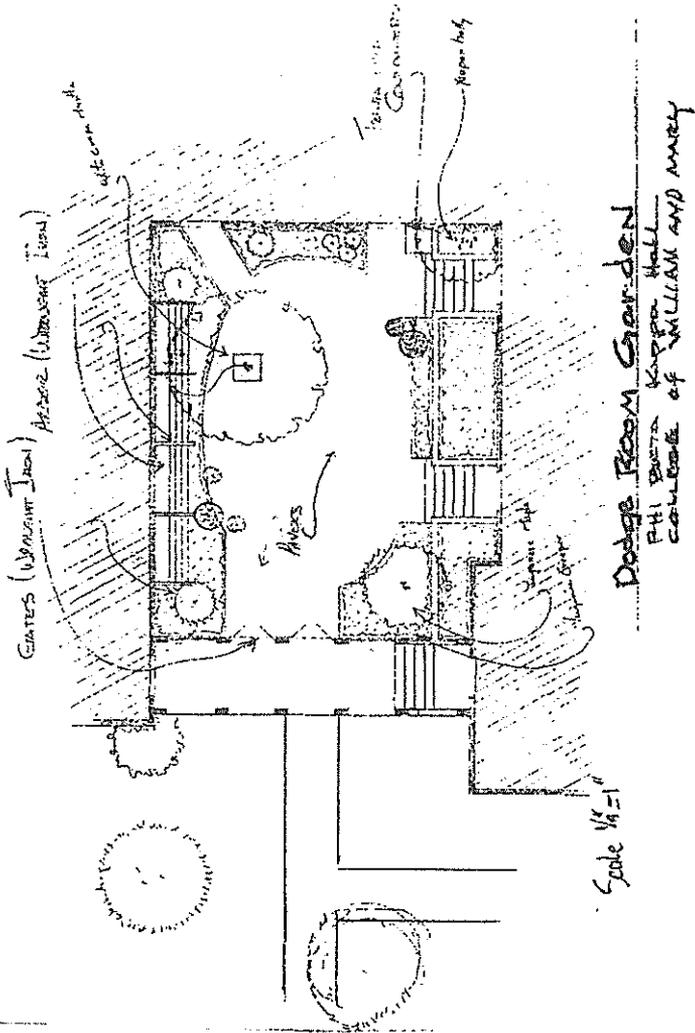
IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Donald H. Parker (Ella Mae), active member, died in 1983; she served as Treasurer for many years. 1983-84 Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks and Mrs. John Minor, both associate members, died.

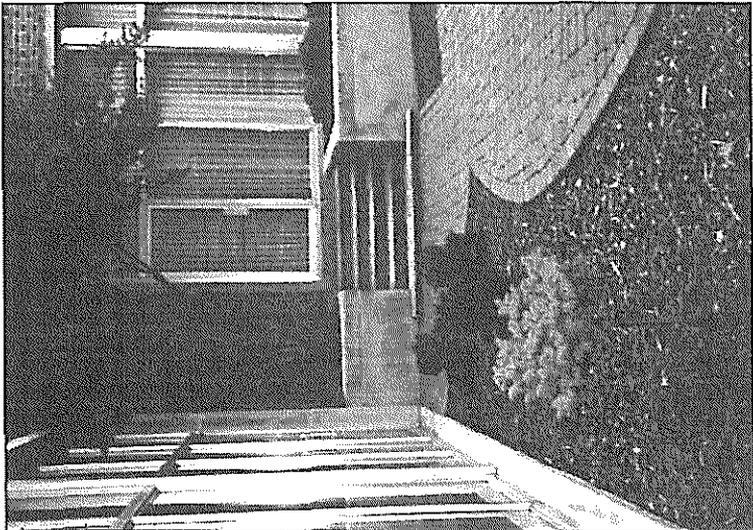
IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. John Bentley, honorary member, Mrs. Thomas D. Mahone, Mrs. Arthur W. Phelps and Mrs. Archie G. Ryland, associates members, died. in 1984-85.

1984-86, Mrs. Glen Shivel (Jean) was president. 1984 chairmen of Garden Week were Dottie Carpenter and Mrs. Joseph Pinotti (Bev). Members traveled to Bacon's Castle in October 1984 for a tour of the house and grounds. Study Group continued to make tray favors for the Williamsburg Community Hospital and toured the Busch Gardens Greenhouse.

In 1985 Nancy Gotwald Harris, Mrs. Alfred Armstrong (Martha) and their Project Search Committee brought to the club's attention an unsightly area behind The College of William and Mary's Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall and directly opposite the new Muscarelle Museum entrance. Thus began the long-term effort of funding, planning and planting what became a charming courtyard. Proceeds from major plant sales, along with members' memorial gifts, were used to implement an evolving architectural plan. With transplants of a red-bark white crepe myrtle and a mature green cut-leaf Japanese maple as pivots, the primarily green and white garden slowly evolved. Mature Kingsville boxwood grown by charter member, Sally

1985 Plan for Dodge Room Pocket Garden.
Phi Beta Kappa Hall at College of William and Mary





Stetson, and Gumpo azaleas propagated by horticultural award winner Martha Armstrong, graced elevated beds flanking the entryways from the building's Dodge Room. A sculpture, loaned by a local artist and placed in the garden, was removed later by the sculptor. With the help of the College's Buildings and Grounds Manager, Roy Williams, the committee helped plan and plant small trees, azaleas, ground covers, and planters for seasonal flowers. Evergreen clematis was planted on a trellis along the wall and brick pavers filled the open space.

The yearbook changed appearance during 1984-85. A small green, six-ring, notebook was given each member with current yearbook pages inserted. This practice has continued through the rest of the century.

A special committee which included Gillie Wood, Barbara Hager and Sue Rountree was formed to handle the Sixty-Eighth Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Virginia to be held in Williamsburg, May 1988. The club sent a representative to the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs each year. Gillie Wood, Chairman of the JOURNAL Committee, Sally Stetson, Editor, and Marguerite Vermillion, Associate Editor, produced this publication of The Garden Club of Virginia. Sue Rountree served on the Conservation and Beautification Committee for The Garden Club of Virginia. In the fall of 1986 the club showed appreciation to Colonial Williamsburg for assisting with walking tours during Garden Week by donating three significant old roses. The roses were planted in a sunny location on the front fence of the John Bracken House on Francis Street. Garden Week Chairmen for 1985 were Bev Pinotti and Mrs. Jack O'Neal (Pinkie); 1986 chairmen were Pinkie and Mrs. Anthony Taylor (Gail).

IN MEMORIAM: Associate member Mrs. S. Donald Southworth (Winifred) died in 1986.

In 1986-88 the President was Mrs. Baxter Bell, Jr. (Anne). Plans continued for the 1988 Garden Club of Virginia Annual Meeting in Williamsburg; co-chairs were Gillie Wood and Sue Rountree. The Dodge Room Project, chaired by Nancy Harris, Martha Armstrong and Jean Shivel continued; and the September Plant Sale, chaired by Peg Smith, proved to be a big success.

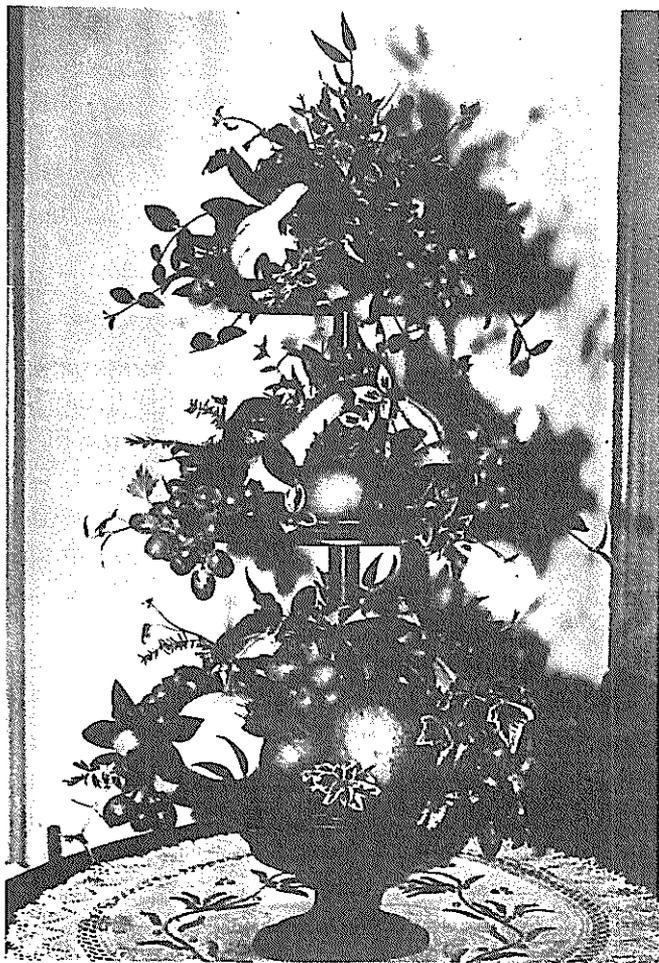
Members holding positions with The Garden Club of Virginia included Sally Stetson, Editor, and Marguerite Vermillion, Associate Editor, of the JOURNAL; Historic Garden Week District Chairman, Gillie Wood; Sue Romans on the Conservation and Beautification Committee and Nancy Harris on the Flower Shows Committee.

For her dedicated volunteer effort toward beautification of the City of Williamsburg, Mrs. Alfred Armstrong (Martha) was awarded the 1986 Arbor Day Award from the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs. Martha was cited for her service on the Civic Beautification Committee and for her efforts to preserve and plant trees in the city.

Environment, Membership, Public Relations and Scrapbook Committees had been added as new committees and a representative was sent to the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs. Members traveled to Richmond in October 1986 for a tour of two homes in Windsor Farms. Agecroft is a famous residence transported from the Old World, with exquisite antiques and notable gardens. The group also visited the garden at Virginia House, designed by Charles Gillette, a well - known Virginia landscape

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Seasonal arrangement of fruit and foliage by
Mrs. Ryland A. Babb
Williamsburg Garden Club

architect. Lunch was served at the Kent-Valentine House. The December luncheon was at Bruton Parish House. Garden Week Co-Chairmen were Gail Taylor and Mrs. Tom Jamison (Karen) in 1987; 1988 chairmen were Karen and Mrs. Roger Jones (Marty).

IN MEMORIAM for 1986-87 included past president, charter and honorary member Mrs. Ashton Dovell, September 1986; Mrs. John Pomfret, April 1986 and Mrs. A. Edwin Kendrew, April 3, 1987, each an associate member and former president.

The Special Committee for the Annual 1988 GCV meeting continued with Gillie Wood and Sue Rountree as Co-Chairmen. The beautification of the Dodge Room Pocket Garden continued as a special committee chaired by Nancy Harris. A Plant Sale in September 1986 and 1987, with Peg Smith in charge, was staged in the college parking lot on Jamestown Road. The sale continued as a major fund-raising project for several more years. Sally Stetson continued as editor of the JOURNAL of GCV with Marguerite Vermillion as Associate Editor.

Membership remained at 55 active and 20 associates, 1 sustaining and 10 honorary. Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. (Gale) served on the Horticulture Committee of The Garden Club of Virginia. Nancy Harris continued on the Flower Shows Committee and Sue Romans on the Conservation and Beautification Committee of The Garden Club of Virginia.

IN MEMORIAM 1987-88 - Mrs. E. Lockert Bemiss, Jr.; (Donna) and Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy (Carrie Cole), past president, died in 1988, both were associate members.

A highlight of the spring was the annual meeting of The Garden Club of Virginia in Williamsburg on May 10-12, 1988 at the Williamsburg Lodge. The three-day program was conducted with legendary hospitality by The Williamsburg Garden Club and included receptions held in the Dewitt Wallace Gallery, Bruton Parish House, and Coke-Garrett House. A guided walking tour in the historic area was provided by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Landscape Department. A khaki canvas bag imprinted with a design of a colonial gate by Mrs. Richard Delaune (Jewel Lynn), was given to each registrant. Gillie Wood and Sue Rountree were in charge of the meeting. Garden houses (gazebos) which required many months of work by club members were made as centerpieces for tables and sold at the end of the meeting.

A Horticultural Award of Merit was presented at the 1988 Annual Meeting of GCV to Mrs. Andrew W. Abbitt (Marion) of WGC. "Marion Abbitt is a talented gardener who shares her skill and great enthusiasm for horticulture with many in and out of her community. For her generosity in sharing her garden, her diligence in training exceptional tour guides for the Williamsburg Walking Tours, and her expertise in 18th century gardens, horticulture and Virginia plant life, she has earned the award."

Mrs. Andrew W. Abbitt (Marion) became President for 1988-90. A tour of Maymont was the program for April 1988. Judith Kator presented a program entitled "Recycling Our Resources; Waste is Everyone's Problem" at the home of Mrs. Robert Hornsby (Ann) in September 1988. WGC helped start the first recycling programs in the Williamsburg community and in the state. Martha Armstrong became a photographer of birds, visiting many



PHOTO COURTESY: Mrs. Joseph N. Rountree, Williamsburg.

A gazebo centerpiece created by The Williamsburg Garden Club adorned tables at the Awards Banquet.

Sets Year's Agenda ■

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■ Annual Meeting

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The Sixty-Eighth Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 11, and 12. Reports were given, awards were announced, and new officers were elected. Outgoing President of the Garden Club, Mrs. James C. Godwin, was given an ovation by the members following a tribute by Mrs. Benjamin W. Mears, Jr., who praised "a very special person" for her service, her organizational skills, and "her love for this organization—The Garden Club of Virginia." The three-day program was conducted with legendary hospitality by The Williamsburg Garden Club and included receptions held in the DeWitt Wallace Gallery, the Bruton Parish House, the Coke-Garrett House as well as a guided walking tour in the Historic Area provided by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Landscape Department. ■

gardens in the area, and Mrs. Charles Hotchkiss (Julie) assisted in this project. Garden Week Chairmen were Marty Jones and Mrs. Woods Williamson (Chrissy) for 1989 and Chrissy Williamson and Mrs. Fred Savage (Belinda) for 1990. The "Pocket Garden" project at the College's Dodge Room continued. A plant sale was held in May with Mrs. William Person, Jr. (Fran) in charge. "Vision 2000" was held in September 1989, filling a need to look into the future of the garden club. The day-retreat was held at the York State Park and lunch was served. A team approach was used to tackle different aspects of club life.

In October 1989 members enjoyed an overnight bus trip to Wilmington, Delaware, visiting Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum. Afternoon tea was enjoyed at the home of Zöe Graves (former honorary member) and Tom, former president of the College of William and Mary; he was Director of Winterthur at the time. Members stayed at the Hotel Dupont.

A joint luncheon meeting with The Garden Club of Gloucester was held in Gloucester at Ware Episcopal Church and Newstead, home of Mrs. Martin H. Wilcox. A bus trip to the Washington Flower Show was arranged in March 1990 as a one-day trip. The Chairman of the Horticulture Committee for The Garden Club of Virginia was Gale Roberts. Nancy Harris continued to serve on the Flower Shows Committee. The major fund raiser during 1980-1990 was an annual plant and bulb sale that grew bigger by the year with the addition of a boutique section with dried wreaths, garden tools, and containers. Highlight of the year 1989 was the 60th anniversary party in the Dodge Room overlooking the newly landscaped courtyard; husbands were invited. Sally Stetson, the sole remaining

charter member, entertained with stories of early years when the club was formed by mostly college faculty wives. Sally said they wore hats and gloves to all events. Sally retired as JOURNAL Editor in 1988 and gave special thanks to associate editors, Betty Ann Wallace and particularly to Marguerite Vermillion for her patience, careful editing, and clever management of JOURNAL space limitations.

Sally Stetson lived on Jamestown Road across from the College of William and Mary. She studied landscape architecture and maintained a beautiful garden in the back of house. Daffodils were her speciality. A garden plan drawn and planted in 1982 showed both her talent and physical dexterity. After her death the house and garden were purchased by the College. The garden is presently maintained by a volunteer and the College according to Sally's original plan.

IN MEMORIAM: Mr. Carlisle H. Humelsine, honorary member, and Mrs. George A. Nea, associate member, died in the period of 1989-90.

During the years 1980-90 the club continued giving an annual scholarship to a Nature Camper; giving books to the Williamsburg Regional Public Library; participating regularly in Arbor Day plantings; continued, through Council of Garden Clubs, maintaining the Stryker and Baldwin Memorial Gardens; planting at intersection of Routes 132, 143, and 132 and 60 Bypass; and continued developing a pocket garden at the Dodge Room at the College of William and Mary with Anne Bell and Nancy Harris in charge.

THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL RETIRES

Mrs. John M. Stetson ("Sally"), editor of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal* for more than 25 years, will retire on June 1, 1988. Her resignation was accepted with regret by the Board of Directors of The Garden Club of Virginia at its July meeting.

Mrs. Stetson, who was named *Journal* editor in 1961, became associated with the magazine just a few months after it was first published as the *Journal* in September 1955. Prior to assuming duties as editor, she was associate editor for three years and, before 1958, a district Journalist and *Journal* chairman for the Williamsburg Garden Club.

She became a charter member of the Williamsburg Garden Club in 1929, having come to Williamsburg in 1928 when her husband was appointed the head of the College of William and Mary's mathematics department.

A native of State College, Pa., Mrs. Stetson received both B.S. and M.S. degrees in landscape architecture from Penn State. Prior to her marriage in 1925 to John M. Stetson, she was associated with a landscape firm in Pittsburgh and later was a staff member of the landscape department at the University of Illinois.

In addition to professional training in landscape architecture, Mrs. Stetson has brought to her job as *Journal* editor additional experience as a writer about horticultural subjects. Through the years she has written articles for varied publications about the history of gardening and famous gardeners as well as fiction. Her father, Fred Lewis Pattee, professor of American literature at Penn State, wrote both fiction and textbooks. "My acquaintance with editors who visited us," she says, "gave me early insight into the publishing business."

Mrs. James C. Godwin, president of The Garden Club of Virginia, has appointed a committee to begin the search for Mrs. Stetson's successor. Information about the position of editor of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal* is available from Mrs. Charles C. Freed, Jr.

NOTICE

It is with regret that the Board of Directors of the Garden Club of Virginia announces the retirement of Mrs. John M. Stetson, editor of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal*, effective June 1, 1988. An appropriate resolution will be read at that time. The search for a new editor is now being conducted. A job description is available for the consideration of applicants.

Sincerely,
Ellen G. Godwin
President of The Garden
Club of Virginia

Position—Editor of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal*.

The editor of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal* shall be a professional, who can create, develop and produce the club's *Journal* both in Magazine and newsletter format. She will edit a well-conceived, imaginative product that expresses the many activities and varied goals of The Garden Club of Virginia.

Applicants should send a resume and samples of their work prior to November 15th to Mrs. Charles C. Freed, Jr., 143 Blackwell Drive, Danville, Virginia 24541. Applicants will be interviewed as soon as practical by a search committee that will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The new editor will assume duties from retiring editor Mrs. John M. Stetson June 1, 1988.

To insure a smooth transition, the new editor will begin work on a limited basis by March 1, 1988.

IN MEMORIAM: 1990-91 Helen Abbott Fowler (Mrs. Harold), associate member. Sally Pattee Stetson (Mrs. John) charter member and Editor of the JOURNAL for twenty-five years died in 1991. The 1991-92 yearbook listed the deaths of Imogene Black Bell (Mrs. Baxter I.) and Hortense Fish Chapman, (Mrs. C. A.), both associate members.

Mrs. Anthony J. Taylor (Gail) became President for 1990-92. A plant sale was held on May 4-5 1990 with Gillie Wood in charge. Garden Week Co-Chairmen were Belinda Savage and Mrs. William Gardiner (Nancy) in 1991, and Nancy and Martha Geiger in 1992. The Christmas luncheon was held at the Cascades Restaurant with the Garden Club of Gloucester as invited guests. Helen Murphy, (Mrs. W. Tayloe, Jr.), first vice-president of GCV, was the featured speaker. In March a Daffodil Flower Show was held at the Queen's Lake Clubhouse and many members participated.

The WGC was awarded the Mrs. Littleton H. Mears Trophy for the Best Inter-Club Arrangement in the GCV Annual Daffodil Show in 1991. The club's fund raiser, a yearly Christmas Wreath Sale, was started and quickly became a success; Karen Munzel was in charge. Wreaths were ordered in September and club members filled orders and delivered wreaths the first week in December.

Mrs. Arthur L. Smith (Peg) won a 1991 Horticulture Award of Merit from The Garden Club of Virginia at the annual meeting. "For over thirty years Peg has been a loyal and valued member of her club serving as horticultural chairman a number of times, club president and recently chairing two very successful plant sales. She is very

DEDICATION TO SARAH P. STETSON

by Marguerite Old, Editorial Board, Blue Ridge Garden Club

This issue of *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal* is dedicated with affection and appreciation to Sarah P. Stetson, editor for some 30 years, who died this past September. During her long tenure, which she called a "delightful association," she enthusiastically shared her own love of gardening and very special knowledge of horticulture.

A charter member of the Williamsburg Garden Club, Sally served *The Garden Club of Virginia Journal* as editor from 1961 till she retired three decades later at the age of 90. Prior to becoming the editor, she had been *Journal* chairman for her club, district journalist, and associate editor.

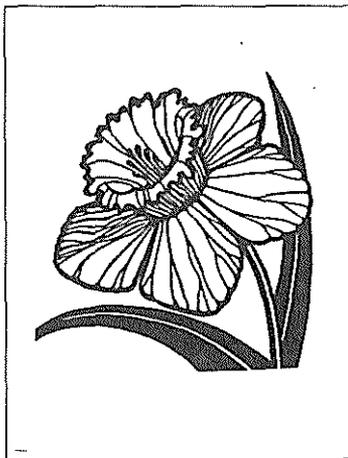
Sally brought to the publication experience and enthusiasm as a writer about gardening and gardeners. She gave much credit, to her father, a college professor and author. "My acquaintance with the editors who

visited us from time to time gave me some insight into the publishing business and I learned early in life how to correct proof," she wrote. Sally herself held both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Landscape Architecture from Pennsylvania State University. She worked with a Pittsburgh landscape firm and

as a staff member of the Landscape Department, the University of Illinois.

When Sally assumed the responsibilities as editor from Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne in 1961, Mrs. Thorne predicted to readers: "The *Journal* will be in expert hands with the brightest future it could possibly have."

Indeed for so many years this "bright future" was insured under the talented editorship of Sally Stetson. In her first *Journal* issue as editor she wrote: "...got all sorts of ideas, just raring now to work in the garden again."



March 1992

conscious of civic duties. As a devoted member of Bruton Parish Church she has coordinated the altar guild activities, used her expertise in church floral arrangements for special occasions as well as regular services and acted as a guide. Peg has been active in the local Girl Scout program and was instrumental in the establishment of nearby Skimino Camp. Above all, Peg is a dedicated and talented gardener. She cultivates a large perennial and vegetable garden at her home and experiments with new varieties every season. She is never too busy to stop and answer questions from visitors about plants --their culture, history and use in the Tidewater area."

During Gail Taylor's term as president, the Pocket Garden project continued with Anne Bell in charge. Wreaths and roping were ordered by club members. In October the club went to "Fine Arts and Flowers 1991" at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. The December luncheon was at the Heritage Inn Dining Room. Mrs. Henley L. Guild, President of GCV, was featured speaker.

The club hosted a spring medley flower show in March 1992 at the Williamsburg Landing, a local retirement community. Jean Cogle and Elaine Abbott were in charge. All members participated by filling niches with flower arrangements and horticulture which were judged by a Garden Club of Virginia judge. A reception was held for club members and spouses in a room near the lobby of the Landing.

Gale Roberts was chairman of the Common Wealth Award Committee, and Barbara Hager was a member of the Conservation Committee for The Garden Club of Virginia from 1990-94, serving again on this committee in 1996-97.

IN MEMORIAM: 1992 - Mrs. Peg Corey (Mrs. Hibbert), past president of WGC and treasurer of the JOURNAL for many years, died; also, Carra Garrett Dillard (Mrs. George) and Mary Selby (Mrs. Victor) Iturralde, associate members.

6A The Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg 12/23/92

W&M plants trees in Wren courtyard

WILLIAMSBURG—President Timothy Sullivan dedicated 20 newly-planted trees in the Wren Yard at a special ceremony Dec. 18. Some of the trees were placed where trees had been lost, while others were planted in areas where current trees show signs of disease.

Colonial Williamsburg helped choose the sites for the trees and helped in the selection of species. CW also did archaeological testing to make sure the planting would not disturb historical artifacts.

At the ceremony, Sullivan thanked the Williamsburg Garden Club for its assistance in the project.

The new trees include Willow, Darlington, Northern Red and BurOaks; Green Mountain Maples; a Tulip Poplar; and a Kentucky Coffeetree.

Mrs. Joseph R. Pinotti (Bev) assumed the presidency for 1992-94. Work on the Pocket Garden continued. A plant sale was held October 1992 in the college parking lot on Jamestown Road with Jean Cogle and Mrs. Charles Brooks (Nancy) as Co-chairs. The Wreath Sale continued with Marty Jones and Chrissy Williamson as Cochairmen. In May members exchanged plants and toured the grounds of William and Mary. In 1993, the club provided seed money for replacing twenty 18th century species trees in the courtyard of the Wren Building in celebration of the College's Tercentenary. 1993 Historic Garden Week chairman was Martha Geiger with co-chairman Mrs. Richard Delaune (Jewel Lynn). Jewel Lynn and Mrs. James Moyler (Charlotte) were chairmen in 1994..

Special Committees included Roadside Plantings with Mrs. Kenneth Adams (Cathy) in charge; School Nature Trail, chaired by Mrs. Robert Hornsby (Ann); and Avalon (a battered women's shelter), Chairman, Gale Roberts, with Co-Chair, Nancy Brooks. Avalon thanked the club for designing and installing landscaping at their house for battered women and children. The Wreath Sale was again a project in the fall of 1993 with Co-Chairmen. Marty Jones, Chrissy Williamson and Jean Cogle. Anne Bell continued to chair the Pocket Garden project at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Flower arranging was stressed heavily during the 1990s. Five accredited judges, Elaine Abbott, Mrs. Baskerville Bridgforth, Jr. (Kitty), Jewel Lynn Delaune, Nancy Gotwald Harris, and Gale Roberts, guided club members through the process, judging at meetings and giving programs at Study Groups. Club members enjoyed another trip to "Fine Arts and Flowers" at the Virginia Museum in October 1993.



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January 29, 1993

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Mrs. Joseph R. Pinotti
President
Williamsburg Garden Club
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Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Dear Mrs. Pinotti:

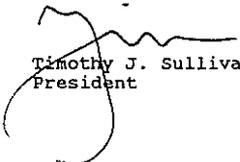
It was a pleasure meeting you and many of the members of the Williamsburg Garden Club at the Tree Planting Dedication in the Wren Yard last month.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a committee within your organization that also deserves recognition for their ongoing and continuous involvement with the beautification of the College and specifically the Dodge Pocket Garden located at Phi Beta Kappa Hall. This garden has provided a source of pleasure for our College community. It has also been an especially lovely setting for evening events and the lighting will be a splendid addition. As a token of appreciation for years of effort and dedication regarding this project, I enclose a William and Mary tree pin to acknowledge our gratitude to the following members of the Williamsburg Garden Club:

Nancy Harris
Jean Shivel
Anne Bell
Jane Talley
Martha Armstrong
Mary Lou Geddy

Anne joins me in extending the sincere thanks of the College for your many contributions. We look forward to a successful tour of the President's House and the Sir Christopher Wren Building during Historic Garden Week in Virginia and seeing each of you at that time.

Most cordially,



Timothy J. Sullivan
President

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In January 1993 a meeting was held at the retirement community, Chambrel, and Elgin Morris spoke on creative flower arranging. Exhibits were enjoyed by the residents. In April the members traveled to the National Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Washington, D.C. for a day trip. Lunch and shopping continued at Union Station. The Christmas luncheon was held at Ford's Colony Dining Room. A field trip to Gloucester Daffodil Mart was held in April 1994 and members enjoyed a guided tour of Brent Heath's farm. Barbara Hager continued on the State Conservation Committee and in 1994 Gale Roberts was elected a Director-at-Large of The GCV. The initiation fee increased to \$20.00 and the annual dues for active, associate and sustaining members increased to \$40.00.

Gale Abbott Roberts won a GCV Horticulture Award of Merit in 1993. "Gale Roberts is a landscape designer who is currently creating a landscape plan for the Williamsburg Garden Club to implement at Avalon, a home for battered women. For three years, she was responsible for the design landscape of the York County Arbor Day Project at three local elementary schools and, in 1992, was Arbor Day Coordinator at Bruton High School. She has taught landscaping courses through the York County Public Library, speaks to GCV clubs, and in 1992 conducted The GCV Artistic Judging School 'Ikebana, the Sogetsu School.' This spring, she conducted a Master Class at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Garden Symposium. Gale has been the GCV Horticulture Chairman, GCV Common Wealth Award Chairman, and her club's conservation chairman."

IN MEMORIAM 1993-94 the death of Emily Gill Person (Mrs. William), past president and associate member

is noted.

Mrs. Thomas Jamison (Karen) was elected president at the spring annual meeting in 1994. 1995 Historic Garden Week chairman was Charlotte Moyler and Mrs. John Willis (Anne) served as co-chairman; chairmen in 1996 were Anne and Karen Munzel. The Avalon project continued under direction from Nancy Brooks, and shrubs and flowers were planted around a new facility. The Wreath Sale continued to be a successful project with Marty Jones, Chrissy Williamson and Jean Cogle as Co-Chairs. Gale Roberts remained a Director - at - Large of the GCV.

The club traveled to the Commonwealth Club in Richmond for its October meeting which featured a flower arranging demonstration by Sheila MacQueen of England. The Christmas luncheon was held at Ford's Colony. A wine and cheese reception was held at the home of Mrs. Vernon Geddy (Mary Lou) in April and spouses were invited. The home was decorated by members with suitable flower arrangements.

Fannie Richardson Williams won a Horticulture Award of Merit at the annual meeting of The GCV in May 1995. "Fannie Richardson Williams has been an active and dedicated member of the John Clayton Chapter of Virginia Native Plant Society serving as president. She has worked tirelessly to promote the planting of Virginia wildflowers in gardens along Virginia's highways. She is an advocate for native plants and their habitats, and also for the preservation of the ecology."

Active membership remained at 55, Associates 25, Sustaining 1, and Emeritus and Honorary unlimited.

Emeritus membership is awarded to members who no longer are able, for reasons of health, to continue active or associate membership in the club and is given at the discretion of the Executive Board. Dues are listed as \$40 for active, associate and sustaining members.

The GCV Conservation Forum was held at the Williamsburg Lodge on November 1-2, 1995. Many members of the WGC attended, enjoying lunch along with other members from all over Virginia.

Karen Jamison continued as president, 1995-96. The Garden Club of Virginia celebrated its 75th birthday on October 10, 1995 in Richmond. A gala including dinner and dancing was held at the Tredegar Iron Works.

Special Committees included Wreath Sale, Historic Garden Week, House and Garden Selection Committee, newly formed, to help select homes for future garden tours. Members who served on The Garden Club of Virginia committees included Jewel Lynn Delaune, Flower Shows Committee; Barbara Hager, Conservation Committee; Karen Jamison, Slides Collection; and Gale Roberts, Restoration Committee. The President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation spoke at the September meeting held at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The group traveled by bus to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Kent-Valentine House in Richmond for its October meeting. The 1995 December luncheon was held at the Heritage Inn in Williamsburg, and the President of The Garden Club of Virginia, Mrs. Pat Leggett (Mrs. H. Gordon, Jr.) was the special guest.

Clark Taggart, flower arranger for Colonial Williamsburg

Welcome To The Kent-Valentine House

by Clarkie Jester, Publications Editor, Hillside Garden Club

As The Garden Club of Virginia embarks on a challenging capital campaign to raise funds to construct the elevator/tower addition to the Kent-Valentine House, we are reminded of the many uses and opportunities our headquarters offers members and clubs.

The Kent-Valentine House headquarters serves five primary functions. It houses the offices for Historic Garden Week of Virginia; provides a meeting place for GCV clubs and committees; stores and maintains our GCV records and histories, as well as providing a library for the membership; and is available to members for private functions and parties.

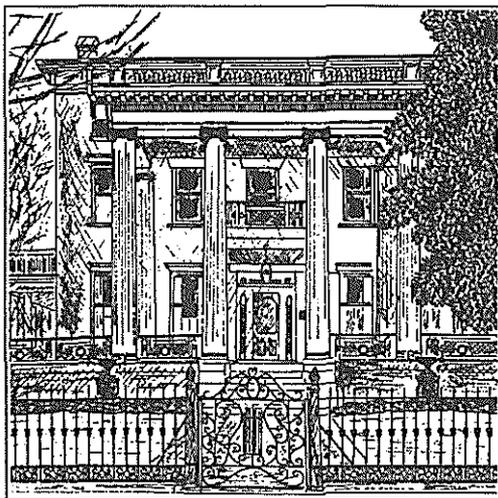
Not all GCV member clubs are within close proximity of the K-V House to take full advantage of all of the uses of our headquarters, but there are many who enjoy it thoroughly. Visits by member clubs from across Virginia are encouraged. A visit makes a meaningful event on each GCV club's calendar.

The new addition to our headquarters will serve to enhance and increase the use of the K-V House. Improvements will include an elevator allowing handicapped accessibility to all floors, additional restrooms and closets, and expanded space for the Historic Garden Week headquarters.

Accessibility to all floors of the building was a key consideration in the architectural concept because it allows for full use of space on the upper floors.

Members are welcome at the Kent-Valentine House during regular business hours Monday through Friday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), September to June, and at other times by appointment. Clubs, committees and members who want to schedule an event should call the Kent-Valentine House Chairman, Charlotte Frischkorn (Mrs. Charles H. Frischkorn), 25 Towana Road, Richmond 23226, (804) 282-4140, or the K-V House directly, (804) 643-7141. With advance notice a delicious lunch will be arranged for your group.

The following information gives a broader definition of Kent-Valentine House opportunities:



Richmond Times-Dispatch

VIRGINIA'S NEWS LEADER

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Virginia's Gardeners

Call members of the Garden Club of Virginia that — Virginia's gardeners — and you won't be wrong. For in the threescore and 15 years this organization has existed, it has labored lovingly to make Virginia a garden spot of pre-eminent aesthetic and historic importance. Now, as it prepares to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding with a dinner gala at the Tredegar Iron Works, is an appropriate time to salute it for its contributions to the Commonwealth.

An alliance of 46 community-based clubs, the Garden Club of Virginia has been wholly or heavily responsible for the restoration of nearly 40 historic homes and gardens open for the enjoyment of Virginians and tourists. Thomas Jefferson's garden at Monticello, the gardens at Woodrow Wilson's birthplace in Staunton, the gardens at Woodlawn Plantation in Fairfax County, the Washington and Lee University garden at the Robert E. Lee House in Lexington, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, and the master tree-planting plan at Richmond's Virginia Union University are examples of the club's good works.

Earlier this year, the Virginia General Assembly praised the club for its substantial contribution "to the enhancement of historic properties, the beauty of communities and highways, and the protection and conservation of natural resources. . . ." That resolution was added to a long list of honors the club has received over the years.

To finance its projects, the organization raises money primarily through its unique annual Historic Garden Week tour featuring some of Virginia's most beautiful homes and gardens from the Atlantic to the Appalachians. Tourists from all over America travel to Virginia for this event, which is the largest and oldest of its kind in the country.

The club can celebrate its 75th birthday with pride. It has earned Virginia's gratitude, admiration, and best wishes.

October 10, 1995

Foundation, presented a program in January in the Dodge Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall. A Mock Home Tour and Flower Show was held at Chambrel. Tea followed the meeting while members and residents viewed the arrangements. A wine and light hors d'oeuvres reception was held for members and spouses in April at the home of Mrs. David Bates (Gail). Gale Roberts continued as Director-at-Large for The Garden Club of Virginia.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Davis Y. Paschall, (Agnes), honorary member, died in 1995.

Mrs. Dennis Cogle (Jean) assumed the presidency in 1996 continuing through the spring of 1998. Historic Garden Week chairman in 1997 was Karen Munzel and Mrs. Gordon Chappell (Sherrie) co-chairman. Chair for 1998 was Sherrie Chappell and Mrs. Andrew Sims (Susan), co-chairman.

Long Range Planning and Garden Club of Virginia Book Chairman were added as Special Committees. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Karen Jamison, recommended:

1. put aside money for 2002 Rose Show;
2. donate money to the Land Conservancy;
3. fund construction of a fountain for newly-renovated Williamsburg Regional Library as gift to the city for the 300th anniversary;
4. form a task force to study a program proposal called "Roots and Shoots" youth garden program; and
5. compile a record of projects accomplished by WGC from the beginning.

All of the proposals mentioned above were accomplished except for the fountain at the library.

A team approach was formed for the three GCV flower shows held in the state. A chairman and approximately 20 members formed the committee to make up three teams, Lily, Rose, and Daffodil.

Mary Ann Brendel was awarded the Horticulture Award of Merit from The Garden Club of Virginia at the annual meeting in May 1996. "As a relatively new member of The Williamsburg Garden Club, Mary Ann has been a delightfully willing and responsible member. Her 'pro-active' style has led her to become a Master Gardener and to initiate various civic projects geared to children. With a \$10,000 America the Beautiful grant, she helped to establish a children's horticultural learning center at James River Elementary School. She and the Master Gardeners have maintained the garden with the PTA and students. She instituted a 'Ready-Set-Grow' program at the school for third graders. At present she is working with the Williamsburg Regional Library to establish a Children's Literature Garden with another \$4,500 grant which she applied for and received. Mary Ann and her family long ago adopted a highway which they beautify by keeping it litter free. When she sees a community need, Mary Ann is there to see that it is fulfilled."

Guests at the Christmas luncheon included the Gloucester Garden Club; president, Diane Romano (Mrs. Frank) of the Franklin Garden Club; and Betty Schutte,(Mrs. Charles H., Jr.), President of The Garden Club of Virginia. Also, Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by William Barker of Colonial Williamsburg, made a special appearance.

The Garden Club of Virginia entered the Internet in 1997 with an e-mail address www.gcvirginia.org.

The wreath sale continued under the same guidance with Marty, Chrissy and Jean, and Barbara Hager chaired a committee to make wreath bows. This wreath program has served as the major money-maker for the club for several years.

A special project was begun to help celebrate the 300th anniversary of the City of Williamsburg. This was, by far, the most ambitious project the club had tackled, both in time and money. A "Roots and Shoots" Garden program was initiated at Matthew Whaley School with Mary Ann Brendel and Mrs. Vernon Geddy III (Laura) in charge. Gale Roberts developed the landscape design. Lesson plans and guidance came from Molly and Dirck Brown who started this children's program in Lexington, Virginia. Students with adult mentors participate in lessons on gardening, weather, bugs, dirt, bees, worms, compost, etc. one day a week from March to May. The garden contains 16 raised beds, a frame for a sunflower house, trellises, benches, a pond, a brick patio with picnic tables shaded by canvas umbrellas. Each class has designated areas to water, feed, compost, deadhead and harvest plants. The club funded the project at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Additional support came from the Gladys and Franklin Clark Foundation in the amount of \$5,000; this foundation is committed to youth education. The club also appreciated significant gifts of time and materials from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, the WJCC Master Gardener Association, the Christopher Wren Association, Boy Scout Troop 103, and the Peninsula Home Builders Association. In addition, the PTA of Matthew Whaley assisted with volunteer help and a donation. The club is indebted to many "garden friends" (mentors) who volunteer their time each week

from March to May during class time. In 1999 the program was turned over to the Matthew Whaley School administration and the PTA to manage. This proved to be a very labor-intensive project but most worthwhile. It reached and had an impact on many of the young students.

In October 1997 the club traveled to Richmond for a guided tour of Maymont house and gardens. Lunch was served in the Museum Cafe. The Christmas Luncheon was held at the Heritage Inn. The club was active in The Garden Club of Virginia's continued efforts to ban signs from highways in the state of Virginia. A bill supported by gardens clubs across Virginia was introduced but defeated in the Legislature. The club joined the newly-organized Williamsburg Land Conservancy as a Charter Member with a donation which will be repeated each year. In March 1998 a Mock Home Tour and Flower Show was held at the home of Linda and Joe Montgomery. Members decorated the home with imaginative and beautiful flower arrangements. A wine and light hors d'oeuvres reception was held in the evening for members and spouses.

In April Study Group was at the Williamsburg Lodge auditorium for the Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium flower arranging demonstration. Also, in April 1998, the 85th Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America was held at the Williamsburg Lodge. Local club members served as volunteers and were invited to a special party at the Chiswell House. Libbey Oliver who was manager for 23 years of Floral Services in Colonial Williamsburg provided a flower arranging demonstration/lecture on the history, containers, plant material and style of the 18th century. Many letters and

compliments were received from The GCA regarding assistance provided by WGC at the meeting. Jean Cogle, president, was called to the podium to receive a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation for the club. 193 clubs across the U.S. were represented by presidents, and 650 delegates attended the five day meeting. This was a great opportunity for WGC members to see gardening and arranging on such a grand scale.

Karen Munzel and Jewel Lynn Delaune won a blue ribbon in the Interclub Class at the Lily Show in June 1998

Serving on committees of The Garden Club of Virginia in 1997-98 were Jewel Lynn Delaune, Flower Shows Committee; Karen Jamison, Slides Collection; and Gale Roberts, Restoration Committee.

At the annual Meeting of The GCV in May 1998 Jewel Lynn won a GCV Horticulture Award of Merit. "Jewel Lynn Delaune is a gardener and propagator who shares her plants and flowers with friends and neighbors. She is also a certified GCV Judge (artistic), and an Ikebana instructor in the School of Ikebana. Her particular interests are variegated ivies, trough container growing, and herb gardens, all of which she does extremely well. The Williamsburg area is lucky to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated gardener in the community."

IN MEMORIAM: 1997 Louise B. Lewis (Mrs. Cotesworth), emeritus member; Barbara Kendall Jones (Mrs. I. L.), associate member; Ellen L. Sparks (Mrs. Harold), past member, died. Jane Hutcheson Talley (Mrs. Richard) and Mary Strong (Mrs. A. D.), past president, died during 1998. Both were associate members.

at the time of death.

Mary Strong, a former president, was recognized statewide as an expert on wildflowers. She was instrumental in the 1970's in developing the Wildflower Refuge on the campus of The College of William and Mary. A wildflower garden next to her home was shared with many garden clubs in our area, and her knowledge was shared with hundreds of people. She captured wildflowers on film and lectured at numerous club meetings. For her outstanding contributions to beautification, the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs honored her with an award in 1978. The GCV honored her with the Horticulture Award in 1974. Friends were requested to put a new plant in their garden in her memory.

Gale Roberts became president in the spring of 1998. The following club members served The Garden Club of Virginia during 1998-2000: Karen Jamison as Assistant Treasurer, Dianne Spence as Secretary of the Finance Committee, Gale Roberts as a member of the Restoration Committee, and Jewel Lynn Delaune as a member of the Flower Shows Committee.

In October 1998 an open meeting was held at the Williamsburg Library auditorium to introduce Pamela Harper and her program "Color in the Garden". Arbor Day, 1999, was added as a special committee.

WGC received an Arbor Day Award from the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs in honor of the children's garden at Matthew Whaley. Several members including Karen Jamison, Mary Ann Brendel, Gale Roberts, and Dianne Spence served on the

Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs

ARBOR DAY
COMMENDATION AWARD

PRESENTED TO

Williamsburg Garden Club

in appreciation of your contribution to the
beautification of your community

Karen Jamison
Karen Jamison, President

March 12, 1999

Williamsburg Tricentennial Commission-Beautification Committee to help plan for the 300th anniversary of the city of Williamsburg. The December luncheon was held at River's Inn in Gloucester Point. Historic Garden Week Co-chairmen in 1999 were Susan Sims and Mrs. Lawrence Ring.(Kathleen). Members traveled to the Conservation Forum in the fall and Legislative Day in January. In June 1998 WGC won a blue ribbon at the GCV 57th Annual Lily Show; Elaine Abbott arranged, with the help of Barbara Hager, team captain, and the Lily Team.

Seventy years as a garden club was celebrated at the March 1999 meeting. Club members toasted with champagne the many years of service given to the community. The club voted to donate \$1,000 in honor of the anniversary to the Williamsburg Land Conservancy campaign for purchase of Mainland Farms.

An informal forum, "Vision New Century", devoted to directing the club into the new millenium, was held in September 1999 at the Vineyards Clubhouse. Members were divided into three teams led by Gail Taylor, Nancy Harris and Dianne Spence.

Members traveled to Richmond in October to visit the newly renovated Kent-Valentine House and Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. After lunch in the Robins Tea House members strolled through the gardens. The December Christmas luncheon was held at the Heritage Inn.

In January 2000 Mrs. Charlotte Hundley, Chairman, GCV Rose Committee, presented a slide program on roses and how to display them in flower shows.. In March Hylah Boyd, President, Scenic Virginia, and recipient of the 1999

GCV deLacy Gray Memorial Medal, gave a slide presentation and pointed out the goals of Scenic Virginia. "Flying Flowers of Mexico" was the topic of a slide presentation about Monarch butterflies by Mrs. Charles Hotchkiss (Julie) in April. Four Study Groups were held during 1999-2000. Garden Week Chairmen for the year 2000 were Kathleen Ring and Mrs. John Milliman (Ann) and rain rain, rain was the problem of the day. Slides Collection and Common Wealth Award appeared as committees.

IN MEMORIAM: 1999, honorary member, Mr. Donald H. Parker, died, and Betty Anne Wallace, a former member and associate editor of the JOURNAL during the 1950s, died in September 1999.

Club projects grew dramatically during the period of 1990-2000. Early on, one scholarship was given annually to Nature Camp; later it was increased to two. Books were donated to the Williamsburg Regional Library, the total collection now numbering well over 150; participation continued in Arbor Day plantings; maintenance of the Stryker and Baldwin Memorial gardens, a project of the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs, was continued; trees were donated for replanting in the "ancient triangle" of the College of William and Mary (1992); and members served as planners and planters to improve landscaping at the Avalon Shelter. Funds were donated to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the planting of daffodils on Route I-64 west of the Camp Peary exit (1992); and to plant two hardwood trees at Human Resources Service Building on Waller Mill Road to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Garden Club of Virginia. Plans to donate money to install

a fountain at the newly-renovated Williamsburg Regional Library to honor the 300th anniversary of the City did not materialize. The club donated funds to and was designated a Charter Member of the Williamsburg Land Conservancy. Additional plantings at the College rounded out a very busy ten-year period.

Throughout 1997-99 much labor-intensive work was done on the "Roots and Shoots" program at Matthew Whaley School; now the program is called Matthey's Garden. The club partially funded the program and was awarded a \$5000 Common Wealth Award from The Garden Club of Virginia at the 1999 Annual Meeting to honor this project. The money will be used to further children's gardens in the public schools. Matthey's Garden was dedicated in April 1999 at Matthew Whaley School and the public was invited. A musical play, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" was presented by students. Visitors to Historic Garden Week 1999 were delighted to see a blooming, well-cared-for garden with fence, flowers, vegetables, water fountain and tables with benches.

Mary Ann Brendel and Gale Roberts presented a slide talk about the garden at the 54th Garden Symposium at Colonial Williamsburg. The \$500 honorarium they received was donated to the Matthey's Garden fund at Matthew Whaley. They were invited to present the same program at the Celebrating Children's Gardens in the New Millennium 8th Annual National Youth Gardening Symposium sponsored by the American Horticultural Society in Florida on June 8-10, 2000.

Management of the program and garden was turned over to Matthew Whaley School in the summer of 1999; the PTA

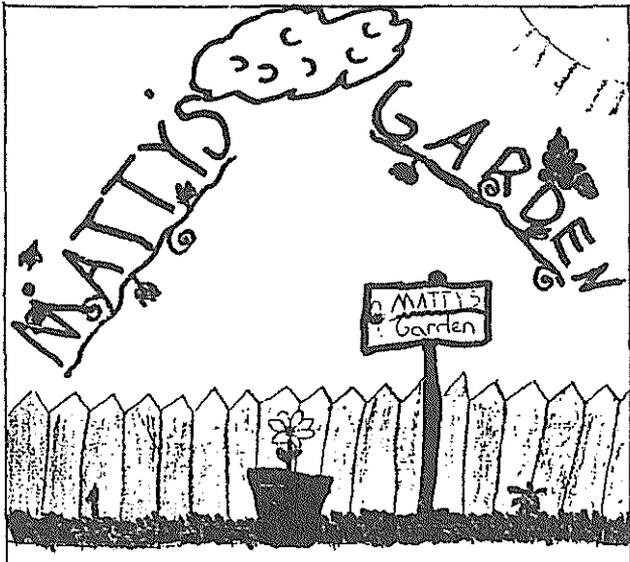


The Dedication of Matthey's Garden Matthew Whaley School, Williamsburg April 29, 1999 - 1:30 p.m.

Matthey's Garden was made possible by gifts of time, energy, financial and material resources by many individual members, civic groups, and businesses of this community.

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the two primary financial contributors to this project:

- **The Williamsburg Garden Club:** Members enthusiastically undertook this project two years ago as a 300th Anniversary Celebration gift to the City of Williamsburg. Funds raised from our annual Wreath and Roping Sale sustained this project from start to finish.
- **The Gladys and Franklin Clark Foundation:** Joe Montgomery, Chairman of the Board, Gil Bartlett, and Alvin Garrison. The Clark Foundation's commitment to youth education and its early support contributed substantially to make this children's garden a reality.



Drawing by Andrew Jennings - 5th Grade

Special recognition for donations of funds to the project:

- The Matthew Whaley PTA
- The Williamsburg - JCC Master Gardeners



**The Dedication of Matthey's Garden
Matthew Whaley School, Williamsburg
April 29, 1999 - 1:30 p.m.**

A big bouquet of appreciation for their dedication, persistence and tireless leadership to:

- **Mary Ann Brendel** Co-Chairwoman
- **Laura Geddy** Co-Chairwoman

Special acknowledgement to these individuals:

**Cathy Adams
Molly and Dirck Brown
Mary Ann and Jack Brendel
Al Brenick
Carl Brown
Gordon Chappell
Jean Cogle
Bill Cunningham
Laura Geddy
Nancy Harris
Carolyn Imoehl
Karen Jamison
Ruth Kaiser
Jack Kneist
Genrose and Don Lashinger
Peggy Morton
Russell Natoce
Libbey Oliver
Jeff and Sean O'Neal
Gale and Bill Roberts
Ike Sisane
Dianne Spence
Rodney Taylor
Bobbie Thorp
Jack Tuttle
Laura Viancour
Peter Walentisch
Cleve Walton
Millie West**

Appreciation for significant gifts of time and materials to:
**The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg**

Businesses that contributed all or a portion of their products or services:

- **Gale Roberts Landscape Design, Designer of Matthey's Garden**
- **Christopher M. Jennings, Builder of Matthey's Garden**
- **Belden Landscapes, Tom Belden**
- **Bush Corporation, Mark Sharp, Michele Ball**
- **Cinter Construction**
- **Jack Massie, Contractor**
- **Kwik Kopy**
- **Lawrenceville Brick and Tile Corporation, Ben Powell**
- **My Sister's Place**
- **Peninsula Hardwood Mulch**
- **Roots and Shoots Landscape Co., Dave Taylor**
- **Southern States**
- **Williamsburg Community Builders Association**

Immense gratitude is due the educators without whom this garden would not have blossomed:

- **Andy Jacobs, Principal, Matthew Whaley**
- **The Teachers of Matthew Whaley**
- **Sandra Rogers, Principal, Clara Byrd Baker, for her early endorsement of this project**
- **Bill Williams, Science Coordinator of The WJCC Schools**

We are indebted to the *Garden Friends* of Matthey's Garden, who volunteer their time to teach the students for whom we built the garden! We applaud each of you who share the joy of discovery with our children. You hold the keys to the future success of this project.

1999 Common Wealth Award of \$5,000 given to WGC
for its project, "Roots and Shoots" garden at
Matthew Whaley School



The Garden Club of Virginia
Common Wealth Award
The Williamsburg Garden Club

Project: *Discovery Gardens for Williamsburg's Children*

Ellen H. Saunders
Chairman, Common Wealth Award Committee

Bessie B. Caffee
President, The Garden Club of Virginia

Discovery Gardens For Williamsburg's Children

Submitted by The Williamsburg Garden Club

The Williamsburg Garden Club has a good thing growing! In just two years our club built a discovery garden at Matthew Whaley School in the heart of the historic area. The children have named it Mathey's Garden. Now 500 children in kindergarten through 5th grade interact with adult "Garden Friends" to discover the wonders of nature. The dedication of Mathey's Garden on April 29th in honor of Williamsburg's 300th Anniversary was a cause for community jubilation.

We are not finished. Five other elementary schools in Williamsburg and James City County are eager to have gardens. Educators are enthusiastic about the links between this outdoor classroom and the Standards of Learning (SOLs). Our next goal is to initiate a second discovery garden reaching at least another 500 children. We are confident our experience with design, implementation and enlisting community support will adapt to a second site.

At Matthew Whaley, we transformed a barren plot into a charming 4,000 square foot fenced garden. Club wreath sales raised \$11,000 for Mathey's Garden. We coordinated support from the PTA, Master Gardeners, Clark Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts, businesses and individuals. This summer, at-risk teenagers in the "Step Above" program will help water and weed several days a week.

Club members schedule, train and coordinate the many willing "Garden Friends" with team leaders, students and teachers. We are providing materials, including the curriculum written by Molly and Dirck Brown, for a permanent resource library for Mathey's Garden.

The Common Wealth Award will help us to make Discovery Gardens for Williamsburg's Children a flexible template for our burgeoning school system and community.

*Common Wealth Award
Finalists For 1999*

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

will direct and assist in the program. Mrs. Kenneth Adams (Cathy) served as President of the PTA in 1998-99, and is assisting in the direction of the program in 2000. Laura Geddy served as PTA president in 1999. Two schools in our area, displayed an interest in creating a garden and applied for our \$5000 award; Clara Byrd Baker School submitted the winning grant request. Their garden is called "The Bear Patch" and the administration and teachers are enthusiastic about this newest garden in our area.

In February 2000 members authorized funds of approximately \$7,500 for eight, 20-foot, European linden trees which were planted in early March by a firm hired by The College of William and Mary. Many trees were destroyed by the ice storm in 1998 and Hurricane Floyd in September 1999, and the new linden trees will replace those that were lost in the Wren Yard.

Each year members attend the Conservation Forum, Legislative Day and Horticulture Field Day, all sponsored by The Garden Club of Virginia held in different parts of the state. Also, the club continues to participate in the three flowers shows, Daffodil, Lily and Rose, sponsored annually by The Garden Club of Virginia. Karen Munzel and new member, Sandy Nahm (Mrs. Rick), lead the daffodil team to an Interclub Blue Ribbon for our entry in the 66th Annual daffodil Show at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. Karen and Dianne Spence not only brought home an Interclub Blue but several other ribbons and silver cups for horticulture. Dianne also won many ribbons for her daffodil stems at the 50th Annual Daffodil Show, April 1-2, 2000, presented by the Garden Club of Gloucester.



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March 20, 2000

Ms. Gale Roberts
222 West Queens Drive
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Dear Gale:

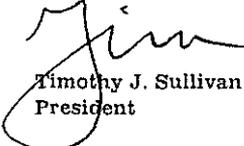
I would like to thank you and the Williamsburg Garden Club so very much for providing the necessary funds for the purchase of the eight little-leaf linden trees that are presently being planted in the Wren Yard. I especially appreciate Barbara Hager's initiative in bringing this project before the Club for its consideration.

As you know, the Wren Yard is the center of our historic campus. Your generous gift has allowed us to replace trees that were destroyed by Hurricane Floyd last fall and is helping us restore this important area of the campus.

I am enclosing some pictures as a memento of the tree-planting event and hope that you will enjoy them.

Please come by whenever you have a chance and enjoy "your" beautiful new trees that are adorning the Wren Yard.

Most cordially,



Timothy J. Sullivan
President

TJS:jgb
Enclosures
cc: Ms. Barbara Hager ✓



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March 21, 2000

Mrs. Gail Roberts, President
Williamsburg Garden Club
222 W. Queens Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Dear Mrs. Roberts,

This morning, as I am writing you this letter, the new Little Leaf Lindens that were installed last week are enjoying a nice rainfall that welcomes them to their new home on the historic campus of the College. Matthew Trowbridge and his assistant have been working to assure that all small holes and crevices are filled and that the trees are given the best possible chances to grow and thrive. Through the generosity of the Williamsburg Garden Club, the College was able to locate adequate sized trees and replace those that had been taken out by the storm. Without your clubs help, funding was not in place to replace them this season.

Your check for \$7500 may be sent to the following address. Please mark it for replacement of Little Leaf Lindens in the Wrenyard.

The College of William and Mary
Gift Accounting: Attn. Brenda Denton
516-B South Henry Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Once again, our sincere thanks go to both Mrs. Barbara Hager and to you for taking this need to the Williamsburg Garden Club and to your club for their continued support of the College. I hope that your members will visit the campus to see what a wonderful gift that they have given.

Sincerely,

Roy A. Williams
Associate Director, Facilities Management
Gardens, Grounds and Support Services

cc Adolph A. Hight

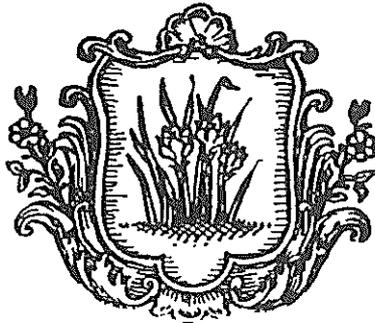
Elaine Abbott and Libbey Oliver exhibited at Chrysler Museum's "Flowers and Art " show on March 31-April 2, 2000. Libbey Oliver and Dianne Spence arranged flowers at the Governor's Mansion in Richmond for Garden Week and Jean Cogle started writing this brief history of The Williamsburg Garden Club in the spring.

In the year 2000, membership numbers 55 Active, 25 Associates, one Sustaining, and several Honorary members. The initiation fee remains at \$20 and annual dues for Active, Associate and the Sustaining is \$40 per year. Emeritae and Honorary members pay no dues.

Let us not forget, throughout the years since the early 1930's, our club's efforts for a quality Historic Garden Week which have benefitted hundreds of visitors who come each April. Our club has contributed thousands of dollars toward restoration of historic gardens and landscapes in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A retreat for all club members was held in the fall of 1999 to look at club projects and membership and to plan strategy for 2001 and beyond. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Jean Cogle and members, Gail Bates, Marlene Collins, Cynthia Hargrove and Gale Roberts, looked at the results of the retreat and a questionnaire filled in by members. A plan of action was formulated for the next few years. Future projects include coordinating the 2002 and 2003 Rose Shows sponsored by The Garden Club of Virginia, which will be held in Williamsburg in October of each year. Karen Jamison and Dianne Spence will co-chair the event. Millie West will direct the club as newly-elected president for the years 2000-2002.

Club membership includes many younger members and their energy will be necessary in the coming years. A single thread which started in 1929 continues into the year 2000, as The Williamsburg Garden Club celebrates seventy years of flower arranging, gardening, study of horticulture, exploring and fulfilling needs in the Williamsburg area, and conserving and protecting our environment with the same enthusiasm and vigor that was evident in 1929.



APPENDIX 1

50TH ANNIVERSARY REMARKS BY SALLY STETSON

Sally Stetson in her humorous way presented a personal account of the beginnings of the club in her remarks at the occasion of the 50th anniversary. The remarks are presented verbatim:

Last October "The Girls" cartoon in the Newport News Daily Press had a caption which might well have applied to your speaker. It read: "Our anniversary meeting opened with the serving of champagne and many toasts - from there on nothing I've written makes any sense." The Program Committee of our club had better sense - I'm speaking before the champagne and, I trust, make sense.

As the Williamsburg Garden Club and I took root in the city at approximately the same time, a personal account seems in order for this history.

In 1928 Williamsburg was still a small town, the Restoration had just started its work; one house only was in the process of being antiqued. The main street had a long median section with telephone poles at strategic points, and all the town dogs took their afternoon naps along the grassy plot. There were a number of stores, three or four churches, two banks, gas stations, all the usual buildings and architecture for a place its size and situation. Most of the population were divided like Gaul in their allegiance, into three parts, the courts, the college, the Eastern State Hospital. A few tourists appeared from time to time, but as a city it was still asleep.

I was young, not long married, very green and full of enthusiasm for everything about me. There were a number of women's organization. I joined every one that invited me. The largest, perhaps, was the Civic League, a forerunner of the Women's Clubs of today. It had two departments, Homemakers and Garden. I was too busy to investigate either until one day Emily Lane called on me, and asked me to join the Garden Group, of which she was chairman. I accepted, attended my first meeting at her home.

There must have been about 25 ladies present, and they had a most energetic discussion. It seemed that The Garden Club of Virginia,

formed in 1920, had been making discreet advances, as they wanted a club in the newly emerging Williamsburg of the past. But the group must withdraw from the Civic League and form a separate organization. Pros and cons flew about the room, two ladies were adamant cons. They wanted no part of a state organization. The town itself, they argued, was being exploited and ruined. Why ruin our own little club? But curiosity and an undoubted sense of flattery at being wanted prevailed. A committee was formed to draw up a constitution. We agreed to withdraw from the Civic League, pass two years under the watchful eyes of The GCV, then be invited to join it.

So March 21, 1929 the Williamsburg Garden Club was born at Annie Powell Hodges home on Jamestown Road, then the extreme limit of housing for the city. The secretary did not appear so I was drafted to take notes. The Constitution was presented, approved and signed by those present, and a chance given to the absent to sign later as charter members. The dissenters had boycotted the meeting and refused to sign, but 26 in all made up the charter list.

Our growing pains were many. Membership was, from the start, our greatest problem. People belonged, but they did not always come to the meetings. There was one for which a speaker had been secured from Richmond, and only half a dozen people showed up. As refreshments, copious in those days, had been prepared for 25, the hostess was most unhappy. We then decided that something drastic must be done. Membership had been open. We closed it firmly. And, to our considerable astonishment, that did the trick. Everyone now wanted to belong. It also gave us a lot of trouble, as we had to evolve new methods of election. At one time as few as six votes could get a person "In", so rules were made, changed, made again. At one meeting we voted and voted. It was growing late, no name had the required majority. There seemed but one thing to do....and we did it, suspended the rules, declared the name with the most votes elected.

We changed the Constitution. We are still changing it. We enlarged the membership. We added an auxiliary. This was a sort of training ground for future membership and it flourished for awhile. Then after due deliberation it seemed best to take in the entire group as active members, which we did, increasing our total considerably.

There was a study group formed, and from the first it was a success.

Estelle Morton, Louise Fisher and I guided it for awhile. Members in turn gave papers. There were no refreshments, something which, to our surprise, worked. It has endured to this day and we are very proud of it.

There was one thing about our early meetings. They were completely unpredictable. This did lend a certain charm, but it was devastating to the program chairman and the president.

For instance in the days of the CCC, a U.S. colonel was in charge of work being done in the college woods. We asked Jo to speak about it. He came, was introduced but got merely started when he unfortunately stated that it was difficult to work during the summer, the chiggers were so prevalent. So far he had found no efficient remedy for them. The next ten minutes were a bedlam. Every lady present had ideas on the subject of chiggers and she aired them. It was too much for the army. It retired in defeat.

Then there was the hostess who paid off her accumulated social debts by inviting non-members in for tea after the meeting. The speaker must have been perplexed at the sudden influx of people who had not been there for her remarks. I remember one such occasion with embarrassment as I had been asked to "pour" coffee from a beautiful antique urn. When the spigot was turned on for the first cup....it stuck. The tray and table were inundated, adding entertainment but also confusion to the whole affair.

We had staff difficulties. The second and third presidents were faculty wives. At that time Old Dominion was a branch of William and Mary. In rapid succession the husbands of these two ladies were sent to the staff at Norfolk, which accounts for the one year term of each lady as our president. The next prospective president, also a faculty wife, said tearfully, when approached "I don't want to be sent to Norfolk and neither does my husband". We persuaded her to accept, though. Fortunately the jinx was broken.

It really was difficult to induce anyone to be president. Once, the nominating committee appeared at a Board meeting. They had asked every active member to serve, each had refused. In desperation we then turned to the Associate list. At that time we could elect people to be

Associates. We asked the most likely one to transfer to the Active list. Then we used all our persuasive powers to induce her to accept the presidency, which she finally did.

Several times we nearly split over various issues. "Should a member be dropped if she doesn't pay dues for two years?" "What if she doesn't attend any meetings at all?" "How about cutting out refreshments?" But we managed to survive all such dilemmas.

We branched out into literature, publishing, under Mrs. Coleman's able editorship. "A Williamsburg Scrap Book" which ran through several additions and made a nice sum of money for our rather lean treasury.

In 1931, in June, we were duly admitted to The GCV. When we finally glimpsed the reasons given for our election, we realized why we had been so enthusiastically welcomed. They read "Williamsburg is now a National Shrine, some lovely old gardens, and some new ones, and a charming personnel." Garden Week was then just coming into prominence, tourists coming in ever increasing numbers, to see the 19th century in flower. We were needed to help swell GCV coffers. I think Emily Lane spoke for all of us in our secret hearts when she looked at the citation and said "Well, we don't really have much in the way of gardens ourselves, we have no rich members, but one thing we sure do have....personality and charm".

We were still quite new to the GCV when we decided to entertain its president. A committee was formed to discuss proper procedure for such an event, and after much consideration decided that when she arrived in the morning we would take her to the newly laid out Nature Trail we have sponsored in the College woods. Then lunch at the Travis House, and on to the meeting. The repeal of prohibition was still a very new thing. Cocktail parties were not too prevalent in this staid small town, but since the Travis House, at that time CW's most publicized restaurant, was then at the foot of Palace Green, our meeting at the Tucker House nearby, and Carrie Cole Geddy lived at the Carter Saunders House on Palace Green, cocktails there appeared a nice gesture.

The great day arrived, the committee, stationed at strategic locations, spent the morning reporting to each other on the phone. No one had seen or heard from the distinguished lady we were to honor. The noon

hour approached. The speaker did not. Finally we converged on the Carter Saunders House, waited as long as we dared, then solemnly drank a toast to our absent guest. As we had already ordered a meal for the entire Board and it was growing late, we hurriedly adjourned to the Travis House, ate hastily under the impatient eyes of the waiters, then started across Courthouse Green to Tucker House. As we glanced over at the Williamsburg Hotel on the Green, a female figure emerged, waved and called out "Yoo-hoo! Here I am. Where is the meeting?" It was our missing guest. She greeted us effusively, said she had had a lovely lunch in Richmond with friends, wanted now to speak first so she could go back home. We agreed. She spoke. She departed. No one had the nerve to question her at all. At least, she DID come, and she spoke.

For many years we were the only garden club in town. Some of our duties were unusual. The city could not cut down a tree without our consent. Our chief efforts in the past had been flower shows...spring and fall, and we continued to hold them, learning the hard way, the proper way, to do it. Our strong point had been individuality. We could recognize any entry's maker the moment it appeared, as well as her vases (which we now learned must be called "containers".) We were determined to improve and while it became increasing hard to find places in which we could hold our shows, one reason for the decrease in numbers-held we struggled on. Instead of the pairs of vases, the miniatures, the spring or fall bouquets, we branched out into appetizer trays with French names. To my untutored eye they looked much the same as usual, except that the cheese ball porcupines now had a flower or two on the top.

Our giant step forward was the manufacturing of Shadow Boxes. Six of them, lighted, were made ready for our intensive efforts at producing a picture. Their storage presented a problem. They never seemed to light correctly, and while we did have some unusual, as well as unplanned effects with them, they never really caught on. They also proved to be my downfall as an arranger. I don't remember the subject I was called upon to illustrate, but I used an antique pottery jug and the correct flowers. Also, to "carry down the line" (a phrase I had recently acquired), I used a pottery cocker spaniel dog. It was a replica of a dog I owned and loved, and I thought its sprawling contours gave the right touch. But, unfortunately, while my dog was pedigreed, the replica was not. I learned later on that the judge liked my concept but hated the

dog. How was I to know that the most vocal of the judges collected antique porcelain Chinese dogs of a long ago dynasty, and despised anything else?

As for our affiliation with the GCV, it has been interesting, and we have tried to do our part in the projects. Twice we sponsored the state Daffodil Show with Gloucester, and the Rose Show alone. Once before this last series, Garden Week was exactly that. A week. We had phone booth-like structures at each end of town, manned by workers who sold tickets and gave out information. Houses were open all week, and every member did the most impossible amount of work.

It might be a good idea at this time to say something about our Garden Week connection with Bruton Parish Church.

In the fall of 1928 there had been a house and garden tour across the York River in Gloucester, which was a huge success. I took my car and some friends and thoroughly enjoyed the novel experience. I am not sure of the exact date, but think it was the following spring that Bruton put on a tour of its own and I had my first taste of meeting the eager public as a hostess. It was a fun affair for all. The house owners closed the dining room for an hour and gave the workers an elegant luncheon to sustain us for the rest of the day.

When we joined the GCV, Bruton, having had its own Garden Tour, was not anxious to relinquish it, so we worked out a scheme by which Bruton and the Williamsburg Club shared equally in responsibility. Half the profits went to the GCV, half to Bruton, who gave us a gift from their share. That is the present arrangement one that we do NOT publicize much.

Three times we have done our Constitutional duty and entertained The GCV in Williamsburg. The first time was May 1938. Usually then meetings started one day, then there was sightseeing, followed by a banquet that night, a meeting next morning and a luncheon. If you wanted to come the night before that first morning meeting, entertainment was not expected or received. By this time however some social conscientiousness had penetrated to us, and we decided to provide at least liquid refreshment to those arriving the night before. So parties were planned at various homes, husbands took a crash course in bartending, but no dinners planned except for the Directors who were

sumptuously fed. For everyone else there was a candlelight concert at Bruton. We did at least feed their souls. The next night at the Inn we mustered a sufficient number of male honorary members and husbands to grace the head table, and lend solidity to the event. There were, as I remember, four welcoming speeches, a custom now happily done away with.

Our last hostessing was in 1967 when we were more knowledgeable. The Restoration firmly established and before the dinner at the Inn, we were transported to Carters Grove for a touch of the past appreciated by all.

Our members have been well represented in the GCV roster of committee chairmen. Carrie Cole Geddy and Sara Pomfret were Directors. Melinda Kendrew, Restoration Chairman, Martha Dovell, 2nd Vice President as well as a committee chairman, while Lelia Thorne filled a large number of offices before becoming President in 1954.

My own connection with the GCV came in an odd way, something like the "Have gun, will travel" variety. It seemed desirable to have our club represented on the Board of Governors in 1936, the only committee chairmanship not filled was that of Wildflowers. My husband was interested in wildflowers and we had a collection of slides. I didn't mind traveling and showing them, so for four years I did just that. I must have dealt the subject a mortal blow, because I was the last chairman. In 1940 the committee was absorbed into conservation, where it really belonged. Since I later on became Editor of the GCV Journal, I expect I have the dubious distinction of attending more GCV meetings than many other people in the membership.

The war years of 1942-45 came and went. We did our patriotic duty and little else. As a club we adopted a French orphan and dutifully wrote and received letters. There were no flower shows, no Garden Week.

Our 25th anniversary was celebrated in style, and I can document that, as a picture was taken of the charter members standing behind a long table which looked like a jewelers display...of silver borrowed from members for the event. It was so extensive we had to take turns standing guard over it all day, lest an intruder wander into the Parish House and make off with items. We had long ago passed our former

idyllic existence of unlocked doors and a low crime rate.

Our 40th anniversary saw the number of Charter Members smaller. Today smaller still. I doubt if any future celebration will carry more than a memory of our founding few.

So much for past history. Early in my writing career I was told "Never give a historical fact that you cannot document". It would be very hard to document most of what I have said as I have dwelt largely on the human foibles and experiences which really do make a more interesting tale.

What have been our accomplishments as a club? From a handful of small-town gals we are now today part of a statewide organization which has done a great deal to erase the cartoonist's picture of a too-plump lady conversing with her houseplants. Our objectives have not really changed, however much their forms may have altered. We have, we hope, grown with the time.

Now, I hear the champagne is all ready. So let us drink a toast. Our first fifty years are past. Today, tomorrow, for the next fifty let us accept whatever opportunities for service the times will have to offer...with, hopefully, graciousness, understanding, and most of all, a very large sense of humor.

Sally Stetson
(Mrs. John W. Stetson)
for the March, 1979 meeting



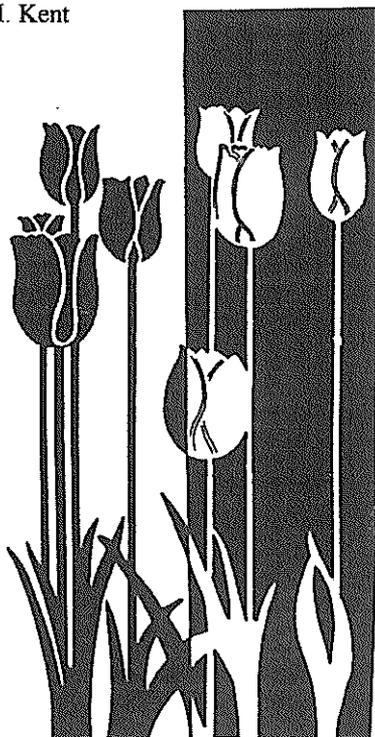
APPENDIX 2
WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB
PRESIDENTS, 1929-2000

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| Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr. | 1929-1931 |
| Mrs. Edward M. Gwathney | 1931-1932 |
| Mrs. William T. Hodges | 1932-1933 |
| Mrs. J. R. Geiger | 1933-1935 |
| Mrs. Charles G. Milham | 1935-1937 |
| Mrs. Ashton Dovell | 1937-1939 |
| Mrs. Theodore S. Cox | 1939-1941 |
| Mrs. A. Edwin Kendrew | 1941-1943 |
| Mrs. Francis H. Craighill | 1943-1945 |
| Mrs. William G. Guy | 1945-1947 |
| Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne | 1947-1949 |
| Mrs. John E. Pomfret | 1949-1951 |
| Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks, Sr. | 1951-1953 |
| Mrs. Arthur W. Phelps (earlier Mrs. Charles Duke) | 1953-1955 |
| Mrs. A. Pelzer Wagener | 1955-1956 |
| Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy, Sr. | 1956-1958 |
| Mrs. Richard W. Talley | 1958-1960 |
| Mrs. William L. Person, Sr. | 1960-1962 |
| Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr. | 1962-1964 |
| Mrs. Hibbert D. Corey | 1964-1966 |
| Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne | 1966-1968 |
| Mrs. Cotesworth P. Lewis | 1968-1970 |
| Mrs. Arthur D. Strong | 1970-1972 |
| Mrs. T. Robert Vermillion | 1972-1974 |
| Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks, Jr. | 1974-1976 |
| Mrs. Arthur L. Smith | 1976-1978 |
| Mrs. Thomas W. Wood | 1978-1980 |
| Mrs. Harry G. Hager | 1980-1982 |
| Mrs. Joseph N. Rountree | 1982-1984 |
| Mrs. Glen Shivel | 1984-1986 |
| Mrs. Baxter I. Bell, Jr. | 1986-1988 |
| Mrs. Andrew W. Abbitt | 1988-1990 |
| Mrs. Anthony J. Taylor | 1990-1992 |
| Mrs. Joseph R. Pinotti | 1992-1994 |
| Mrs. Thomas M. Jamison | 1994-1996 |
| Mrs. Dennis K. Cogle | 1996-1998 |
| Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. | 1998-2000 |

APPENDIX 3

WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB TREASURERS 1929-2000

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Unknown | 1929-1931 |
| Unknown | 1931-1932 |
| Mrs. Fred Savage, Sr. | 1932-1949 |
| Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr. | 1949-1960 |
| Mrs. Hibbert D. Corey | 1960-1964 |
| Mrs. Gardiner T. Brooks, Jr. | 1965-1968 |
| Mrs. Donald H. Parker | 1969-1972 |
| Mrs. Frank B. Evans III | 1973-1976 |
| Mrs. Frederick L. Belden | 1977 |
| Mrs. J. Ricks Wilson | 1978-1981 |
| Mrs. John D. Clothier | 1982-1985 |
| Mrs. Scott Spence | 1986-1992 |
| Mrs. Richard I. Kent | 1992- |



APPENDIX 4

WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRS

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| Mrs. E. T. Henley(Spring flower show) (Yearbooks missing from 1933-1940) | 1932 |
| Mrs. Francis Craighill (Spring flower show) (No Garden Week 1942-1948 due to war) | 1941 |
| Mrs. John Lewis (Spring Flower Show) (No listing in yearbook 1949) | 1948 |
| Mrs. Hibbert Corey, Mrs. Thomas Thorne | 1950 |
| Mrs. Richard L. Morton, Mrs. Robert Hoke | 1951 |
| Mrs. Harold Fowler, Mrs. Richard Talley | 1952 |
| Mrs. James Miller | 1953 |
| Mrs. William Person, Sr. | 1954 |
| Mrs. Baxter Bell, Sr. | 1955 |
| Mrs. Robert Vermillion | 1956 |
| Mrs. Richard Talley | 1957 |
| Mrs. Lester Cappon | 1958 |
| Mrs. Vernon Geddy, Sr. | 1959 |
| Mrs. Frank Evans | 1960 |
| Mrs. I. L. Jones, Jr. | 1961 |
| Mrs. Thomas Drewry | 1962 |
| Mrs. Robert Hornsby, Sr. | 1963 |
| Mrs. Roger Leclere | 1964 |
| Mrs. Roger Leclere | 1965 |
| Mrs. Harold Sparks, Mrs. A. D. Strong | 1966 |
| Mrs. A. D. Strong, Mrs. T. D. Mahone | 1967 |
| Mrs. T. D. Mahone, Mrs. Arthur Smith | 1968 |
| Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Yelverton Kent | 1969 |
| Mrs. Yelverton Kent, Mrs. John Kinnier | 1970 |
| Mrs. John Kinnier, Mrs. Robert Burgess, Mrs. Channing Hall, Jr. | 1971 |
| Mrs. Robert Burgess, Mrs. Channing Hall, Jr. Mrs. Thomas Wood | 1972 |

WGC HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK (CONT.) CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRS

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|---|------|
| Mrs. Thomas Wood, Mrs. Frederick Belden | 1973 |
| Mrs. Frederick Belden, Ms. Elizabeth F. Wallace | 1974 |
| Ms. Elizabeth F. Wallace, Mrs. Richard Sessoms | 1975 |
| Mrs. Richard Sessoms, Mrs. Harry Hager | 1976 |
| Mrs. Harry Hager, Mrs. Herbert Funsten | 1977 |
| Mrs. Herbert Funsten, Mrs. Donald Parker | 1978 |
| Mrs. Donald Parker, Mrs. Phil Thorp | 1979 |
| Mrs. Phil Thorp, Mrs. Warren Romans | 1980 |
| Mrs. Warren Romans, Mrs. Baxter Bell, Jr. | 1981 |
| Mrs. Baxter, Bell, Jr., Mrs. Scott Spence | 1982 |
| Mrs. Scott Spence, Mrs. Dottie Carpenter | 1983 |
| Mrs. Dottie Carpenter, Mrs. Joseph Pinotti | 1984 |
| Mrs. Joseph Pinotti, Mrs. Jack O'Neal | 1985 |
| Mrs. Jack O'Neal, Mrs. Anthony Taylor | 1986 |
| Mrs. Anthony Taylor, Mrs. Thomas Jamison | 1987 |
| Mrs. Thomas Jamison, Mrs. Roger Jones | 1988 |
| Mrs. Roger Jones, Mrs. Forrest Williamson | 1989 |
| Mrs. Forrest Williamson, Ms. Belinda Savage | 1990 |
| Ms. Belinda Savage, Mrs. William Gardiner | 1991 |
| Mrs. William Gardiner, Ms. Martha Geiger | 1992 |
| Ms. Martha Geiger, Mrs. Richard Delaune | 1993 |
| Mrs. Richard Delaune, Mrs. James Moyler | 1994 |
| Mrs. James Moyler, Mrs. John Willis | 1995 |
| Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. Thomas Munzel | 1996 |
| Mrs. Thomas Munzel, Mrs. Gordon Chappell | 1997 |
| Mrs. Gordon Chappell, Mrs. Andrew Sims | 1998 |
| Mrs. Andrew Sims, Mrs. Lawrence Ring | 1999 |
| Mrs. Lawrence Ring, Mrs. John Milliman | 2000 |

APPENDIX 5

WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP in 1931-32 (Listed in GCV Year Book)

ACTIVE (38)

Mrs. Frank Armistead
Mrs. Archer Brooks
Mrs. Gardiner Brooks, Sr.
Mrs. Jerome Casey
Mrs. James Christian
Mrs. H. D. Cole
Mrs. George Coleman
Mrs. Ashton Dovell
Mrs. W. E. Etheridge
Mrs. C. E. Friend
Mrs. Vernon Geddy, Sr.
Mrs. J. R. Geiger
Ms. Frances Gillette
Mrs. Edward M. Gwathney
Mrs. Clyde. C. Hall
Mrs. Channing M. Hall
Mrs. E. T. Henley
Mrs. K. G. Hoke
Mrs. William. T. Hodge
Ms. Mary Irvine
Mrs. H. C. Krebs
Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr.
Mrs. Spencer Lane
Mrs. W. F. Luck
Mrs. Archibald M. McCrea
Ms. Katherine Morecock
Mrs. Richard L. Morton
Mrs. Philip Nelson
Mrs. Archie Ryland
Mrs. Fred. R. Savage, Sr.
Mrs. L. B. Shewmake
Mrs. M. T. Shipman
Mrs. Beverley Steele
Mrs. John. M. Stetson
Mrs. E. G. Swem

Mrs. Robert Wallace, Sr.

Mrs. Robert B. Watts

Mrs. A. G. Williams

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (10)

Mr. George Coleman

Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin

Mrs. Monroe Kelly

Mrs. John Garland Pollard

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Archie Ryland

Mr. Arthur Shurcliff

Ms. Cora Smith

Mr. L. Wynne-Roberts



APPENDIX 6
WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERS IN 2000

ACTIVE

Abbitt, Marion (Mrs. Andrew W.)
Abbott, Elaine Hunt (Mrs. Henry Mook)
Adams, Cathy (Mrs. Kenneth A.)
Bates, Gail (Mrs. David B.)
Bell, Anne (Mrs. Baxter I., Jr.)
Brendel, Mary Ann (Mrs. Johnston)
Brooks, Nancy (Mrs. Charles D.)
Chappell, Sherrie (Mrs. Gordon)
Cogle, Jean (Mrs. Dennis K.)
Collins, Marlene (Mrs. Rollin)
Delaune, Jewel Lynn (Mrs. Richard K.)
Doley, Lis (Mrs. John P.)
Fleishman, Laura (Mrs. Jeffrey)
Ford, Lynn (Mrs. Brian)
Funsten, Edie (Mrs. Herbert O.)
Geddy, Laura (Mrs. Vernon M., III)
Geiger, Martha W.
Griggs, Dawn (Mrs. Steve)
Hager, Barbara (Mrs. Harry G.)
Hamner, Sarah (Mrs. William W.)
Hargrove, Cynthia (Mrs. Roy B., III)
Harris, Nancy Gotwald
Hartmann, Barbara (Mrs. Paul K.)
Howard, Becky (Mrs. Hall Renfro)
Jamison, Karen (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Jones, Marty (Mrs. Roger W.)
Kent, Barbara (Mrs. Richard L.)
Knowles, Eleanore (Mrs. Bruce)
Marshall, Dollie (Mrs. B. Wellford)
Milliman, Ann (Mrs. John)
Montgomery, Linda (Mrs. Joseph W.)
Morton, Peggy (Mrs. Duryea)
Munzel, Karen (Mrs. Thomas L.)
Nahm, Sandy (Mrs. Frederick C.)
Oliver, Libbey (Mrs. Alex W.)
Paine, Marion (Mrs. John N.)
Pinotti, Bev (Mrs. Joseph R.)
Ring, Kathleen (Mrs. Lawrence J.)
Roberts, Gale (Mrs. William L., Jr.)
Rountree, Sue (Mrs. Joseph N.)
Ryan, Nancy (Mrs. James S.)
Sears, Cary (Mrs. R. Larry)
Sims, Susan (Mrs. Andrew M.)



WGC MEMBERS IN 2000 (CONT.)

Smith, Peg (Mrs. Arthur L.)
Spence, Dianne N. (Mrs. Scott M.)
Springer, Julie (Mrs. Robert N.)
Taylor, Gail (Mrs. Anthony J.)
Thorp, Bobbye (Mrs. Philip A.)
Vermillion, Judy (Mrs. Hunter)
Wallace, Mary Lewis (Mrs. Samuel K.)
West, Millie (Mrs. Marvin F.)
Willis, Anne (Mrs. John H., Jr.)

ASSOCIATES

Armstrong, Martha (Mrs. Alfred R.)
Bell, Nancy (Mrs. Herbert E.)
Bridgforth, Kitty (Mrs. Baskerville, Jr.)
Borland, Justin (Mrs. David)
Brooks, Suzie (Mrs. Gardiner T., Jr.)
Burgess, Martha (Mrs. Robert L.)
Geddy, Mary Lou (Mrs. Vernon M., Jr.)
Gunn, Lucy (Mrs. L. D.)
Hall, Ida (Mrs. Channing M., Jr.)
Hawks, Nan (Mrs. Daniel M.)
Hodges, Lib (Mrs. John)
Hornsby, Ann (Mrs. Robert Saunier)
Hornsby, Lois (Mrs. Robert S.)
Humelsine, Mary (Mrs. Carlisle H.)
Morledge, Anne (Mrs. G. Alan)
Powell, Mary Spaulding
Romans, Sue (Mrs. Warren L.)
Shivel, Jean (Mrs. Glen)
Vermillion, Marguerite (Mrs. T. Robert)
Wilson, Marion (Mrs. J. Ricks, Jr.)
Wood, Gillie (Mrs. Thomas W.)

EMERITAE MEMBERS

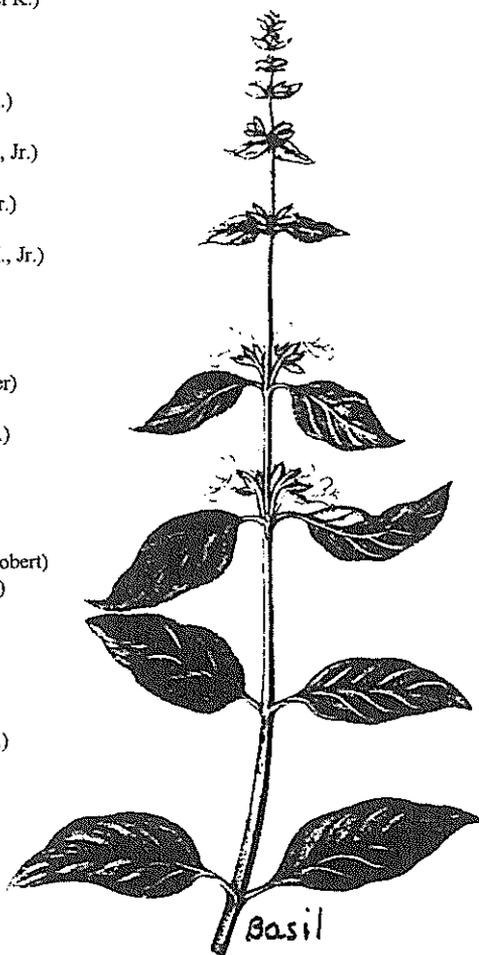
Clothier, Julie (Mrs. John D., Jr.)
Evans, Peg (Mrs. Frank B., III)
O'Neal, Adelaide (Mrs. Jack D.)
Williams, Fan (Mrs. Armistead D.)

SUSTAINING MEMBER

Drewry, Patty (Mrs. Thomas W.)

HONORARY MEMBERS

Babb, Betty (Mrs. Ryland A.)
Chappell, Mr. Gordon
Hawks, Mr. Daniel M.
Hotchkiss, Julie (Mrs. Charles T.)
Jones, Mr. Claude M., Jr.
Mahone, Mr. Richard D.
Major, Meri (Mrs. Walter O.)
Rascoe, Mr. Jack
Sullivan, Anne (Mrs. Timothy J.)



APPENDIX 7

THE WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECTS

1930-1940

published A Williamsburg Scrap Book, headed by Mrs. George Coleman

established the Nature Trail, which The College of William and Mary later incorporated into the larger project of Matoaka Park

encouraged and awarded Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in horticultural and landscaping (especially with native plants projects)

promulgated rules for awards for Christmas decorations on restored area houses, and served, when asked, as judges for this competition

planted, with help of a landscape architect, a large cemetery plot with boxwood, flowering shrubs, trees, and evergreens (location undetermined, perhaps Benjamin Waller or Custis plot; see Follow the Green Arrow, p.71)

1940-1950

entertained with a reception and tea 140 military families in Williamsburg

gave flowers and attention to area military installations

landscaped and planted flower borders at Red Cross Building at Camp Patrick Henry, (later known as Patrick Henry Hospital, on old Denbigh Boulevard)

encouraged preparation of Victory Gardens

planted and maintained planting around Confederate monument at Courthouse on South England Street; placed fresh wreaths at this monument on special occasions

placed fresh flowers on Eastern State Hospital chapel altar each Sunday and on holidays

planted a rare oak tree in John Clayton's memory at The College of William and Mary

WGC COMMUNITY PROJECTS (CONT.)

1950-1960

planted and maintained planting around Confederate monument at Courthouse on South England Street; placed fresh wreaths at this monument on special occasions

placed fresh flowers on Eastern State Hospital chapel altar each Sunday and on holidays

planted a rare oak tree in John Clayton's memory at The College of William and Mary

conducted wildflower study and tours in College woods for Girl Scouts

conducted planting projects at Matthew Whaley and James Blair Schools

1960-1970

continued providing fresh arrangements for Eastern State chapel altar

planted dogwoods at new Williamsburg Community Hospital

gave to each public school a hardwood tree to be planted by students

helped preserve College woods

began giving annual scholarship to a Nature Camper

supplied and placed attractive trash receptacles at troublesome spots in the city

annually supplied the Pines Nursing Home with artificial Christmas wreaths trimmed with red bows; these were stored by club members from year to year

conducted a large planting project at Rawls Byrd School

WGC COMMUNITY PROJECTS (CONT.)

1970-1980

gave silk floral arrangements to Eastern State Hospital chapel in lieu of supplying fresh/dried arrangements there

continued giving annual scholarship to a Nature Camper

supplied Pines Nursing Home with artificial Christmas wreaths trimmed with red bows

given 105 books to Williamsburg Regional Public Library

participated regularly in Arbor Day plantings since local Arbor Day inception in early 1970's

contributed through Council of Garden Clubs to planting and maintenance of Stryker Memorial Garden at Williamsburg Regional Public Library and John Baldwin Memorial Boxwood Garden at corner of Richmond Road and Boundary Street

1980-1990

continued giving annual scholarship to a Nature Camper

continued giving books to Williamsburg Regional Public Library, bringing the number to 117 books

continued participating regularly in Arbor Day plantings

continued, through Council of Garden Clubs, maintenance of Stryker and Baldwin Memorial Gardens

planted at entry to Williamsburg intersections of Routes 132 and 143 and of Routes 132 and 60 Bypass

developed pocket garden at Dodge Room Phi Beta Kappa Hall at the College of William and Mary

WGC COMMUNITY PROJECTS (CONT.)

1990-2000

continued giving annual scholarship to a Nature Camper; gave 2 scholarships for summer 2000

continued giving books to Williamsburg Regional Public Library each year (now numbering over 154 books)

continued participating regularly in Arbor Day plantings, including Longhill Connector Road and Longhill Road Hornsby Bridge median strips

continued, through Council of Garden Clubs, maintenance of Stryker and Baldwin Memorial Gardens (discontinued maintenance of Stryker Garden at the W. Regional Library due to renovation of area in 1997)

donated trees for replanting in "ancient triangle" at The College of William and Mary, 1992

planned and planted to improve landscaping at Avalon, shelter for battered women and children

donated funds for labeling of trees in James River Elementary School nature trail

donated funds in 1992 for Va. Dept. of Transportation to plant daffodils on Route 143 near Camp Peary interchange and wildflowers on I-64 west of Camp Peary exit

planted two hardwood trees at Human Resources Services Building on Waller Mill Road; this planting was to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Garden Club of Virginia

developed and funded "Roots and Shoots" children's garden, Matthey's Garden, at Matthew Whaley School

Became a Charter Member and donor to the Williamsburg Land Conservancy

WGC COMMUNITY PROJECTS (CONT.)

donated funds for planting eight 20-25' European Linden trees in the Wren yard, front campus of the College of William and Mary in March 2000

Granted \$5,000 GCV Common Wealth Award to Clara Byrd Baker School to develop a "Roots and Shoots" garden program



APPENDIX 8

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

The Garden Clubs of Virginia (later deleted "s" in Clubs) was founded in 1920 as a state federation, with eight clubs in the original group; the eight presidents and the president of the Federation became the executive board

A Flower Festival was held in 1921. Historic Garden Week started in 1929. Today individual homeowners open their homes all over Virginia to the public. Flower arranging in each home is artistically executed by club members, and interpreted tours through gardens in each area are emphasized. Historic Garden Week 1969 grossed \$86,343. Total proceeds for Garden Week 1999 topped the \$500,000 mark and has become "big business". It continues to be regarded nationwide as Virginia's premiere springtime tourism event.

In 1933 the first school for judging flower arranging began and the current sessions are well attended by members. Today, three flower shows, daffodil, lily and rose, are held during the year in different parts of the state. Member clubs rotate the responsibility of presenting the shows for two years. GCV accredited judges critique the artistic entries and horticulture divisions.

Horticulture Field Day has become a popular event, held in June in different locations around the state. Club members tour many gardens in an area, enjoying lunch along the way.

Conservation efforts began in 1922. At the invitation of Dr. J.A.C. Chandler, President of the College of William and Mary, and the Woman's Club of Williamsburg, the mid-season meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the college in February 1923. "The noble" trees on the road from Williamsburg to Jamestown Island were purchased in 1929 by The Garden Club of Virginia and conserved for The College of William and Mary. This marked the first effort of the Federation to cooperate with others in the work of restoration and conservation.

In 1928 a member, using an ax, assisted by her chauffeur, chopped down offending signs by the roadsides; another painted out many advertising slogans that disfigured the natural rocks of Albemarle

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA (CONT.)

County. After four years of this type of action all over the state, in 1932 the Virginia Assembly reluctantly passed the first billboard control law. Feeble as it was, in five months it brought down many signs. The Virginia Council for the Protection of Roadside Beauty was organized in November 1931 at a meeting in the John Marshall Hotel with Mrs. Ashton Dovell of The Williamsburg Garden Club as a member. The organization, open to all who were interested in preserving the beauty of Virginia roads, backed a bill to restrict outdoor advertising. The billboard bill failed in the Legislature 42-34, with 24 not voting. This push for billboard restriction continues today, with the same results. Today GCV Legislative Day is held in January at the Capitol in Richmond, and members arrive from all over the state to hear their legislators discuss current bills of interest.

Each year Conservation Forum is an important event, emphasizing the needs in a given area. Notable speakers present the problem areas and, hopefully, their solutions.

In 1932 initial steps were taken to form a Restoration Committee. Locally, in 1937 Bruton Parish Churchyard was the seventh Restoration project. Over 40 sites have been restored and maintained. Bruton Parish Church will be revisited in 2000 with the revision of the long-range landscape plan. Regionally, the garden at Bacon's Castle (1989) and landscape at Lee Hall Mansion (2000) are GCV restoration projects.

The Kent-Valentine House was purchased during the early 1970s and became the headquarters for GCV. An extensive renovation project was completed in 1998. During the 1980s and 1990s increased emphasis was noted for Historic Garden Week, restoration, conservation, flowers shows, Conservation Forum, Horticulture Field Day, and other workshops.

GCV membership in the year 2000 includes 47 clubs, with more than 3000 members, encompassing many areas of Virginia. The GCV celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1995.

APPENDIX 9

1931 NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

From Mrs. W. Allan Perkins, Old Place, Rugby Road,
University, Va.; Albemarle Garden Club; GCV
Parliamentarian and Editor of Register, 1930-1932
(Handwritten letter)

Tuesday

My dear Mrs. Gwathney -

At the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of Virginia we were delighted to elect The Williamsburg Garden as one of our members.

I am sending you a year book for 1930-31 and am now busy trying to get the 1931-32 edition to the printers. Will you send me your list of officers, Board of Directors, and members in type writing - add to this the date of organization of the Williamsburg Garden Club. I am enclosing with this a copy of a list of members so that it will help you in making forms out.

Many thanks for your assistance and I am hoping to send copies to your club by August 15.

Cordially yours,

Hazel B. Perkins

APPENDIX 10

WGC MEMBERS SERVING AS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT OF GCV:

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1954-56

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Ashton Dovell 1938-40

TREASURER:

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1950-54

PARLIAMENTARIAN and

EDITOR OF "THE REGISTER":

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 2000-2002

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE:

Mrs. John E. Pomfret 1951-52

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1956-57

Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy, Sr. 1958-61

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 1993-96

ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Mrs. Thomas M. Jamison 1998-

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Admissions:

Mrs. Ashton Dovell 1946-48

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1966-68

Annual & Board of Governors Meetings:

Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy, Sr. 1954-56

Conservation:

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1948-50

Mrs. Harry G. Hager 1991-94; 1996-97

Mrs. Warren L. Romans 1986-88

Mrs. Joseph N. Rountree 1980s

Common Wealth Award:

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 1990-92

Finance Committee, Secretary:

Mrs. Scott Spence, 1998-00

Flower Shows Committee, Member:

Nancy Gottwald Harris, 1996-90

Mrs. Richard Delaune, 1995-00

**WGC MEMBERS SERVING AS OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF GCV (CONT.)**

Garden Week District Chairman

Mrs. Thomas W. Wood, 1986-88

Horticulture:

Chairman:

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 1988-90

Member of Committee:

Mrs. Johnston Brendel - 2000-02

The Garden Club of Virginia Journal:

Chairman:

Mrs. Thomas W. Wood 1984-86

Editor, GCV Journal:

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1958-61

Mrs. John M. Stetson 1961-88

Associate Editor, GCV Journal:

Ms. Betty Ann Wallace, 1961-75

Mrs. T. Robert Vermillion, 1975-88

Treasurer and Circulation Manager:

Mrs. Hibbert D. Corey 1976

Nominations:

Mrs. Ashton Dovell 1952-54

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1968-70

Parliamentarian:

Mrs. Ashton Dovell 1940-42

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1960-62, 1964-66

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 2000-2002

Restoration:

Mrs. A. Edwin Kendrew 1954-56

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1962-64

Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr. 1996-2001

Rose Show Committee Member:

Mrs. Richard K. Delaune 2000-

Slides Collection: Mrs. Thomas M. Jamison 1996-98

Renovation of Kent-Valentine House and

Grounds in 1971, Committee Member:

Mrs. Thomas E. Thorne 1970-1972

Wild Flower (later added to Conservation):

Mrs. John M. Stetson 1936-40

APPENDIX 11

GCV ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND WINNERS FROM WGC

Massie Medal (first awarded in 1929)

- 1935 - Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. "whose love of country inspired the Williamsburg Restoration and whose love for beauty glorified its gardens."
- 1981 - Mrs. John M. Stetson of Williamsburg, Editor of The Garden Club of Virginia Journal, for distinguished service to the Garden Club of Virginia "by her devotion, constancy, knowledge and wit."

Common Wealth Award (established 1979)

To provide annual grant or grants, to promote projects in areas of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation or education.

- 1999 - The Williamsburg Garden Club was awarded \$5000 for funding and creating a learning garden and curriculum at Matthew Whaley School to teach children about their environment.

Horticulture Awards of Merit:

Awarded for outstanding achievement in horticulture; names submitted to GCV by member clubs.

- 1974 - Mrs. Arthur D. Strong
1976 - Mrs. Baxter I. Bell, Sr.
1978 - Mrs. Victor Itteralde
1978 - Mrs. Hibbert D. Corey
1980 - Mrs. Alfred R. Armstrong
1987 - Mrs. Andrew W. Abbitt
1988 - Mrs. Alex W. Oliver (Nancemond River G.C.)
1991 - Mrs. Arthur L. Smith
1993 - Mrs. William L. Roberts, Jr.
1995 - Mrs. Armistead D. Williams
1996 - Mrs. Jewel Lynn Delaune
1998 - Mrs. Johnston Brendel

APPENDIX 12

FLOWER SHOWS AND AWARDS SPONSORED BY WGC

Dates for earlier years not available

Daffodil Show -1953-54 (with Gloucester)

Rose Show - 1964

Rose Show - 1977-1978

Rose Show - 2002-2004

WGC FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

*(Includes information available to writer - not
a complete listing)*

Lily Show 1961 - Rivanna Garden Club, Charlottesville

Interclub arrangement, Blue ribbon

The Williamsburg Garden Club

President's Cup

1961 - Mrs. Baxter I. Bell, Sr.

Lily Show 1964 - Richmond, Class 1, Blue ribbon

1964 - Mrs. Baxter Bell, Sr.

Daffodil Show 1973 - Garden Club of Gloucester

Interclub Arrangement, Blue ribbon

1973 - Williamsburg Garden Club

Rose Show 1973 - Garden Club of Fairfax

Tri-color, blue

1973 Mrs. Herbert Funsten

Lily Show 1977 - Charlottesville

The North American Lily Society Perpetual Award

1977 - Mrs. Baskerville Bridgforth, Jr.

Rose Show 1977 - Williamsburg Garden Club

Ladies of the Court

1977 - Mrs. T. Robert Vermillion

Best in Show Arrangement

1977 - Betty Babb

Horticulture Sweepstakes Winner

1977 - Jack M. Rascoe

Rose Show 1978 - Williamsburg Garden Club

The Wren Building

1979 - Mrs. R. A. Babb

WGC FLOWER SHOWS AND AWARDS (CONT.)

Lily Show 1984 - Chathan Garden Club

**Past Presidents of The Garden Club of Virginia Trophy,
Best Inter-Club Arrangement at Annual Lily Show**

1984 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Mrs. Arthur Smith

Rose Show 1985 - Rappahannock Garden Club

ARS Miniature Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates,

1985 - Jack M. Rascoe

Best Miniature in Ladies of the Court

1985 - Jack M. Rascoe

Lily Show 1987 - Alexandria Garden Club

Interclub - Red Ribbon

1987 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Daffodil Show 1988 - Gabrella Garden Club, Danville

Interclub red

1988 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Rose Show 1989 - Boxwood Garden Club, Richmond

**The Yancie Donegan Casey Memorial Award: this cup was
presented as a perpetual trophy for old garden roses in
1977 in Williamsburg by Dr. Carlton J. Casey and his
niece, Mrs. Larry R. Gay, in honor of Yancie Donegan
Casey, a charter member of The Williamsburg
Garden Club:**

Greatest number of Blue Ribbons, Section II

Best Rose in Section III;

1989 - Jack M. Rascoe

Daffodil Show 1990 - Mill Mountain Garden Club

Interclub - Tri-color Blue

1990 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Karen Munzel

Rose Show 1990 - Garden Club of the Northern Neck

Best-in-Show Arrangement, Artistic Division

1990 - Jewel Lynn Delaune

Daffodil Show 1991 - Roanoke Valley Garden Club

The Mrs. Littleton H. Mears Trophy:

Best Interclub Arrangement

1991 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

WGC FLOWER SHOWS AND AWARDS (CONT.)

Rose Show 1991 - Garden Club of the Northern Neck

The Yancie Donegan Casey Memorial Award: this cup was presented as a perpetual trophy for old garden roses in 1977 in Williamsburg by Dr. Carlton J. Casey and his niece, Mrs. Larry R. Gay, in honor of Yancie Donegan Casey, a charter member of The Williamsburg Garden Club:

1991 - Jack Rascoe

Rose Show 1992 - Princes Anne Garden Club

The Yancie Donegan Casey Memorial Award: this cup was presented as a perpetual trophy for old garden roses in 1977 in Williamsburg by Dr. Carlton J. Casey and his niece, Mrs. Larry R. Gay, in honor of Yancie Donegan Casey, a charter member of The Williamsburg Garden Club:

1992 - Jack Rascoe

Daffodil Show 1997 - Garden Club of Danville

Best in Show/Vase of 3 ADS White Club

1997 - Dianne Spence

Lily Show 1997 - Blue Ridge Garden Club

Blue ribbons, horticulture

1997 - Barbara Hager and Libbey Olive

Rose Show 1997 - Hampton Roads Garden Club

Best-In-Show Arrangement-"Carousel"

1997 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Daffodil Show 1998 - Three Chopt Garden Club, Richmond Interclub - Red ribbon

1998 - The Williamsburg Garden Club

Gail Taylor and Dianne Spence

Best-In-Show-Miniature collection; white collection

1998 - Dianne Spence

Rose Show 1998 - Nansemond River Garden Club, Suffolk & American Rose Society, Tri-color Blue

1998 - Betty Babb

WGC FLOWER SHOWS AND AWARDS (CONT.)

Daffodil Show 1999 - Three Chopt Garden Club
Jacqueline Byrd Shank Memorial Trophy,
Best miniature in show, 26 ribbons
1999 - Dianne Spence

Lily Show 1999, Roanoke Valley Garden Club
Award in Honor of Robert Wills Dickson
Interclub Blue
1999 - The Williamsburg Garden Club
Elaine Abbott

Daffodil Show 2000, James River Garden Club
An Award in Memory of Mrs. Philip M. Minor given
by Helen Scott Reed and Sarah Harrison
Best Interclub Arrangement
2000 - The Williamsburg Garden Club
Karen Munzel and Sandy Nahm
Best in Show, ADS White cup, standard bloom
2000 - Dianne Spence

The Jacqueline Byrd Shank Memorial Trophy, best
miniature in show and 26 ribbons;
Best in Show ADS White Cap, Standard Bloom
2000 - Dianne Spence

Lily Show 2000
Interclub "Bright Sunshiny Day", White ribbon
The Williamsburg Garden Club
Gail Taylor



APPENDIX 13

ARTICLES WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB FOR THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA JOURNAL

- 1959 **Imogene B. Etheridge** - "Importance of Conservation"
Jan-Feb Essay on Conservation
- 1959 **Estelle D. Morton and Richard L. Morton**
May-Jun "George Washington, Landscape Gardener"
Imogene B. Etheridge - "An Elizabethan Garden"
Roanoke Island, N.C.
Melinda Kendrew - "Louise B. Fisher"
Flower arranger for Colonial Williamsburg
- 1960 **Mrs. G. Glenwood Clark**
Jan.-Feb. "Evergreen Arrangements"
- 1960 **Lena Gary Clark** - Book Review
May-Jun "The Garden Flowers of China" by H.L. Li
Winifred W. Southworth - "Pioneers and Personalities"
Mrs. George Preston Coleman
- 1960 **Imogene Bell Etheridge** - "Famous Trees"
Sep-Oct Trees up and down the coast
Marguerite S. Vermillion - Book Review
"The Driftwood Book" by Mary E. Thompson
- 1960 **Bess E. Dennis** - "Daffodils For The Beginner"
Nov-Dec Selecting and planting daffodils
- 1961 **Imogene Bell Etheridge**
Sep-Oct Poem "Little Garden"
- 1962 **Emily M. Hall** - "Grandma Knew A Thing Or Two"
Jan-Feb Garden treasures and propagation
Jul-Aug **Marie T. Contraire** (Sally Stetson) - "Potpourri"
On Flower shows
Sep-Oct About vacations
Nov-Dec The time is Christmas

ARTICLES BY MEMBERS IN GCV JOURNALS
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- 1963 Mrs. John M. Stetson (Sally)** "A Garden Potpourri"
 Written by Sally and The GCV JOURNAL
 Committee; a collection of interesting and
 informative articles published in The GCV
JOURNALS. These helpful articles are actual
 experiences of people who wanted to have a Virginia
 garden. A second edition appeared in 1968.
- 1963 Lois Hornsby**
 Mar-Apr "Never Underestimate!"
Marie T. Contraire - (Sally Stetson) - "Potpourri"
 Using bricks in gardens
 May-Jun Reading "Flora's Dictionary", Flora who?
- 1964 Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri"
 Mar-Apr On daffodils
Imogene B. Etheridge - Poem "Spring"
Mary Selby Iturralde - "Diana At The Bird Bath"
 May-Jun **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri"
 About Garden Week in Williamsburg
 Jul-Aug **Martha Armstrong** - "Conservation"
 "Wings Over Muscongus Bay"
Marie T. Contraire - "Poupourri" - On Pests
 Sep-Oct **Imogene B. Etheridge** - Poem "Slumber Time"
Marie T. Contraire - "Potpourri" - Slumber Time"
Marie T. Contraire - "Program Chairman"
 Nov-Dec **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - On Gardeners
- 1965 Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri"
 Mar-Apr On my trowel
 May-Jun "Potpourri" - What is a gardener?
 Jul-Aug "Potpourri" - Leaving the garden
 Sep-Oct **Mary Selby Iturralde** - "I Won't Do That Again!"
 Nov-Dec **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - On cleaning up
- 1966 Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri"
 Jan-Feb Lenten Roses
 May-Jun **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - Remembering names
 Jul-Aug **Mary Selby Iturralde** - "The Honeysuckle Mess"
 Sep-Oct **Marie T. Contraire** - "Con" - About squirrels
 Nov-Dec **Imogene Bell Etheridge** - "Conservation"

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- 1972 Lelia B. Thorne** - "Scotchtown"
Jan-Feb Restoration of "Scotchtown", home of Patrick Henry
Mar-Apr **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - Garden Week Hostess
May-Jun **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - New Member for the Club
Lelia B. Thorne - Ralph E. Griswold, Hon. Member of GCV
Jul-Aug **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - Vacations
Sep-Oct **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - Flower Show arrangement
Nov-Dec **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - A View From The Top
- 1974 Marguerite Vermillion**
Jan-Feb Report on 54 Board of Governors Meeting of GCV
Mar-Apr **Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri" - In the Spring
- 1975 Marie T. Contraire** - "Potpourri"
Jan-Feb About our vanishing heritage
Tina C. Jeffrey - "Personality -- Agnes Hoke-A dried flower arranger"
Sep-Oct **Eva Mills** - "1975 Lily Show"
- 1978 Tina Jeffrey**
Jan-Feb "Forty-Four Years of Horticulture" Tribute to Mary Selby Iturralde who was an enthusiastic horticulturist
Mary Strong
"Peregrinations" - South Seas in January Trip to New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti and Moorea
- 1979 Mrs. Armistead D. Williams**
Mar-Apr "What's Best In The Long Run?"
Concerning the Portsmouth Refinery
Jul-Aug **Marie Contraire**
Annual Meeting - The Garden Club of Va.
- 1980 Marie Contraire**
Jul-Aug "Garden Club Lady" - A Portrait
- 1980 Claire Louis Simpson**
Sep-Oct "Nature's Garden" - On wild food history
Nov-Dec **Marisa Sheerin Minor** - "O Tannenbaum!"
On Christmas trees

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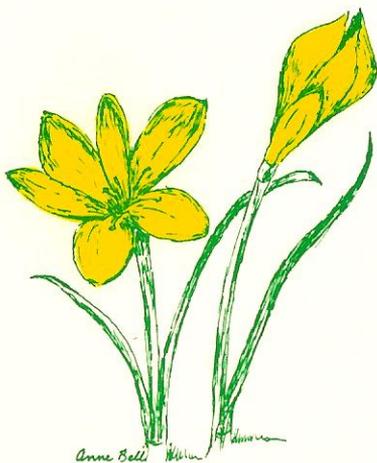
- 1981 **Tina Jeffrey** - "Confessions Of A Toter"
Jan-Feb Toting supplies during Garden Week
- Mar-Apr **Nancy Harris** - "Our Rite of Spring"
On WGC annual plant exchange
- 1981 **Mrs. Thomas Graves, Jr.**
Mar-Apr "Artist In Residence" Tribute to Claude Jones, Jr.
- May-Jun **Tina Jeffrey**
"The Conservation Forum" in Richmond
- Nov-Dec **Eva Wise Mills**
"Monet-Mania, 1980" - Memories of trip to Giverny
- 1982 **Anne Morledge**
Jul-Aug "America's First Church Flower Festival" - Festival in
Bruton Parish Church
- 1983 **Jewel Lynn Delaune**
Mar-Apr "Spring 'Renter's"
Concerning a Carolina wren and family
- May-Jun **Mrs. A. D. Strong** - "Crim Dell"
A refuge area at the College of W&M
- Jul-Aug **Gillie Wood** - " 'Now Is The Time' - The Wetlands"
Concerning wetlands and environment
- Mrs. Armistead D. Williams** - "Springtime In Franklin"
Daffodil Show in Franklin
- Nov-Dec **Anne Jackson Morledge** - "Christmas Trees For Living"
Consider a living tree
- 1984 **Eva Mills**
Jan-Feb "When All At Once I Saw..."
Things you see as you travel along
- May-Jun **Marie Contraire (Sally Stetson)** - "Feeding The Birds?"
- Sep-Oct **Gillie Wood** - " 'Now Is The Time' - Landscaping With
Native Plants" - Selection and maintenance of native
plants
- Mrs. Arthur Smith** - "A United Nation of Plants"
Horticulture for GCV annual meeting
- Nov-Dec **Jewel Lynn Delaune** - "A Sogetsu Demonstration Class-
Toyko" - Class taken in Japan

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- 1985 Julie Hotchkiss**
 Mar-Apr "The Bald Eagle-Our Special Bird"
 Concerning information and habits
- 1985 Marie Contraire (Sally Stetson)**
 Jul-Aug "Lead Article -- Anyone?"
 Someone write an article, please!
- 1986 Anne Jackson Morledge**
 Mar-Apr "A Legacy of Old Roses"
 About roses in Williamsburg area
- Martha MacDonald-Boelt**
 "Hints for Landscaping From Caroline Gordon"
 Literary figure in 20th century
- May-Jun **Helen Abbott Fowler**
 "Thomas Jefferson's Inspiration" - Concerning wine
 and Jefferson Wine Growers Society
- Sep-Oct **Marie Contraire**
 "T L C Anyone" - Need for flowers by friend
- 1987 Helen Abbott Fowler**
 May-Jun "The Blue Ridge Parkway"
 About the Parkway
- Jul-Aug **Gale Abbott Roberts**
 " 'Now Is The Time' - Ornamental Grasses For The
 Residential Landscape" - What to buy and plant
- Sep-Oct **Sally Stetson**
 "The Catesby Prints" - History of prints
- Nov-Dec **President of GCV, Ellen G. Godwin**
 "The Editor Of The Journal Retires"
 Tribute to Mrs. John M. Stetson (Sally)
- Marie Contraire** - "A Case of Ownership"
 Who really owns a garden?
- 1988 Anne Jackson Morledge**
 Mar-Apr "A Legacy Of Beauty" - Concerning the DeWitt
 Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery garden
- May-Jun **Anne Bell** "Invitation" to the 68th GCV Annual Meeting
Marie Contraire - "The Tricks That Nature Plays"
 The way things change

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- 1989** **Gale Roberts**
Feb "Protect Trees and Shrubs From Winter Injury"
 What to do
- June **Gale Roberts**
 "Meeting Affirms The Garden Club Of Virginia's
 Dedication To Purpose"
 About the 69th Annual Meeting of GCV
- Gale Roberts**
 "1989 Awards of Merit Honor Four"
 GCV Horticulture Chairman
- 1990** **Gale Roberts**
Sept "1990 Horticulture Award of Merit"
 GCV Horticulture Chairman
- 1990** **Sally Stetson**
Sept "The Lenten Rose" - About hellebores
- 1992** **Gale Roberts**
Sept "Common Wealth Award Finalists"
 Chairman announces finalists
- 1993** **Anne Jackson Morledge**
March "Out of Fashion" - What a lady wears in a garden
- Sept **Nancy Gotwald Harris** - "Musings on the Birthday of a
 College" - About relationship of WGC and College
- 1997** **Gale Roberts**
March "Boxwood Workshop Report"
 Workshop at Stratford Hall
- Sept **Libbey Oliver**
 "The Colonels' Nature Camp"-All about Nature Camp
- 1998** **Gale Roberts**
Sept "The Yorktown Onion: The Legendary
 Allium of York County"
- 1999** **Jessica Ward, Book Review Editor**
Sept "Flowers Are Almost Forever"
 Book written by **Libbey Oliver**



Anne Bell