



THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB

Established in 1919

Charter Member of the Garden Club of Virginia

Member of the Garden Club of America since 1927

February 2018

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From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens: the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye."
-Katherine S. White

Dear Ladies of the Club,

What fun we had at our January meeting! With a warm cup of tea and lovely snacks provided by our hostesses Kathy Moore and Nancy Williams, our interactive team flower arranging was a great way to spend a cold, snowy morning together. It was inspiring to see what beautiful and creative arrangements we can all make with materials in our back yards—even in the dead of winter.

Thank you to Jane Fuller and Ellen Moffett and all members of the Flower Show Committee for organizing and providing the greens, pods, sticks, and other materials. And thanks to Linda Holden and Marie Thomas for sharing, from a judge's perspective, pointers on various aspects of floral design. Great meeting! The consensus was, that *we definitely need to do this again!*

Our February meeting promises to be just as interesting and educational. Matt Sensabaugh, Staunton City Horticulturalist and our Club's collaborator in Project Dogwood, will be our speaker. We will meet at Montgomery Hall Park, which will be the site of one this spring's dogwood plantings.



We will have brief committee reports; and Deedy Bumgardner and Linda Holden will share some of their memories in a tribute to Lee Cochran. The Club will determine its vote for the 2018 GCV Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award at our meeting. Please read the attached nominees in preparation for our vote.

There is much to look forward to in the coming months, both here at home and with the Garden Club of Virginia and Garden Club of America activities. Be sure to explore those in the links provided on the calendar section on page 3.

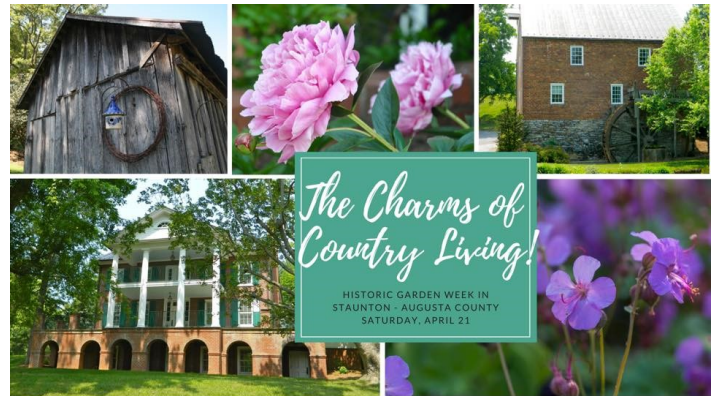
All the Best,

Deneen

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK: (Kelley Flanders)

- Flower arranging teams have been assigned. If you haven't heard from your team leader, contact Dana Flanders or Ruth Bugas.
- The committee also needs a number of volunteers for parking and driving a shuttle for HGW. Contact Susan Laser to help.
- Help promote Historic Garden Week in Staunton & Augusta County! Be sure to visit [our page](#). "Like" or "follow" posts from HGW in Staunton/Augusta. Even better, when you see a post from HGW in Staunton/Augusta, please "share" it with your friends on your page. This helps news about our tour reach not only those following our club's page but also everyone in your network.



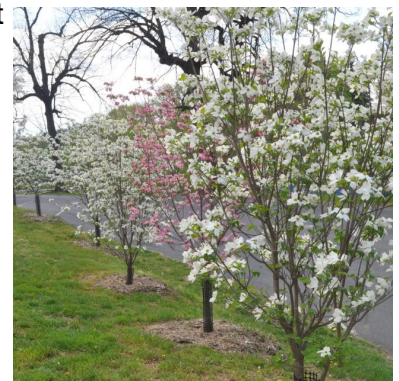
A Note about Active Member Responsibilities for Historic Garden Week:

HGW is the primary obligation of the Augusta Garden Club as a member of the Garden Club of Virginia and all members are required to participate as a hostess, as well as an arranger or picker. If a member is unable to complete her assigned duty as:

- * Hostess—she must find a replacement for her shift and notify the Hostess Chairman. The substitute must be an AGC member if the position is head hostess or treasurer.
- * Arranger or Picker—she must find a replacement from within her House team and notify the House Chairman.
- * Any member not fulfilling the above obligations must appeal to the HGW Chairman for release from her duties and shall be required to pay a fine equivalent to one year's membership dues.
- * Any member not fulfilling her duties for 2 years of a 5 year period shall consider resigning or transferring to Associate Membership, if qualified. The Historic Garden Week Chair will record participation.

CIVIC & COMMUNITY PROJECTS: (Karen Santos & Kathy Moore)

- Check out the newly expanded [Project Dogwood](#) section of the AGC website. Cordelia Gary and Laura Nordstrom have compiled information detailing our past and present focus on this signature project and have worked with Debbie Melvin to showcase the project on the website.
- Spring is quickly approaching and we hope you will embrace the club challenge to plant a dogwood and submit a selfie of you and your tree. Join the three selfies posted on the website!
- The spring 2018 trees have been ordered by the city and Matt Sensabaugh is working with three elementary schools to arrange plantings. Details about how and when this will be done are forthcoming. The committee will work to develop materials to distribute to children at the schools.



Events & Items of Interest:

- **February 21st, 10 a.m.** Club meeting, Montgomery Hall Park. Hosted by Betty Vellines & Kathy Frazier. Speaker: Matt Sensabaugh, City Horticulturalist.
- March 21st, 10 a.m. Club meeting, Montgomery Hall Park.
- **March 27-28th- GCV Daffodil Day!** Horticulture, Floral Design, Photography! Richmond. Sign up to volunteer or attend!
- **March 28th- GCV Luncheon Lecture** as part of Daffodil Day with Tony Avent, "Surround Yourself with Shady Characters – Creating and Maintaining a Shade Garden."
- **Friday, April 20th–** Arranging Day for Staunton-Augusta Historic Garden Week Tour
- **Friday, April 20th–** Dogwoods & Daffodils Party at Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library
- **Saturday, April 21st–** Historic Garden Week Staunton-Augusta Tour.
- **April 28-30th-** GCA Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- **May 9th– Augusta Garden Club Annual Meeting–** please note this change of date for our meeting.
- **May 15-17th–** GCV Annual Meeting, Martinsville
- **June 13th–** Augusta Garden Club trip to Pharsalia. Details to come.



Membership Reminders!

Requests for change in membership status (including resignation) must be received by April 1st, 2018. Proposals for new members may be submitted at any time but must be received by May 1st, 2018 to be considered for the upcoming year. Any member that has been active for one year or more may propose a candidate by submitting a letter of proposal, a seconding letter from another active member, and the Proposal for New Members form found in the Year Book. A member may only sponsor one candidate per year. Please send all changes or proposals to Beth Scripps, Membership Chair, 305 East Beverley St., Staunton, VA 24401.

Be thinking of potential new members and invite them to a meeting this spring!

The Augusta Garden Club February Meeting



Join us!

February 21 • 10:00 AM
Montgomery Hall Park
Irene Givens Administration Building

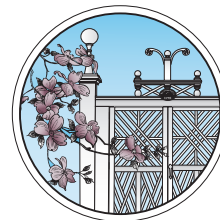
Program:
Matt Sensabaugh, City Horticulturist &
Partner in Project Dogwood

Hostesses:
Betty Vellines & Kathy Frazier

No Flower Show
Regrets only: frazfam@comcast.net

“PROJECT DOGWOOD”

AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB CHALLENGE



Staunton's 1935 city manager, Mr. Ruff, had a vision to enhance the city with dogwoods and the Augusta Garden Club is reviving this tradition with a multi-year, multi-faceted dogwood restoration project.

Let's personally join the effort to restore the state tree and flower!



PLANT A DOGWOOD!

Fall 2017 or Spring 2018

Four easy steps!

1. Identify a place for your new dogwood....
your home or business; or donate one to someone or someplace.
2. Contact or visit a local nursery to select your tree. (See the list of project cultivars below.)
3. Plant your tree!
4. Take a selfie & send to AGC!
We want to see your tree and post it on our website.



PROJECT DOGWOOD CULTIVARS

1. **Cherokee Princess**- White flowers that are quite large and bloom early. Vigorous and resistant to spot anthracnose, a leaf disease different than dogwood anthracnose.
2. **Karen's Appalachian Blush**- Fairly new cultivar resistant to powdery mildew. White flowers with a dusting of pink on the petals.
3. **Jean's Appalachian Snow**- Resistant to powdery mildew. Has large white flowers like Cherokee Princess; a new introduction with good fall color.
4. **Cloud Nine**- Not listed for any disease resistance but a very heavy flowering & fruiting tree. An old cultivar that goes back to the 1950's. It tends to grow slowly.
5. **Appalachian Spring**- White flowers and very slow growing. Resistant to dogwood anthracnose although susceptible to powdery mildew; red to purple fall color.
6. **Cherokee Brave**- Red/dark pink flowers with pale centers. Good resistance to powdery mildew.
7. **Kay's Appalachian Mist**- Resistant to powdery mildew, good fall color