

# THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB

## Established in 1919

Charter Member of the Garden Club of Virginia

Member of the Garden Club of America since 1927

#### March 2018

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#### Looking ahead:

In April, we will have a Club Daffodil Show, a Flower Show, and a Photography Show.

Be sure to watch for those schedules to be posted and plan to participate in one or all exhibit areas!

## Dear Ladies of the Club,

March has certainly been roaring like a lion! While it may feel like we are still in the grip of winter, those early buds breaking through and bright daffodils promise that spring will soon be here. We will get a glimpse of that spring color at this month's meeting with our Horticulture Show and Emily Reed's pointers on showing daffodils for next month's show.



~Charles Dickens

And I hope you've all taken a few snap shots of last week's lovely snowfall or some of those first signs of spring to share with us in our Photography Exhibit. If not, take out your phone or camera and go scouting for a good shot. Schedules for both the Horticulture and Photography exhibits are found <u>here on our website</u>. Join in the funour shows are only successful if we participate!

The next couple of months will be a whirlwind of activity with Historic Garden Week preparations, meetings, and year-end committee work. I look forward to sharing this fun, busy, and exciting Club time with all of you!

My Best,

Deneen

Invitation

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB MEETING

> WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 10:00 AM

**Drogram:** "Showing Daffodils - Easy Tips for Success Hostesses: Cordelia Gary and Janet James

Trene Givens Administration Building

Montgomery Rall Lark 1000 Montgomery Ave.

STAUNTON, VA

Regrets only to Cordelia Gary at cordeliagary@gmail.com

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#### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

#### HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK: (Kelley Flanders)

- Brochures, guidebooks, and tickets will be available at the March & April meetings.
- The committee needs van drivers at the Frank's house, one for each shift, from 12-2 and 2-4 and also a helper to coordinate the buses from 12-2. Contact Susan Laser to help.



Help promote Historic Garden Week in Staunton & Augusta County! Be sure to visit <u>our page</u>.
"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.

#### HORTICULTURE: (Carrie Darracott & Sally James)

The Horticulture Committee encourages participation in the three horticulture shows planned for our remaining meetings this year. Points won at the March and May shows count toward winning the AGC Horticulture Cup and the daffodil show offers two lovely trophies, but the major benefit is the fun of sharing your garden beauties with other members. Check the website for <u>show schedules</u>.

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

- The committee submitted an application for the Common Wealth Award to the Garden Club of Virginia for Project Dogwood. Representatives from GCV will visit Staunton later this month to discuss the project details and view the sites in the proposal for continuation of the Club's signature project.
- Remember our Club challenge and include a dogwood in your plans for spring planting! Check out the list of <u>recommended cultivars</u> on our website.

## Membership Reminders!

Requests for change in membership status (including resignation) must be received by <u>April 1st,</u> <u>2018</u>.

Proposals for new members may be submitted at any time but must be received by <u>May 1st, 2018</u> 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!

#### March 2018

### **Events & Items of Interest:**

- March 21st, 10 a.m. Club meeting, Montgomery Hall Park.
- March 27-28th- <u>GCV Daffodil Day!</u> Horticulture, Floral Design, Photography! Richmond. Sign up to volunteer or attend!
- March 28th- GCV <u>Luncheon</u> <u>Lecture</u> 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, 4 p.m. Augusta Garden Club Annual Meeting– WWPL Lark Building; 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.



### GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

### 2018 FOUNDER'S FUND FINALISTS

Please read the attached summary descriptions on the following page and be prepared to vote at this month's meeting. Having been a recipient of this prestigious award las year, we know how valuable these funds are to club projects.

GCA encourages each member to read the <u>full descriptions of the</u> <u>proposed projects of the three finalists</u> on the GCA website.

