



THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB

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Charter Member of the Garden Club of Virginia

Member of the Garden Club of America since 1927

April 2018

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Thank you for sending your votes, via email, for our Club's **Garden Club of America** Founders Fund award vote. The majority of our votes went to the Therapeutic Garden project. Winners will be announced at the May Annual Meeting. In the meantime, learn more about the many exciting programs of GCA [on their website!](#)

Dear Ladies of the Club,

I was sorry we had to cancel our meeting last month, but what a lovely March snow we had! Sometimes, I think snow is Mother Nature's way of saying, "slow down, relax, appreciate!" I hope you all did just that for a day or two.

But now, hooray for April! It brings our Club Daffodil Show and the bustle, excitement, fellowship, and beauty of Historic Garden Week. Not to mention all those glorious, colorful blooms that will be springing forth in the coming weeks. It truly is a party! *Let's do just that by participating in next week's horticulture or floral design shows, or snapping and printing a photo for the photography exhibit.* Schedules for all are attached. Looking forward to celebrating spring with you!

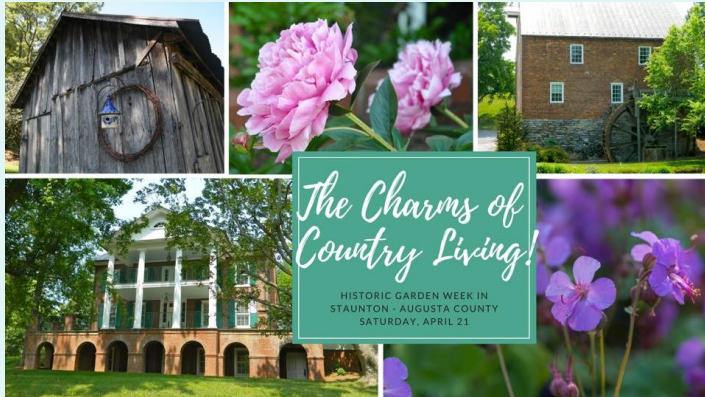
My Best,

Deneen



Explore the online Guidebook and statewide schedule on the [GCV website](#) and plan to take in a few tours after hosting our Staunton tour!

Historic Garden Week- Staunton & Augusta County- Saturday, April 21st



Many thanks to tour chair, Kelley Flanders and the entire committee for putting together, what promises to be a beautiful tour. Tickets and brochures will be available at the April meeting, or by contacting Kelley. Hostess assignments will also be announced at the meeting and by email. Contact Katie Spurlock with questions.

Be sure to thank our gracious homeowners and our generous sponsors when you see them. And have fun arranging, touring, and spending time together during this wonderful event!

"Spend a day meandering through the fields and farms of Middlebrook. Located just ten miles southwest of downtown Staunton, visitors will discover one of the best preserved rural villages in Augusta County. This driving tour, jointly hosted by the Augusta Garden Club and the Blue Ridge Garden Club, celebrates the enduring charm of country living in the Shenandoah Valley. From the historic buildings of Sugar Loaf Farms to a folk artist's abode and studio, the tour highlights the beauty and diversity of country living today. Queen City Plein Air Festival artists will be painting in the gardens of the homes on the morning of the tour."

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

HORTICULTURE: (Carrie Darracott & Sally James)

Please plan to participate in the Daffodil Show and our May show. Points won at the May show 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 show schedules.

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

- Nancy McDaniel, Virginia Gillock, and Deneen Brannock met with Candy Carden, Garden Club of Virginia Common Wealth Award chair, to discuss our Project Dogwood proposal in late March. We have some exciting news to share at our meeting.
- Dogwood trees, funded through the Club's 2017 GCA Founders Fund Award, are being planted this month at local elementary schools and Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Remember our Club challenge and include a dogwood in your plans for spring planting! Check out the list of [recommended cultivars](#) on our website.

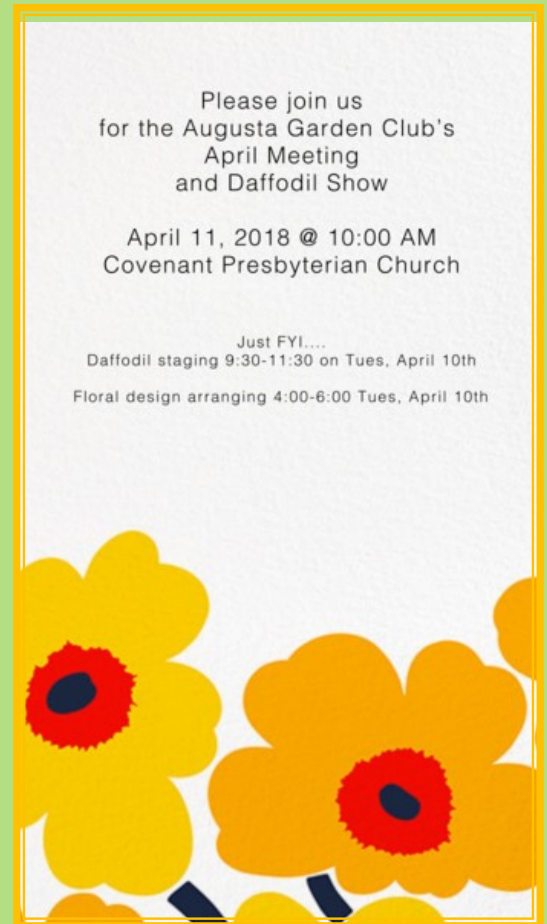


PHOTOGRAPHY: (Susie Lendermon)

Want to know how to participate in a club photography show? Find the details [here on our website!](#)

Events & Items of Interest:

- **Wednesday, April 11th, 10 a.m.** Club meeting, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- **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.
- **Wednesday, May 2th, 4 p.m.** AGC Board meeting.
- **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.



Membership Reminder– last call!

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!

April and our June field trip are open to guests.