

The 100 year history of The Dolley Madison Garden Club



Aspiration by Mrs. Ralph Earle

The Gardeners

*I fear that I shall never see
The member I should like to be:
Prompt at meetings; ever able
To lay a motion on the table;
Sitting upright in my place
Only intelligence on my face;
To my club a real addition,
Entering every competition.
Capturing many a red and blue
For specimens and arrangements too;
Telling the wild flowers from the tame
With ease – and with the Latin name;
Helping on every known committee
Here, and even in New York City;
Planting dooryards in easy stages,
Never flying into rages.
Oh, tell me, shall I ever be
The member I should like to be?*

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Introduction

How do you tell the story of a group of ladies who founded and fostered a club which has endured for 100 years?

After studying the records, I felt the best way was through the voices of the members as they reported to their fellow members at meetings, through written documents, and what has been left behind. Whilst it might have been easier for the reader if I had narrated the story, as the compiler I felt that using the actual words of the founding/charter members and the scribes through the years, would be a more appreciative and sensitive way to show how the garden club was formed and then grew.

This informational book is being published by Dolley Madison Garden Club during its Centennial Year 2019. It is dedicated to those original ladies from Orange County, to all the sustaining members since, and to all the husbands who have stood by their ladies throughout those 100 years. The gentlemen have given their time in more recent decades by assisting at garden club events but, throughout the history of the club they have facilitated these hundreds of ladies to have the time and resources to be a force in the community and enrich the lives of the residents of Orange County and beyond.

During a fire in the early years of the club many records were destroyed. Sadly, they can never be replaced but by recording as much as possible and compiling this record I hope that in another 100 years this effort can be supplemented with Book number two.

I hope you enjoy this as much as I have enjoyed making it possible.

Following are selected excerpts from original minutes and journals of the DMGC with additional/amended notes by the undersigned.

Mrs. Matthew C. Hudson (Pamela)

DMGC Archivist

Compiler & Editor, October 2018

Presidents of the Dolley Madison Garden Club

1919 – 2019

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| Mrs. Joseph G. Walker | 1919-'21 | Mrs. John S. Walker | 1921-'23 |
| Mrs. A. B. Taliaferro | 1923-'25 | Miss Mary Cameron | 1925-'27 |
| Mrs. Barton Cameron | 1927-'29 | Mrs. Leslie H. Gray | 1929-'31 |
| Mrs. John J. Woodruff | 1931-'33 | Mrs. Lewis B. Willis | 1933-'35 |
| Mrs. V. R. Shackelford | 1935-'37 | Mrs. Gray Dunnington | 1937-'39 |
| Mrs. E. Don Cameron | 1939-'41 | Mrs. R. C. Slaughter | 1941-'43 |
| Mrs. James Chapman | 1943-'45 | Mrs. J. O. Johnson | 1945-'47 |
| Mrs. W. C. Williams Jr. | 1947-'49 | Mrs. J. W. Browning | 1949-'51 |
| Mrs. John I. Woodruff | 1951-'53 | Mrs. John S. Walker | 1953 |
| Mrs. J. N. Andrews Jr. | 1953-'55 | Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams | 1955-'57 |
| Mrs. A. B. Gwathmey II | 1957-'59 | Mrs. W. C. Williams Jr. | 1959-'61 |
| Mrs. Bonyngé Strange | 1961-'63 | Mrs. George B. Tyler | 1963-'65 |
| Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer | 1965-'67 | Mrs. Charles V. Rich Jr. | 1967-'69 |
| Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee | 1969-'71 | Mrs. W. T. Grenfell Jr. | 1971-'73 |
| Mrs. A. W. Somerville | 1973-'75 | Mrs. A. T. Stumpf | 1975-'77 |
| Mrs. Childress Hill | 1977-'79 | Mrs. Harry C. Mason | 1979-'81 |
| Mrs. T. G. Scott Jr. | 1981-'83 | Mrs. Charles V. Rich Jr. | 1983-'85 |
| Mrs. H. P. Bresee Jr. | 1985-'87 | Mrs. R. F. Gillespie Jr. | 1987-'89 |
| Mrs. John Y. Faulconer | 1989-'91 | Mrs. G. K. Queitzsch | 1991-'93 |
| Mrs. Donald R. Ober | 1993-'95 | Mrs. John C. Barrow | 1995-'97 |
| Mrs. J. H. T. McConnell | 1997-'99 | Mrs. Eugene S. Ince Jr. | 1999-'01 |
| Mrs. Frank S. Walker Jr. | 2001-'03 | Mrs. Joe Grills | 2003-'05 |
| Mrs. R. Page Henley Jr. | 2005-'07 | Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger | 2007-'09 |
| Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello | 2009-'11 | Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter III | 2011-'13 |
| The Rev. Mary Beth Wells | 2013-'15 | Mrs. Joel Silverman | 2015-'17 |
| Mrs. Carlton T. Vanderwarker | 2017-'19 | | |

Chapter 1

Geographical Background

The members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club have homes in Orange and Madison Counties which are located in the northwestern portion of the Virginia Piedmont. Generally, the climate in this area is healthy and invigorating. Specifically, the climate at Orange is characterized by an average January temperature of 39.20° F. (2017 average temperature for January 44° F from world climate.com) and an average July temperature of 77.8° F. (2017 average temperature for July 86° F from world climate.com) 44.22 inches of rainfall (2017 average 42.97 inches from world climate.com) provide in good years ample moisture for the 213-day growing season.

Such a climate is extremely conducive for the growing of all popular temperate zone flowers. All popular vegetables are readily grown in this locality while exceptional success can be obtained with fruit production from such trees as apple, pear, cherry, and peach.

The land on which the members of this club have located their gardens is rolling, varying in elevation from 350 to 650 feet above main sea level. The soil in which these gardens are located is of a deep reddish maroon color. In most instances this soil has been weathered from a metamorphosed lava flow which was laid down when the world was young, so young that there was little life present on earth. However, a few of the gardens are located on red shales which were deposited during the era when dinosaurs were present on the earth. Nevertheless, the soils weathered from both the rock types are outstanding in their innate fertility, although these red clay soils are a bit heavy and have been depleted in fertility by long use and abuse, they still hold national recognition as good productive soils for gardening.

The Formation

Note: The objectives are not stated in the early yearbooks. Constitution. Article II reads. "The object of this Club shall be the advancement of gardening"

The Dolly Madison Garden Club came into being in 1919 when on a November day a bridge club of twelve members met at Cameron Lodge. Here at this meeting it was suggested by Miss Mary Cameron that this bridge club be changed to a garden club. This suggestion was heartily seconded by Mrs. Joseph Walker who had considerable garden experience acquired in her association with a Philadelphia garden club called "The Weeders." Also, this development of a bridge club into a garden club was expedited by the floral experience gained by Mrs. Harper in her former close contact with the New England Garden Clubs. From this meeting the Dolly Madison Garden Club materialized.

The objectives of this newly founded garden club were established to be the advancement of horticulture and conservation in our locality. The patron saint for which the club was named was chosen to be Dolly Madison, whose flower and vegetable gardens at her home, Montpelier, will bear eloquent testimony of her interest and skill in gardening. Tradition has it that this lovely garden was laid out by Major L'Enfant, the planner of Washington, who was a close companion of General Lafayette. The lovely terraces and steps incorporated into this garden by this French gallant were inspired by the House

of Representatives in Washington. It may be surmised that Madame Dolly's love for gardening was infectious enough to inspire her husband, the fourth President of the United States, to plant with his own hand several noble yew trees at scenic places in this historic garden.

The members of the aforementioned bridge club along with four additions became the charter members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club. These charter members are as follows:

Mrs. James N. Andrews

Mrs. J. Sedwick Andrews

Mrs. J. T. Anderson

Mrs. Mary H. Cameron

Miss Jean G. Cameron

Miss Anne B. Cooper

Mrs. W.W. Harper

Miss Miriam Hill

Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh, Jr.

Mrs. J. F. Peter

Mrs. Allen Potts

Mrs. John Carter Walker

Mrs. Joseph G. Walker

Mrs. John J. Woodruff

Mrs. George Zinn

Mrs. John S. Walker

Many of these charter members have been recognized as outstanding gardeners. Also, organization help was given in the inception of this novum garden club by Mrs. Samuel Marshall of Charlottesville who prepared a loose constitution to be the criteria for a friendly club of flower lovers.



A drawing by Dorothy Hunt Williams in the early 1920's

Chapter 2

The Early Years

The club presidents were elected to serve a term of two years. The first president was Mrs. Joseph Walker of The Residence, at Woodberry Forest, who was not only an inspiring gardener and lecturer but also a generous and intriguing companion. In fact, the first years of the Dolly Madison Garden Club are woven around the personality of Mrs. Walker. She was responsible for the narcissus, rose and lily tests in the Garden Club of Virginia. Even today her influence is felt in the lily shows in the Garden Club of Virginia. The well know horticulturist and hybridizer Lars Vassem, has named a lily for Mrs. Walker (in 1948)

In 1920 during the term of office of Mrs. Walker, the Dolley Madison Garden Club joined the Garden Club of Virginia and was the fourth club to join the Garden Club of America, as noted in the Garden Club of America Bulletin Archives for September 1922 when Dolly Madison Garden Club is first listed as a member club.

It was during these formative years that tragedy struck. Cameron Lodge, the birthplace of the Dolly Madison Garden Club, was burned. During the first meeting of the club a gavel made from an apple tree at Montpelier, the home of Dolly Madison, was presented to the club by Miss Miriam Hill.

Mrs. John Walker followed as the second president, serving with devotion her term of office from 1922 to 1924. It was during her presidency in 1922 that the Dolly Madison Garden Club was taken into the Garden Club of America. With the advent of national recognition, it had now become apparent that the Dolly Madison Garden Club was not only organized but was rapidly forging ahead. Every member, conscious of being a member of the Garden Club of America, worked hard to make the club a success. Outstanding among these was Mrs. Joseph Walker whose efforts were recognized in that she was elected to the presidency of the Garden Club of Virginia in 1924. This position was held and discharged efficiently by her for the following two years.

The third president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Mrs. Barclay Taliaferro at Mt. Sharon. During her term of office from 1923 to 1925, the Dolly Madison Garden Club was hostess to the Garden Club of Virginia for their annual meeting of 1925. In preparation for this event, the first map for Garden Week in Virginia was drawn by Mrs. Barclay Taliaferro, for Orange County.

This map (below) was but the delineation of a most interesting tour planned for Garden Week that year. Included in this event were visits to such lovely and historic homes and gardens as Inverness, Frascati, The Residence at Woodberry Forest, Horseshoe, Piedmont, Happy Creek, Lochiel, Red Rock, Hawfield and Montpelier.

The first Garden Week was held by The Garden Club of Virginia in 1927

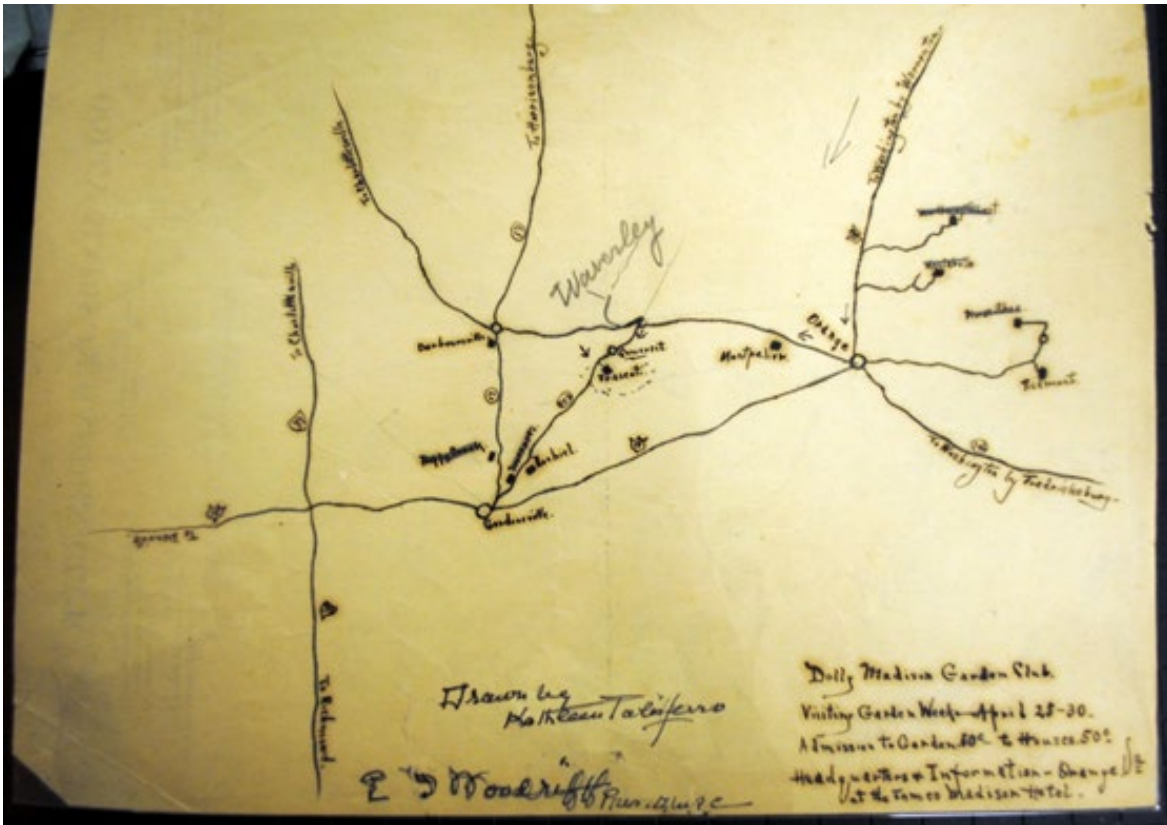
From the website for Historic Garden Week: (2018)

“America’s Largest Open House is Virginia’s Oldest Volunteer Tourism Project.

Presented by the Garden Club of Virginia, Historic Garden Week encompasses 30 tours organized and hosted by member clubs. For more than 80 years, the nation’s only statewide house and garden tour has contributed to

our state and regional economies. The economic impact of Historic Garden Week over the last 45 years is estimated to be over \$425 million.

Coming originally from England, early Virginians brought with them an inherent love of the land. They created splendid plantations with noble homes and handsome gardens. Without organized protection of this irreplaceable inheritance, the Garden Club of Virginia foresaw its inevitable destruction. Starting in 1929, they made it their most important work to preserve our state's historic public gardens. From Monticello, Mount Vernon, Bacon's Castle, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, to the State Arboretum in Winchester, to name just a few – a full diversity of gardens is represented in our projects."



It was also at this meeting of the Garden Club of Virginia that GARDEN GOSSIP, a magazine designed for Virginia flower gardeners had its inception. The first editor of this magazine was Mrs. Samuel Marshall of the Albemarle Garden Club.

“The first addition to the membership came while Mrs. Taliaferro was President, the number being increased to 25. These additions followed a pattern which, alas, I fear has been all too familiar. There was a difference of opinion among the members as to whether the club should be enlarged, some wishing to keep it a small group of friends interested in flowers, and others a larger group with wider interests. Unfortunately, the discussion of these matters was not confined to club members exclusively, and before the matter was finally settled there were quite a few injured feelings in the club. I have heard Marguerite Walker, who was President when this matter first came up, say that she had been President during the War Years.

The seal which we use on our year books and programs was given to the club by Mrs. Doris K. Neale in 1950. She had it designed and engraved.”

On May 7th and 8th of 1926 the garden clubs of Virginia inclusive of the Dolly Madison Garden Club held a flower show at Monticello, the purpose of which was to finance the restoration of the five old trees on this historic planation, many of which were planted by Jefferson himself. These trees which had been showing the lack of care for some time were the pride of Jefferson’s heart.

The fourth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Miss Mary Cameron of Achnacarry who held and discharged this office with interest and efficiency from 1925 to 1927. It was during Miss Cameron’s term as president that the zinnia was chosen to be the club flower. Also, at this time the constitution was changed to require the club to have at least two flower shows a year besides a yearly zinnia show. Concerning the location of these flower shows, the standing committee made it a custom to try and alternate the shows between Orange and Gordonsville as these towns are the two approximate centers of club membership.

During this fine gardener’s term of office many wonderful trips were planned and executed by the garden club. One was made to Estoutville, a lovely old estate located south of Charlottesville. Another trip was made to Chatham in Fredericksburg. A subsequent trip to Loudoun County was highlighted by a delightful visit to Oatlands and a delicious lunch with Mrs. Fairfax Harrison.

The fifth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Mrs. Barton Cameron, who held this office from 1927 – 1929. In 1927 membership was limited to 41 members; 30 active; 3 associate and 3 honorary. Dues were \$5.00. As to qualification of members the following was stated in the “Program”.

The eligibility for membership in the Dolly Madison Garden Club shall be an active interest in gardening. Qualification shall be determined by the following eligibility requirements:

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| Location and Character of Garden | 20% |
| Ability as a gardener | 50% |
| Personality | 20% |
| Miscellaneous | 10% |

In the year 1928 Mrs. Joseph Walker was appointed the editor of the magazine, GARDEN GOSSIP. This important and exacting office was discharged with unusual efficiency by Mrs. Walker. In fact, the large local success of this delightful magazine is largely due to the gardening skill and foresight of Mrs. Walker.

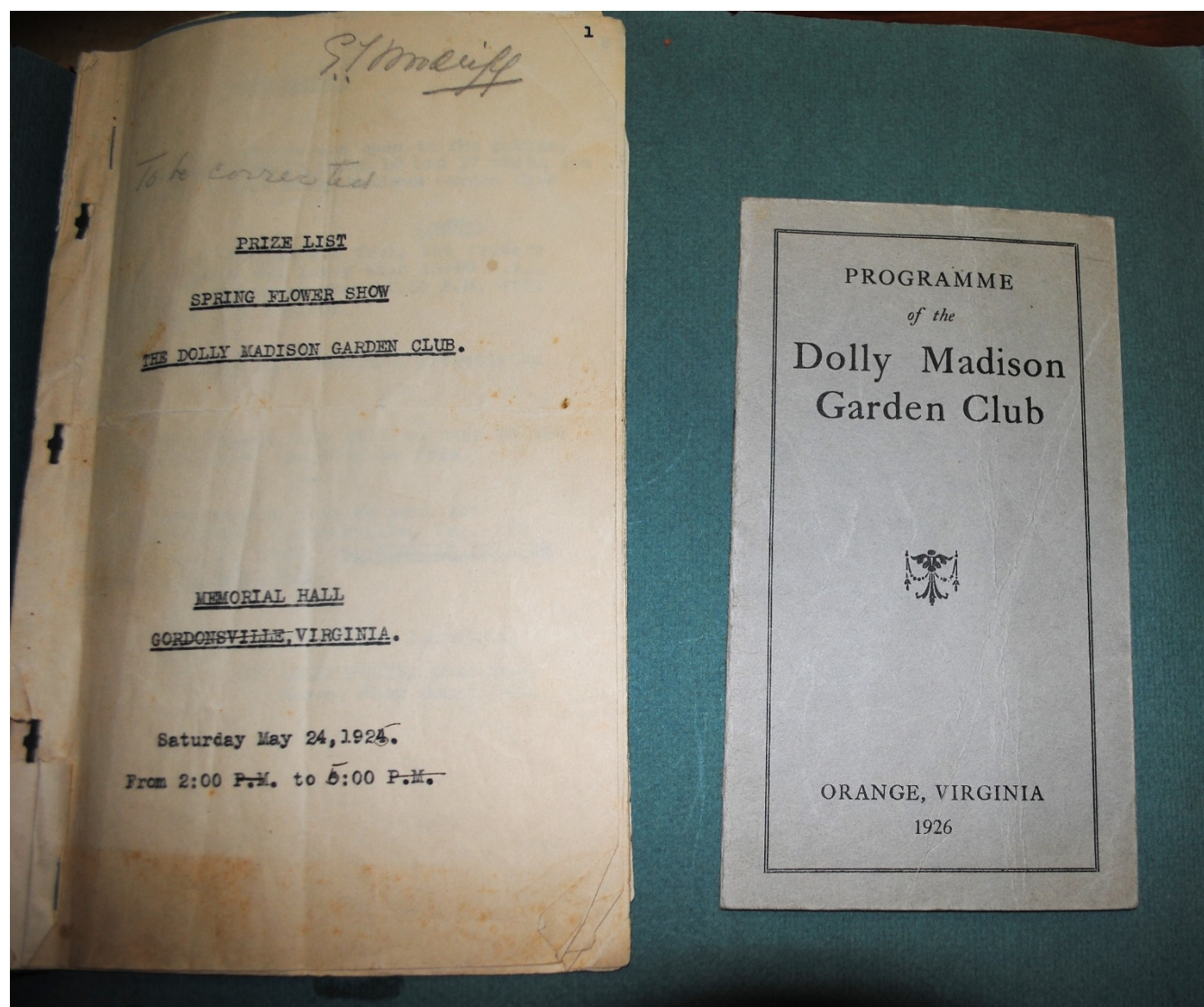
In the years of Mrs. Walker’s editorship of GARDEN GOSSIP, from 1928 to 1939 this magazine grew to be recognized as a notable authority on gardening in Virginia.

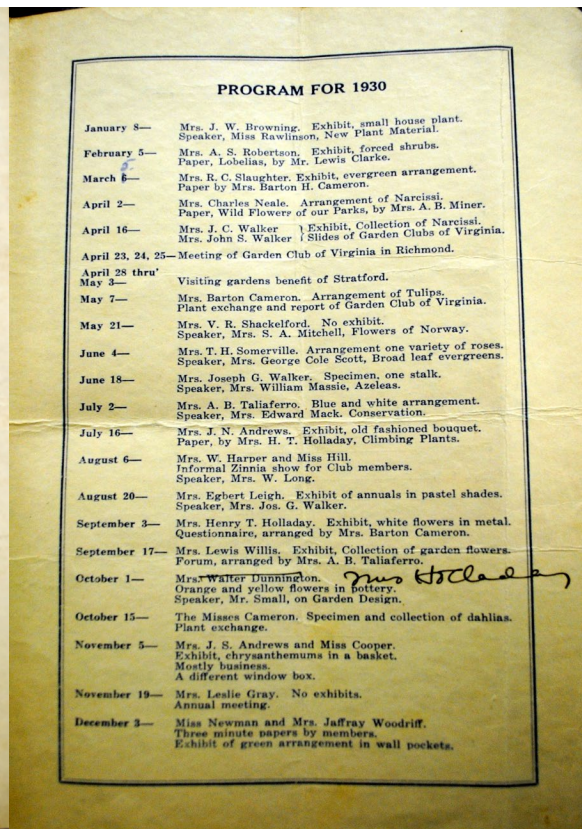
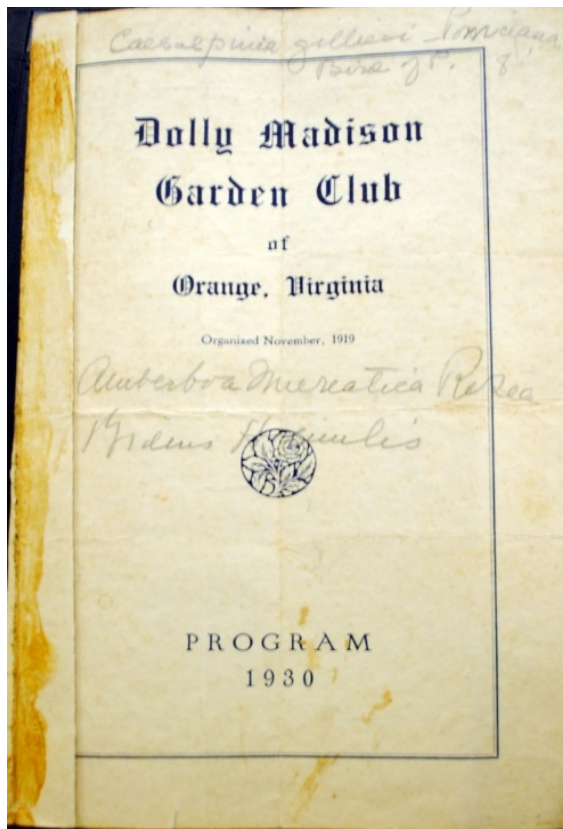
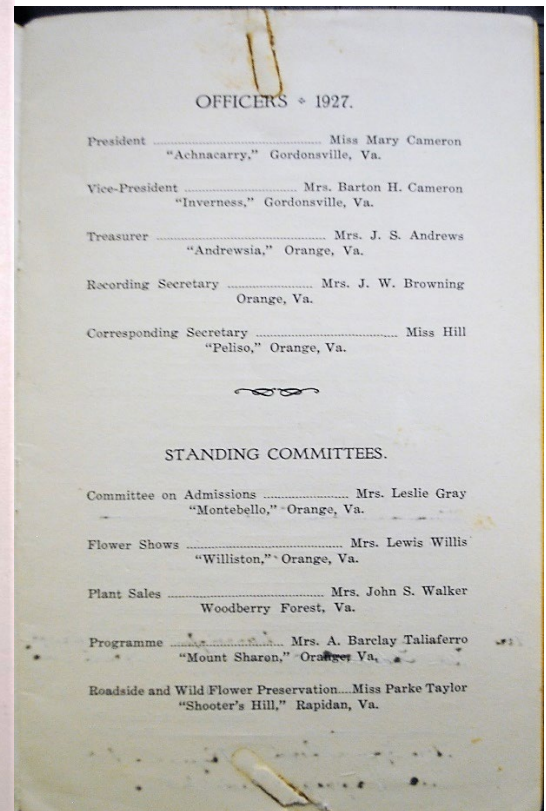
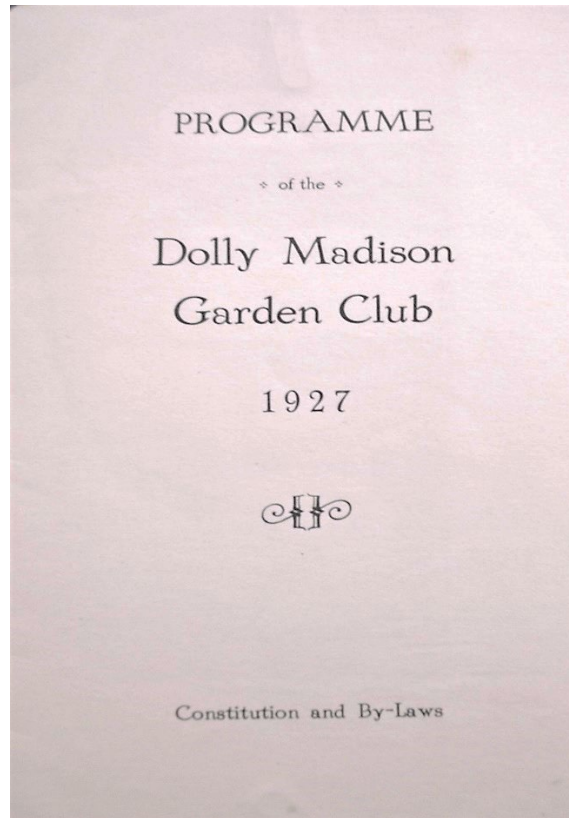
It was also during this time that the many projects were carried out by the club. Notable among these was the “Save the Dogwood Campaign”, initiated by the Dolly Madison Garden Club. Also, this club gave liberally at this time to the Society for the Preservation of the California Redwood. In the fall of 1930 our efforts were concentrated on saving the native Virginia Christmas greens such as holly and running cedar. In these busy years our slogan was, “Save the dogwood, save the holly.” On October 21st and 22nd 1930, Dolly Madison was host to the Garden Club of Virginia Board of Governors.

Mrs. Leslie Gray of Montebello served as the sixth president of the club from the years 1929 to 1931. It is of singular note that while Mrs. Gray was president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club, she was also president of the Garden Club of Virginia. This was indeed a double handful of responsibility for one person and had she not been so capable and charming, it would have been an almost impossible aggregation of obligations.

It was during Mrs. Gray's term of office as president that the original constitution of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was expanded into its present form of eight articles with the subsequent eight articles bill of by-laws. Also, a ten-point set of standing rules were initiated at this time.

Some of the earliest publications in the Dolly Madison Garden Club archives:





LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Mrs. James N. Andrews, "Waverly".....Somerset, Va.
 Mrs. J. S. Andrews, "Andrewsia".....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. G. Gordon Battle, Campbell Field.....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. R. M. Brady, Horseshoe Farm.....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. Geo. L. Browning, Old Manse.....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. J. W. Browning.....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. Barton H. Cameron, "Inverness".....Gordonsville, Va.
 Miss Mary Cameron, "Achnacarry".....Gordonsville, Va.
 Miss Jean Cameron, "Achnacarry".....Gordonsville, Va.
 Mrs. Jas. J. Chapman, "Dumbarton".....Gordonsville, Va.
 Miss Cooper, "Andrewsia".....Orange, Va.
 Miss Crenshaw, "Hawfield".....Rapidan, Va.
 Miss M. L. Crenshaw, "Hawfield".....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. E. F. Golsan, "Bloomingdale".....Somerset, Va.
 Mrs. L. H. Gray, "Montebello".....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. W. W. Harper, "Peliso".....Orange, Va.
 Miss Miriam Hill, "Peliso".....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. Henry Holladay, Red Rock.....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh, "Piedmont".....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. Ellis Mills, "Bellevue".....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. J. Freeland Peter, Cobham Park.....Cobham, Va.
 Miss Lucille Newman, "Bloomfield".....Somerset, Va.
 Mrs. Allen Potts, "Happy Creek".....Gordonsville, Va.
 Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, "Red Acre".....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. A. B. Taliaferro, Mt. Sharon.....Orange, Va.
 Mrs. J. P. Taylor, "Shooter's Hill".....Rapidan, Va.

Mrs. J. Carter Walker.....Woodberry Forest, Va.
 Mrs. Jos. G. Walker.....Woodberry Forest, Va.
 Mrs. John Scott Walker.....Woodberry Forest, Va.
 Mrs. Frank Walker.....Woodberry Forest, Va.
 Mrs. John J. Woodriff, "Frascati".....Somerset, Va.
 Mrs. Jaffray P. Woodriff.....Somerset, Va.
 Mrs. Lewis Willis, "Williston".....Orange, Va.

Mrs. Floss Zinn, "Lechiel".....Gordonsville, Va. Orange
Mrs. George Zinn, "Lechiel".....Gordonsville, Va. Orange

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Jean V. S. Potter, "Horseshoe Farm".....Rapidan, Va.
 Mrs. J. Heron Crossman, Jr., "The Pillars".....Glenn Road, Ardmore, Pa.
 Mrs. Walter Dunnington.....New York

Mrs. George Zinn, Rapidan, Pa.
Mrs. Virginia Zinn, Rapidan, Pa.

Due to the rapid growth and development of the club during these early years, the instigation of a formal constitution was necessary. Now the Dolly Madison Garden Club had not only grown in size, but also to such an extent in prestige that regulation by constitution was deemed necessary.

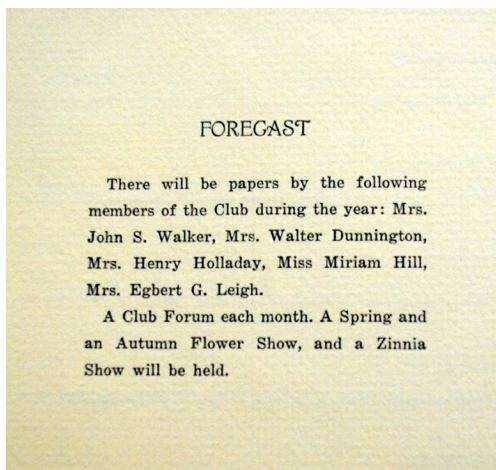
"During Mrs. Gray's term of office, the first test collection of Narcissus was planted. Due to Mrs. Gray's and Mrs. Joe Walker's interest and enthusiasm this project was undertaken by the Garden Club of Virginia. There were 45 varieties, 10 bulbs each in this first collection, and as Narcissus Chairman at that time I will always treasure the excitement of the first-year bloom. Most of us knew only the yellow trumpets, and the beauty and variety of blooms was a revelation. Elma Williams did paintings of some varieties which she would show again."

Chapter 3

The Years of Early Maturity

NB (*Previous editor*) *As far as I can recall this was the first large project that our club undertook. Our dues were still \$5.00, and with dues to the Garden Club of America and Virginia. We financed the project and kept ourselves solvent with plant sales. These were often held in the Court House Yard and involved tremendous effort and planning. These large sales were discontinued after some years, as we did not feel that it was right to compete with local nurserymen whose living was dependent of the sale of plants. In recent years we have held smaller sales, but not on so large a scale.*

In 1931 Mrs. John J. Woodriff of Frascati was elected as the seventh president of the club. It was during Mrs. Woodriff's term of office that many lovely flower shows were held by the Dolley Madison Garden Club. Notable amongst these was the flower show held in Orange on October 7th. In the spring of 1932 the Dolly Madison Garden Club was host to the regional garden club show in which seven other neighboring garden clubs participated. These garden clubs were the Augusta, Albemarle, Blue Ridge, Rivanna, Scottsville, Spottswood and Warm Springs Valley garden clubs. This regional garden club show, which was remarkably well attended was favored by talks from such outstanding speakers and Mrs. Charles Stout of Short Hills, Mr. Bush Brown of Ambler, and Mr. Neale, Virginia's roadside architect.



From the 1932 yearbook

It is of note that during these eventful years Mr. Neale did much to enhance the beauty of the roadside in Virginia.

Many members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club were also at this time participants in campaigns to remove the billboards and plant trees along the macadam roads in Orange County. A notable example of this work was the five miles of roadside south of Orange along Route 15 (1939 or 1940).

This work of removing the billboards was immensely helped by a bill passed by the Virginia Legislature which put restrictions on outdoor advertising. For her work on helping to enact this much needed legislation Mrs. Dunnington received a rising vote of thanks. It may be added that as a result of these restrictions on outdoor advertising over 100,000 signs were taken down in Virginia in five months.



It was during these early years that many members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club won national recognition as flower gardeners and horticulturists. Prominent among these was Mrs. Allen Dunnington who won a blue ribbon and also an honorable mention at the New York Flower Show. The club's narcissus chairman, Mrs. Frank Walker, not only received an honorable mention at the Alexandria Flower Show for her collection of over forty-five varieties of daffodils but also won honorable mention in this show with three stalks of a type of narcissus called Poeticus Horace.

During garden week in Virginia the members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club as usual worked faithfully and untiringly to make the week a success. It is of note that during one garden week \$1,176.94 was made for the Stratford Fund.

In 1933 Mrs. Lewis Willis of Williston was elected president of the club. During her presidency from 1934 to 1935 Mrs. Willis, who was a graduate of Ambler, was also associate editor of GARDEN GOSSIP, an office which was held by Mrs. Willis until 1936.

It was in the years of the mid-thirties that the Dolly Madison Garden Club became a mature club. The roster in 1935 embraced 35 active members, 10 associate members and 4 honorary members, the monthly meetings of the club were graced by speakers of outstanding prominence in local and even national garden clubs. Among these were Mrs. Floyd Harris, Mrs. Wister, Mrs. Thomas Wheelright and Mrs. Williams Massie.

The winter of 1935 was exceedingly severe on shrubs and trees due to the long cold spell and the heavy snow and ice. Mrs. Barton Cameron reported this condition in the GARDEN GOSSIP of May 1936 as follows:

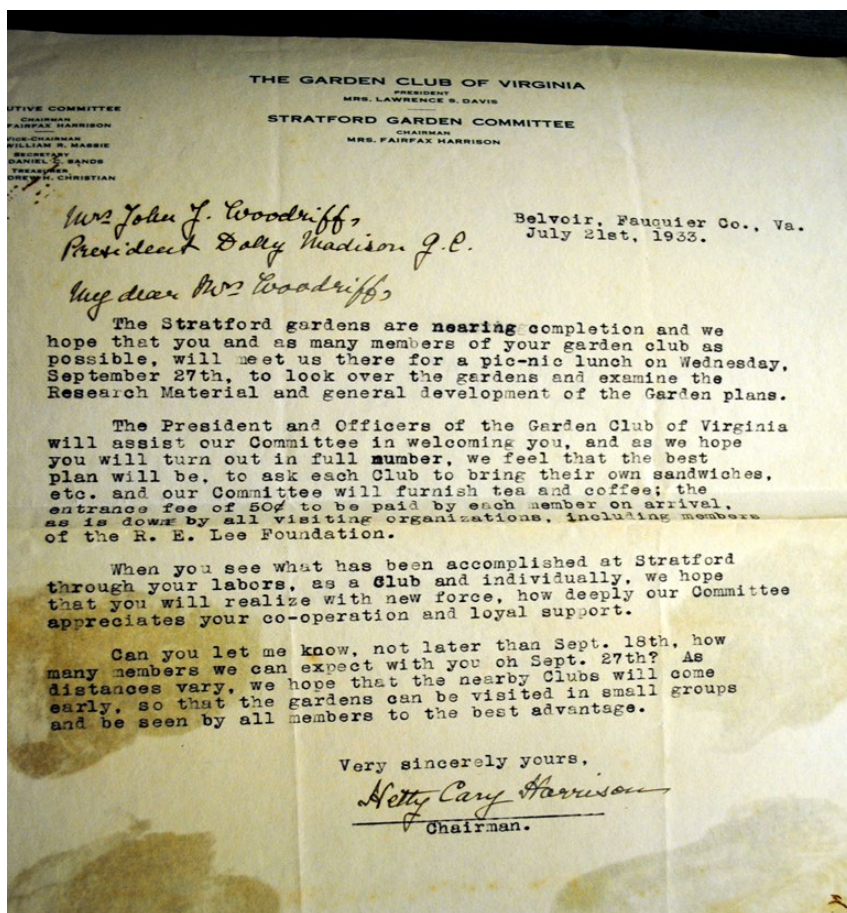
“The winter of 1935 was the worst winter in our memories and laid low many things besides doing untold damage to trees, shrubs and boxwood.”

However, with the coming of spring the members received new hope. It was then that the Garden Club of Virginia wanted affiliated clubs to plant one million dogwood in the state. The Dolly Madison Garden Club contributed its share to this ambitious undertaking.

The ninth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Mrs. Virginius R. Shackelford of Willow Grove, who held this office from 1935 to 1937. It was under the influence of Mrs. Shackelford that the club donated a shelf of books to the Public Library in Orange. It may be added that the largest contributor to these books was the president.

The first Lily Show of the Garden Club of Virginia was sponsored by the Dolly Madison Garden Club and the Rappahannock Garden Club in the summer of 1937. This was a forerunner of many successful lily shows. Mrs. Joseph Walker was, at this time, Lily Test Chairman for the Garden Club of Virginia.

Mrs. Gray Dunnington held the position of president during the years 1937 to 1939. In 1938, the club lost a valued member in the death of Miss Parke Taylor who not only had exceptional ability as a gardener but was also a landscape architect. She had designed many lovely gardens throughout the state. She was a distinguished graduate of Ambler College, which well qualified her to be Virginia's first woman horticulturist to practice.



Letter from The Garden Club of Virginia.



Early flower show 1920's

Chapter 4

The War Years

Mrs. E. Donald Cameron was the president of the club from 1939 to 1941. It was now that the club members were actively engaged in working on bundles for Britain, conserving seed to be turned over to the conservation chairman in the fall and doing much work individually for the Red Cross and other organizations. Seeds and plants were provided for the gardens of ten Negro schools.

In the year 1940 Mrs. George Zinn served as director-at-large of the Garden Club of Virginia, while Mrs. Joseph Walker, Mrs. John Otto Johnson and Mrs. John Walker served as members of the Lily Test Committee, the Rose Test Committee and Slides Committee respectively. At the same time, we assisted the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club in staging the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show.

In 1939 and 1940 the members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club tested a number of plants for dependability and adaptability to different climatic conditions. This served as a valuable check on the claims made by nurserymen. In this investigation many interesting facts were uncovered. For example, Mrs. Barton Cameron had grown ginger lilies in this climate for twelve years. The printing of this information in the July 1940 issue of GARDEN GOSSIP was the first publicity that had been given to the hardiness of this lovely flower in the Piedmont of Virginia. It is also of note that in this same article it is reported that Mrs. John J. Woodriff had one of the outstanding collections of hybrid clematis in Virginia.

However, during these years before the precipitation of the national war emergency there were many happy gatherings and meetings, one of which was attended by the Governors of the Virginia Garden Clubs. There was also a most delightful wild flowering meeting on the Sky Line Drive in the summer of 1940.

“It was in the year 1939 that the club planted trees on Highway 15 for five or six miles south of Orange. That part of the road was said to be permanent by the Highway Dept. so that was the reason for our selection of only part of the route from Gordonsville to Orange. Mrs. Barclay Taliaferro assisted Mrs. Cameron in this project.”

In 1940 Mrs. Gray Dunnington served as Chairman of the Admissions Committee of the Garden Club of America. Dolly Madison Garden Club sponsored the Palmetto Garden Club of South Carolina.

Mrs. R. C. Slaughter was elected as the twelfth president, serving with devotion and efficiency a two-year term beginning in 1940. Her report to the garden club in the spring of 1943 stated that the proceeds from Garden Week in Virginia went towards the British War Relief. Contributions were also made at this time to the American Red Cross and the Contributors Fund. Besides this, financial support was also given to the Society for the Preservation of the Redwood Trees, the Audubon Society, lunches for school children, and seeds for school gardens. Also, a \$100 war bond was purchased. The members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club were also instrumental in precipitating interest in the Victory Gardens planted by people of the community.

“This brings the History of our club up to the Second World War, a series of cataclysms that brought so many changes to all our institutions, the Dolly Madison Garden Club included. Due


to gas rationing the number of meetings was reduced to 12 and has remained so up to the present.”



Mrs. Charles T. Neale (Doris) Rocklands; Mrs. George Zinn (Flora) Lochiel; Mrs. Barton H. Cameron (Mary Randolph) Inverness; Mrs. Jeffrey P Woodruff (Hazel)

Summary

Tour AND SPRING FLOWER SHOW



GIVEN BY THE

Dolly Madison Garden Club

PRICE \$1.00
SINGLE HOUSE, 25 CENTS

Wednesday, May 22, 1940
2 TO 6 P. M.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

INVERNESS

Gordonsville, Virginia
Mrs. Barton H. Cameron, Chairman

CLASS 1. Pair of Vases in the French manner. (Open to members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club.)

CLASS 2. Arrangement of Tulips in any container.

CLASS 3. Arrangement of Hemocallis.

CLASS 4. Park Taylor Memorial. Arrangement of flowers in transparent glass, the arrangement of stems in water to count.

Prize \$5.00 to be invested in new plant material.

LOCHIEL

Gordonsville, Virginia
Mrs. George Zinn, Chairman

CLASS 5. Roses with flowering shrubs in bowl, not to exceed 15 inches.

CLASS 6. Roses in crystal container. Other foliage permitted.

CLASS 7. Roses in silver container with rose foliage (Open to members of Dolly Madison Garden Club.)

CLASS 8. Roses with other flowers, roses to predominate, not under 15 inches.

ROCKLANDS

Gordonsville, Virginia
Mrs. Charles T. Neale, Chairman

CLASS 9. Arrangement of peonies.

CLASS 10. Arrangement of delphiniums with other flowers.

CLASS 11. Arrangement of lillies.

FRASCATI

Somerset, Virginia
Mrs. John J. Woodruff, Chairman

CLASS 12. Arrangement of large or tall Iris with other flowers.

CLASS 13. Arrangement of small or beardless Iris with other flowers.

CLASS 14. Miniature arrangement, any flowers in vase, not over 4 in. tall.

TABLES

Tables arranged by hostess. "Inverness," Lunch. "Lochiel," Dinner. "Rocklands," Buffet. "Frascati," Tea. Non-competitive.

RULES

All classes open to public except Classes 1, 7 and Sweepstake Vase.

Prizes in all Classes. Ribbon values, blue 5, red 3, white 2.

Exhibits must be in place by 12 o'clock, May 22, and cannot be removed until 6 P. M.

All flowers must be grown by exhibitor, and only one entry by exhibitor allowed in a class

The Club cannot be responsible for property of exhibitor.

Special Awards to Members

Dolly Madison Garden Club

Class 1. Pair of vases in French manner. Prize given by Mrs. E. Donald Cameron

Class 7. Roses in silver. Prize to be won three times. Given by Mrs. Williams.

Sweepstakes Vase to be won three times, greatest number of point in show. Given by Mrs. Shackelford.

Mrs. E. Donald Cameron, President
Mrs. Virginius R. Shackelford, General Chairman

Took in 1st here, first in late spring lucky.



Rocklands Meeting 1940 L – R

Mrs. Virginius R. Shackelford (Peachy) Greenock; Mrs. Barton H. Cameron (Mary Randolph);
Inverness; Mrs. Charles T. Neale (Doris) Rocklands; Mrs. Jeffrey P Woodruff (Hazel); Mrs. George Zinn
(Flora) and Mrs E. Donald Cameron (Octa) Cairngorm



A more recent view of Rocklands in 2012 when opened for Historic Garden Week.

Mrs. James J. Chapman of Dumbarton was elected as the next president of the garden club in 1943 to serve a subsequent term of office of two years. It was in these eventful years that the garden club members endeavored to keep alive interest in the broader activities in that they contributed to the Founder's Fund of the Garden Club of America, the Contributors Fund and the Fairfax Memorial Portrait Fund. The club also sent Christmas wreaths to military hospitals besides contributing such cut flowers as roses, lilies, and daffodils in season to these hospitals. Besides these floral contributions fifty tray covers for Christmas breakfasts were sent to Woodrow Wilson Hospital in Staunton.



Mrs Barton Cameron's garden at Inverness

The flower shows of the club in these busy times were of necessity limited to any flowers in the members' gardens considered interesting enough to put on display. Thus, in these times, interest in flower gardening was kept alive by members bringing to the flower shows any flowers that they considered beautiful or fascinating that happened to be in their gardens.

Much attention was now given to lily culture. Experiments in broadcasting lily seeds were being made. Forty-five young Chinese blight resistant chestnut trees acquired from the United States of Department of Agriculture were planted in the fall of 1939. These yielded forty-five bushy young trees.

Mrs. Austin Jones, a prominent rosarian, who now has over 1,000 roses in her garden, at that time successfully separated some lovely old rose plants which were over 100 years old. It is of singular note that in these experiments, not a single plant was lost.

At this time a calamity occurred in the burning of Mrs. J. J. Chapman's house which destroyed all of the records of Dolly Madison Garden Club. It may be added that this disaster has rendered the writing of this history a very difficult undertaking due to the paucity of the records.

The following is a reproduction of the Annual report for 1943.

Report of the president – Annual meeting of The Dolly Madison Garden Club December 1943.

The Dolly Madison had four meetings during the year, one of these being only the executive committee. So, there is not much club activity to report.

After voting at our last annual meeting to hold not more than twelve meetings during the year, we were forced to content ourselves with many less than twelve, as the Gas Ration Board said we could only meet once to decide not to meet.

However, we combined business with pleasure and managed to get together in January (executive committee only), April and September, and November we had a large, delightful, honest-to-goodness meeting at "Yatton".

The club lost three members during the year, Mrs. John J. Woodruff and Mrs. Stuart Robertson resigned, and Mrs. Ellis died. No new members have been elected but after Mrs. Robertson's resignation Mrs. Harry Bresee was made an active, instead of associate, member.

Mrs. Dunnington was named zone chairman for this section of The Garden Club of America. We made our usual contribution of \$10 to the Contributor's Fund and gave \$50.00 toward the Mrs. Fairfax Harrison Memorial portrait.

The club also purchased a \$100.00 War Bond and put it aside for use in connection with some garden activity after the war. The usual rose and daffodil collections were bought and turned over to the respective chairman. Mrs. Slaughter has had wonderful success with the roses considering the very difficult season and Mrs. Bresee, the lily chairman, reports the lilies are flourishing.

The colored schools of the county have been helped with seeds of vegetables to be raised and canned for school lunches.

Mrs. Mack is preparing to send Christmas wreaths to the military hospitals again this year and quite a number of scrap books for soldiers are being prepared.

As all the archives of the club, including the gavel and other items of value, were burned, Mrs. Gray kindly presented us with another gavel.

Our programs have been sparse, but we have had one interesting talk by Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Johnson, rosarian of The Garden Club of Virginia, attended the Governor's Meeting in Roanoke and was our program with a charming report of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Ritchie Chapman, President.

Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson of Malbone was the fourteenth president to be elected to this office. Mrs. Johnson who was a remarkably skilled gardener and a member of the American Rose Society held this chair from 1945-1947. During this period Mrs. Johnson's skill brought honor to the club when she was asked to speak before the annual meeting of the American Rose Society.

During this time the club continued the regular sending of flowers to the Woodrow Wilson Hospital. Over a period of fifty weeks only 5 weeks were missed sending flowers. We also sent a donation to this hospital to pay for the music for the Christmas party.

It was during the winter of 1946 that we lost an outstanding member of the club in the death of Violet Niles Walker, the club's first president. Mrs. Walker was a most skilled gardener and brilliant horticulturist.

VIOLET NILES WALKER

In Memoriam

No one left her garden empty handed, no one left her presence without feeling refreshed and stimulated by her immense interest in all phases of life, her abundant vitality, quickness of wit and warmth of heart.

Generosity was a keynote to her character, and to friends, and a large circle of acquaintances alike, she poured unstintingly the gifts of her mind and spirit, and no cause ever went unnoticed, no appeal was ever denied.

Hers was a brilliant and versatile mind, touching upon widely diversified subjects; she was gardener, painter, musician, lecturer, photographer and writer, turning from one to the other with facility and skill.

Nor were the lowlier household arts forgotten for her hospitality at "The Residence" was justly famous and long to be remembered.

Violet Niles Walker's passing is a great loss to the Horticultural World and to the community in which she lived for thirty-five years.

She will be sorely missed in The Garden Club of Virginia and in her own club, the Dolly Madison, in which she was always the guiding spirit, her place can never be filled.

—DeLacy Gray.

Reproduced from articles in DMGC archives from The Garden Club of Virginia

The Officers and Directors of THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA announce with sorrow the death of Mrs. Joseph G. Walker which occurred on January 16, 1946. She was a valued member of the Board of Directors from 1926-1929.

Mrs. Walker was an outstanding horticulturist. She had the precious gift of making and holding friends and always had a happy word to lift their hearts. In her enthusiasm and kindness she was unique and irreplaceable. Her sense of fair play, her dynamic personality will ever be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

To her husband and to the members of the Dolly Madison Garden Club who have suffered such an irreparable loss, we send a message of heartfelt sympathy.

The obituary written by the DMGC president for inclusion into the Garden Club of America:
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Violet Miles Walker

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA has lost, through the death of Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, one of its most outstanding members and the whole gardening world is poorer for her passing.

Born on the Isle of Guernsey, widely traveled, highly educated, she married Mr. Walker of Woodberry-Forest Echool, Virginia, and there made her home for 35 years. Its beautiful plantings reflect her knowledge and taste and her own charmingly intimate garden is a treasury of unusual plants. As a lily expert, her lily beds form a living textbook.

As past President of the Garden Club of Virginia, she for years edited its official magazine and was Chairman of its Lily Testing Committee.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, American Rose Society, American Rock Garden Society, past President, Dolly Madison Garden Club, and member of Lily Committee, American Horticultural Society. Mrs. Walker also served as a Director of the GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA during the period of 1926-1929.

As a skilled gardener and brilliant horticulturist Mrs. Walker worked with creative intelligence, vivid interest and unflagging enthusiasm. Her sympathies were wide, her friendships loyal. Quick to praise, she rose above petty jealousy; tenacious of opinion, she yet argued without rancor or animosity.

Generously she shared her knowledge, her garden, her high spirit, that loved and created beauty.

GRACE PETERS JOHNSON

Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson, President
Dolly Madison Garden Club

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This sentiment is certainly understandable when it is realized that Mrs. Walker edited GARDEN GOSSIP for eight years and was the founder of the Lily Show of the Garden Club of Virginia which is the only lily show in the United States. In memory of Mrs. Walker, the Dolly Madison Garden Club and friends gave, in perpetuity, The Violet Miles Walker Memorial silver cup, which is to be won in competition at the annual lily show for horticultural achievement. Each year the winner's name is engraved upon it and she thus becomes the possessor of the cup for a year after it is won. It is of note that it was one of the Dolly Madison Garden Club members who was the first to win this cup.

Upon Mrs. Walker's death her office as narcissus chairman was taken over by Miss Elma Williams, a true artist, whose lovely paintings of daffodils, made for the club, showed what to expect in the purchase of bulbs. Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee was elected chairman of the Lily-Test Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia at this time.

The fifteenth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Mrs. W.C. Williams, Jr., of Yatton, who held this office from 1947 to 1949. It was in the year of 1946 that the club was to have the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show at Woodberry Forest. However, this Show had to be foregone due to the extremely inclement weather. This cancellation was due to the strong recommendation by Mr. and Mrs. Butler, even though the programs to the show had been printed. However, the club did hold the Southeastern Zone meeting of The Garden Club of America in the fall of 1948 (*October 5th, 6th, 7th 1948*). At this meeting much stress was laid on conservation. This meeting was also graced by the presence of the president of the Garden Club of America, a past president of the Garden Club of America, and the president of the Garden Club of Virginia.

The membership of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was at this time raised to fifty members, which included thirty-five active, twelve associate members and three honorary members, Mrs. John Walker served as corresponding secretary for the Garden Club of Virginia at this time.

Also, the broader activities of the garden club at this time included the sending of liberal donations through the Garden Club of Virginia to International Famine Relief. These donations included both money and clothing.

In 1948 the lily show was sponsored by The Rivanna Garden Club of Virginia and the Dolly Madison Garden Club. At this show the Violet Niles Walker Cup was won by Mrs. W.C. Williams, Jr.

It was in 1948 that severe tragedy struck. Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson was killed in an automobile accident. In memory of this wonderful president the Dolly Madison Garden Club offered the Grace Peters

Johnson Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the Dolly Madison club member who has during a year's time, acquired the most points in monthly flower shows held within this club.

The sixteenth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was Mrs. William Browning of The William and Mary Cottage. Mrs. Browning led the club into many interesting gardening experiences during her presidency from 1949 to 1951.

Mrs. George Zinn now served as a Director of the Garden Club of America.

It was in 1948 that Garden Week in Virginia was resumed after an interruption due to the national war emergency. The Dolly Madison Garden Club has averaged about seven gardens a year opened for this week. Besides Garden Week in Virginia, the club held several lovely flower shows at this time. The annual lily show held this year was an exceptional success and was sponsored jointly by the Albemarle, Rivanna, Augusta and Dolly Madison Garden Clubs, being held in Charlottesville. The proceeds from another flower show held in the spring were given for the benefit of the playground in Orange.

At this time, we were making a great effort to preserve our natural roadside beauty. The prevention of indiscriminate dumping along the roadsides was our special aim. Also, members campaigned to prohibit any throwing of trash from car windows.

Chapter 5

Into the Fifties

Mrs. John I. Woodruff served as the seventeenth president from 1951 to 1953. One of the major achievements of this delightful gardener was being one of the persons responsible for the founding of the Orange Garden Club. Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Walker and Miss Elma Williams were the majority sponsors of this new garden club of thirty members.

At three of the Garden Club of Virginia Shows our members won eleven ribbons. During these years Mrs. Henry Holladay was outstanding in her floral achievements. She has over 200 varieties of hemerocallis in her garden, inclusive of all of Dr. Stout's hybrids, besides 150 daffodils and 78 varieties of the newer iris. She also is an active member of the American Hemerocallis Society, the American Iris Society and the American Daffodil Society.

During this time Mrs. Gray Dunnington was a director of the Garden Club of Virginia.

In 1953 Mrs. John Walker was elected as president for her second term of office. Her sudden death, within a few weeks after taking office, stunned the entire community. She not only was a charter member of the garden club but was also one of our most enthusiastic workers and skilled gardeners. Her sudden death left a void in the club.

In a subsequent election in August 1953 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. was elected to the presidency. Mrs. Andrews served well her term of office for the subsequent two years. It was in the fall of 1953 that the club was again host to a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Garden Club of Virginia. Also, the club planted shrubs around the newly built Orange High School.

Mrs. John I. Woodruff was Zone Correspondent for THE BULLETIN of the Garden Club of America.

It was then that our work on the preservation of the dogwood was helped in that a bill was passed in the Virginia Legislature making the cutting of dogwood illegal. A child from Orange was sent by the club to a nature camp. This little girl, Miss Morey Painter, wrote a most sincere letter of appreciation to the club telling how much she enjoyed the camp and also how much she learned of the native flowers and plants.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams was elected in 1955 as the twentieth president of the club. As president Mrs. Williams saw the completion of the club's school project which placed benches with appropriate plaques on them on the grounds of the Orange High School. The 1955 spring flower show, which was given by all the garden clubs in the county but sponsored by the Dolly Madison Garden Club was an exceptional success. In this show there were 425 entries.

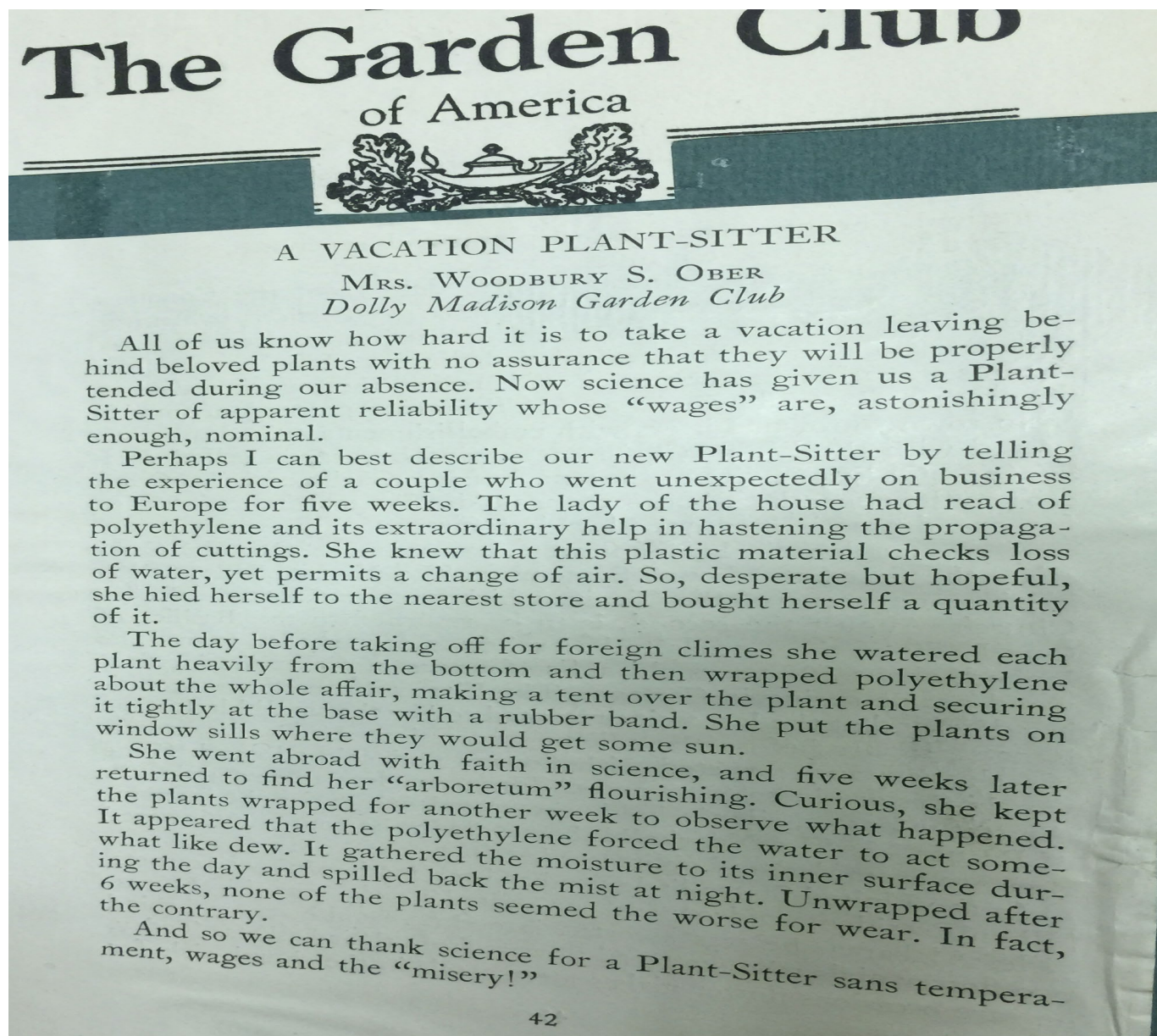
In June of 1956 the Lily Show of the Garden Club of Virginia was sponsored by the club. This was one of the most ambitious projects that has ever been attempted by the Dolly Madison Garden Club alone. There were scores of breathtaking arrangements on display. The acclaim by flower lovers of this and other communities was highly in favor of this lily show. The club was responsible for the planting of trees and shrubs on the new extension of Route 20 under the new C. & O. Railway overpass at Orange.

During this administration the club made contributions to the School of Horticulture at Ambler, Pennsylvania. These contributions were made in memory of Mrs. Barton Cameron. Also, books were given to the Orange County Public Library by the club in memory of four former presidents, Mrs.

Carroll Slaughter, Mrs. William Browning, Mrs. Lewis Willis, & Mrs. John Walker.

In 1956 the Dolly Madison Garden Club counted among its members the Flower Shows Chairman of the Garden Club of Virginia, Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams, and a Director of the Garden Club of America, Mrs. Walter S. Robertson.

At the New York Flower Show in 1957, the Dolly Madison Club won an honorable mention in the shipping class, this exhibit having been created by Mrs. W. S. Ober.



The Garden Club
of America

A VACATION PLANT-SITTER

MRS. WOODBURY S. OBER
Dolly Madison Garden Club

All of us know how hard it is to take a vacation leaving behind beloved plants with no assurance that they will be properly tended during our absence. Now science has given us a Plant-Sitter of apparent reliability whose "wages" are, astonishingly enough, nominal.

Perhaps I can best describe our new Plant-Sitter by telling the experience of a couple who went unexpectedly on business to Europe for five weeks. The lady of the house had read of polyethylene and its extraordinary help in hastening the propagation of cuttings. She knew that this plastic material checks loss of water, yet permits a change of air. So, desperate but hopeful, she hied herself to the nearest store and bought herself a quantity of it.

The day before taking off for foreign climes she watered each plant heavily from the bottom and then wrapped polyethylene about the whole affair, making a tent over the plant and securing it tightly at the base with a rubber band. She put the plants on window sills where they would get some sun.

She went abroad with faith in science, and five weeks later returned to find her "arboretum" flourishing. Curious, she kept the plants wrapped for another week to observe what happened. It appeared that the polyethylene forced the water to act somewhat like dew. It gathered the moisture to its inner surface during the day and spilled back the mist at night. Unwrapped after 6 weeks, none of the plants seemed the worse for wear. In fact, the contrary.

And so we can thank science for a Plant-Sitter sans temperament, wages and the "misery!"

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1957 -1959

Mrs. Archie B. Gwathmey - the 21st president.

Mrs. Gwathmey held this office for the years 1957- 1959. It was in this term that our project was to landscape and plant the grounds at the Orange County Court House.

Five articles were contributed to the Garden Club of Virginia Journal as well as a picture of Montpelier being used on the cover.

It was in February 1957 that we lost an outstanding member of the club Mrs. Egbert Leigh.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams was elected Flower Shows Chairman of the Garden Club of Virginia in 1956.

Our outstanding endeavor was a series of three lectures put on by the program chairman, the first speaker was Mrs. Yoneo Aria, who exhibited Japanese flower arrangements, the second lecture being given by Mrs. F. Leighton Meserve on the many phases of holly culture. The final lecture of the series was given by Mrs. Sidney K. Keith on various techniques of propagation by cuttings.

We held a flower show with the proceeds being used to send an Orange County teacher to the Conservation workshop at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Eight members opened their gardens and homes for Garden Week.

A Xmas sale was held at one of the Orange stores, with the proceeds being used for community planting.

1959 - 1961

Mrs. W.C. Williams - 22nd president.

Elected in 1959 and served for two years.

It was during her term of office that a successful chrysanthemum show and plant sale was held at "Yatton" with \$200.00 being realized.

Fifteen members planted berry bearing shrubs as this was our horticultural endeavor for the year.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams was elected to the Board of Directors of the Garden Club of Virginia.

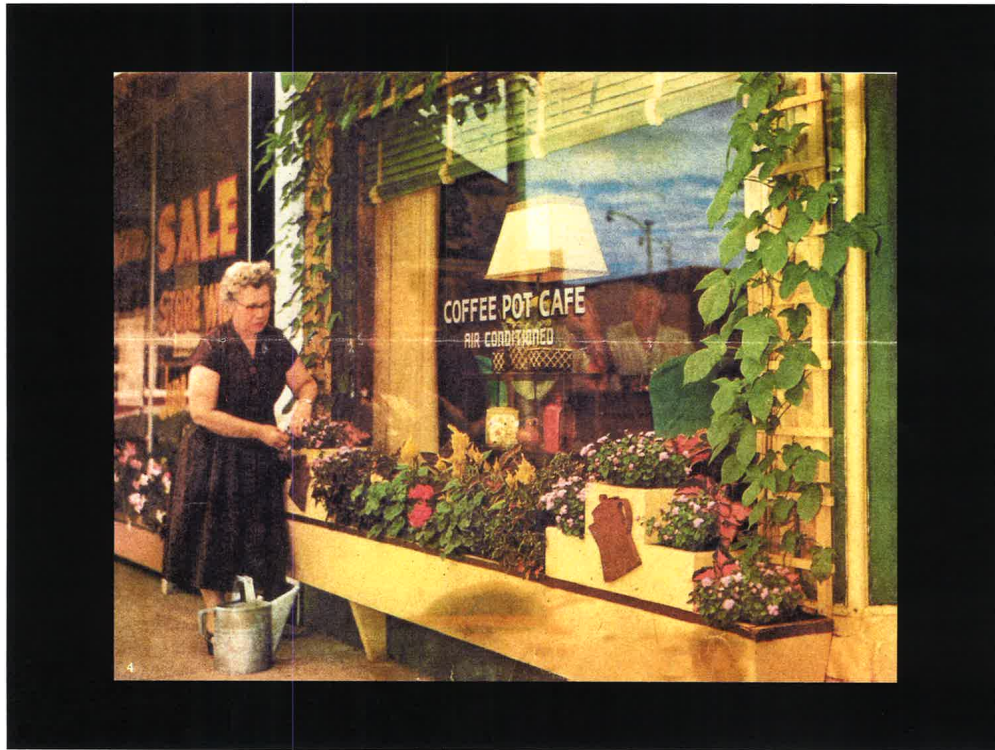
It was in 1959 that we lost by death Mrs. Erik Eriksen.

Mrs. Harry Mason tested roses for Connard and Pyle that year and one rose she grew was introduced under the name of Royal Velvet.

57 flower boxes were entered in the community beautification project and Mrs. Wyatt Williams was recognized by the Garden Club of America for her effort in this undertaking.

We were saddened that year by the death of three of our members, Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mrs. Walton Marshall and Mrs. William B. Arnold.

It was a great pleasure for Dolly Madison to second Mrs. Frank Gilliam of Lexington to become our member-at-large of the Garden Club of America.



Flower boxes in Orange, reproduced with permission of The Garden Club of America



Ferris Wheel of Window Boxes

Chapter 6
Into the Sixties
1961 – 1963

Mrs. Bonynge Strange – 23rd president.

Mrs. Henry Holladay received the Garden Club of Virginia award for outstanding achievement in the field of horticulture.

We assisted with the Gay Nineties Festival in support of Orange County Library.

Mrs. Rich won best in show at lily show.

Dolly Madison sponsored contest for the beautification of farm entrances in Orange County. A prize of \$50 being donated by Mr. E. V. Breeden.

A delightful and successful tea and plant sale was held at The Residence at Woodberry that year with Mrs. Mercer as chairman.

Our club became a member of the Virginia Association for Roadside Development.

Mrs. Mercer was made a member of the committee for Richmond Historic Foundation.

Loss by death of Mrs. John Small in 1961.

Mr. MacLaughlin of Lightfoot School was sent to teacher's workshop at nature camp.

In 1962 a plot in Orange on Main Street at the railroad crossing was planted and very much beautified.

Lost by death our beloved Mrs. deLacy Gray on May 1st.

Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. Waterman passed the test at Flower Show Judging School and are now accredited judges.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams was elected Vice President of the Garden Club of Virginia and Mrs. Gray Dunnington to the office of Admissions Chairman.

Several of our members furnished periwinkle for gardens at University of Virginia restoration.

It was in this year that we lost an outstanding member in the death of Mrs. Arthur Jones on September 30th, 1962.

1963 – 1965.

Mrs. George B. Tyler - 24th president.

The past ten years of community improvements were compiled in book form, with "Before and After" pictures of a planting of a by-pass, plant box project, farm gateway improvement, railroad station planting and Court House landscaping and this was presented to the Massie Medal Committee.

We exhibited in the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil and Lily Shows, winning ribbons in both.

Mrs. Bresee exhibited 57 varieties of vines and 35 hanging baskets. She was a practicing judge at International Flower Shows.

A picnic tour of the Boxwood Farm in Boyce, Virginia was most interesting.

One young girl was sent to Nature Camp.

Mrs. Langbourne Williams and Mrs. J. Barbour Rixey were elected to active membership.

Five names were presented for membership as Auxiliary Members – Mrs. Worth Koopman, Mrs. Frank Walker, Jr., Mrs. John W. Barber, Mrs. Joseph Edens and Mrs. Wm. N. Taylor, Jr.

Mrs. Rixey described the deLacy Gray Memorial Medal to be given each year by Dolly Madison Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Gray to the Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams was nominated for president and Mrs. Gray Dunnington for recording secretary in the Garden Club of Virginia.

Dolly Madison participated in Orange Beautification and Poster Contest. Five County schools responded with 70 posters.

Garden Week – 4 advertisements in the Garden Week Bulletin – 3 old homes and gardens opened as well as 6 Gold Seal Houses opened.

Mrs. George Tyler serving as 24th president finished her second year in office.

Membership for Dolly Madison Garden Club was taken out in the National Trust for Historical Preservation in the United States.

The five auxiliary members nominated for membership in the club have been accepted to membership.

Members participated in the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil, Lily and Rose shows.

Mrs. Tyler presented the Garden Club of Virginia Horticultural Certificate to Mrs. Bresee for her work with vines.

Dolly Madison Garden Club invited Board of Governors to hold their meeting with us in 1966.

Mrs. Samuel Neale was elected to membership.

Mrs. John S. McIntyre 2nd, vice president was made slides chairman so as not to enlarge the executive committee.

Planting was completed at the entrance to Graham Cemetery.

DeLacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation was accepted by the Board of Governors of the Garden Club of Virginia and has duly been handed over to them.

Mrs. Bresee entered two horticultural classes in New York Flower Show and is on the waiting list for four other classes.

School superintendents were asked to get a teacher to go to Nature Camp, but no one could be secured.

March 19th, 1965.

1965 – 1967

Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer - 25th president.

We regret the deaths of Miss Mary Cameron and Mrs. John Woodruff.

New members elected in 1965 were Mrs. Leonard W. Dick, Jr., Mrs. Preston Moore and Mrs. J. E. Taylor.

5 homes were open for Garden Week. Montebello; Blue Run Farm; Montpelier; Christ Episcopal Church and Merrymount. Open for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 28/29/30 April.

Members participated in all 3 Garden Club of Virginia Flower Shows.

Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. W.W. Waterman judged the lily show.

Mrs. Leonard Dick won the American Rose Society Bronze medal certificate at the rose show.

Mrs. John S. McIntyre was awarded the Garden Club of Virginia Horticultural Certificate.

Mrs. W. B. Snyder received the Garden Club of America Horticultural Certificate of Merit.

A spring flower show was held in May, the zinnia show in August and a plant sale in October at which we cleared \$1009.49

The first deLacy Gray Memorial Medal was awarded to the Princess Anne Garden Club of Virginia Beach.

A child was sent to Nature Camp.

Conservation “fillers” were broadcast over WJMA for 18 weeks and subsequently appeared in the Orange Review.

The condensed history of the Dolly Madison Garden Club, since its inception, was sent to the Garden Club of America and to the Garden Club of Virginia. (Appendix 1)

17 slides of civic improvement were sent to the Garden Club of Virginia and 11 slides of members gardens were sent to the Garden Club of America.

5 members attended the judging school conducted by Anne Werstner Wood for the Garden Club of Virginia.

Members sent gaily wrapped Xmas gifts to 33 guests at the Mountain View Nursing Home. They were delivered by Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. Dick and happily received.

Mrs. W. S. Ober won a blue ribbon in the Garden Club of America mailing class at the International Flower Show in New York and Mrs. W. N. Taylor, Jr. won a third-place ribbon with their entries at the World Flower Show.

Information for the Garden Club of America Garden Locator was revised and sent to the Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Mercer was made Chairman of District 2 for the Garden Club of Virginia Journal.

Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson was made a member of the publicity committee of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Mrs. William B. Rhett, Jr., Conservation Chairman showed a film "Time to Begin" to schools and civic organizations in Orange County. Mrs. Rhett secured 12 subscriptions to Wildlife Magazine from members.

Members participated in all three Garden Club of Virginia Flower Shows.

The second deLacy Gray Memorial medal for Conservation was won by Mrs. John H. Bocock of the James River Garden Club.

The Garden Club of America Medal of Merit was awarded to Mrs. Gray Dunnington.

Mrs. W. W. Waterman received the Garden Club of Virginia Certificate of Recognition in Horticulture.

Mrs. Henry T. Holladay, Jr. received the Garden Club of America Horticultural award.

At the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show in Lynchburg there were 23 exhibits from Dolly Madison. 12 ribbons were won. Mrs. W. S. Ober won the President of Member Clubs silver cup as runner-up in the sweepstakes.

There were 125 exhibits at a lily display held at "Horseshoe Farm".

A child was sent to Nature Camp.

The zinnia show was cancelled because of the drought.

In 1966 Dolly Madison Garden Club was hostess to the Garden Club of Virginia Board of Governors meeting in October.

40 baskets of fruit and gifts were delivered to the Mountain View Nursing Home by Mesdames Mercer, Hill, Waterman and Montgomery at Christmas time.

Mrs. J. S. Andrews and Mrs. V. R. Shackelford were made honorary members.

Mrs. James W. Allison transferred to associate membership.

Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. became an active member.

Mrs. John M. Moore and Mrs. A.S. Robertson, Jr. resigned.

Mrs. Neal Marks resigned.

Mrs. Donald Ober was elected to auxiliary membership.

10 slides of member's gardens were sent to Garden Club of America by Zone 5 chairman.

Mrs. W. S. Ober sent two entries to the Mailing class of the International Flower Show and Mrs. William N. Taylor sent one entry. Mrs. Taylor won Honorable Mention.

Dolley Madison donated \$50.00 to the Garden Club of America for the International Flower Show.

Mrs. Dunnington and Mrs. Wyatt Williams were listed in the Garden Club of Virginia Inter-Club Speakers Bureau for 1967 and 1968.

Four members attended the Garden Club of Virginia Conservation forum in Richmond.

Seven members attended the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show at Petersburg.

13 exhibits were sent in by six members and one red ribbon was won.

Mrs. W. N. Taylor, Jr. did the Inter Club arrangement and received a red ribbon.

1967 – 1968

Mrs. Charles. V. Rich - 26th President

It was during her term of office that nine articles were contributed to the Garden Club of Virginia Journal.

Mrs. Joseph Mercer received the Garden Club of Virginia Certificate of Recognition for Horticultural Achievement.

Five members opened their gardens and homes for Garden Week.

A winter flower show was held in December. The zinnia show took place in August.

A successful potted plant sale was held courtesy of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott.

Members exhibited in all three of the Garden Club of Virginia Flower Shows winning ribbons in all. Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams won the President of Members Clubs Cup and was runner up for the Helen Truax Memorial Cup.

It was in this year we lost an outstanding member of the club in the death of Mrs. Harry Mason. Also, in this year we lost by death Mrs. J. S. Andrews.

Miss Elma Williams became an honorary member. Mrs. Akers became an auxiliary

New members elected in 1967 were Mrs. Grenfell and Mrs. Hastings.

Mrs. J. Barbour Rixey became an associate.

A wildflower field trip was held in the Shenandoah National Park.

For the purpose of stimulating greater interest in exhibiting at flower shows, the membership was divided into three equal groups, 1 each for daffodils, lilies and roses. Membership in these groups may rotate every two years upon request.

480 dogwood trees were planted on Arbor Day.

1968 – 1969

Mrs. Charles V. Rich finished her second term of office as 26th president.

Mrs. John Stillwell became a new member.

Mrs. Andrew M. Montgomery transferred to associate membership.

Mrs. Donald Ober became an active member

Mrs. Joseph Garver became an auxiliary member.

The Garden Club of America Horticultural Award was given to Mrs. Joseph Mercer.

It was in this year that we suffered the loss of a valued member, Mrs. Archie B. Gwathmey, II, our 21st president and an ardent conservation chairman.

We sent a child to Nature Camp.

Four homes were open Garden Week. Montpelier; Montebello; Grelen and Mount Sharon on Thursday and Friday

Members participated in all three Garden Club of Virginia flower shows.

A lily display was held at Mrs. John McIntyre's poolside in June, the zinnia show in August and a flower arranging work shop took place in September.

Three slides of members' gardens were sent to the Garden Club of America Slides Chairman.

Our club was hostess at the Garden Club of America Zone VII in October.

Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams was made Chairman of Restoration for the Garden Club of Virginia.

Chapter 7
Beginning the Next Fifty Years
1969 – 1971



Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee - 27th president

We celebrated our Golden Anniversary year, it was celebrated with a delightful nostalgic luncheon at Mrs. Harrison Breese's home honoring Charter Member, Mrs. George Zinn. Young auxiliary members entertained us with a hilarious 2 act skit, (play) about the formation of the club the first act "as we were" showed our four charter members Flora (Zinn), Narvele (Leigh), Violet (Walker) and Elaine (Woodruff) at the bridge table deciding to have a garden club which would meet twice a month! The excruciating problems to be surmounted in 1919 were whether to fire the upstairs maid, and how to start the Locomobile with a hairpin. Act two "as we are" showed the girls in 1969 with car-pools, babysitters, TV dinners, etc., problems despite putting heart and soul into Dolly Madison Garden Club with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Gray Dunnington's remarks "do you remember when" were much enjoyed.

PROGRAM: To be mimeographed or printed and distributed to audience.

Dolly Madison Garden Club

1919 – 1969

A Fantasy in Two Acts.

By

S. A. Nonymous (woody Ober)

CAST

(In order of appearance)

ACT ONE: Violet-----Bernice Walker
Flora-----Jeane Neale
Rita-----Anne Akers
Elaine-----Hazel Edens

Corner of Violet's Living Room Fall of 1919

ACT TWO

Hazel Edens
Anne Akers
Jean Neale
Bernice Walker
(as themselves)

Hazel's Living Room Fall of 1969

THE PLAY

Staging Notes: The actual scene is the fireplace corner of President Breese's living room. In Act One a card table is set up, with four chairs, kitty-cornered, so audience can see 3 of cast (the last doesn't enter till just before end of act). The décor, to the extent possible, is that of 1919 ---fussy, crowded. Hopefully with a Tiffany-glass lamp.

Act 2 is the same area near fireplace, but décor is simple, stark, modern. Small couch couple of chairs.

In Act 1 the bridge table can hold "score pads" which will have the lines and "prompt" actors. In Act 2, each person has a clip board; and paper and can do the same.

Costumes: Act 1: a la 1919, hats and gloves (except for Violet). Very formal. Act 2: totally informal, slacks, jeans, sandals etc.

A couple of folding screens across the fireplace can be a curtain and hide scene from the audience as members and guests come to garden club meeting. The audience sits in usual small chairs facing fireplace. Cast will have to sneak in large door of living room to get “on stage”

ACT ONE

(Curtain rises on Violet sitting at bridge table facing audience. Cards and score pads are stacked in center of the table. She moves them about, fixing them at corners. Enter Flora, followed immediately by Rita).

Violet: Well; Good afternoon, Flora, dear. Rita.

Flora: Violet

Rita: Violet

(Flora and Rita sit at table. They remove gloves, fiddle with hats, and, generally make themselves comfortable.)

Violet: I didn't hear your car, Flora.

Flora: The new Pierce Arrow? I didn't use it. Can't stand the smell of the thing. I picked up Rita in the surrey, and we picnicked on the way by Madison's Tomb. Hope the duPont's don't mind, Beautiful day.

Rita: Gorgeous, Violet. The ride over from Gordonsville was just lovely... the mountains were crystal clear.

Violet: Shall I ring, Flora, and have Mamie give Thomas something to eat?

Flora: Don't bother! Thomas is probably now in the kitchen gorging himself, Don't they always? I hope he rubbed down those two hot horses.

Rita: Where's Elaine?

Violet: Heaven knows!

Rita: I know. She's in her ancient 1913 Locomobile. She may never get here. Told me Sunday she was coming in it.

Flora: I do wish Elaine would buy herself a new motorcar. That Loco of hers just isn't reliable. Also, besides, her Henry knows a lot more about horses and Jack's chickens than he does about engines. That's why he got hired I think. Game chickens!

Violet: She should buy something like the Tin Lizzie Joe got the other day. He says he can fix anything wrong with it with a hair pin....and we've got plenty of them. (Pats her hair.)

Rita: I hear those Model T's don't cost much, either.

Violet: About \$500. Dear me, you should have seen Joe's face when he told me what the salesman suggested...he said maybe Joe would like to pay so much down and the rest every three months. (laughs) Can you imagine a Walker buying on time?

Flora: I should hope not! These newfangled ideas. If this keeps up everybody will buy now and pay later instead of saving their money till they can pay now. Dreadful!

Rita: Everything's so expensive these days. Why, I had to pay 5 cents for bread yesterday, And 3 cents for a rubber nipple for Dee's bottle.

Flora: It's a good thing we're curing our own ham and fattening some steer. I'd hate to pay 20 cents a pound for sirloin in the way my friends in Richmond do.

Violet: Not to mention our getting eggs and cream free....so to speak.

Rita: But not servants!

Flora: I should say not! I got a bad attack of heart burn yesterday. My cook wanted more money...a \$1 extra a week. And I'm already paying her \$8.

Violet: It's the left over from the war and the wages in the munition factories. Glad the war is over; but the wages still are sky high. Good old H. C. L.

Rita: H. C. L.?

Violet: High Cost of Living, dearie!

Flora: Where is Elaine?

Rita: I do declare....this H. C. L Violet talks of is making me cut down on servants. I've decided to let the upstairs maid go.

Violet: (Chuckling) Well, Rita, sweetheart, you'll just have to struggle along with the six you have left.

Flora: Did you put in a lot of new lily bulbs, Violet?

Violet: Naturally. James...he's the second gardener you know...he doubles in pay for Frank. James says I have so many lilies, I should go into partnership with Mr. Preddy. (*the local undertaker*)

(Flora and Rita laugh heartily)

Rita: Yours are so gorgeous. I don't see how you grow 'em.

Flora: Have you two heard much about this garden thing that's sweeping the North?

Violet: (Frigidly) The **North?**

Flora: Now, now, Violet. We're talking about flowers, not fights.

Rita: You mean this Garden Club of America that was organized just before the war...this last war...about five or six years ago?

Flora: Yes. Local clubs are being formed. Then, if the national group approves, they become part of it.

Rita: Sounds interesting.

Violet: If we formed one, could we run it the way we want? Or would the national officers be interfering all the time?

Flora: Doubt if they would have the time. We certainly could run our own flower shows the way we want. Violet, wouldn't you like to win a blue ribbon with your lilies? Or a silver cup?

Rita: Pewter, if this H. C. L. keeps up.

Violet: Certainly.

Rita: An interesting idea!

Violet: Pewter?

Rita: No, a local garden club. Why not? We all have gardens and work in them...when we feel like it, or when the gardener has a misery. We love flowers (looks at Violet). Even lilies!

Violet: All right...all right.

Flora: (Peeks at the watch hanging from her dress) Since Elaine has ruined our bridge, let's think about how we should go about this new club.

Violet: How long have you been thinking about it, Flora? A month or so?

Flora: Just dreamed it up about a week ago, Violet.

Rita: Who'd we start with? Members, I mean.

Flora: How about making the members of our bridge club the charter members of the garden club? After all, those are the ones we know....and like...best.

Violet: No more members?

Rita: For goodness' sake, let's not open it to the public, We've got to draw the line somewhere.

Violet: We should have a membership committee. And use blackballs.

Rita: Violet! You're still thinking about The War.

Violet: No, I'm not. I'm thinking about having to serve tea at some meeting to a woman I loathe.

Flora: Violet's right. I mean in the sense we want only our real friends. Lacy Gray, for example. She can't bear bridge, but she's a first-class gardener. We surely want her friends and friends like her.

Violet: We'll need officers.

Rita: And a constitution.

Flora: And programs, with committees to arrange them.

Violet: And meetings.

Rita: And rules of order, so everyone won't talk at once.

Violet: And flower show committees.

Rita: Who'd be the judges?

Violet: From far away as possible, please, Not our own members.

Flora: (Beaming) Splendid! All you haven't thought of is the name of our new club.

Rita: The Gordonsville Garden Club naturally. Most of our bridgers are from there.

Violet: Why not the Orange Garden Club? That's the name of the county.

Flora: Let's get something that means something to Gordonsville and Orange. A name came to me as we ate lunch in the shadow of Mr. Madison. How about the Dolly Madison Garden Club? She's not only our most famous female ancestor; but a well-known gardener as well?

(Elaine enters. She is distraught, her hair a mess, her hat askew, her gloves dirty, smudges on her cheek).

Elaine: Sorry to be late!

Rita: You looks a wreck, Elaine dear.

Elaine: So would you. The Lococ stopped dead on Main Street, and that fool, Henry, hadn't the slightest idea what to do. Neither did I. But, I finally got under the hood, jiggled something hot and dirty and eventually the thing started.

Flora: Stick to horses, Elaine, or buy a new motorcar.

Elaine: I'll walk next time...well, what about bridge?

(She starts to make herself comfortable at the table).

Violet: We've decided to forget bridge and organize the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Elaine: No Bridge! A garden club!

CURTAIN

ACT TWO

(Curtain rises on Hazel's living room. A couch, couple of chairs, coffee table and coffee(?). Hazel, Anne, and Jean are seated. They have clipboards in their hands. The fourth clipboard is on the table, waiting for Bernice to claim it).

Hazel: Guess we'll have to wait for our honorable chairman. She phoned a bit ago and said something in the house went kaput.

Anne: Everything in the house goes kaput these days. And what it costs to get 'em fixed!

Jean: It isn't what it costs...that's bad enough. It's getting somebody to work on them.

Hazel: Maybe we'll all return to the good old days when water came by gravity, or a ram, and the stove was stoked with wood.

Anne: I can't wait to see you carrying in the wood to cook Joe a meal.

Hazel: What's wrong with Joe carrying it in...if he wants to eat?

Jean: My latest cleaning woman left yesterday.

Hazel: For Morton's Frozen Food in Crozet?

Jean: Sure...like all the rest.

Anne: If I could get a cook, I'd wish Colonel Morton dead. But, since I can't get a cook, I hope his frozen food flourishes.

Hazel: Oh for a cook and a nurse, and oh, for a cleaning woman!

Jean: Oh, for a miracle and Heaven, you mean.

Hazel: Baby sitters will be next, I suppose. In spite of what we have to pay the little dears.

Jean: Certainly, they'll stop coming to us. Instead, they'll 'sit' for the babies of the cleaning women who emigrated to Morton's.

(Enter Bernice smiling).

Bernice: Hi! Sorry to be late. The dishwasher as usual. (The other three greet her as she settles into a chair and reaches for her clipboard). I'm going back to Grandma's old-fashioned way...washing 'em in a tin pan, if I can find one, with soap and water and elbow grease.

Jean: While we were waiting for you Bernice, we were bellyaching about the lack of servants, with hungry husbands to feed and children to raise.

Bernice: Don't worry. Driving over after the dishwasher collapsed, I decided what to do.

Jean: Quick.

Anne: I'm panting.

Hazel: Your kidding!

Anne: Mike says what is needed is another depression.

Bernice: Please! The dairy industry went into a permanent coma when we started counting our calories. That's enough of a depression for the Walkers.

Hazel: Your solution Madame Chairman?

Bernice: Simple. You agree that the root of the trouble is that all the servants have gone on welfare, or something like it.

Anne: Sure.

Bernice: And we shell out the taxes to pay for those on welfare?

Hazel: Again, right!

Bernice: Then we should forget our own house and all the modern appliances, and go to work for those on welfare, and use their dishwashers.

Jean: You're mad...absolutely stark, raving mad...mebbe.

Bernice: No I'm not. Think what a great couple you and Sammy would make, Jean. He could shoot dove and quail, clean 'em, you could cook 'em, and Sammy could serve them. You'd make a fortune in wages. And no responsibility..anyone on welfare would hire you in a second.

Anne: Mike can't hit the side of a barn.

Bernice: Then pop on down to Palm Beach and your maw-in-law and hire out on County Road. There'll always be enough nouveaux-riche or persons on welfare to put you two in clover. And your employer probably would babysit for your kids on your day out.

Hazel: Ok, we've had enough daydreaming. I've got my own babysitting soon, so let's get down to hardpan, Madame Chairman. How is the Dolly Madison Garden Club going to host the annual meeting of the Garden Club of America?

Bernice: Mmm! That's not as easy as hiring cleaning women and paying for our groceries. Any ideas, anybody?

Hazel: I think the Dolly Madison officers are nuts! And we're even nuttier to serve on the Committee. It's impossible.

Anne: Taking care of four or five hundred be-jeweled, be-decked, females who'll descend on our metropolis.

Jean: At least they're not be-dizened, I hope?

Bernice: We've got to bed 'em down, feed 'em, transport 'em, and find a place for meetings. Not to mention the banquet.

Jean: How come the club accepted this jolly little deal?

Anne: Why not?...all the officers are too old to work. Grandmothers, most of them. They just loaded it off on us.

Jean: Let's all resign.

Bernice: Do you think that's what the grandmothers said when they had to handle zone meeting or state annuals?

Jean: But, Bernice...five hundred..five hundred women! And everything formal. You and Hazel and Anne can carry on. I'm quitting..as of now (stands up to go).

Bernice: Oh no you're not. Not, at least before you sew up Rocklands and everything it's got.

Jean: (Slumps in her chair). So what?

Bernice: So, we sew up Rocklands and Lochiel, and Yatton, and Pembroke etcetera etcetera...and we're in business.

Anne: Obviously, Bernice, you never passed math...but, proceed.

Hazel: Place for the meetings?

Bernice: We'll persuade Baker Duncan to give us their theatre, and he'll pass on the commitment to the new headmaster. Baker will be in Texas and off the hook, and Mr. Sheerin won't want to refuse...so we're still in business.

Anne: The banquet?

Bernice: Still easy. A marquee on some big place. Montpelier, say?

Jean: When did you start drinking, dearie? Montpelier, or any other place!

Hazel: Transportation?

Bernice: Husbands.

Jean: Oh, brother! Husbands! Sam will have an urgent bear season or some other hunting caper. Imagine asking him to drive 30 or so women here and there. Old women, at that.

Anne: Say, Bernice, I've got an idea.

Bernice: Marvelous!! Shoot.

Anne: You talked about old-fashioned ways of washing dishes.

Hazel: You want the club members to wash the banquet dishes?

Anne: Hardly. Something else old fashioned. Remember how families used to double up when they had to? Caroline and Harry could go live with Pen and Susan; Woody and Jane with Vibeke and Don..and so on. Instead of just a few beds, we'd have a lot.

Hazel: You'd have a riot, that's what you'd have. A revolution! State Troopers! The National Guard! Can you imagine Woody and Jane bedding down on Don's second floor without a john!

Bernice: Wrong! Hazel. Anne has a great idea. Furthermore, and most importantly, if they refused to double up after a quite polite suggestion, maybe they'd all shell out to help build a much needed Orange Community Center. We could christen it with the annual meeting of the Garden Club of America. Fabulous!

Anne: Hold it!...I take it all back. It's a lousy idea. It'd mean mother and dad and grandma would move in with Mike and me. (Wails) We hardly can squeeze in as it is!

Bernice: (Soothingly) Relax – Wyatt and Dotty have room for them...and for Miss Sally, too. Why, it would be old home week for the entire community. Give everybody a new lease on life.

Jean: If they'd still be speaking!

Hazel: Bernice...you idiot! I'm plain tuckered out just thinking about this new game of family musical chairs. Mind if we adjourn this meeting?...I have to cook Joe's dinner.

Anne: And I have to give the kids a bath... and then play Nursery Rhymes on the hi-fi.

Jean: And I have to clean and cook dove for Sam's dinner that I will serve to him. Free...no wages from welfarists! (The three stand. Bernice finally joins them)

Bernice: Well, it did seem like a good idea at first. (Brightening) (Pauses as the others watch her). Frank and I are driving to Aunt Peachy's tonight for supper. I'll experiment. I'll try out Anne's idea on Aunt Peachy, see what she thinks of doubling up with Lyne or V.

Jean: You just do that. Then if the roof falls in, you drive over to me and I'll be ready to bind your wounds.

FINAL CURTAIN

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Mrs. Murat Williams elected to active membership.

Mrs. John Stillwell advanced to active membership.

Mrs. Richard Tyler elected to auxiliary membership.

Mrs. Jane Ober resigned.

Garden Club of America conservation materials were distributed to county schools and libraries.

A boy sent to nature camp.

Conservation meetings were attended, and monetary support was given to conservation organizations.

5 estates were open for Garden Week.

A lily exhibit was held in a “stately mansion” for the public and a zinnia show for the club was held.

Exhibits and arrangements were placed on the Garden Club of Virginia shows. Ribbons were brought home.

Gardening course for local women was held in members’ homes and gardens.

Horticultural Achievement Award of Garden Club of America presented to Mrs. William Rhett and to Mrs. Leonard Dick.

Six articles were published in the Journal.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams served as Chairman of the Restoration Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia and also served on the American Horticultural Society’s Committee on Urban Planning Programs.

Mrs. John McIntyre received a Bronze Medal from the American Rose Society in addition to a number of high awards to our members from the Garden Club of Virginia.

1970 – 1971

Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee completed her term as 27th president.

6 estates were open for Garden Week. Montpelier; Barboursville; Lochiel; Montebello; and Rocklands.

5 articles were published in the Garden Club of Virginia Journal. Support given to conservation projects.

Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer served as Chairman of the Journal Committee and Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams served as the Restoration Chairman of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Club sponsored a display “Tables for All Occasions”, which was open for public participation; sponsored an intra-club zinnia show; and a plant sale.

The club participated in the Garden Club of Virginia flower shows and brought back ribbons. Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams won the Eleanor Truax Harris Cup in the Lily Show and Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer won the award for best stem in the trumpet hybrids in the same show.

Community Participation

Had the towns of Orange and Gordonsville declared bird sanctuaries;

Helped plant shrubbery at Porterfield Park;

Worked on community clean-up with other organizations as a part of "Project Pride";

Boy sent to Nature Camp;

Plans made to do planting at new nursing home.

Mrs. C. F. Smithers elected to membership.

Mrs. Duke du Frane, Mrs. Piers Woodriff and Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee, Jr., elected to auxiliary membership.

Mrs. Williams Taylor and Mrs. Kellog Neale resigned during the year.

1971 – 1972

Mrs. Wilfred Grenfell - 28th president

Realized \$3,789.00 locally from 7 estates open for Garden Week. (*for GCV restoration projects*)

Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer continues as Chairman of Journal Committee.

The club participated in the Garden Club of Virginia flower shows and received numerous awards. Mrs. Wyatt Williams won the Garden Club of Virginia Horticultural Award for her interest in horticulture, with commendation for her wild flower garden, and for having won the Eleanor Truax Harris Award for lilies at the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show 1970. She also won the Stauffer Award for the best blooms in the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show in 1971 and was runner-up for the sweepstakes award.

Mrs. John McIntyre won the horticulture sweepstakes and trophy at the Garden Club of Virginia Rose Show. Mrs. Woodbury Ober won the highest award in the terrarium class, a red ribbon for her entry at the Zone VII meeting in 1971.

4 homes were open for Garden Week: Waverley; Blue Run Farm; Montpelier and West End.

We supported conservation projects and protested the penal complex to be built at Green Springs to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The club conducted a garden course, a series of lectures by our members in members' homes, open to the public at a small fee, which was well attended. We held a flower show at the nursing home and sent an arrangement at each meeting to the nursing home whenever possible. We had an annual zinnia show. We conducted a plant sale and had 79 buyers, raising \$260.15.

Two of the meetings were of particular interest, our meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge where we saw slides of local wild flowers and an open meeting at Woodberry Forest School where a botanist from the National Arboretum demonstrated window-sill propagation. We participated in "Project Pride" – the spring clean-up of the town of Orange, and we sent a child to Nature Camp.

Mrs. Davis K. Neale made honorary member.

Mrs. Michael Akers resigned.

Miss Lucile Newman died.

President's Annual Report 1972

Some reports that must be written are more difficult than others, and this one is particularly difficult for me, because there are no words which can possibly express adequately my thanks to each and every one of you. The Dolly Madison Garden Club has had an eventful and productive year, and this has been due entirely to your efforts.

Both Mrs. Hastings and Mrs. George Williams have been wonderful in pinch-hitting for me on occasions when that has been necessary. Mrs. Barber has steadied my hand and my head when the gloom of our financial problems had me ready to "throw in the sponge". Mrs. Rhett's superb minutes have saved me and my poor memory time and again, and Mrs. Stumpf has been very faithful and punctilious in sending out all the cards, letters, and notes to which she must attend, and in acting as "Bulletin" and "Journal" correspondent.

Mrs. Summerville and her committee have been wonderful in attending to all the details that fall on the shoulders of the admissions committee. Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Rich have done a marvelous job in keeping all of us informed of the latest environmental problems, and much progress has been made towards finding a solution to the problem of the collection and recycling of the solid waste from our local areas.

Mrs. Edens has again done a superb job as Daffodil Test Chairman, and she even created herself the beautiful arrangement which was Dolly Madison's entry in the inter-club class at the daffodil show this year! Mrs. Tainter's greatest joy in her job as Exhibits Chairman has been the proud moment when she was able to take our lovely blue-ribbon exhibits to Mrs. Virginious Shackelford at the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dick masterminded our lovely zinnia show last summer, and Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Stillwell staged our most successful flower show at the nursing home, which gave the patients and all of us such pleasure.

Mrs. Dunnington and Mrs. Walker and their committee have worked hard and long to make our Historic Garden Week a success. As Historian and Slides Chairman Mrs. George Williams has had more responsibilities added to her duties by the Zone and the Garden Club of Virginia, and these commitments she has fulfilled most faithfully.

Mrs. Edens and Mrs. Woodbury Ober have done a magnificent job in guiding us through a very successful plant sale, and Mrs. Ober brought great glory to the club with her gorgeous woodland scene and her beautiful terrariums – to say nothing of her many lovely entries in our flower show.

Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. George Williams have shown superb teamwork as joint Lily Test Chairman, and Mrs. Wyatt Williams has been a rock to lean on in her ever-efficient managing of our programs and yearbook.

Mrs. Hill has been the model of diplomacy in handling the myriad of stumbling blocks in which we found ourselves in connection with the distribution of our share of the nursery stock south of the airport, and she did a marvelous job in organizing our very successful garden course.

Mrs. Moore has done a great job as Publicity Chairman, and Mrs McIntyre, as usual, brought great recognition to the club with her roses.

Mrs. Dick, Mrs Woodbury Ober, Mrs Rhett, Mrs Donald Ober, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Woodruff have been simply wonderful in agreeing to do club arrangements for various flower shows.

I must also express not only my own thanks and appreciation, but also that of the entire club, to all of you who have been hostesses for our meetings and to the lecturers and hostesses for our garden course.

Last, but my no means least, I simply could not have made it through the year without the help and support of Mrs. Harrison Bresee, our immediate past president.

My thanks to each and every one of you for making Dolly Madison Garden Club's fifty-second year a banner year. Need I add that I think we have the most wonderful garden club in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Grenfell

1972 – 1973

Mrs. Wilfred Grenfell completed her term of office as president.

Four estates were open for Garden Week, Friday and Saturday: Montpelier; Montebello; Little Yatton and Meadow Farm. 1973's garden week had 2 new features, (1) gardens only and (2) refreshments.

Mrs. Joseph Mercer completed her term as Chairman of the Journal Committee.

DMGC participated in the Garden Club of Virginia Flower Shows: For the lily show, Mrs. Henry Taylor won "Best Blooms in Show" and Mrs. Wyatt Williams won the Sponsors cup. Mrs. John S. McIntyre won two ribbons at the rose show. Mrs. Wilfred Grenfell won the GCA Horticultural Award for her vegetable garden surrounded by potted plants.

We supported conservation projects, participated in landscaping Germanna College, conducted an annual zinnia show, had a fall plant sale, and put on a most successful winter flower show at the Orange County Nursing Home. We sent a child to Nature Camp. We participated in the WJMA Swap Sale, where we sold plants and made \$50.00. We sent a donation of \$500.00 to the Kent Valentine House Foundation in memory of Mrs. Violet Nils Walker.

We lost long time member Mrs. Edward Mack, who died in September 1972.

Mrs. James Alison, Mrs. John Stillwell and Mrs. Richard Tyler resigned,

Mrs. Charles Sheering, Mrs. Pen Bresee, and Mrs. Duke DuFrane and Mrs. O. Kendall Smith became active members and Mrs. Lloyd Sullenberger, Mrs. John Faulconer and Mrs. Donald Faulconer were elected auxiliary members.

Annual President's Report April 11, 1973

The past two years have been a wonderful experience for me. I have certainly learned far more from all of you than you have gained from having me stand before you!

Nothing that we, as a club, have accomplished could have been done without the loyal and inspired leadership of the officers and standing committee chairman who have served with me, or without the support of each of you.

Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. George Williams, and Mrs. Stumpf have been wonderful in serving as my stand-in on occasions when that has been necessary. Mrs. Barber has done a masterful job in reorganizing the club's accounts, so that our club now complies fully with the standards that Garden Club of Virginia tax exempt status requires. Mrs. Rhett's full and accurate minutes have saved my life and poor memory time and again, and Mrs. Stumpf has done a superb and faithful job as Corresponding Secretary.

Your Executive Committee has been a "Rock of Gibraltar" on whom I could always depend, and they have saved me a number of times, when I was discouraged and couldn't "see the woods for the trees".

All of your standing committee chairmen have done outstanding jobs. Mrs. Somerville and her admissions committee have served efficiently and with dignity. Mrs. Neale and Mrs. Rich have kept us all abreast of the vital conservation issues, and Mrs. Tainter has been an excellent Exhibits Chairman.

No words that I can express adequately offer my thanks, and that of the entire club, to Mrs. Edens for the wonderful job she has done as Daffodil Test Chairman and Co-Chairman of Horticulture, she has carried one of the heaviest loads of anyone in the club, yet she has done all this with efficiency and good humor. Even when she has literally been "snowed under" with garden club affairs – and these in addition to all her other commitments to family and her community- she has never failed the club. All of us owe her a very grateful vote of thanks.

Mrs. Dick and her Co-Chairmen, first Mrs. Stillwell and later Mrs. Tyler, have brought the club recognition and honor in staging two magnificent flower shows, bouquets of thanks go to these three from all of us in the club.

Mrs. Dunnington and Mrs. Walker and their committee will shortly have guided us through two successful Garden Weeks. This is an exacting job, which they have managed superbly.

Mrs. Woodbury-Ober, as Co-Chairman of Horticulture, has regularly added to our horticultural knowledge and expertise at meetings, and she has labored endless hours to bring the club honor in preparing exquisite exhibits for Garden Club of Virginia and Garden Club of America meetings. All of you and I owe her a vote of deepest appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. George Williams have been Lily Test Co-Chairmen "par excellence"! Mrs. Williams raised the test collection and kept all of us informed on how best to have our own collections on top form for the lily shows. Mrs. Mercer, with her usual efficiency, entered and staged our specimens and arrangements at the lily shows. This has been a wonderful team, and together they have brought the club much honor. We owe them a great deal.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams has done a magnificent job as Program Chairman. Getting out the yearbook, arranging the programs and exhibits, and lining up the hostesses is a taxing job, and one that must be done with utmost care, in order to have the year run smoothly. From the president's point of view, I can't tell you how much it has meant to have had this job done in such sure and capable hands. Grateful thanks from all of us, Dottie.

As Projects Chairman, Mrs. Hill has been through every sort of experience from the sublime to the ridiculous, yet she has allowed none of it, the laughable or the cryable, to get her down, and has fulfilled her duties expertly.

Mrs. Moore has done a great job as Publicity Chairman, and Mrs. McIntyre has carried a very heavy load as Rose Test Chairman, as fewer and fewer of us grow roses. (Parenthetically and in this connection, wouldn't it be wonderful, if as a campaign could be launched to rid Orange and Madison counties of the Japanese Beetle, as was done in one County in the southern part of the Commonwealth, so that all of us could again grow roses with hope of some success?)

Very special thanks are due to Mrs. Eldrige, and to Mrs. Pen Bresee and Mrs. George Williams and their committee of auxiliary members, who masterminded our fundraising dinner party so well and made it such a huge success.

My personal thanks go to each and every one of you. I couldn't even have begun to fulfill my duties without the help and co-operation of each of you. I took the president's job with fear and trepidation and leave it humbled and happy in the knowledge of having had the privilege of working with the finest garden club in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora K. Grenfell

1973 -1974

Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville - 29th president

Dolly Madison engaged actively in community planning, conservation and horticulture. Members besieged developers to include landscaping in their plans, supported a community planning study and worthwhile conservation legislation, the club conducted a gardening course, supported the local high school ecology program, and provided a scholarship to Nature Camp.

Mrs. Grenfell was elected Chairman of Zone VII Garden Club of America.

A daffodil flower show "America the Beautiful", was held at the Orange County Nursing Home with special classes for florists, residents, teenagers and children. Our intra-club flower show in August was quite successful. Members won twenty-five ribbons in Garden Club of Virginia Shows and one member won a ribbon in a Garden Club of America Show.

Had a plant sale in the fall.

The club took a field trip to the Kent Valentine House and sent a gift.

Mrs. Donald Worth, associate died.

Garden Week was centered around Woodberry Forest and there was much interest in an exhibit of old quilts in the Walker Center. The Residence; Caughron Gardens; Grelen; Towhee; Glebe Way and Montpelier were open.

1974 – 1975

Mrs. Atwell Somerville completed her term of office.

Guest speakers presented programs on organic gardening, herbs, Nature Camp, the Title III Zoology Program at the high school, and wildflowers. Mrs. Philip Minor conducted an arrangement workshop. Members presented a program about peonies. We had a Christmas auction, with a question and answer session. Our provisional members were hostesses for a trip and luncheon at River Farm.

By invitation, we presented recommendations to the Orange County Planning Commission and a committee from the club serves in an advisory capacity to the Orange County Bicentennial Commission to develop a park and plaza. Money has been set aside for planting a parking lot in Orange. The money was raised from a plant sale and will be used as soon as the town has graded the lot.

Eleven members attended the Conservation Forum.

A named Hemenocallis display at the County Fair provoked interest and comment. We won ribbons at all three state flower shows, Mrs. John S. McIntyre won ten ribbons at the rose show and Mrs. Somerville won the bowl at our own zinnia show.

Mrs. Piers Woodruff became an active member and Mrs. Jennie Hill a provisional.

Dolly Madison and the community was greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. F. B. Hastings. (Rose).

1975 -1976

Mrs. Alexander T. Stumpf - 30th president.

Realized \$4,343.35 locally from five estates open for Garden Week in 1975. (*For GCV restoration projects*)

Mrs. Woodbury Ober won the Zone VII 1975 Annual Conservation award.

Historic Garden Week was on Saturday and Sunday, properties featured were: Montpelier; Santolina; Frascati; Locheil and Christchurch were open.

The Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show was highly successful for Dolly Madison. Club members entered twenty-one lilies and won ten ribbons. Mrs. Atwell Somerville won the Members Club Cup from the G.C.S., a medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and for the best lily stem in show, a cup – the North American Lily Society Isabella Preston award, all with one lily – Hornback's Gold.

Mrs. McIntyre brought home 12 ribbons from the rose show.

In December a flower show "In the Christmas Spirit", was held with special classes for children.

Mrs. Charles V. Rich was made Zone VII Representative to the Admission Committee of the Garden Club of America.

Our fall plant sale netted \$649.18.

The club gave \$200.00 to the Endowment Fund of the Kent Valentine House in memory of Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober.

A copy of Mrs. Wyatt Williams' new book "Historic Virginia Gardens" was bought for the Orange Library.

It was in this year we suffered the loss of two valuable members, Mrs. John C. W. Dix, and Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober.

Mrs. Charles W. Sheerin and Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson resigned.

Mrs. Gerald Cooper and Mrs. Emmett Wright were elected to membership and Mrs. William Clayton Williams was awarded the title of honorary president. Mrs. Williams changed from active to associate membership.

1976 – 1977

Mrs. Alexander T. Stumpf completed her term of office,

The club participated in the Bicentennial Dogwood Planting Project with three other garden clubs and purchased ten trees to be planted in the median of Route 15 between Orange and Gordonsville. A leather-bound book in which to list the names of the donors and those honored with commemorative dogwood trees was placed in the Orange Library as a gift from the club.

At the 56th Annual Garden Club of Virginia meeting, Mrs. Wyatt Williams was thanked for her book, "Historic Virginia Gardens," and given the Massie Medal for distinguished achievement.

Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville at the same meeting won the Horticultural Award for her work with daffodils and lilies, and at the club's Annual zinnia show won the sweepstakes and was awarded the Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl.

Several garden workshops were held within the club. A plant sale was held, netting \$235.00 and a boy was sent to Nature Camp.

Historic Garden Week was on Saturday and Sunday; Montbello and Montpelier.

We also participated in a survey as to the number, size, and nature of billboards in our county. This was part of a statewide survey led by Mrs. Stuart Bell.

Mrs. McIntyre returned from the rose show with a Bronze Medal for the best Floribunda in the show, five blue ribbons, two red, one yellow, and four white.

In April a "Flower Display" was held at the Walker Center at the Woodberry Forest School in combination with the opera, "Barber of Seville".

It was in this year that Mrs. Virginius R. Shackelford, who was the president of our club in 1935 – 1937 died after a long illness.

During this year we also lost one of our honorary members, Mrs. Harry T. Peters, who had taken a deep interest in the club.

Mrs. Donald Faulconer became an active member and Mrs. William B. Rhett moved from active to associate member.

1977 – 1978

Mrs. Childress Hill - 31st president.

Dolly Madison Garden Club began a very active and rewarding two years.

Six members entered 30 daffodils in the annual Daffodil Show in Roanoke and were awarded a total of eleven ribbons.

Two club members were recognized for outstanding horticultural achievements. Also, Mrs. Joseph Mercer received the Violet Niles Memorial Cup for her prize-winning lily, Black Magic, grown from seed.

Out of their 36 entries in the Lily Show in Charlottesville, Dolly Madison members came home with 22 ribbons.

The club voted to be hostess for the 1982 Lily Show and began plans for financing this project.

At the Rose Show, Mrs. John McIntyre won 8 ribbons and Mrs. William Mercer won a blue for her miniature, "Lavender Lace."

The Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl was presented to Mrs. William Waterman at the zinnia show.

As part of the Zone VII project, a two-year study on the plant, Streptocarpus, was begun by club members. In connection with this study, a book on the plant family, Gesneriads, Miracle Houseplant was donated to the Orange County Library.

Community projects included a \$4,000.00 donation for trees to be planted in the Taylor Memorial Park and Spotswood Plaza. We also held our fall plant sale and sent David Cluff to Nature Camp.

Our provisional members treated us to a delightful tour of "Scotchtown", home of Patrick Henry.

Elected to membership were Mrs. Francis H. Browning, Mrs. Theodore Scott, and Mrs. John Stillwell. New provisional members were Mrs. Robert Zachman and Miss Ada Betsy Sanford.

Historic Garden Week on Saturday and Sunday opened: Pembroke; Little Yatton; West End; Montpelier and St Thomas Episcopal Church

The club was saddened by the death of Mrs. Harrison Bresee.

1978- 1979

Mrs Childress Hill completed her term as president.

Dolly Madison Garden Club members celebrated spring with a flower show at the Orange County Nursing Home. Mrs. W. T. Grenfell and Mrs. Atwell Somerville tied for sweepstakes honors, with Miss Anne Somerville as runner-up.

During Historic Garden Week in Virginia, the club sponsored a tour of homes in Culpeper. The tour included four homes: Auburn; The Chelf House; Salubria and Culpeper's only colonial church, Little Fork Episcopal Church, built in 1776.

A total of 21 awards were given to the club exhibitors at the annual Daffodil Show.

At the Lily Show, Mrs. William Waterman won the North American Lily Society Award for lilies grown in pots, and Mrs. Joseph Mercer won the Presidents of Member Clubs Cup for runner-up in the Horticulture Sweepstakes.

The Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl was presented to Mrs. Atwell Somerville at the zinnia show. Anne Somerville was second place winner.

Mrs. John McIntyre brought home eleven ribbons from the rose show.

A Garden Club of America special award was presented to Mrs. Joseph Edens for horticultural achievements.

Club members planted 1,400 bulbs in Taylor Park and Spotswood Plaza. Upon the request of the Orange County Bicentennial Commission, the club agreed to act as consultants for the planting and care of plant material.

Six species of Hemerocallis were displayed by eleven members at the Orange County Fair.

We also sponsored another successful plant sale earning \$423.74 for community projects.

In a continuing effort to raise funds for the 1982 Lily Show, we had a dinner party at "Grelen", home of Mrs. Will R. Gregg. Members made all the arrangements and prepared the food. It was an elegant evening and a good time was had by all.

Members holding appointments with the Garden Club of America and the Garden Club of Virginia are Mrs. Wilfred Grenfell, who is vice-chairman of the Handbook Committee G.C.A. and Lily Test Chairman G.C.V., and Mrs. Charles Rich who is Zone representative for Interchange Fellowship. G.C.A.

New members were Miss Anne Somerville provisional, and Mrs. H. Oliver Lyne, Jr. and Mrs. Henry Christopher Martin.

We regret the deaths of Mrs. John Rixey and Mrs. Davies Tainter.



Prettying Up the railroad tracks in 1962



L to R: Helen Whittaker, Allen Dunnington and Nancy Browning (60th Anniversary in 1979)



Still planting and cleaning up in Taylor Park some 40 years later

Frances Purcell, Bernice Walker, Ada Harvey, Cynthia Whitman and Bobbye Davies (around 2015)

Chapter 8
The Eighties Have Arrived
1979 -1980

Mrs. Harry C. Mason - 32nd president.

We had many interesting meetings during the past year, but the October meeting at Mrs. Dunnington's had to be cancelled because of the heavy and unexpected snow. In November, Dolly Madison celebrated its sixtieth birthday. Dressed in marvelous self-trimmed hats, which ranged from the beautiful to the ridiculous, and spanking white gloves, the members were spectacular and had a hilarious time.

60th Birthday cake

Left below: Carolyn Scott

Right below: Anne Carter Somerville
and Anne McIntyre





Mickey Williams

In the daffodil show held in Lynchburg, ten members entered 48 blooms and two arrangements, and brought back 15 awards in horticulture and one in arranging.

Four houses in Orange and Madison counties were open for Historic Garden Week: The Residence; Arrowpoint; Belle Plain; and Berry Hill, which netted \$3,502.62 for *G.C.V. restoration projects*

At the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show held in Middleburg, Mrs. Atwell Somerville won the Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup, as well as The President of Member Club Cup. Fourteen members of Dolly Madison sent 51 entries to the lily show and won 19 ribbons.

We had a booth displaying Hemerocallis and roses at The Orange County Fair.

At the zinnia show in August, Mrs. Atwell Somerville won the Julia duPont Andrews Bowl. Mrs. Wilburn Sydnor and Mrs. Somerville won the Lucy Parke Taylor Memorial Classes for best garden bloom.

Members of the Dolly Madison and Orange Garden Clubs weeded and mulched 138 Dogwoods. The committee for Taylor Park, under the leadership of Mrs. Wyatt Williams worked hard all year – planting, weeding, mulching and pruning to make the park a pleasant oasis for all to enjoy.

Dolly Madison donated \$250.00 from the interest on the income of the deLacy Gray Medal Fund, which is held by The Garden Club of Virginia, to the Commonwealth Fund. It also recommended to the Commonwealth Fund that landscaping the grounds of the James Madison Museum be presented to The Garden Club of Virginia as our project for the Commonwealth Fund. In addition, Dolly Madison planned to engage a landscape architectural student to help with planning and landscaping the museum.

During the past year one active member, Mrs. Nancy Sasser Eldridge, one associate member, Mrs. E. Don Cameron, and one honorary member, Mrs. A. Barclay Taliaferro, a former president of Dolly Madison Garden Club, died. The club sent contributions to Kent Valentine House in their memory.

Mrs. Robert Davies, Mrs. Marshall Allen and Mrs. Frank G. Scott II were elected to active membership. Mrs. Duke du Frane resigned from the club.

In October we held a plant sale and in spite of bad weather, raised \$307.13.

Mrs. Leonard Dick received The Garden Club of Virginia Certificate of Recognition for outstanding achievement in the field of horticulture. Mrs. William Waterman received an Award of Special Recognition from The Garden Club of America.

Mrs. William T. Black won the Yancie Donegan Casey Memorial Award at The Garden Club of Virginia Rose Show in Alexandria, and also won one white and three yellow ribbons.

We sent a child to Nature Camp.

1980 – 1981

Mrs. Harry C. Mason completed her second term.

Fourteen members brought home 19 ribbons from the daffodil show in April and won 2nd place in the interclub collection.

At the lily show held in Leesburg in June, Dolly Madison members won 2 blues, 4 reds, 4 yellows and 4 honorable mentions. The interclub arrangement by Jennie Hill won an honorable mention.

As usual, Mrs. Black won several ribbons at the rose show in Alexandria in September, and Mrs. Miller won one with her miniature roses.

Dolly Madison held a flower show in July at the Orange Historical Society, in which several local garden clubs were asked to participate.

Historic Garden Week on Saturday and Sunday opened: Riverside; The Depot; Emmanuel Episcopal Church; Locust Grove; Halcyon and Waddell Memorial Presbyterian Church. the gardens at Montpelier, and the Ruins and Vineyards at Barboursville were also open for Historic Garden Week. This year we had period music at each house and tea was served at Barboursville. In spite of bad weather, we cleared \$2,009.00 *for G.C.V. restoration projects*

The committee for Taylor Park, led by Mrs. Wyatt Williams, has continued to work hard all year. Several shrubs and trees have been given to the Park.

At the zinnia show held at Mrs. Pen Breese's, Miss Anne Somerville won the Andrews Bowl. A bowl given by Mrs. Pen Breese to be awarded to the member with the largest number of points over a year was won by Mrs. Atwell Somerville.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams received the 1980 Individual Award for Community Improvement from the Piedmont Environmental Council.

To raise money for next year's lily show, another delightful dinner was given at "Grelen", which raised \$944.00. Another contribution to the fund was \$194.00 from the Christmas auction held at Mrs. Martin's with Mrs. Sydnor as auctioneer.

We held our annual plant sale in October, which netted \$503.00.

Dolley Madison ordered 3,000 postcards of endangered species flowers, to be sold as a money-making endeavor.

It was decided, by vote of the membership, to change the yearbook to a loose-leaf one, as an economy. A majority of the active members voted at the March meeting to change the name of the club from Dolly Madison Garden Club to Dolley Madison Garden Club.

During the year, Mrs. Harry C. Mason and Mrs. Peter Rice became provisional members. Mrs. Robert Zachman and Miss Anne Carter Somerville became active members, and Mrs. Leonard Dick became an associate member.



Alice Smith and Dot Hill - DMGC are featured in the Orange Review.

The club was greatly saddened by the loss of our active member, Mrs. Joseph Mercer, a past president of Dolley Madison; associate member, Mrs. Wallace Whittaker, and two of our honorary members, Miss Elma Williams and Mrs. George Zinn, who was the last of the Charter members. In her will Mrs. Zinn left the club \$1,000.00. Money was sent to Kent-Valentine in memory of Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Zinn. Markers for Taylor Park have been ordered in memory of Miss Williams.

The club has established the Dolley Madison Endowment Fund, into which bequests and gifts are to be put, and the income from which is to be used to help pay expenses of the president and/or other delegates to meetings of the Garden Club of America and zone meetings.

The historian sent the history of the club from 1970 – 1980 to the historian of the Garden Club of Virginia for the new edition of Follow the Green Arrow.

At the annual meeting of Dolley Madison Garden Club. By vote of a majority of the active members, Article II of the constitution changed to establish a tax-exempt status.

Also, Article X was added which provides for dissolution of the club and dispersal of assets. Anne Moore's resignation was accepted with regret. Alice Waterman moved from active to associate. List of several ribbons won at daffodil show and new officers

1981 – 1983

Historical notes April 1981 - April 1982 compiled from meeting minutes.

Mrs. T. G. Scott Jr. - 33rd president

Three themes ran through our year:

1. Horticulturally every effort was made to support all GCA clubs in the exchange and propagation of plant material not readily available from nurseries. To this end members compiled a census of plants in their own gardens.
2. The Garden Club of Virginia is engaged in a five-year study of water protection and of plants that grow in drought areas. To support this Mrs. Somerville, a member of The Garden Club of Virginia conservation committee has consulted local political authorities. One of the largest industrial users of water in our county is now making structural changes to cut water consumption in half.
3. Strictly within our club we have spent endless hours planning for the 1982 lily show which we will host. In anticipation 20 lily collections were taken by members.

The endangered species post card project is a great success. Our card (a yellow fringed orchis) photographed by Ted Scott has been very popular and much in demand for packet exchange with other clubs. The Girl Scout Magazine, "Daisy", selected it as an illustration in a feature article "Cherished Heritage."

A contribution was made to the Commonwealth Fund in memory of Ralph Griswold, an honorary member of The Garden Club of Virginia, and landscape architect for many restoration projects of The Garden Club of Virginia. Mrs. Wyatt Williams wrote and delivered the official tribute for Mr. Griswold at the Board of Governors Meeting.

Attention has been given to Taylor Park year-round. Funds for spraying, feeding and replacing damaged plants have been provided by the club. Additional benches designed by a husband have been installed. Members have done all the weeding. The American Society of Landscape Architects gave its 1981 Award of Merit to the architects, Johnson and Fraser for their design of the park.

A memorial endowment fund was established, and a book purchased to record memorials.

Nine members attended the Garden Club of Virginia Conservation Forum and were much gratified that Ted Scott was the recipient of the Conservation Award. He was sponsored by our club for his work in countering the push for uranium mining in the county.

Awards received:

Merit Award at the Garden Club of Virginia meeting for plants exhibited. Blue ribbon for exhibit of lilies at 4-H Show. Blue ribbon for booth at Orange County Fair. 21 ribbons and Horticultural Sweepstakes (Mrs. Grenfell) at the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show. Blue ribbon for arrangement in invitational class at Orange Garden Club flower show.

Julia duPont Andrew's Award won by Miss Anne Somerville at Dolley Madison Garden Club zinnia show.

The annual plant sale in September brought \$469.00 – At a later date \$1,040.00 was realized from orchids given the club for resale from the Harry T. Peters' estate.

The Christmas auction of decorations made by members brought \$385.00 and lots of fun.

1983 – 1985

Mrs. Charles V. Rich Jr. - 34th president

This was an exciting year and saw two major projects undertaken.

The first of these was the 40th Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show held in Orange June 23 and 24th. We were blessed by being able to use the spacious facilities of the Prospect Heights Middle School – space for working, exhibiting, parking and just enjoying! The large gymnasium of the school was softened by 74 large live cedar trees. Entries were beautiful against this green background. No niches were used therefore the room was viewed as a whole. The impact of all these flowers seen at one glance was a thrill. The second project was the decision to sponsor- in conjunction with the Piedmont Environmental Council – a Natural History Day Camp to be held in July 1983. This has long been a dream. Now with all the planning it is expected to come to fruition.

Nor have these two major preoccupations negated our usual interests. We have provided year-round maintenance of Taylor Park. Fertilizing, replanting, weeding, spraying and pruning have all been done under the direction of members of the Dolley Madison Garden Club. Many people in the community enjoy this open spot of beauty in the midst of downtown Orange. Further involvement was a plant sale, after which all extra plants were given to the Orange County Nursing Home. We have exhibited in the Orange County Fair and at the Orange Street Fair. A contribution of cash was made to the Orange Elementary School for bulbs to be planted at the school by students.

County wide we have worked physically and vocally to secure a moratorium on uranium mining in the county. Added to this exertion of public pressure we now horticulturally influence the public by a series of “spots” on gardening hints given over our local radio station. These spots are written and taped by a member of our club.

Nor have we just stayed home and worked!! We have been represented at all three Garden Club of Virginia flower shows and returned each time with awards. We have been in attendance at the Board of Governors Meeting, the Annual Meeting and the Conservation Forum. This is in addition to participation in all Garden Club of America activities.

Just for fun we toured the Governor's mansion and enjoyed luncheon at the Kent-Valentine House. Then we had an "in club" Christmas auction which realized \$553.00 and provided much holiday spirit.

A new award, the Octavia Arrington Cameron Award was established by friends of the club. This is a delightful addition to our three other memorial awards.

During the year we lost one member by resignation and gained three members by admission.

Historic Garden Week 1982 opened on Saturday and Sunday: Greenfields; The William and Mary Cottage; Burgess House; The Poplars; The James Madison Museum; St Thomas Episcopal Church and Taylor Park.

Historic Garden Week 1983 opened Eagle House; The Oaks; Farlain Farm; Glebe Wood and Hebron Lutheran Church.

Historic Garden Week 1984 opened for Saturday and Sunday: Mitchells Presbyterian Church; Alloway Farm; Greenwood; Precious Blood Catholic Church; The Chelf House and the Willis House

1985 -1986



Mrs. H. P. Bresee - 35th president

The annual meeting of the Zone VII of the Garden Club of America was our dominant project this year. For three days in October we entertained the delegates from eighteen clubs and Garden Club of America officials at the Orange County Historical Society building, the James Madison Museum, and St. Thomas Church. The delegates were houseguests and were entertained at dinner parties in our homes. They toured the hydroponic plant and Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams' garden. After a cocktail party at Mrs. Murat Williams the meeting culminated at the annual awards banquet at Lake of the Woods. To our great delight Mrs. Wyatt Williams received the Garden Club of America's Conservation Committee Award. Mrs. Theodore G. Scott, Jr., and Mrs. Cyril V. Smith, Jr., were our superb meeting chairman.

Meeting once a week to weed, plant, and prune, we maintained our care and concern for Taylor Park. We received a bequest from Jacquelin Taylor providing money for seasonal planting in the park. The park continues to be the focal point for our efforts to beautify our town.

Historic Garden Week took place on Saturday and Sunday, opening: Frascati; Santolina; Somerset Plantation; Canwick; The Exchange Hotel

We again sponsored the Natural History Day camp for youngsters ages 8 – 11. This educational project, sponsored jointly with the Piedmont Environment Council, involves us in the local community in an

especially meaningful way. We also exhibited at the Orange County Fair. To support our local projects, we had our annual plant sale.

We exhibited in all three Garden Club of Virginia flower shows with great success and attended the Garden Club of Virginia meetings and Conservation Forum. We sponsored an excellent Garden Week tour in the Somerset – Gordonsville area.

We attended all the Garden Club of America meetings. Indeed, we were certainly at the zone meeting in full force, putting on the horticultural exhibit and the flower show, in addition to our social duties.

In memory of our long-standing member, Mrs. Marion duPont Scott, we presented the Orange County Library with a copy of Hotus Third.

A Christmas cocktail party was a successful fund raiser, but, more importantly, a really good time for all of us. We also enjoyed trips to Dumbarton Oaks, Kenmore and the hydroponic plant.

This has been a very busy year of great accomplishment on the local, state, and national level.

1986 – 1987

Mrs. H. P. Bresee completes her term as president

This year the Dolley Madison Garden Club made its presence felt in our local community in two very special ways. The first of these was the presentation of a Gardening Lecture Series. Four lectures were presented: Landscaping the Small Property, Daffodils and Lilies, Flower Arranging for the Home, Shrubs – A Short Cut to Bloom. This series was enthusiastically received by the community.

Our second project concerned the Food Lion Shopping Center presentation to the Orange County Planning Committee. Dissatisfied with the Food Lion's landscape plans, Conservation Chairman Mrs. Cyril V. Smith, Jr., with the help of Mr. John James a local landscape architect and other club members, met with developers and persuaded them to incorporate screening, better lighting designs, and a generally improved landscape plan.

In addition, we continued our ongoing projects as follows:

- 1) Taylor Park: We continued our responsibilities, which range from overall planning to Monday morning weeding.
- 2) Natural History Day Camp: We again sponsored this outstanding educational project for the youth of our community. 15 children attended for 2 weeks.
- 3) Historic Garden Week Tour: Six Rapidan area houses were open for two days: Little Yatton, Summerleas, Shooters Hill, Halcyon, Riverside, and Montpelier.
- 4) Garden Club of Virginia's flower shows: We entered all three (daffodil, lily and rose) with excellent representation. Highlights: Daffodil Show- a blue ribbon for the inter-club arrangement was won for us by Mrs. Theodore G. Scott, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Eason; Lily Show – Mrs. Theodore G. Scott, Jr. won the Members Club Cup for the Best Lily Stem in the Show.
- 5) Plant sale: We again held a plant sale for the community with the proceeds going for community projects.
- 6) Zinnia Show: Our enthusiasm for our club flower continues every August with our zinnia show.

Social occasions included a trip to Bacon's Castle, our annual luncheon meeting and a benefit cocktail party at Christmas time. We also enjoyed a visit from Mrs. James C. Goodwin, president of the Garden Club of Virginia.

This was a busy and memorable year.

1987 –1989



Mrs. R. F Gillespie - 36th president

Historic Garden Week 1987 opened: Tetley; Liberty Hill, Montpelier; The James Madison Museum; St Thomas Episcopal Church and The Residence

Garden Week news: Mrs. Gilbert Queitzsch mentioned she has 46 non-members serving as hostesses this year. Mrs. Childress Hill stated we would need refreshments for 500 – 600 people and passed around a sign-up sheet for \$6 donations and making of pound cakes.

Mrs. Donald Ober reported that we know 6 buses are coming and she urged hostesses to be in place well before the opening hour. She also stated that volunteers, especially husbands of members, are needed to drive visitors from the buses to Tetley.

Taylor Park: Mrs. Atwell Somerville hoped people will walk through the park to see the spring blooms. From the Taylor bequest 6 rose bushes and some viburnum shrubs have been ordered. Help is needed with the weeding sessions every Monday morning at 9 am.

May 1987 Mrs. Donald Ober reported that we entertained 800 people during a nine-hour day. *\$6066.00 was sent to GCV in Richmond towards Historic Restoration.*

The Executive Committee proposed that there only be 10 meetings a year, not meeting in July and August, and the zinnia show be moved to September. A By-law change was proposed that all active members must attend at least 6 meetings a year.

June 1987 Taylor Park. Roses will be planted to try to stop people from leaning over the wall.

July 1987 Resignation of Mrs. Murat Williams accepted with regret.

September 1987 Mrs William Carrington accepted for active membership. Members were reminded that the club was to have a booth at the Street Festival on September 26, 1987. In horticulture news the club

had a good selection of herb seeds to send with Catherine Gillespie to the Garden Club of America Zone meeting.

October 1987 The bulb and plant sale at the street festival in September raised \$318.00 Mrs Theodore Scott helped members propagate shrubs for the GCA annual meeting for next year..

January 1988 Dolley Madison sponsored U S Constitutional Oaks for 13 area schools and 3 Madison family homes, the James Madison Museum, Hebron Lutheran Church and the town square in Madison.

DMGC members were asked to make a period arrangement to be on display at the Governor's Mansion during Garden Week. Mrs. Robert Gillespie and Mrs. Robert Eason will do an arrangement provided the day is not the same day our houses are open.

The following recommendation was read to the club:

The Executive Committee strongly recommends that Dolley Madison Garden Club become a member of the Central Orange Association.

Mrs. Emmett Wright made the motion and Mrs. Wyatt Williams seconded. The club passed the recommendation.

February 1988 Motion to increase dues to \$55.00 per member to cover the cost of the yearbook.

March 1988 Anne Somerville requested affiliate status which was approved. Miss Courtney McIntosh accepted for active membership.

Report from the President April 1988

June, October and April saw our members traveling to the Garden Club of Virginia Flower Shows to enter the horticulture and artistic classes and coming home with many ribbons.

I too have done my share of the traveling this year. From the east coast of the mountains of New Jersey to the mountains of south west Virginia. I have been your representative at the Garden Club of America and The Garden Club of Virginia annual meetings. I also attended the Zone VII meeting in Alexandria and the GCV Board of Governors meeting in South Hill, VA. You won blue, red, yellow and even green ribbons at these meetings.

For each of these meetings I wrote reports telling of your club activities. Believe me, it was not easy to say all you have done in 150 words or less. For example, you sponsored a Natural History Day Camp, sent a student to Nature Camp , grew, exhibited and arranged flowers for the daffodil, rose and lily shows, held the annual zinnia show, sponsored a plant sale at the street festival, held a horticultural workshop to root plants for the 1988 GCA annual meeting, put on a successful Christmas fundraiser, continue to maintain Taylor Park, joined the Greater Orange Association, put on a wonderful flower show at the nursing home and last but not least sponsor a tour for Historic Garden Week each year. WHO SAYS YOU ARE NOT BUSY??? I am proud of your accomplishments and proud to represent you as I travel from GCA to GCV meetings.

Lastly, we are fortunate to have four new members this year and I hope each will become actively involved and enjoy being members of the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Fondly: Catherine Gillespie

President Dolley Madison Garden Club

April 20, 1988

Historic Garden Week in April 1988 featured: The Exchange Hotel; Mayhurst, at which a tea was held; William and Mary Cottage and 104 Mimosa Lane on Saturday only.

May 1988 Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger resigned, accepted with regret. Mrs Harry C. Mason read Mrs Sullenberger's report of Historic Garden Week locally which resulted in *sending \$4,000.00 to GCV in Richmond for restoration projects.*

June 1988 Mrs. Gillespie announced that Mrs. Maurice O'Reilly has written a history for Dolley Madison Garden Club and when it has been reviewed by the president it would be presented to the membership.

July 1988 Mrs. Gillespie reported the death of Doris Kellog Neale, an honorary member.

August 1988 Membership Changes: Mrs. William F. Miller tendered her resignation, but the BOD voted unanimously for Mrs. Miller to become an honorary member. Mrs. Hamilton A. Somerville, Jr's resignation was accepted with regret.

September 1988 Mrs Theodore Scott read a letter from Daniel White thanking DMGC for sending him to Nature Camp. Mrs. Bruce Herndon stated that the Natural Day Camp was highly successful. The camp was full with a waiting list. Cynthia DeCanio made a video of the program and is showing it statewide.

October 1988 The Natural History Day Camp will be continued after an affirmative vote. Mrs Emmett Wright donated a book called "Winds of Change 1963 -1988, compiled by Diana Morgan Olcott, this book is a history of the Garden Club of America and Dolley Madison Garden Club is included.

December 1988 The Orange recycling operation may be up and running in January. Mrs. Davies has made the wreath to be donated to the nursing home, boxwood provided by Mrs. C.V. Rich

1989-1991



Mrs John Y Faulconer - 37th president

January 1989 Members were urged to contact Hunter Andrews in Richmond concerning the Joint House Resolution 155. This resolution will set out guidelines for the pruning of trees by the utility companies.

February 1989 Information was given about the revamping of the GCA Bulletin, there will be more pictures and they planned to sell advertising, fewer publications per year but larger.

Mrs Theodore Scott stated that the Greater Orange Association would like Dolley Madison Garden Club to plant barrels in front of local businesses twice a year. The members agreed to do this.

March 1989 Dues were increased by \$5 per member.

April 1989 Two campers will be sponsored for Nature Camp, one in grades 2 – 3 and one for grades 4 – 6. Historic Garden Week 1989 Saturday only: Willow Grove where box lunches will be available; Montpelier; Sleepy Hollow; Sunnysbrook and Frascati.

The zinnia show will be held on August 9th at Virginia Queitzsch' home. The plant sale would be September 9th at the Orange Street Festival, all members were encouraged to work for it and donate to it!

September 1989 Historic Garden Week 1990, it was announced that it would open on Saturday only: Summerleas; Locust Grove; Eastern View; Springhill Farm; Piedmont and Montpelier with lunch being served at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Tickets would be \$10.00.

REPORT by Catherine Gillespie for GCA Zone VII September 1989

“HOW VISIBLE IS YOUR CLUB IN YOUR COMMUNITY?”

“HOW HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED THIS?”

Visibility is not difficult in the small community of Orange Virginia. At times one wishes one were not quite so visible – for example, each Monday morning from March thru October our members put on their old work clothes and get down to earth planting, pruning and weeding Taylor Park in the heart of Orange. The maintenance of this park is one of our club's main projects.

For the past five summers we have sponsored a Natural History Day Camp. This summer it was held for two weeks at Montpelier. The Piedmont Environmental Council works closely with the camp instructors and our club to make this a rewarding experience for youngster's grades third through fifth.

We also send a child from the Orange community to Nature Camp at Vesuvius, Virginia each summer.

This past year the Orange County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing concerning the building of a shopping center on the north side of town. At one of the meetings the members of Dolley Madison were there as a group, with our landscape architect (a member's husband) presenting plans for landscaping this new center properly. Rest assured we will keep our eye on this project as it progresses.

In February of 1987 we held a series of four gardening lectures open to the members of the community on a first come first serve basis. Classes were limited to 25 and the lectures were given by the members of the club and our resident landscape architect. This project was educational as well as profitable.

Our club works closely with other garden clubs in the community. Last April we co-sponsored a daffodil exhibit with the Orange Garden Club. This exhibit was open to the public and there were 260 horticulture entries.

Due to the efforts of two members of the club enough money was raised in 1987 to purchase a small neglected plot of land on the Orange by-pass. This land was purchased as a part of Taylor Park and has been planted with trees and flowers and is maintained by our club. It is highly visible as one enters our town.

This Saturday we will hold our annual plant and bulb sale at the Orange County Street Festival. This helps raise money for our community account and for such projects as donating fresh wreaths at Christmas for Main Street Orange and helping pay for materials to make a special wreath for the nursing home.

Last but not least our most challenging project is Garden Week. Since its beginning in 1933 our members have been involved in opening their homes and gardens to raise money for the restoration of historic homes and gardens in Virginia. Every member physically able give at least one day as hostess during this week. We feel our visibility is 20/20 in our community.

November 1989 Eastern View is for sale and has been withdrawn from Garden Week. Garden Week will be April 21, 1989. Garden Club of Virginia wants members to call Senators about two bills. One on Clean Air and the other on protecting the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. April 22 – 29th, 1990 will be National Outdoors Week and GCA would like all clubs to have a community project to celebrate. Dolley Madison's project will be to donate \$100 to The Friends of Montpelier in the name of the club and the Natural History Day Camp to be used for shrub and tree planting at Montpelier.

Mrs. Faulconer announced that the Greater Orange Association will sponsor a House Decoration Contest in the town on December 17th. Four judges are needed from each of the three garden clubs participating. Mrs. Davies will do the wreath for the nursing home again this year.

Garden Week in Virginia cleared \$312,416.28 *for the GCV restoration project* and the GCV committee voted to send \$10,000.00 to Charleston to repair damage to gardens after Hurricane Hugo.

January 1990 Mrs Davies reported that there will be a flower show on May 11 and 12 at Rocklands to benefit the Literacy Program. This will be open to the public and surrounding counties, "Literature in Bloom" is the theme. The executive committee recommended that the proceeds after expenses be donated to the Orange County Literacy program, the motion seconded and passed.

At the annual meeting in April the president saluted the clubs' hard work and many activities, both locally and for GCA and GCV meetings; flower shows; projects; the recycling taskforce; Natural History Day Camp; Earth Day; town flower barrels; attendance at the annual meetings national and statewide positions.

April 4, 1990 Resignation letter from Debbie Hill, accepted with regret.

May 9, 1990 It was announced that the Garden Club of Virginia had chosen Montpelier Gardens for their restoration project.

At the June 13th meeting the president reported that the May flower show held at Rocklands was a great success. A note had been received from Montpelier thanking Dolley Madison Garden Club for the hall flower arrangement in honor of Dolley Madison's birthday.

July 11, 1990 A letter of resignation was accepted with regret from Mrs. Lake McIntosh.

Mrs. James reported that the Orange Recycling Taskforce has recycling bins for cans, glass and newspaper at the landfill. Mrs. O'Reilly reminded members of the plant sale to be held on September 8.

Mrs. Somerville noted that at the Garden Club of Virginia annual meeting in Hampton, VA Catherine Gillespie had been given the Horticulture Award of Merit for Daffodils. At the Garden Club of America meeting in NYC Mrs. Faulconer and Mrs. Ober reported that six specimens from DMGC had been entered in the plant exchange and the club had received a Merit Award for our collection.

August 8, 1990 Mrs. Joergen Elerud (Ingrid) was welcomed as a new member. During the Street Festival in September there would be a plant and treasures sale, members were asked for help.

September 3, 1990 Mrs. Gillespie reported on the zinnia show held on August 8, 1990 at Mrs. James home. There were 80 entries with Carolyn Scott winning the Julia duPont Bowl, with Vibeke Ober as runner-up. Members need to start growing a "native Virginia plant" for the May meeting. Volunteers were needed to plant the barrels in town and the club always needed help with Taylor Park on Mondays. A letter had been received from the Garden Club of Virginia asking the club to sponsor the 1993 and 1994 GCV Lily Show. A motion was made and passed to hold these shows.

January 8, 1991 In February 1991 Mrs. Cindy Schauers resignation was accepted with regret. Starting March 1, there were to be recycling bins at the old Belleview School and there would be a meeting on April 3, 1991 regarding Recycling in the Work Place. A camper was sent to Nature Camp. Members. A recommendation was made that all members be assessed a \$50.00 fee to be paid in 2 installments to fund the 1993-94 lily show, a motion was made and passed to accept this recommendation. Montpelier Gardens has asked for volunteers to help in the gardens and greenhouse.

March 1991 Mrs. Isabel Taylor passed away.

On April 30, 1991 an informal meeting was held to evaluate and discuss Garden Week. Although 1991 had been a successful year, several problems had been brought to the attention of the GW committee. After discussion the following recommendations were made:

1. There should be more continuity in planning so that each new chairman and her committee can profit from the experience of the previous year's chairman. This is time consuming but necessary to keep the flow from year to year efficient and less stressful.
2. We need the cooperation of many people outside our club, so we must be diligent in remembering our manners. Be tolerant, forgiving and always write thank you notes.

3. The head hostess in each house needs a clear list of all responsibilities. She must know the house and give adequate information to each of her hostesses.
4. Each house needs at least one floater to give rest periods for the hostesses.
5. Are we ready to open for 2 days again? TBD.

Arrangements from Historic Garden Week over the years.





Chapter 9
Towards the Millennium
1991 – 1993



Mrs. G. K. Queitzsch - 38th president

Historic Garden Week 1991: Achnacarry; Rocklands; Montpelier; St Thomas Episcopal Church; The Rockhouse Garden and Grelen.

May 1991 Mrs. Pasternack reported that the Orange Conservation Council is sponsoring a program May 29th on how to become a certified community, which would deal with planning for industrial parks. Mrs. Scott reported that the Nature Camp has been nominated for an award by the Department of Environmental Resources.

Letters of resignation from Mrs. W.W. Scott Chapman and Mrs. Dennis G. Manning were read and accepted with regret.

June 12, 1991 made frequent mention of lilies and the upcoming DMGC sponsored lily shows in 1993 and 1994, members should plant now for the show and members should try and attend the Fairfax show to educate themselves on the show.

Natural History Day Camp enthusiastic registration necessitating another group. There were 3 children in need of scholarships; Orange Elementary School had donated funds they earned recycling aluminum cans towards this, but there was need for additional funding.

July 10, 1991 Mrs. Scott reported on the successful 1991 Natural History Camp and suggested surplus funds be put towards a scholarship fund.

Mrs. Carrington announced that August 14 would be the date for the zinnia show at Meadow Farm and passed out instruction sheets.

Seventeen club members have taken this year's lily test collection and 17 entries, and 15 ribbons were won by club members at the Fairfax GCV show.

Mrs. Somerville reported the increased number of helpers in Taylor Park and the favorable response from park users.

Mrs. K. Spencer Neale tendered her resignation which was accepted. The death of Betty Tyler was announced with regret. Mrs. Elerud asked for volunteers to work craft projects with the elderly during lunchtime at the nutrition center.

August 1991 Mrs. Scott reported that the Virginia Water Research Council recommends we let tap (drinking) water run for 2 – 3 minutes to avoid lead poisoning from lead soldered pipes. Mrs. Queitzsch read a report from Mrs. Carrington on our education booth at the Orange County Fair. Dole Madison Garden Club won a fourth-place ribbon for education exhibit.

October 9, 1991 Mrs Scott read a letter from the scholarship recipient for the Natural History Day Camp, expressing what the camp had meant to him and his appreciation in being able to attend. She also announced that Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Faulconer, Mr. Scott and she have taken the Town of Orange Board of Appeals to Court for not enforcing the sign ordinance. She cited Schewels and Reynolds illegal signs.

Mrs. Barrow reported plant sale receipts of about \$700.00

Mrs. Rich read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Bonyng Strange, which was accepted with regret.

November 1991 Mrs. James reported that a suggestion made by Mrs. MacDonald that a fund be set up to defray the costs for people who regularly do flowers and attend shows will go to the finance committee for consideration when it meets in February.

The Christmas cocktail party will take place on December 13th at Mrs. Logans.

March 11, 1992 Mrs. Rich read a letter from Mrs. W. Robert Eason requesting to change her membership from active to affiliate and Mrs. Queitzsch read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Christopher Martin which was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Whitehouse reported on the Garden Lecture Series we sponsored which cleared over \$300.00 to be credited to the lily show account. Aluminum cans are still being collected and should be left in Dana Faulconer's garage.

Mrs Barrow asked members to send photos from the Christmas party or any flower shows that members attended, for the scrapbook.

April 11, 1992 Historic Garden Week was critically short of hostesses and members were asked to submit any name and also to work a full day even if they had done flowers the previous day. Members were asked to support Brandy Station Episcopal Church who were doing the box lunches, by reserving ours in advance.

Mrs. Barrow informed members that the most recent scrapbook was on display.

Two letters of resignation were accepted with regret from Bunny Townsend and Ingrid Elerud. It was noted that the gardens of Mrs. Wyatt Williams and Meadow Farms would be included on the upcoming Gillette garden tour.

May 1992 Mrs. Faulconer submitted a report on the 1992 Dolley Madison Home and Garden Tour for Historic Garden Week in Virginia and previews tour plans for 1993. The 1992 tour co-chaired by Mrs. Neale and Mrs. Faulconer, was the third time in 59 years that the Dolley Madison Club sponsored its tour in Culpeper County homes: Buck Run Farm; Salubria; The Chelf House; Tall Oaks and Birmingham were opened.

The attendance at the 5 homes was about 375 and earned \$4,383.20 of which \$3,268.11 *was sent to GCV historic restoration fund in Richmond.*

Next year's Garden Week date for Dolley Madison is April 17, 1993. Co-Chairman Faulconer and Ramsey have begun soliciting homeowners appropriate to the theme of Madison Family Homes, "Colonial Magazine" has indicated interest in photographing the tour for an issue that would follow after April.

Mrs. Ober passed out the 1993 calendar for the Dolley Madison Garden Club and drew attention to the change in the part of the monthly programs on horticultural exhibits and flower arrangements. In 1993 the emphasis will be on education instead of judging and, starting in June, different members each meeting will be asked to bring exhibits/arrangements that interpret whatever horticultural theme has been chosen for that month's program. In lieu of bringing an exhibit, members are asked to donate \$5.00 to the lily fund.

Members were urged to attend a public hearing on May 21 to voice concern over the recent decision by Orange County Board of Supervisors to no longer fund a recycling coordinator for Orange County.

June 1992 Mrs. Johnson reported that the Natural History Day Camp enrollment was almost full and another teacher had been hired. Mrs. Scott added that, since this will be the tenth anniversary of the camp, members may want to visit it.

Mrs. Ober said how pleased she was at the club's favorable response to the change in program format that went into effect at the June meeting. The July topic will be Colonial Williamsburg, and she reminded club members that table exhibits are not restricted to flowers but can include other items such as period glass, or members may instead research the topic and present reports.

In July 1992 Mrs. Pasternack reported that the ban on laundry detergents with phosphorous had passed in Virginia.

Mrs. Scott reported on the lily show and noted that our president, Virginia Queitzsch, won the members cup and the sweepstakes cup. She took the show.

Mrs. Scott discussed the need for storage for pedestals for the GCA Lily Show. All members, husbands and teenagers are scheduled for jobs at the show. All members are scheduled for two jobs. The show is June 16 and 17th 1993.

The zinnia show will be in August and open to the public.

August 12, 1992 Eithne Scott has been accepted for membership.

Vibeke Ober announced the "Save our Streams" conservation program on September 9th.

September 9, 1992 It should be noted that all members should RSVP to the hostess for each meeting.

Mr. Donald Ober took members on a conservation “save our streams” trip.

Dec 12, 1992 Virginia Queitzsch opened the meeting and the Conservation Chair Pattie Pasternack reported that she and 6 members for DMGC had attended the GCV Conservation Forum in Richmond on November 11. Mrs. Pasternack recommended to the membership a film by the New York Museum of Natural History on the rain forests, which shows that plants used in medical science to fight cancer are being wiped out through de-forestation.

In the horticultural report it was noted Mrs. Whitehouse was potting up 18 plants for the May meeting.

Ann Carter Somerville thanked everyone for their help in planting pansies in Taylor Park, noting Dottie Williams’ careful financial management which allowed enough surplus to buy the pansies.

A tree was decorated by Barbara Moriarty and Dee O’Reilly at the Orange Visitor’s Center. Florence Lyne and her committee were commended for their hard work in helping to decorate Montpelier.

Mrs. Queitzsch and Mrs. Ober noted the Greater Orange Association’s Christmas Tour of the Inns, thanking members for serving as hostesses at various B & B’s.

1993 – 1995



Mrs. Donald R. Ober - 39th president

Mrs. Mickey Williams submitted a letter of resignation.

Historic Garden Week 1993 Properties opened were Greenway; Montpelier; Woodley; Somerset; Bloomsbury; The Residence and St Thomas Episcopal Church.

1993 Slide lecture at Montpelier where funds raised would go towards restoring the Oriental Garden. The series raised \$6,500.00. Pansies were planted at Taylor Park.

Trish Falcon is producing the newsletter and members were asked to submit information to her.

On August 11 a zinnia show was held at the home of Suzie Bresee. The results of the show were 1st place Mrs. Henry Whitehouse, 2nd place Mrs. Pendleton Bresee and 3rd place Mrs. John James. The Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl was presented to Mrs. Henry Whitehouse.

September 1993 Natural History Day Camp, Mrs. Margaret Johnson reported that sixty-two 2nd through 5th graders attended. Five were able to receive scholarship help. There were no overnight campers. She encouraged all club members to visit the camp while in session.

In October the club met at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art following a visit to the interpretation of art exhibit and lunch!

Between the plant sale, the Street Festival and the bake sale the club raised approximately \$1000.00 towards the lily show. Between the \$600.00 left over from the 1993 show, the \$500.00 forthcoming from GCV that is a total of \$2,100.00 The cost to run the lily show is approximately \$4,000.00 Discussion took place regarding fundraising ideas.

November 10, 1993 Garden Week - Mrs. Dee O'Reilly reported that the date is April 30, 1994 and the four homes are Lakeland; Green Valley; Tetley and Frascati.

Mrs. Sara Smith reported on the slide lecture by Penelope Hobhouse at Montpelier, In the afternoon there was a small group lecture program. She would be happy to mail copies of her notes to anyone interested. The series raised \$6500.00 which will go to help restore the Oriental Garden at Bassett House at Montpelier.

Each member will be assessed \$30.00 to help pay for the 1994 lily show.

At the December meeting, where Christmas decorations were made, a motion was passed with a strong majority to change the wording regarding the annual zinnia show from "A zinnia show must be held in August" to "A club flower show must be held once a year"

1994 Letter of resignation from Mrs. Albert Baer and Mrs. Giles Tucker.

New Members: Mrs. James Peyton

At the January meeting Catherine Gillespie was presented with a zinnia trivet to commemorate her outstanding horticultural talents on the occasion of her birthday.

At the February Meeting, President Vibeke Ober read excerpts from GCV "Follow the Green Arrow", reporting on DMGC seventy-five years ago. Trish Falcon was thanked for her outstanding monthly newsletter. And Mrs. Harry Mason was thanked for submitting articles to the newspaper. DMGC has been asked to submit a letter of endorsement to help the Orange Train Depot receive a grant from the International Efficiency Act. The Christmas workshop was voted as the favorite program of 1994.

A Valentine's Day fundraiser was to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Faulconer on February 11th.

The March meeting was held at Westminster Canterbury and Mrs. Emmett Wright was thanked for writing the DMGC history for the past 25 years. This will be published in the new edition of Follow the Green Arrow. The history will also be read at the annual meeting. Sadly, the Valentine's Day party had to be cancelled but a profit was made from the sale of items.

April 1994 Mrs. Bruce Herndon submitted her resignation. Mrs. Daniel Miller informed the club that the Natural History Day Camp will run two sessions, one for older children from June 27 – July 8 and

for younger children from July 8 – 15. Mrs. Rudy DeCanio will be the director. Baked goods, donations for scarves and scholarship money are needed.

1994 Garden Week was held April 30, 1994 and featured Lakeland; Green Valley; Tetley and Frascati. Montpelier would also be on the tour.

Work continued throughout 1994 at Taylor Park with plantings.

May 1994 Mrs. John Faulconer estimated that the attendance for Garden Week was 1200 people from 27 states, D.C. and Canada. *A total of \$13,625.00 was sent to GCV for restoration projects.*

Mrs. Maurice O'Reilly entertained 38 GCA members from North Carolina for Visiting Gardens.

In May 1994 there were 39 active members of the club, and 5 affiliate members.

The Octavia Arrington Cameron Bowl was awarded to Mrs. William G. Falcon who has made an outstanding contribution to the Dolley Madison Garden Club. The Dolley Madison Community Service Bowl was presented to Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville in recognition of outstanding service at the local, state or national level.

At the June meeting of the club it was made note of that GCV had raised \$450,000.00 for Historic Garden Week. Mrs. William Falcon, Corresponding Secretary was thanked for her outstanding newsletters. Mrs. Giles Tucker sent a letter of resignation which was accepted with regret. The GCA annual meeting was held in Hawaii and Mrs. John Barrow reported all about her attendance. The Garden Club of Alexandria has given the club a gift of a video on composting.

The July meeting was held at Taylor Park. The GCV Lily Show had been chaired by Mrs. Gilbert Queitzsch and Mrs. Christopher Scott who received a standing ovation for their chairmanship. Mrs. Theodore Scott reported on the financial details of the lily show. Our expenses to date were \$2,283.19. This included feeding 58 people for dinner and 50 people for lunch. A total of \$495.00 was contributed by the green offering and the GCV will contribute \$500.00 towards expenses. All in all, it was a most successful show. Several letters were read congratulating DMGC on the successful show including the director of GCV. The balance of the meeting was spent by members working in Taylor Park.

On Saturday July 30th the Diamond Jubilee birthday celebrations for the DMGC were held at the home of Mrs. John Barrow, Frascati.

At the August meeting Mrs. Atwell Somerville thanked Mr. John James for his recent advice concerning the park, she also wanted to express her appreciation for the wonderful weeding and cleaning job that the members did at the July "Park" meeting. Mrs. Somerville also reported that the park has been used several times this summer for community events and has looked especially charming. Mrs. Theodore Scott, Mrs. Lester Williams and Mrs. Emmett Wright have agreed to provide arrangements for the Bluemont Concert that will be held in the park on August 19. Mrs. Somerville also encouraged everyone to please come and help in the park on Monday mornings.

Mrs. John Barrow passed out a sign-up sheet for the plant and treasure sale which will take place at the Orange Street Festival on Saturday, September 10.

In September the president thanked all those members who had helped at the Orange Street Festival for the club. Mrs. John Barrow also thanked the twenty-five members who volunteered and informed the

club that \$661.85 was the profit from the event. Mrs. Frank Walker informed the club that Orange County is one of the twenty areas being considered for a pesticide disposal site. She is to keep the club updated on this proposal.

November 8, 1994. Mrs. Penn Bresee noted that the program for the December meeting would be a workshop on making boxwood Christmas trees. Mrs. Donald Ober thanked Mrs. Harry Mason for her faithful work in getting publicity to the newspapers. Mrs. Murphy Smith reported on serious air quality violation by Transco pumping plant in Rapidan, she made a motion to write to the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Gregory L. Clayton, Director of the Dept. of Environmental Quality, urging them to require Transco to fix their pollution problems. This was seconded and passed. Members were encouraged to help with the Orange Visitors Center Inn Tour on December 3.

In December Mrs. Ober read a thank you letter from the Orange County Visitors Center thanking the club for their help with the Inn Tour on December 3. She also read a letter from Mrs. Wilfred Grenfell requesting that she be given affiliate membership, this was approved.

January 1995 Mrs. Wyatt Williams reminded members that the club can have 45 active members and six provisional members. Mrs. Daniel Miller asked for help with the Natural History Day Camp so that members could see what a worthwhile project this was. Mrs. Samuel Neale alerted everyone to the cutting of trees on Route 231, she urged everyone to question what was being cut.

February 8, 1995 Mrs. Theodore Scott made a motion that the DMGC support the Natural History Day Camp again this summer. This was seconded and approved. Mrs. Daniel Miller reported that the camp is scheduled for the last two weeks of June and the first week of July. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. James for all her efforts on the budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richard May that a one-time gift be given to Taylor Park out of the community account. This motion was seconded and passed, Mrs. Robert Gillespie made a motion that \$500.00 contribution be made to the Kent Valentine Restoration Project from the community account. This motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Mrs. Theodore Scott reported on the upcoming plant sale. This will take place on Friday and Saturday April 28 and 29th in front of Faulconer's Hardware. Each member of the horticulture committee will be contacting each member of the club to remind them of their contribution to the sale, all plant materials should be in pots. If members are not able to grow or purchase plants, they may make a monetary contribution.

March 1995 Mrs. Frank Walker does not know if Orange will be the site of a pesticide pick up, but members should continue to contact her if they have pesticides which cannot be left at the dump. For the Natural History Day Camp Mrs. Daniel Miller reported that there will be a one-week camp for the younger students. Montpelier is in the process of reorganizing its staff, but the camp will still be at the same site. Cynthia DeCanio and two teachers from Prospect Heights will run the camp for rising 2nd and 3rd graders July 2 – 7.

Mrs. Maurice O'Reilly distributed brochures featuring the 1995 Orange-Rapidan HGW tour including: Hare Forest, Windy Hill; Mistwood; Springhill Farm and Montpelier. Mrs. John Faulconer needs additional vans to help transport visitors.

Mrs. Frances Browning wrote a letter of resignation which was accepted with regret.

Presidents Report April 12, 1995

The reports from our officers and committee chairmen give a picture of a club hard at work and very much alive. I am proud of your accomplishments and would like to thank all of you for your hard work.

Recently I was told that there is a reason for a two term of office as president. You tend to get more bossy as time goes on. I find this very true and I am sure you will agree. As you come to the end of your term you also get more philosophical and begin to think seriously about the future of your club. This became clear to me last week at the daffodil show, I was working on the interclub arrangement and Monica Gillespie was helping me find the right stems and six orchid tubes, and as we shared our feelings about the arrangement, I told her a few things I had learned over the years. "This is what it is all about" I later thought, bringing on the next generation of eager learners. Is this not what we do at Natural History Day Camp? We try to open the children's eyes to the world about them. When we put on a flower show and open our homes and gardens for Garden Week we expose all generations to that which we hold dear, and when we have a plant sale we take beautiful plant material in a multitude of gardens for many to enjoy. Last but not least, when we appear before the Town Council and Board of Supervisors and write letters to our senators and congressmen we are looking out for our future generations.

It is a privilege to be a member of an organization that allows the above to occur in so many ways. We will always have too much to do as members because there is so much that needs to be done. Fortunately, this club consists of forty-eight members who are always willing to give of their time and their talents. It has been an honor to represent you at the Garden Club of Virginia and Garden Club of America meetings and I look forward to working with you under the able leadership of our enthusiastic new President, Molly Barrow.

Vibeke E. Ober.

1995 – 1997



Mrs. John C. Barrow - 40th president

The annual meeting was held at The Inn at Meander Plantation where luncheon was served. Club membership stands at 39 active; 9 affiliate; 3 provisional and 1 honorary.

The club holds 12 monthly meetings a year, discussion regarding reducing to 11 but the decision was to stay with the 12 meetings cancelling when circumstances demand.

Outstanding programs throughout the year: Docents from the Altar Guild of the National Cathedral demonstrated flower arranging; the Archives of American Gardens and Garden History shared with us their work on "Montebello", home of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Dunnington, the first garden in Orange County to be researched, photographed, documented and stored at the Smithsonian; guest speakers on garden design; Mr. John Peterson co-author of "Our Stolen Future" gave a captivating evening program to our members and their husbands; Elanor Weller, co-author of "The Golden Age of American Gardens" c 1890 -1940 gave a slide show and presentation; a field trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens where lunch was taken at the Japanese Tea House; a Horticulture Treasure Hunt at three members gardens was great fun and the club held two workshops one on flower arranging and the other on Christmas center pieces and mantel arrangements.

Projects during the year were our continued maintenance of Taylor Park which won the Orange Downtown Alliance "Green Thumb" Award for care of planter containers. Natural History Day Camp held at Montpelier. Hurricane Fran came along, and we had to cancel and reschedule our fall plant sale but "Greenfields", was the site of our successful Christmas fundraiser and recycling aluminum cans remains an ongoing source of income.

The 1996 Historic Garden Week produced near perfect weather for the Gordonsville based tour of Christ Episcopal Church; Lochiel; Tivoli and Spring Brook Farm.

The annual zinnia show was held at "Rocklands" with artistic and horticultural classes, the theme being "Summer Harvest". The club is also well represented at the GCV flower shows.

Mrs. Gilbert K. Queitzsch (Virginia) won the prestigious Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup and the Eleanor Truax Harris Cup. Mrs. James H. T. McConnell, Jr. (Mary) won the Spencer Cup in the GCV Lily Show.

Club Awards 1996:

Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine) The Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl winner of the sweepstakes at the zinnia show.

Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke) The Octavia Arrington Cameron Bowl for outstanding contribution to Dolley Madison Garden Club.

The Orange County Review: The Dolley Madison Community Service Award in appreciation for its outstanding support of the activities of the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Three years ago, Trish Falcon's idea of a club newsletter to be published every month took off like a sky rocket! Our thanks go out to Marjorie Macdonald who has been the acting editor for this year, A job well done!

Excerpts from President's Report April 9th, 1997

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all the officers and committees and members whose dedication and unselfishness supported and energized our club in the flower shows, Historic Garden Week and hosted our monthly meetings. You were all a source of strength and made my task an easy

one in the past two years. It's been a privilege to be president of Dolley Madison Garden Club and to be associated with lovely, hardworking women who are steeped in talent and generously give their time to meet challenges and requirements especially keeping horticulture and conservation an important priority. The reports given today are a reminder of how active and involved we have become in our own world of gardening, in our community and in both the Garden Clubs of Virginia and America. The members who enter in the artistic design and do the inter club arrangements and who enter the horticulture classes at the GCV Daffodil, Lily and Rose Shows continue to bring home ribbons, cups and trophies to our delight. Virginia Queitzsch became a new member of the Board of Directors of the North American Lily Society, and Suzie Bresee for the past two years has been the GCV Program Chairman bringing our club to the attention of the world around us.

Carolyn Scott, our master horticulturist and her committee have carried the load of faithfully propagating plants and growing flowers for my delegate and me to carry to the GCV annual meetings and for the GCA plant exchanges. Her untiring efforts to send healthy plants always have passed the scrutiny of the passers with the judges giving complimentary comments. Carolyn has faithfully enclosed horticultural tips in each of our monthly newsletters, so we can bind them together for our own references or file and store them in a computer, she deserves our deepest thanks.

Our newsletter has been an effective tool for communication among our members. Hats off to you, Marjorie Macdonald for volunteering to take it on in midstream from Trish Falcon. We commend you! A new style more like a newspaper format will be forthcoming.

Many perks came with being the president of Dolley Madison Garden Club, wearing the eight name tags within two years each one representing at the GCA and GCV meetings. They were extremely enjoyable experiences offering educational lectures on horticulture and conservation by renowned speakers. The social activities were exciting, returning home with a deeper insight as to how well-organized clubs are and impressed by their objectives to benefit our state and country.

Our programs have been varied and interesting.

Molly Barrow, President

1997 – 1999

Mrs. James H. T. McConnell, Jr. (Mary) - 41st president

Many ribbons and awards were won by the ladies of Dolley Madison Garden Club at the GCV Daffodil and Lily Shows.

Historic Garden Week was hosted at Woodberry Forest School, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. William T. Carrington (Mary Glenn) and Mrs. Lester P. Williams (Pat), with over 115 volunteers and committee members who assisted in showing the public Woodberry's beautiful grounds, gardens and homes. (St Andrews Chapel); Lewis House Garden; Ruffin House; J Carter Walker Fine Arts Center; The Residence and Garden; The Caughon House and The Trustee House and Master's apartment.

Thanks go to our Visiting Garden Chairperson, Mrs. Maurice. F. O'Reilly (Dee), members enjoyed a 2-day tour of the Piedmont areas of Delaware and Pennsylvania where they visited Longwood Gardens, Winterthur and Mount Cuba.

In June Mrs. Portia Mears spoke on "Herbal Messages from the Past" and in July we had a joint meeting with the Madison Garden Club held at the Montpelier Pony Barn. A plant auction followed the program "Winter Hardy Camellias and Exotic Orientals" by Mr. David W. Parks of Chapel Hill, NC. August brought a workshop on "How do Judges Judge", by Mrs. Donald Ober (Vibeke).

The DMGC annual flower show chaired by Mrs. Edward E. Wendell (Shirley) was a huge success. "RX for Beauty" was the theme of the show held at the Orange County Nursing Home. The artistic division had 5 classes featuring "RX for Beauty", "Bedside Manner", "Doctors Orders", "Nurses Care" and "Small Miracles". The horticulture division had four separate classes, two classes featured zinnia collections, the third class for perennials and shrubs, and the fourth was a plant display by the residents of the nursing home. The Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl was awarded to Mrs. Walter G. Gottschalk (Pam) as winner of the Zinnia Sweepstakes Award.

The annual plant sale was held in September.

In October, Mrs. Donna Hackman gave an extremely interesting and detailed presentation on "Creating an English Garden".

Sadly, the Christmas fundraising party had to be cancelled and on December 17, 1997 the club was deeply saddened by the death of its beloved member Mrs. Atwell Walker Somerville. Anne Carter Walker Somerville was a lady of outstanding accomplishment who set the highest standards for everything she did. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a dedicated civic leader. Anne served as president of the Dolley Madison Garden Club from 1973 – 1975. Successfully serving on many committees. Anne Carter was an artist in flower arranging, but best known for her pride and enthusiasm for horticulture. GCV awarded Anne "The Horticulture Award of Merit" in 1997 and "The Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup" in 1979.

In addition to her many contributions to the DMGC, Anne Carter gave immeasurable services to her community. She was director of the Orange County Historical Society, an active member of the "Orange Beautification" Committee, a teacher and youth leader in the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations, and an elected Elder of the Presbyterian Church.

The town of Orange will always remember Anne Carter Walker Somerville for her years of dedicated care and guardianship of its beautiful Taylor Park. As a memorial to Mrs. Somerville, a bench will be placed in Taylor Park in the summer of 1998.

The new year saw an active agenda for the horticulture and conservation committees: January a guest speaker Sally Burrows Hurlburt, a geologist from the Shenandoah National Parks spoke about "The Floods of '95 and '96"; February a workshop on "Growing Orchids" at the Floradise Nursery in Gordonsville and in March, Mr. Mason Hutcheson of Ebenezer Heights Greenhouse gave a lecture on "Top of the Line Garden Vegetables and Annuals". Also, in March, members attended a workshop at The Gentle Gardener in Gordonsville on "Styling your Garden". Plants were propagated for the GCV plant exchange at the GCV annual meeting in Williamsburg.

There was a large turnout for the November meeting by both members and the community to listen to an interesting conservation lecture on “Fuel Cell Technology; Leading Edge of Quiet, Non-Polluting Energy”. The GCV Conservation Forum on “Urban Sprawl” was held in Fredericksburg at Mary Washington College and was attended by the club conservation committee.

The newsletter is co-edited by Mrs. Lloyd Sullenberger (Page) and Mrs. Richard E. May (Barbara).

Membership changes:

Ms. Peter V. Stanley resigned.

Historic Garden Week 1998 opened: Frascati; Chelsea; The Old Tavern: High Brighton and Blue Run Baptist Church

Historic Garden Week in 1999 featured: Old Pratts House and Store; Eagle House; Kemper Residence; Hebron Lutheran Church and Brookside Farm

Historic Garden Week arrangements, through the years.



Chapter 10
Into the New Millennium
1999 – 2001

Mrs. Eugene Ince, Jr. - 42nd president

Community services this year involved providing arrangements for the opening of the Medical Center in Orange and sponsoring a poinsettia sale which coincided with a Town of Orange house tour. Members of the flower arranging committee made arrangements for luncheons at the Senior Center

A very successful walking tour of Orange was held for Historic Garden Week. Mrs. John Faulconer is great at organizing these tours. Opened were: Rebel Hall; Orangewood; 168 Landon Lane; 127 South Almond Street and 150 South Almond Street

Articles were submitted to the Garden Club of Virginia by several members and the newsletter was sent to all members with announcements, programs and notes to share information.

Project 2000 was voted by the club to support the Dorothy Hunt Williams Book Collection at the Orange County Public Library. This collection includes all types of gardening books – for adults and children.

Several members have been involved with legislative programs; going to committee meetings and having communications re our needs and wants with our State and local offices and congressmen.

Dolley Madison Garden Club celebrated its 80th anniversary with a luncheon meeting. The members dressed in appropriate attire for 80 years ago.

Presidents Annual Report 2000

Our garden club year starts in April and Garden Week in Orange last April was a delight. Not only was it well attended, but the whole town dressed itself with plantings, mulch, cleaning, mowing, and a sense of caring for the visitors.

In May Bernice Walker took my place as Alternate at The Garden Club of America's meeting in Cleveland, with Therese Iverson as our delegate. Our Garden Club of Virginia Meeting in Norfolk, also in May, was attended by Dana Faulconer and Mary Queitzsch.

June was the month for Horticulture Field day, and those who attended were treated with guided tours of gardens public and private seldom enjoyed by visitors. This was also the month of the lily show. Dolley Madison swept the show with ribbons and trophies. This was the first year Mary Queitzsch had exhibited, and she won so much silver that I gave her a jar of silver polish to express my admiration. We also won many ribbons, and Trish Falcon won the silver trophy for the first time in memory of our own Virginia Queitzsch.

In August we showed off our talents at our annual zinnia show, held for the first time in the Orange train station. We offered classes to those outside our club and the response was rewarding, with the public attending in pleasing numbers.

In September Marilyn Hutchison and I drove to Norfolk for the Zone VII meeting of the Garden Club of America, at which our horticulture display was given high praise and ribbons. In October, a busy month, I attended the Garden Club of Virginia's Board of Governor's' meeting in Middleburg. Salvias were the required horticulture, and our horticulture committee provided me with outstanding specimens and Andy Hutchison's antique bottles in which to display them.

The Garden Club of Virginia's flower arranging school was held in October in Richmond, and those of us who attended were rewarded by an inspiring arranging presentation by Margaret Kincheloe. Also, in October was Trish Falcon's "famous thirteen UPS crates" of bulbs from Brent and Becky Heath for our bulb sale, which netted us a nice profit for a lot of work done by Trish.

In October Shirley Wendell and Therese Iverson entered the Fine Arts and Flowers display at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. They did it and Dolley Madison Garden Club received the credit, for a sensationally creative arrangement.

I held an Orientation Tea for new members and old in October, and it was at that time that members saw the two volumes of Gardens of Colony and State that we presented to the Orange Public Library as part of our Dorothy Hunt Williams Collection. That collection, totaling over 300 books, is now complete; our Project 2000 for the Garden Club of America, and a remarkable gift to our community honoring our own Dorothy Hunt Williams. (Dotty is here with us today, and I would like to ask all of you to join me in standing to show our respect to our dearly loved member Dorothy Hunt Williams.)

In November seventeen of us travelled to the Eastern Shore for a visit to the Jean DuPont Shehan Audubon Preserve, given to the Audubon Society by Jamie McConnell's mother, Jean DuPont Shehan. We were privileged to view the preserve with Jamie and Mary as well as Audubon guides, traveling in a mule drawn wagon and horse-drawn carriage over the acreage. Added to the tours and lectures was a very pleasant night in St. Michaels. Jane Henley, our Conservation Chairman, was the planner and organizer for our trip.

Following Thanksgiving, we held a poinsettia and bake sale in the Orange train station under the organizing hands of Ginnie Mason and Catherine Gillespie. Selling all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon, sharing the train station space with Orange and Lake-of-the-Woods Garden Clubs, we cleared approximately \$1,200.00 for the community account. For our December meeting we made and decorated little boxwood Christmas trees for the residents of the James Madison Inn. Our parade across the street from St. Thomas' Church to the lobby of the home where residents were waiting for their miniature trees has almost become a tradition.

A new event developed and took place in February. On Valentine's Day, which happened to be our regular meeting day, we held an auction and pot-luck cocktail party at Molly Barrow's Frascati. It was fun and successful adding over \$2,000.00 to our Zone VII meeting fund.

Our last event was the Garden Club of Virginia's Daffodil show held last week, March 2nd and 3rd, at the Lewis Ginter Arboretum in Richmond. Again, the ribbons and trophies came to the Dolley Madison

members, especially to Catherine Gillespie. Catherine can look at a daffodil and tell you its name and pedigree...and whether or not it can win.

A highlight of the past year was the addition of two new members to our roster, Jane Henley and Carolyn Quinn. How welcome they are!

And now Garden Week is nearly here, and a new administration will take us into the next two years.

I thank you all for the privilege of having served for the past two years as your president.

Jean Ince.

2001 - 2003



Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. - 43rd president

Notes and excerpts from Presidents Annual Report

Membership changes: We were saddened by the deaths of Nora Grenfell and Wyatt Williams. Fortunately, we have welcomed four new members this Betsy Carlson, Mary Lew Sponski, Ada Harvey and Suzanne Aiello.

The millennium year has been busy and productive for members of Dolley Madison Garden Club. Twelve meetings were held with varied and interesting programs. These included talks and demonstrations by a landscape architect; a botanist; flower arranger; a global warming lecturer and a speaker from the Nature Conservancy, as well as presentations from the President of the Garden Club of Virginia and a member of GCV. The club sponsored a field trip and the zinnia show was held, open to other clubs and with a children's class which was particularly popular. Boxwood trees for the residents of the James Madison Inn were made and an "in-house" auction was held as a fund raiser.

Other traditional fund raisers were held, the poinsettia and bake sale and a bulb sale.

The club has successfully funded the Dorothy Hunt Williams Book Collection for the local public library. This has been slated to become an "on-going" project. All the books in the collection, as well as videos, pertain to gardening and its many phases. The monthly newsletter edited by Page and Barbara keeps the members informed of dates, times and events.

Taylor Park continues to be a part of DMGC with plantings made by members.

Historic Garden Week 2001 opened: Boswells Tavern; Belle Meade; Westend; St John's Chapel; Ionia and Berea Baptist Church, this tour was such a success that we were able to send *our largest check ever to the Garden Club of Virginia for restoration projects.*

Two members made a wreath which was laid on the grave of James Madison on the occasion of his birthday celebration at Montpelier. A flower arranging workshop was held by several members for children who were part of the Recreation and Park's summer program. These arrangements were then entered in the Orange County Fair. Two members also coached a senior citizens group in making flower arrangements to the joy and delight of the seniors.

Workshops abounded this year. The horticulture committee propagated plants for the GCA's Plant Exchange at the annual meeting. Carolyn Quinn hosted a pruning workshop. For the first time the lily, daffodil and rose chairmen organized workshops for the membership. A lily workshop was held at Mary Queitzsch's garden; Peg Harmon arranged a tour of two rose gardens in Madison; and Monica Gillespie organized a daffodil workshop. These are our main flowers and these workshops gave members a chance to visit other members' gardens at the time their prize-winning flowers were blooming.

The flower arranging committee held a workshop that was instructive and fun.

Mary Queitzsch enlisted the help of Dolley Madison members with a riparian project on her farm. Our job was more supervisory, as the actual planting was done by the students from Grymes Memorial School.

Storage space for club records and materials were secured thanks to Arthur Bryant of Virginia National Bank.

Dolley Madison's lily team brought back 5 trophies and a bundle of ribbons from the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show, our daffodil growers brought home silver also as well as a ton of ribbons from the GCV Daffodil Show.

The latest one-time event was the "Afternoon of Wine and Roses", a special program to observe 2002 as the Year of the Rose. This was a cutting-edge event in that we had this program before other clubs knew it was The Year of The Rose!

Nobody told me being president would be fun. That has been the biggest surprise for me. I knew it would take up a lot of my time and it has. Thank you for saying "Yes" when I call asking a favor. You make my day. I realize I am wearing a well-known and well-respected banner when my name tag identifies me as being from Dolley Madison Garden Club. It has been fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice S. Walker

2002 – 2003

Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. completes her second year in office

This year we lost two of our most loyal and long-standing members Mrs. Alexander Stumpf and Mrs. William Black.

The second annual February auction was a roaring success. Husbands and friends were invited. Members brought hors d'vours and drinks. Auction items of highest interest and therefore the highest bids were of a service nature e.g. X amount of gardening hours; dinner parties etc.

In December, the poinsettia and bake sale were held in conjunction with other Orange clubs who sold crafts and baked goods.

Two field trips this year one to the American Horticultural Society at River Farm in May and in October two outstanding rose gardens in Madison were visited.

The Historic Garden Week tour of 2002 drew visitors from several States to view: Eastern View; Springhill Garden; Retreat Farm; Waddell Memorial Church; Rapidan Mill House; The School House; Emmanuel Episcopal Church; The Depot; Holmlea

Mary Tonetti Dorra, the author of "Beautiful American Rose Gardens" came to address a gathering of club members and members of the public in March, in observance of the year of the rose.

In December, the club reached out to the local community by making tabletop boxwood trees and decorating them for 40 residents of the James Madison Inn for adults, as has been a continuing community project for many years.

Excerpts from Presidents Report 2003

Dolley Madison Garden Club was on the move again this year. The months were restful mainly because GCA and GCV were quiet. Then, when September rolled around, everybody in both organizations had wonderful opportunities for us, and so it went and still goes until our Garden Week Tour is over.

Last year I talked you into trying some new things. You went along with these ideas and they were continued this year. For example: We continued to print meeting minutes in the newsletter and you seemed to like this; we voted for awards by mail or email; workshops were offered by the flower committees and the storage room now has most of our archival materials in one place.

This year we tried a few more new things: We voted to establish a flower award and it was given for the first time The Jeane Ince Flower Arranging Award; membership data forms were completed to keep our records up to date; a brainstorming session with Suzie Bresee took place to discuss what we could do to make the garden club possible for young women in the 21st century; and we experimented by reading only one annual report with the committee chairs submitting theirs in writing as usual.

Looking towards the future; I hope the admissions committee will be pro-active towards getting new members and that we can grow our memorial fund to be able to fund registration fees for the GCA and GCV meetings.

This is a busy club, there is always something going on, flower arranging, horticulture, daffodils – roses – lilies -zinnias, poinsettias, baked goods, the auction, garden week, rain barrels, campers, community projects, GCA and GCV. and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Bernice Walker, president.

2003- 2005



"I have loved being a member of DMGC, I joined in 1999. Mary McConnell who was around that time the National Chair for Garden History and Design was one of my sponsors and my mentor on the importance of documenting gardens for the Smithsonian. We had our house on the HGW tour in 2002, and from 2005-2007 I was the Zone Rep to the GH&D National Committee. We hosted the Annual Zone meeting during my presidency, I think it was the highlight of my time."

Mrs. Joe Grills (Marge) - 44th president

Member changes: Mrs. James McConnell's resignation was accepted with regret.

Another successful Historic Garden Week 2003 was held in Orange with the following properties being opened: Mayhurst; St Thomas Memorial Garden; Woodley; St Isadore Catholic Church; 140 North Almond Street, 150 S Almond Street; 154 South Almond Street; 119 Peliso and The Arts Center in Orange.

The poinsettia and bake sale were held at the train station in Orange and other Orange garden clubs participated.

The third annual live and silent auction was held in March to prepare for the financial expense of holding the GCA Zone VII meeting in September 2004. Donations were solicited from the community and guests invited who were not garden club members. This was highly successful raising over \$11,000.00.

The club organized a field trip during the fall to Hillwood, Marjorie Merriweather Post's home, museum and gardens in Washington D.C. twelve members enjoyed a fine day.

For other programs during the year the club had an emphasis on workshops. Horticulture held two on propagation in preparation for the plant exchanges, and a "hands on" flower arranging workshop was held. During prime daffodil and lily bloom time member gardens were visited by the club members for workshops.

The club decided to vary the start time of meetings in an effort to accommodate young mothers in the club and those we wish to attract in the future, and to reduce the number of business meetings.

A well written and received records of DMGC through the years was compiled by our senior members. It was printed and given to each member. "A History 1919 – 2001" as well as being sent to Kent Valentine House for the GCV archives. (Appendix 2)

Historic Garden week 2004 featured: The Briary; Mount Sharon; The Residence and Elmwood, this tour was the most successful ever held with over \$16,716.00 *sent to GCV for Restoration Projects* Mount Sharon was a huge draw.

At a plant sale in May 2004 Japanese maples were sold, they had been dug up, by members from the Japanese Garden at Montpelier, the monies raised were sent to Montpelier for further restoration to the Japanese (Oriental) Garden.



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Catherine Gillespie digging up the Japanese maples.

Continuing projects by the club are Taylor Park and the Dorothy Hunt William's Book Collection at Orange Public Library.

Membership Changes: Resignations by Patti Cook and Jerri Pitz who resigned in 2003, Peg Harmon resigned in 2004. New members arrived in 2004: Pamela Hudson, Caroline Merrick, Frankie Hall, Pat Filer, Bridget Bryant and Linda Monteleone. Shirley Wendell moved from active to affiliate and Nancy Wiley moved from provisional to active.

Members gardens were open for the Garden Conservancy Tour in May 2004 along with Mount Sharon and Mary McConnell's garden. Mary is a former member.

The club's calendar changed from April – March to July – June which has meant that this year we had 13 programs/meetings, including a Christmas party; flower show; conservation meeting; workshops and a plant sale. Karen Rexode from Windy Hill Nursery came to speak, as did Genie Cate from Madison; Charlotte Hundley; Genie Dillard and the GCV President Mary Hart Darden.

Notes and Excerpts from Annual Meeting Report 2005

We put on a most successful GCA Zone VII meeting and flower show winning The Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award; The Corliss Knapp Engles Horticulture Sweepstakes; Commendations in the Photography and Artistic Divisions; Best in Show in Horticulture won by Ada Harvey; The GCA Certificate of Appreciation presented to Bernice Walker and the GCA Creative Leadership Award won by our new President, Jane Henley.



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L-R Marge Grills, Jane Henley and Bernice Walker

A very successful Historic Garden Week, opening: Windrock; Marsh Run Farm; Merriewood; Edgewood Farm and a successful poinsettia, bake and glove sale.

The club continued to assist the Habitat House donating \$1,500.00 for plantings as well as plants from member's gardens and pledged a sum of \$2,500.00 for the Court House project.

New Members: Pam Shreve, Adrienne Foshay, Marcie Wagner and Laurie Holladay. Two members resigned: Anne Carter Somerville and Monica Gillespie. Sara Bossong has moved to affiliate, Jill Rich was made an emeritus member and our oldest member, dearest member Dorothy Hunt Williams died on January 2, 2005. We also lost a former member Florence Sandford Lyne in August 2004.

Trish Falcon won the GCV Virginia E Queitzsch Award at the 2004 GCV Lily Show.

Catherine Gillespie was awarded both the Daffodil Chairman's Cup and the Helen Louise Broyhill Trophy at the 2005 GCV Daffodil Show.

The GCA Achievement Certificate in Horticulture was presented to Suzanne Aiello; the GCA Achievement for Flower Arranging presented to Shirley Wendell and the Julia DuPont Andrews Bowl

was won by Ada Harvey for the most points of any DMGC member at the GCA Zone VII Flower Show 2004.

The Oriental Garden at Montpelier was submitted to the Garden Club of America for consideration for the Founders Fund Award.

Programs during the year were wide ranging; orchids; roses; daffodils; designing your own garden conservation; restoration; flower arranging and even bugs.

President's Report at Meander Inn on June 17th, 2006

Bags, bags everywhere, and barely closet space to hold them. I have bags from Garden Club of America meeting (the annual meeting in Denver and the National Affairs and Legislation meeting in DC), bags from Garden Club of Virginia (Board of Governors in Ashland, annual meeting in Charlottesville, Conservation Forum in Staunton), and an old bag that dates back to my first serious garden club. The Gardeners, whose members were mainly residents of the Main Line area of Philadelphia. I file by bag so when I have to rush off to a meeting, I just pick up the appropriate bag and know I have everything I will need. So, today, I have brought my President's bag, the one that dates back to Philadelphia. Let's see what's in there.

Aha there is the yearbook for 2005 – 2006, already way out of date. Since last June we have completely revamped our bylaws and loosened our belts, so members can find us a more user-friendly place to be. Our membership has changed a little this year. Since last June we have four new members, Jeanette McClendon, Frances Purcell, DeLane Porter and Laurel Moore. Sadly, Nancy Wiley has resigned but she will be back we hope after her third baby (still unborn) is up and running. Maggie Neale is now an affiliate, but she still wants to be on the horticulture committee. Husband Sam is recovering from serious heart surgery just a week or so ago. We are full for now, 45 strong, with 10 affiliates, and don't any one of you think of leaving us. We relish each and every one of you.

Our programs were marvelous. I wish for each of you that when you are president you can have a program chair like Jean Ince. No problem went unsolved for long. Which program was your favorite? Was it the slide presentation by Jim McKenney in September? or the daffodil program with Brent Heath? How about Marge Grills on garden history and design? or the rosarian Jim Diggs from Richmond in May?? I was asked to choose one program I thought best for the year for my GCV report and you will not be surprised that I chose the Conservation Forum "Energy Conservation and Renewal Resources: What Will Tomorrow Bring?" How can we forget the video by Diana Dascalu from Chesapeake Climate Action Network? And the panel of experts on renewable energy. Randy Merrick was terrific as the M.C. Attendance from the community was the best ever, and the food, information, camaraderie, interaction could not be beat. The Conservation Committee really pulled out all the stops, and I commend Caroline Merrick and Felicity Blundon for this gift to the community and to our members.

But it is those extra events that tie us together, remind us that having fun is what it is all about. Who can forget the poinsettia sale, when the poinsettias we picked out weren't there at all, long sold, and we had to go to new places for plants. BUT, Serena and Adrienne pulled it off, with their British steadfastness. They weren't going to lose their cool. With the baked items added in and Catherine Gillespie in charge behind the table, we netted \$2,000.00 for our community projects. The Christmas party was a huge success at Molly Barrow's lovely "Frascati". We all pitched in, brought guests, and had an elegant and

lovely affair, never you mind that we had to change the date at the last minute because of icy weather conditions. Bylaws meetings at Marilyn's after a delicious lunch, horticulture outings under Suzanne Aiello's strong leadership, such as the visit to the Hoover house at Shenandoah Park, 17 of 18 possible points on our propagated plants at the GCA plant exchange, carpooling to Horticulture Field Day in Roanoke, a day in the country at Rossie Fisher's organic farm for conservation chairs, watching a noted flower arranger do her stuff at the invitation of Dolley Madison Garden Club, enjoying GCV speakers in Richmond in January, attending Legislative Day and the Conservation Forum, are a sampling of the opportunities for camaraderie, education and just having fun which abounded in 05' and 06'. Top of the list for me must be the trip to Philadelphia Flower Show with the Henley/Iverson duo in charge. What a happening! Got there, came back, not a hitch, just great things to see and do all along the way.

Our Historic Garden Week 2005 was superb. The houses: Aerie; Monteith; Springfield; and the 1804 Inn at Barboursville, in addition to Christ Episcopal Church in Gordonsville were an outstanding collection, and each of you, with the leadership of Bobbye Davies and Bernice Walker, made it work. Oh, the flower arrangements! Plans are already going forward for next year.

My bag is full of more things, of more written reminders, but it is the people in front of me who are the jewels who make this club work so beautifully. My mind overflows with the memories...Bobbye and Catherine and Suzie offering daffodils for the Madison birthday wreath...me, winning my first blue ribbon at the daffodil show...Bobbye and Bernice making Historic Garden Week flow like clockwork, and my many trips to Bobbye's shop to check on how things were going and to buy a little something on the side..and the board meetings in Pat Filer's board room or Alice Smith's dining room..or Frances Purcell's humor as a roommate for the GCV Annual Meeting...and Therese Iverson's travel savvy in Denver..or Page and Barbara's good cheer in putting out the newsletter, every month, on time, and so good..Ada and Pam's wonderful partnership as co-chairs of the flower arrangers group. Marilyn Hutchison has to be the best admission chair ever, and it carries over to being my close, close advisor and friend as vice president and awards chair.

I never thought I would be president of a garden club, nor that I would really like being one. Why do you think I kept changing addresses? But I have been surprised on all accounts. I love this club, and each of you, and what we do, and what we stand for.

So, onto our next year, new challenges, and new accomplishments. A toast to Dolley Madison Garden Club and the year to come.

Landscaping at the Orange animal shelter was led by Mrs. D. Miller (Margaret), using funds from the community projects account and plants donated by members. Flowers for the Montpelier Legacy Luncheon were donated and arranged by club members. Donations were made to Nature Camp, Scenic Virginia, Piedmont Environmental Council and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Memberships and Meetings:

45 active members, 10 affiliate members

12 meetings a year including a community flower show in August.

At the Garden Club of America's 2005 Annual Meeting Dolley Madison was a runner-up for the Founder's Fund Award for the restoration plans for the water features at the Oriental Garden at Bassett House, home of the late Mrs. Randolph Scott, at Montpelier and was awarded \$7,500.00 for the

restoration. As its project for Jamestown's 400th birthday celebration the club will work again with Montpelier to plant an educational garden around its new visitor's center scheduled for opening in March 2007.

Other community projects included completion of plantings for a new Habitat for Humanity home. In August we held a community zinnia flower show "Garden Deceits and Fantasies" at the Town of Orange Public Works Building. At Christmas time we decorated the entrance doorway and parlor mantle for the Madison Home, a residence for low income single adults.

Funds for the community projects were raised through a poinsettia and bake sale held the first week of December in downtown Orange.

The most outstanding program was a slide presentation and commentary by Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs which was open to the public.

Two members attended the National Affairs and Legislation meeting in D.C. and gave a glowing report. We participated in local public hearings on growth and developments as D.C. developers and Walmart bark at our rural community's door.

Dolley Madison members stretch themselves to maintain full participation in the Garden Club of Virginia's activities as well as those offered by the Garden Club of America, but they remain enthusiastic.

2005 - 2007



Jane Henley - 45th president

Edited Presidents Annual Report June 13, 2007

It's 10 p.m. Tuesday night, June 12. A blank white space stares back at me from the computer. Where to start, and more importantly where to stop? What has been significant this year in the life of Dolley Madison Garden Club and its members? How do I pull out those special morsels that made this year

different to others? Aha, the Dolley Madison Musings...my favorite source of all the news that is fit to print. I have them all in a neat stack. These are my inspiration.

This 4 to 8-page little item fits into pocketbooks and can be read while waiting for the dentist appointment, it is full of fascinating data...such as Where and When the next meeting will be. There's the Conservation Corner's where you find out "What to do When Drought Happens" and how to garden organically. Then there is "Diggin' in the Dirt with Suzanne where we learn about hardy geraniums in full color and native azaleas, just to name two juicy articles. If there was any one special morsel needing to be heralded I think it is our newsletter. I read it cover to cover and know most of you do also. We send it to people outside the club too, they tell me how much they learn from it. Page Sullenberger and Barbara May, take a bow. You have given us two years of wonderful garden club coverage. I, for one, vote that we keep it just like it is and forgo the temptation to only put it on the web page, it won't be the same.

The DMGC serves us a full plate of programs and activities every year, much more that we can consume completely, but we each try. Jean Ince and her committee came up with another year of outstanding and varied programs. Again, which do you vote as your favorite? Nature Photography by Julia Connelly? "Three Generations of Gardening Along Mill Creek with Rosemary Wllinge (sister of Page S.) "Unusual Plants for your Garden with Linda Pinkham?" "Planting by the Signs" with Suzanne Aiello going solo without her sidekick Jean Ince (a very temporary health issue kept her at home.)? How about "Natural Farming and Animal Husbandry" at Retreat Farm with Frank and Cindy Gillan? Or "Oriental Flower Arranging with Jeanette Arrington?" Six outstanding programs. Wow.

Although not a regular monthly program, the March 29 showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" sponsored by the conservation committee under Zan Thomas's leadership, gave us all a wakeup call about global warming. This important evening was a total success and brought out a full house of garden club members and community participants. The good food from our garden club cooks did help generate the numbers.

2007 Historic Garden Week: "Country Lanes and Garden Paths" in Orange/Madison and Culpeper Counties with five interesting homes on the tour: Locust Hill; Tre Sorelle; the Inn at Meander; Spring Hill Farm and Locust Hill Preserve netted *\$11,949.00 for the Garden Club of Virginia restoration projects*. It was a sunny day in more ways than one. Congratulations to chairman Bobbye Davies and Bernice Walker, and to all the club members who participated.

The horticulture committee was a travelling bunch this year. The "big" trip was to Raleigh, NC for three days visiting gardens and nurseries including Duje Gardens, Niche gardens, Camelia Forest and Plant Delights nurseries. Closer to home the group visited Orchid Station, Mary McConnell's garden and the Friendly Gardens in Scotsville during Garden Week. Also, the committee held a fall plant and bake sale which raised money to defray costs for DMGC travelers to GCA and GCV meetings and workshops. Suzanne Aiello has again led this committee to new heights of activity.

Dolley Madison's growing numbers of outstanding flower arrangers can thank Ada Harvey and Pam Gottschalk for their outstanding leadership in providing five workshops for "wanna be" arrangers. The goal is to have a larger number of members participate in GCV and GCA flower shows throughout the year. We entered interclub arrangements in all three GCV shows and individuals entered in all show opportunities offered by GCV and GCA as well as other community shows.

It's daffodils in April, lilies in June and roses in October. All three shows bring out DMGC members as participants and ribbon winners. Catherine Gillespie again won silver for her daffodil collection. Bernice Walker is becoming "the entry to best" at the rose show and Mary Queitzsch's lily crew of Jean Ince, Laurel Moore, Pam Gottschalk and Catherine Gillespie did themselves proud with many ribbons. The big winners were Trish Falcon, Mary Queitzsch, and Carolyn Scott, with Trish leading the group with five blues, a silver bowl and a silver cup. It is difficult to star at all three shows, but we are managing to do just that.

Two homes and gardens of DMGC members, Tre Sorelle and Holmlea, have been photographed, submitted and accepted to be in the Smithsonian's collection of outstanding homes and gardens. Our own garden history and design committee saw that this happened and are looking forward to including other Piedmont homes to the collections which was started by a donation of slides from the Garden Club of America.

Now to our community endeavors, which are large and small. With 2007 the year for Virginia and the nation to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Dolley Madison decided to make its own contribution with a gift to Montpelier by both designing and planting a native shrub area at the new visitor's center. After visiting the construction site last summer and selecting an area that the contractor said was available, Suzanne Aiello put on paper an outstanding plan which would be affordable and educational. By September it was ready for consideration by the Montpelier ground committee. Unfortunately, they turned us down flat. It seemed the general landscape designer had other plans for that area, and we had not been told about them. It was a hard lesson. We now realize we need to be patient and wait for Montpelier to come to us for assistance. Jamestown's birthday is instead being celebrated in our own yards and by assisting the town of Orange with red, white and blue plantings for containers in front of businesses. Also, members have purchased over 200 red oak seedlings propagated by state foresters from trees on Jamestown Island and have assisted a 4th grade class at Orange Elementary School plant a Jamestown garden at their school.

Each year the club has a zinnia flower show which is open to the public, both as entrants and viewers. Children and men are encouraged to give arranging a try. For the first time the show was held at a new Public Works Building in Orange and was indeed a bright and beautiful sight to behold. Therese Iverson was the show leader offering a creative schedule for designers and bringing in many horticulture specimens for judging.

To raise money for community projects the club has a yearly poinsettia sale the first weekend in December. Our British wonders Adrienne Foshey and Serena Wiley, like clockwork got those plants selected and delivered and with the help of a bake sale and many elves who helped sell, made over \$2,000.00 in a two-day sale.

The website and improvements in communication and public relations are under study by a task force which will continue its work into the next year. We are also hoping to work again with Montpelier to plant bulbs and possibly trees at the new entrance to the estate, also we are in the midst of planting flowers and shrubs at the Orange County Animal Shelter.

One last paragraph must be devoted to my Board. None could have been more faithful and helpful to me. I ask them to stand...Marilyn Hutchison, the Vice President to die for...also Awards Chairman and Admissions Chair...Second Vice Chair Betty Kipps, who has been on top of our records and the club's

history for the past two years...Recording Secretary Alice Smith, the most all around talented person any organization could wish for, Catherine Gillespie, absolutely a most generous person of her time and energy to help others...and she has found she has new talents...she is now an investment wizard, Pam Shreve Corresponding Secretary and keeper of the name tags and attendance records...she also stepped in to take over for Nancy Wiley...Jean Ince Program Chair always ready, always organized, and the bounce back champion...and Zan Thomas and Mary Lew Sponski, who seldom missed a meeting and were both outstanding board members. These folks have served you well.

And now to our new folks on the block...We say proceed on and remember to have fun along the way.

Changes in Membership:

Resignations: Mrs. Carroll G. Blunden (Felicity) and Mrs. Brian Wagner (Marcy) July 2006

GCA Medal of Merit, Mrs. Michael Quinn (Carolyn)

2007 – 2009



Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger - 46th president

In 2008 Historic Garden Week opened the following properties “Homes and Garden Across the Ages in Montpelier Hunt Country”: Oakley; (Ridgely and DeLane Porter) Bassett House; (Michael and Carolyn Quinn) Annie duPont Garden; Gaston Hall; (Steven and Catherine Brooks) Windrock (Edward and Ada Harvey) and The Exchange Hotel. All homes of members of Dolley Madison Garden Club. The tour was sponsored by The Village at Gordon House and 19 other businesses in Orange and Gordonsville. All expenses for the brochure and the tour were covered by these sponsorships allowing the club to send \$23,666.50 to the *Garden Club of Virginia for restoration projects*. Approximately 1000 guests enjoyed the tour which was chaired by Pamela Hudson and Alice Smith. The brochure was produced with personalized artwork by Trish Crowe a local artist.

The club once again assisted Orange Downtown Alliance with other garden clubs in the beautification of Orange by planting pots for local businesses.

A successful Conservation Forum was held at Grymes Memorial School. The theme was “Conservation Inside and Outside the Home”, topics such as composting; recycling; rain barrels and solar panels were discussed, and refreshments were served after the presentation.



L – R Maggie Neale, Betty Wright, Serena Wiley and Pamela Hudson

Fundraising this year was a popular poinsettia and bake sale, held the first week in December, rather chilly but approximately \$2,000.00 was added to the clubs funds for community projects.

The Taylor Park garden continues to be planted by the ladies of Dolley Madison with funds from the bequest by Jacquelin E. Taylor. A wreath was laid at President James Madison's tomb on his birthday by Page Sullenberger. Page is also editing the newsletter with Pat Filer.

A public zinnia show was held in September with some entries for some classes of the show being open to the public. A PBS film crew shot some footage of the zinnia show. A copy of a DVD entitled "The Road Trip Through History" was donated to the Kent-Valentine House by Ms. Betty Wright. Michael Quinn, Director of Montpelier and husband of Carolyn was the recipient of the Garden Club of America Preservation Award having been submitted for consideration by DMGC last year. Funds were donated to Camp Vesuvius.

Membership changes included welcoming new members Ms. Jean Moon; Mrs. Stephen Brooks (Catherine) and Mrs. R.T. Whitman (Cynthia).

The 76th Historic Garden Week 2009 showcased properties in Greene and Madison Counties, "Legacies from the 1900's amid the Blue Ridge Foothills...with one modern twist" opening: Sweely Winery; Ashland; Graves Chapel; Firnew Farm and South River Farm with Alice Smith and Pamela Hudson as co-chairs.

Along with the club's activities with the Orange Downtown Alliance, a tree was planted in Sedwick Park for the benefit of the community's children. The shade of the tree will make the playground a place one can play in the summer. The tulip poplar shade tree is our official Garden Club of America tree.

A conservation forum took place "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle". Laura Carter informed the members of the rules for recycling.

A plant sale extravaganza was held in October, offerings of heirloom perennials, bulbs, trees and shrubs all from member's gardens, A bake sale was also held. Money raised was used to purchase plant material for the Japanese (Oriental) Garden at Montpelier.

GCV Horticulture Day was held on May 28th and 29th at James Madison's Montpelier, with members being docents, drivers and guides. A tour of Annie duPont Formal Garden; the Gillette cottage -Bassett House; Mount Sharon Farm and Retreat Farm were also available. A luncheon was held at Summer Duck Wood.

The members enjoyed a field trip to Middleburg to the gardens of Donna Hackman and Elaine Brandon.

Membership changes in 2009:

The passing of beloved member Jean Marion Gregory Ince. (Mrs. Eugene S. Ince, Jr.) on January 12, 2009. Jean was born on November 11th, 1926 and had been a member of the Dolley Madison Garden Club since 1992.

Resigned: Mrs. Dudley L. Carlson (Betsy) and Mrs. Robert Shreve (Pam).

New members: Mrs. Charles M. McKinney, Jr. (Jane) and Rev. Mary Beth Wells.



A beautiful daffodil arrangement, one of many through the years.

Chapter 11
Almost 100 years...
2009 – 2010



Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello - 47th president

Change in membership:

Deaths: Mrs. W. Robert Eason (Anna Belle)

Resignations: Mrs. James M. White (Laurel Moore); Mrs. Edward E. Wendall (Shirley) and Mrs. Brian Hall (Frankie)

New members: Mrs. Andre Hintermann (Mary); Ms. Mary Jane Shackelford and Ms. Patricia Tackitt

Edited Excerpts from Presidents Annual Report:

As one DMGC year comes to an end, and another is about to begin, I thought it would be nice to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year.

We began 2009 – 2010 with a meeting of the BOD and all the committee chairmen to review our club's goals and how best to implement them. At the top of our list was goal #1: Community visibility and community projects.

- 1) We pledged Montpelier \$500.00 for a new tree identification brochure.
- 2) We also gave the Boys and Girls Club \$500.00 for new raised beds at Prospect Heights Middle School, and for garden tools. Currently, we are working with the younger children once/week to plant and maintain the beds. Last July, we provided the flowers and the guidance for the children to do arrangements for the County Fair. In December, we provided greens and assisted them in making Xmas swags.
- 3) We chose for our GCA Centennial Tree, a Tulip Polar. We purchased a 25-foot-tall one from Grelen and had it planted in the playground on Main Street to provide shade for the children.
- 4) We gave ODA \$1000.00 to help pay the cost of establishing OR renovating gardens on the 3 corners of Main Street/Madison Rd. intersection. 20 members of our club helped plant the beds. Members also helped to plant the container pots up and down Main Street.
- 5) We gave funds for completing the landscaping at the Animal Shelter.

- 6) We gifted 3 copies of “Historic Virginia Gardens” to the Orange library’s Dorothy Hunt Williams Collections, named for one of our past presidents, the collection now totals more than 300 garden related books, all donated by DMGC.
- 7) We purchased new English style planters for Taylor Park.
- 8) We funded a scholarship to Camp Vesuvius.
- 9) We donated \$240.00 to the Montpelier Nature Camp to enable them to bring the Virginia Wildlife Center to the camp.
- 10) Members donated and arranged flowers for the Dolley Madison Luncheon at Montpelier.
- 11) We submitted an application to GCV for the Common Wealth Award. The awarded funds were to be used to help restore the water features at the Oriental Garden at Montpelier. Unfortunately, we did not make the list of finalists.
- 12) And last, but certainly not least we held our most successful ever Historic Garden Week Tour with over 2,000 attendees. The 77th year of Historic Garden Week showcased Mount Sharon; Bloomsbury; Hare Forest and Little Yatton “Whispers of History and Gardens of the Piedmont” with over 2000 attendees and buses from Canada, Natchez and Minnesota.

Our second goal was to provide educational experiences for our members and the public. This year our members participated in flower arranging and propagation workshops, took the Big Woods Walk at Montpelier, and went to Lynchburg to tour the Confederate section of the old city cemetery to view the roses, after lunch they visited the Anne Spencer garden and house with a special tour given by Anne Spencer’s granddaughter. Our zinnia show open to club members and members of the community featured 167 exhibits by 37 exhibitors. The show was followed by a lecture on Mold Biotoxins and related diseases such as Lyme given by noted expert Dr. Ritchie Shoemaker from Pocomoke MD. Both were open to the public and a huge success. Dr. Shoemaker was kind enough to donate a box of his book “Surviving Mold” to garden club members.

Our final goal was to create opportunities for members to interact socially. We began the year with a delightful summer picnic, with spouses, in Adrienne Foshay’s lovely garden. Our ever-popular holiday luncheon took place here at Meander Inn in December.

In January we hosted a “Get Together Tea” at the Residence at Woodberry Forest, for the 3 other Orange garden clubs, Orange Garden Club, Rapid Anne Garden Club and Lake of the Woods Garden Club. All who attended voiced their appreciation in having an opportunity to get to know the members of other clubs.

And we are ending our year at Meander, with our annual awards meeting and luncheon.

Although this does not fall under one of our goals, I would like to congratulate our members who either created our interclub arrangements and/or sent flower arrangements or horticulture to the GCV flower shows and won all those beautiful ribbons, awards and trophies!



The Get Together Tea at Woodberry

Forest

I would also be remiss if I did not express my heartfelt thanks to Page for publishing our fabulous newsletter every month.

This has been a very busy year for DMGC. We have accomplished much thanks to hardworking members. We should congratulate ourselves.

Dolley Madison Garden Club members made wreaths and garlands for the exterior of James Madison's Montpelier.

A fundraising committee this year was organized with Pamela Hudson as chairman. A monthly raffle is to be held at meetings with club members donating unwanted gifts/objects. Notecards are being made and sold using photographs taken by club members.



Some of the fabulous notecards

Members attended the GCV Symposium at The Homestead in Hot Springs, WV in February; a floral arranging workshop led by Marion Zimmerman hosted by the Madison Garden Club in Madison, VA;

Laurel Moore has kept up the scrapbook and this was on display at the annual meeting.



L: President Suzanne Aiello and R: Mary Lew Sponski presenting Mr. Daniel Greg from Grelen Nursery, with The Dolley Madison Community Service Bowl for 2010.

2010 – 2011

Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne) completed her term as president

Change in Membership:

Inactive: Mrs. Thomas W. Filer, Jr. (Pat)

New: Ms. Gail Babnew and Mrs. Blaise Pasztory (Aniko)

Edited Excerpts from President Annual Report and Historians report 2011

As my term as president comes to a close, I thought I'd review what I feel is our greatest accomplishment as a club, over the past 2 years. I believe it is how we have worked together to re-evaluate our structural and functional organization. We began the process during Page's administration by establishing 3 major goals. This year we sat down and brainstormed about how we can do a better job accomplishing these goals. Together, we came up with recommendations for changes which I feel will make us a better organization.

First ways to improve communication. Our newsletter, thanks to Page, is one of the best in the state. It is a vital communication asset for our members, providing not only business minutes and announcements, but also educational articles, zinnia bouquets, photograph, tips and now Q and A and Worker Bees columns.

Second, we've made it easier to bring new members to Dolley Madison.

Thirdly we've established new committees to meet new needs.

Our fund-raising committee has done a fabulous job creating beautiful notecards from photographs taken by our members. They are currently working on the Orange Holiday B & B tour for this December.

Our new photography committee got organized this year and will be holding a workshop at one of our future meetings.

Our very talented flower arrangers have raised funds by providing the flowers for the weddings of 2 of our member's daughters.



By creating a community projects committee, we now have a formal process to handle requests for DMGC involvement in community projects. This will insure that we do not over commit our members time, or our club's finances, and that we have a member who will oversee the project to completion.

In closing I want to thank you for your support. And, I hope you will join me in thanking the outgoing BOD for all their hard work. We as members of DMGC, should be proud of all that we have accomplished.

Zinnia bouquets – The Board of Directors has created “Zinnia Bouquets” as a way to recognize and thank members who have donated their time and service to Dolley Madison Garden Club. Members will be recognized monthly in *Dolley Madison Musings*.

Noteworthy Events:

The 78th year of Historic Garden Week in Virginia in April 2011, had Dolley Madison Garden Club showcasing six properties in the historic district of Green Springs in Louisa County. “Southern Hospitality from Colonial to Classic in Historic Green Springs”. The properties were West End; Hall's Tavern; Old Raptor; Saint John's Chapel; Sunny View Plantation; and Fair Oaks. “Special attractions” at each venue had been scheduled but a day marked by torrential rains and tornado threats forced the club

to cancel most of the attractions. Even with the unfortunate weather, 600+ hardy souls visited the properties.

We assisted the Orange Downtown Alliance with their continued landscaping project in the town of Orange. This time the project was at the intersection of Caroline Street and Madison Road. ODA helped install trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs. We assisted in maintaining the original project at the intersection of Madison Road and Main Street in Orange.

Once again, we assisted the Orange Downtown Alliance and other garden clubs in planting flower pots owned by downtown businesses with annuals, a town beautification project.

Dolley Madison Garden Club members continue to help the Boys and Girls Club of Orange in planting and harvesting their community vegetable garden. The club continues to provide flowers and support the children who make flower arrangements to be entered in the Orange County Fair in the summer. At Christmas DMGC members provide greens, ribbon and ornaments for the boys and girls to make swags for their homes.

Dolley Madison Garden Club sponsored an art exhibit at the Arts Center in Orange entitled "Gardens and Landscapes of Virginia". The mixed media exhibit featured fifteen local artists and was juried by Catherine Hillis.

Therese Iverson represented DMGC at the GCA Zone VII flower show hosted by the Tuckahoe Garden Club in Richmond in September. She also represented DMGC at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts tenth presentation of Fine Arts and Flowers in October 2010. Again, Therese represented DMGC at the University of Virginia's Museum of Art Flowers Interpret Art exhibit in May 2011.

In May 2010 Ada Harvey competed in the flower show at the GCA annual meeting, she created a fruit arrangement representing a virtual cornucopia and received an honorable mention.

Mary Hintermann received recognition from Suzanne Munson, Ex. Dir. Of HGW for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of HGW. She linked HGW with the Garden Conservancy Open Days program for mutual promotional opportunities; *Smithsonian Magazine* will recognize one of HGW's tours in its publication; and placed Historic Garden Week stories in regional and national magazines.

Dolley Madison members made Christmas evergreen topiaries for the exterior of James Madison's Montpelier.

Mary Zocchi has been appointed to the North American Lily Society board for a three-year term. She was a judge for the Mid-Atlantic Lily Show in Philadelphia.

Suzanne Aiello serves on the GCV horticulture committee.

The Ada Sanford Harvey Mentoring Award was established this year to be presented in recognition of exceptional mentoring of other club members in the responsibilities and traditions of the Dolley Madison Garden Club. The award is given at the discretion of the Board of Directors and presented at the annual meeting. The award was presented by Mrs. Andre Hintermann in honor of her DMGC mentor, Ada Harvey.

Margaret Miller organized the club's October plant sale. There were lots of plants for sale and the club made over \$2,200.00.

A raffle held at most monthly meetings continues to be successful. The first collection of note cards featuring floral photographs taken by garden club members sold out and two new sets of cards were prepared for sale.

Therese Iverson went on an international field trip! In March Therese traveled to Argentina with GCA's visiting gardens tour of Argentina's Old World Grandeur -Visits to Estancias & Gardens of Argentina.

Members of the Club attended the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presentation of Fine Arts and Flowers, the GCV Rose show and took a trip to Edible Landscapes. Also, in October members attended a lecture /demonstration by Chris Giftos, former head of floral arrangements for the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts. The lecture was at Farmington Country Club.

The June/July 2011 issue of the GCA Bulletin featured an article by Pamela Hudson about member Bridget Bryant and her Egg of the Day photographs which appear on Face Book. (Reproduced with permission of GCA). Bridget is the chairwoman of the DMGC Photography Committee.

One member of Dolley Madison GC has a hobby that, at first, seems quite run-of-the-mill. Actually, it is quite egg-straordinary.

Bridget Bryant's parents bought her a Nikon FE camera for her high school graduation; she hasn't stopped taking pictures since, and has recently gained notoriety for her pictures. By combining her eye for photography with her love of nature, Bridget has composed a series of creative photos that feature something ordinary, an egg, in an extraordinary way. She posts photos almost daily on Facebook, which now reaches a large audience. It is known as eOtd (egg of the day).



Egg-straordinary photos capture public's fancy and photographer's delight

The eggs mainly come from her own live stock. Bridget, at one time, has had as many as eight hens and two roosters roaming her backyard in Orange, VA. It all started when, last February, one of the hens laid the very first egg. Bridget recalls, "I was SO excited that I brought it into the house, put it down on our table and took a picture, I uploaded the picture with the caption 'Egg of the Day'." From that day on, with the exception of a week on vacation, when her husband took over as the substitute, she has photographed an egg every day.

Bridget takes 30-200 pictures, being true to her commitment never to use artificial aids to keep the eggs immobilized. Her husband and, often, her children, help make a final eOtd decision. Now, she says, her children see eggs, not just as a breakfast commodity, but also as a beautiful part of nature. They have made her appreciate the exquisite splendor of various colors in the sky, changing light at different times of day and the intricate nature of every branch, plant and weed.

As DMGC Photography Committee chairwoman, Bridget helps the members gain a better understanding of their own cameras. For more information and a complete copy of this article, please visit Eggs of the Day on Face Book.

*Pamela Hudson,
Dolley Madison GC (VA), Zone VII*

Bridget Bryant's "egg of the day" photos



In November many members attended Hardie Newton's "Holiday Designs" floral arranging demonstration presented by the Madison Garden Club. In May four Dolley Madison members attended horticulture field day.

Taylor Park in downtown Orange continues to be planted with bequest funds by members of the Club. A wreath was placed on the grave of President James Madison on his birthday, March 16. Dolley

Madison sent \$700.00 to Camp Vesuvius funding a scholarship for a student. We made a \$240.00 donation to the Montpelier Nature Camp so that two children could attend.



Planting pansies in Taylor Park, Fall 2010

L-R Frances Purcell, Margaret Miller, Cynthia Whitman and Ada Harvey

2011- 2013



The DMGC logo was updated.

DeLane Porter - 48th president

Edited Excerpts from Presidents Annual Report 2012

Ninety-three years ago, our founding members, established the DMGC on the principles to promote gardening, horticulture, conservation,

beautification, restoration of historic gardens, and the protection of our native trees, wildflowers and birds. Almost a century later, our goals remain the same. This year, together we have carried out these objectives.

I congratulate you on your achievements. We traveled thousands of miles and attended hundreds of meetings and activities on behalf of the Dolley Madison Garden Club, The Garden Club of Virginia, and The Garden Club of America. We represented our club at numerous flower arranging, horticulture, conservation and historic garden week workshops and field trips. We traveled to zone, board of governors, and annual meetings and our band of gardeners voyaged to the Homestead for a fun-filled three-day symposium.

Our talents excelled with limitless awards and ribbons at flower shows. Bernice Walker was the first GCV member to earn “Queen of the Rose Show” in over a decade, our novice rosarian, Gail Babnew was named to the court, and Ada took home the “big” silver as most creative of the show. At the GCV Daffodil Show we received fifteen blue ribbons and over 35 awards, and next week, seven of our members will be attending the lily show.

Within the ranks of the GCA, we have proudly entered and won awards on national levels with bylines by Suzanne Aiello in The Real Dirt. Bridget’s “eggs of the day” gained national recognition, one as a second place GCA online photo winner and another graced the covers of the Bulletin. At the Zone VII show, Jeanne Moon took home a first place with her creative picture of a “garden gate.” And best of all, we have lifetime memories from meetings in Middleburg and Savannah, GA.

We ventured with other Orange gardeners to Dumbarton Oaks and the U.S. Botanic Gardens and enjoyed learning about tulips and how to grow our own bouquets. We visited Argentina through pictures of beautiful gardens. And we had a lovely summer picnic on the banks of the Rapidan. We enjoyed hosting the GCV president, Kim Nash, our GCA Zone chairman, Marie Thomas, and our GCV District liaison, Catherine Madden. We all had great fun dining together for our Christmas and annual meetings.

Other speakers this year included Jeroen Koeman speaking on Eco Tulips; Sarah Mackay a local Orange County High School senior who spoke on “Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Living in Orange” and gave a demonstration at the summer picnic; “Gardens of Argentina” presented by Therese Iverson on her GCA Visiting Gardening Trip and “Grow your own Bouquets” by Lisa Ziegler of Gardeners Workshop.

We have gained confidence from Ada and Mary Lew’s monthly flower workshops and our meeting arrangements have blossomed. Even, I no longer think twice about cutting and arranging. Our artistic arrangements stood proudly at all three-major GCV and both GCA zone and annual shows.

The Conservation and Beautification Committee of
THE DOLLEY MADISON GARDEN CLUB
presents free to the public


BRINGING NATURE HOME

with Doug Tallamy

Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 2 p.m.

At Stonefire Station
 5361 Spotswood Trail ☉ Barboursville, VA 22923

Doug Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology and Director of the Center for Managed Ecosystems at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, where he has authored 73 research articles and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology and other courses for 30 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book, *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*, was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 silver medal by the Garden Writer's Association.



Dr. Tallamy says we can all make our contribution to biodiversity by choosing native plants. Because our gardens and managed landscapes are part of the terrestrial ecosystems that sustain humans and the life around us, we must keep them in working order. To do that we can no longer view plants only as ornaments but must consider all of their roles when selecting them for our gardens. Dr. Tallamy will discuss the important ecological roles of the native plants in our landscapes, emphasize the benefits of designing gardens with these roles in mind, and explore the consequences of failing to do so. Gardening in this crowded world carries both moral and ecological responsibilities that we can no longer ignore.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet the author and hear his inspiring and enlightening message.

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Group registrations greatly appreciated.

With renowned speaker Doug Tallamy and “Bringing Nature Home,” our Conservation and Beautification Committee achieved local and statewide recognition. Who would have ever thought so many people would attend nearly 300 people and with 15 vendors.

We enjoyed sharing our horticulture knowledge at monthly meetings. We propagated, and we propagated, and then we replanted, and we replanted for future plant sales. We learned how to do horticulture show prep (even though one among us had trouble with those boxwood stuffings) We had numerous entries and scores of winners. And did we ever shine at the GCA Zone Show with our specimens!

A photography committee was formed with chairman Jeanne Moon and photography became a part of our lives as we were introduced to plant photography at our January meeting. Now, members proudly display their creations.

Members of the garden history and design committee continue to identify bountiful gardens for submission to the archives of the Smithsonian and the GCA.

Our gardening skills were exemplified in community projects. We beautified the streets of Orange and Taylor Park planted 125 pots of pansies in Taylor Park and the pots for downtown Orange businesses. We created centerpieces for the Orange Free Clinic Dance. And what fun we had in teaching the members of the Boys and Girls Club to make Christmas swags and arrangements for the Orange County Fair. We assisted Orange Downtown Alliance with the landscaping project at the intersection of Madison Road and Main Street Orange, twenty members helped install boxwood, shrubs, perennials and bulbs to create a new garden “look” in the heart of Orange. The youth have been encouraged to enjoy nature with our scholarships to Mt. Vesuvius and Montpelier’s Mud Camps. DMGC ladies provided

flowers for the Free Clinic benefit in February and assisted at the tour by the Boys and Girls Club of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Selheimers's Mount Sharon.

As in years past we presented a daffodil wreath in celebration of James Madison's birthday at Montpelier, also making a financial contribution for the cost of printing 50,000 copies of the Montpelier Tree Map. The map provides a description of the trees on a walking tour surrounding the mansion and grounds.

The members also contributed to the Food Bank of Orange with a financial donation as well as food brought to the Christmas luncheon.

The schedules for the 2014 Board of Governors meeting were established and venues secured by chairmen Mrs. Kendall Smith (Alice) and Mrs. Matthew Hudson (Pamela). With flying colors, the GCV chairmen approved our written agendas and event funds have been successfully netted.

We embraced the digital world with monthly online newsletter and color photographs produced by Mrs. Lloyd Sullenberger (Page).

Our treasurer's reports are developed on Quicken with spreadsheets in Excel for easy review for all. The 1930's logo was updated for use in the electronic age, and we have our very own place in cyberspace with our www.dolleymadisonclub.org website produced by Mrs. Matthew Hudson (Pamela).

We voted to change our membership categories and attendance policies for historic garden week. Our yearbook took on a new dimension with descriptions for all committees. We welcomed among our ranks two new members Annie Vanderwarker and Jasmine Warren.

The club put on an Historic Tours of Orange Tour "Decorating for the Holidays to raise funds for 2014 Board of Governors meeting. It was an overwhelming success with over 400 people in attendance. Raising over \$5,000.00 and notecard sales in addition. Thanks to Mrs. Matthew Hudson for the conception and implementation along with the fundraising team. The Inns included, The Inn at Willow Grove, Holladay House, Poplar Inn, Mayhurst Inn and Chestnut Hill. We were able to have "fun" with our fund raising in 2011/12. Our members designed beautiful note cards, graced with our talents; our in-house plant sale earned close to \$1800 and our monthly raffles brought in \$1100.00.

Not only have we enhanced our knowledge, but we have also shared much with our community over the past twelve months. We have been involved and we have made a difference. The roots of our founding gardeners dig deep; they would be proud.

Thank you for your guidance, your dedication, and most of all your friendships. With your continued support and encouragement 2013 will be a fun filled, educational, and rewarding.

Historic Garden Week "Mr. Madison's Neighborhood" featured: The Mayhurst Inn; James Madison's Montpelier; Somerset Plantation and Woodley.

2012 – 2013

DeLane Porter completes her term as president

Change of membership:

Out of Town: Ms. Pat Tackitt

New Members: Mrs. Garnett Morton (Lucille)

Deaths: Frances Knight Whitehouse

Edited excerpts from Presidents Annual Report 2012

As I reflect back on my past two years as your president, I marvel at the accompaniments of forty Active and twelve Associate members. This year alone we have traveled endless miles and attended countless meetings, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, and dinners. You are recognized as one of the smallest yet mightiest amongst the clubs; one who fulfills its obligations yet makes merriment at the same time. I congratulate you on your achievements.



Jane McKinney



Annie Vanderwarker



Bobbye Davies



Club Award

Congratulations to all exhibitors. This year alone we had more than 100 GCA and GCV horticulture specimens, 15 artistic, and several photographic exhibits. The ribbons were bountiful: we are proud of each and every one. Our club was recognized for several outstanding awards: the Harlin G. Turner Memorial Award, the North American Lily Show Award, the Mrs. Littleton H. Mears Trophy, and the Annabel Joseph Interclub Artistic Award. At the GCA Zone VII Show, Jane McKinney received a blue for her outstanding photography and Annie Vandewarker took first place for her creative interpretation of the life of Patsy Cline.

DOLLEY MADISON UTILIZES COMMUNITY TREASURED INNS FOR "FUN" DRAISING TOUR

Organizations know fundraising can be a chore (groan) another bake/plant sale or auction. Several years ago, Dolley Madison Garden Club's fundraising committee tried to envision a fun project, not too onerous, that truly involved local businesses.

A member suggested a holiday tour of historic inns. Success was ensured by advance planning, a dedicated committee and six enthusiastic innkeepers who did their own decorating. The self-guided tour included self-parking. The club provided refreshments at the inns which could be visited in any order.

Blessed with glorious weather for December, club members were welcoming and upbeat, and needed for just over half a day. Anticipating about 100 guests, members were delighted when over 400 participated.

Accolades from the inns encouraged future tours:

- "I was so impressed with the professionalism of the Garden Club and the overwhelming turn out. We would be more than happy to participate in any future garden club events." Victoria Tourville, Inn on Poplar Hill

- "The Holladay House jumped at the opportunity to help organize a fundraiser for such a community-minded organization as the Dolley Madison Garden Club. All the women we met were joyful, organized and made fantastic cookies!"
- "We, at Mayhurst, really had fun decorating Mayhurst in Period Style. It was fun meeting a lot of folks (400+), some who had never seen Mayhurst, plus a good number of friends who stopped by to just wish us the best for the holidays."

The joint program helped DMGC hit its fundraising goals and simultaneously gave the inns an opportunity to showcase part of what makes Orange county so special.

The community spirit this tour stirred up was amazing. Some lifelong residents of Orange had never visited the inns and thought the tour a wonderful opportunity. A portion of the funds raised went directly back into the community, working on projects with the Boys and Girls Club or beautifying the town in the spring. More details available on the club website: www.dolleymadisongardenclub.org

*Pamela Hudson,
Dolley Madison Garden Club, VA, Zone VII*

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Our talents have graced the pages of the GCA Bulletin and The Real Dirt. Members from across America read a series of articles written by Suzanne Aiello on The Plant Family. Pamela Hudson's article on the DMGC "Fun(d)"raising projects appeared in the December/January issue of GCA Bulletin (reproduced with permission of GCA). Our talents excel in all facets of horticulture, photography, flower arranging, conservation, beautification, Historic Garden Week, community involvement, and publications.

Jeanne Moon, Pamela Hudson, Jeanette McClendon, and Jane McKinney received recognition with their photographs on the GCA and GCV websites.

Thanks to the dedicated hours of our DMGC Musings editor, Page Sullenberger, our newsletter stimulates readers not just from our club but garden club members across the state. Our monthly feature articles on conservation, horticulture, and flower arranging, along with the photographs are enjoyed by many. We continue to move into the technological age as we now have 10 pages on our website. Each month one can find the horticulture "To Do" list for gardening. (Appendix 7) The hits of

visitors grow weekly. You can even find the DMGC and the DMGC HGW on Facebook. Pamela, thank you for your continuous work with this website.


The conservation committee has grown from five to fourteen. Our committee chairman, Zan Thomas has involved everyone in the recent community forums.

If you haven't read Mary Zocchi's article in the Spring GCV Journal on fertilizing lilies here it is.

Lily Notes

Lily Libations

By Mary Q. Zocchi
Dolley Madison Garden Club



What, when and how do you fertilize lilies? (No need to do anything special, and the daffodils, tulips, etc., will love you.) Rules of thumb for fertilizing lilies follow.

What do lilies like?

Most prefer a pH level of 6.0 to 7.0, nothing above 8.0. Fertilizer has three major food groups: nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K). A bulb wants more nitrogen when it is preparing to bloom. While blooming, it likes a balanced mix. Once blooms have faded, feed it with phosphorous and potassium to beef up the bulb for the next year.

While views on feeding lilies vary, several written resources and talks with growers led to some simple and easy suggestions:

- *Let's Grow Lilies: An Illustrated Handbook of Lily Culture*, North American Lily Society, Virginia Howe, author, suggests 20N-20P-20K.
- *Lilies: A Guide for Growers and Collectors*, by Edward Austin McRae, suggests balanced fertilizers such as, 12-12-12, or 15-15-15, or 20-20-20.
- *John E. Bryan on Bulbs* suggests 10-5-5 to start (basically two parts nitrogen to one part each of phosphorus and potassium). If it is a wet spring, you could bump up the nitrogen. During the main growing season, use a balanced formula. In late summer and early fall, go with 0-10-10.

Somewhere, I learned that lilies like to be fertilized like potatoes. I have started using a formula close to 0-25-25 in the late summer. The co-op kindly mixes 50 pounds: 22 pounds of monoammonium phosphate 11-52-0 with 28 pounds of muriate potash 0-0-60. This roughly comes out to 5-25-30. Warning: do not expect miracles overnight. This bulb-building formula works slowly over years (as in five).

Many garden club members have had great success with lilies without fertilizing. Others use compost as a top dressing, and that's it. Well-rotted horse or cow manure (spring feeding), leaf mold and compost are great. Still others use only Miracle Grow. Finally, many growers use time-released granules.

When should lilies be fertilized, and how often?

Start fertilizing after the last threat of frost. Some people fertilize every two weeks before a show. Check the calendar and pace the timing so blooms will just be beginning to peak at show time. If not competing, you might just give a spring, summer and fall feeding. Or you might give even less: one slow-release application, and call it quits.

How should lilies be fertilized?

I use granular fertilizer and sprinkle it on top of the soil, then water thoroughly. To prevent burning, avoid getting fertilizer in the tender tip or on the leaves. Some people use a diluted solution and spray. Avoid spraying buds and blossoms.

Above all, lilies are heavy feeders and will appreciate anything you do for them. 🌱



Zan Thomas introduces the panel at the Conservation Forum



An exhibit at "The Songs of Summer" show

On August 8th, "The Songs of Summer" was the place to be in Orange- creative flower arrangements, outstanding photographs, and perfect horticulture specimens. The refreshments were outstanding and just perfect for a hot, summer day. People of all ages-men, women, and children far and near were the exhibitors. Over 90% of our club members assisted with the activities and helped to make this show such a success. Thank you to chairman Mary Lew Sponski and Ada Harvey. Congratulations to Jane McKinney for winning the Julia duPont Andrews Memorial Bowl, Suzanne Aiello for the novice award, and Catherine Brooks for the Best in Show.

We look forward to an outstanding community plant sale this fall. We are most appreciative to Suzanne and the horticulture committee for their time in planting and replanting these specimens. This year over \$1800.00 was achieved at our club's plant sale.

Historic Garden Week in its 80th year was for DMGC "Somerset: Where Tradition Meets Today," Annandale; Frascati; Rocklands and The Market at Grelen, this was one of our most successful Historic Garden Week tours. With over 1600 attendees, our tour was a destination for many. What a beautiful day-thank you Mary Beth and Ada. And Mary Hintermann, you really did get the word out. The day netted \$27,000.00 for GCV restoration projects. Our new DMGC HGW banner was proudly displayed across Main Street in Orange the week of the tour.

Established by member Pat Tackitt this year, is a club photo award based on a point system. The John Andrew Hyland Photography Award.

The award is to encourage the creativity and ingenuity that John Hyland brought to his photography. The award will be given annually to the Dolley Madison Garden Club member who accumulates the most of points from a system which recognizes participation, photography skills development and success in photography competitions. The actual award will be either a replica of an old camera or a real old camera mounted on a piece of marble with a brass plaque. The photography group helped to develop a series of new note cards graced with outstanding photographs taken by our members.

We reached out to the community by planting bulbs and flowers in the ODA pots and the signage at the entrances to Orange. We assisted the members of the Boys and Girls Club to create arrangements for

the Orange County Fair and later with Christmas swags. We provided daffodils for a wreath to celebrate James Madison's birthday. We sponsored campers to Nature Camp and Montpelier Mud Camp, along with the GCA scholarship fund. Taylor Park is enhanced with new hosta and azaleas. Thank you to all who adopted plants to water throughout the hot summer of 2012. And, a special note of appreciation is extended to Bernice, for spearheading these new plantings.

Through raffles, plant sales, the "To Do" booklet, note cards, and jewelry "teas" we have raised over \$5,000.00 this year with our fundraising.

The club programs covered our principles: we visited our local nursery, Grelen; we enjoyed a lovely picnic on the banks of the Pamunkey River at Mary Jane's lovely farm; we celebrated Christmas with a dinner at Molly's Frascati; we learned how to winter plants from Mike Cristy; we gained knowledge about roses, and Lisa Ziegler taught us how to grow and condition flowers for garden tour. We marked the 80th anniversary of HGW with wine, cake and gifts-a real party!

The GCA Centennial Celebrations in New York City are lasting memories: an outstanding dinner at the Colony Club attended by counter parts from across the nation; the dedication of our Founders Fund Centennial Project-the 69th Street entrance to Central Park, and a viewing of many of the rarest book on gardening. Our Tulip Poplar, planted as a GCA Centennial Tree, stands tall shading the playground at the Hazel Sedwick Park in Orange.

We have had the most marvelous and exciting of times. I have been proud and honored to represent this club and will regard these years as an outstanding achievement in my life. Above all, I thank you for your guidance, your dedication, and most importantly your friendships. You are the best!

DeLane Porter

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Mary Beth Wells - 49th president



2013 Annual Awards:

L – R: Jeanne Moon, Pamela Hudson, Annie Vandewarker, Ada Harvey, Mary Lew Sponski, Mary Beth Wells, Rev. Richard Fitcher, Bernice Walker, DeLane Porter and Cynthia Whitman

Edited Excerpts June 2014 Dolley Madison Garden Club Annual Report

It is hard for me to believe that a full twelve months have passed us by since DeLane turned the presidency over to me. That was a very fast year. My very first meeting as president was at Catherine's at Gaston Hall, which seemed fitting as it was also my very first meeting as a new member, back a few years ago, both with lily committee programs. This year, Carrie Darracott, past president of the Augusta Garden Club spoke on 'Why Not Lilies' and why not—the results for our club's awards for the lily show were outstanding. Jeanne presented the results of the awards: Our collection entry received an honorable mention, Trish, Pam G, Jane and Annie won silver, ribbons were presented to Sara, Trish, Adrienne, Catherine G, Pam G., Maggie and Jane. Jeanne won a blue ribbon at the NALS regional show for photography. Everyone who created an exhibit won a ribbon, Annie's table scape won the Most Creative in show, Laurie received a prestigious blue, Bobbye an honorable mention, Therese, a yellow and a white and Annie, Mary Lew, and Ada won a red for the interclub. That is impressive; now let's see if we can do that again this year. June 18 and 19 are the upcoming dates, plan to enter or just go and see the beautiful lilies.

In August we had the distinct pleasure of having our picnic in the gardens at Gail Babnew's Springfield Farm. What beautiful gardens, a great BBQ and several lovely zinnia arrangements were entered for our intra-club show with Mary Lew Sponski receiving the best in show.

I had to miss the September meeting at Annie's, 'Cooking with Herbs' presented by Suzanne and Mary Lew, but heard glowing reports of the interesting and tasty recipes that were shared. We also had a very

successful plant sale and bake sale that month, beautifully organized and executed by our horticulture chairs, Margaret Miller and Jane McKinney. This group also potted 90 Japanese maples at Montpelier.

One of the highlights of our busy year was the Tea at Oakley, graciously hosted by DeLane and attended by seventy garden club ladies and guests. This tea was intended to thank our members and volunteers over the years with an eye toward expanding our membership. And over the next few months we have welcomed four new members, Normie Sanford, Frances Lea, Anna May and Mary Queitzsch.

Our GCA and GCV commitments kept us busy in the fall. Zan Thomas was busy with the joint Conservation and Horticulture Workshop on 'Invasives' at Lewis Ginter and the Conservation Forum where we submitted three flower arrangements. The Zone 7 meeting in Lexington, KY was attended by several of our members with photography entries by Jane and where DeLane, our Zone VII award chairman, presented to Suzanne Aiello the Zone 7 Communications Award for her writings in the Real Dirt and her newsletter articles. Laurie and Annie won red ribbons in the flower show and Annie won the Creativity Award in flower arranging.

When we think roses, we think Bernice and her team. Bobbye headed the group that created our interclub arrangement for the rose show, Gail won silver and blue for her roses, congratulations to all who attended.

And then Pamela, DeLane and I were off to the BOG, where we paid special attention to every detail, so we could make sure we will leave no leaf unturned when it is our turn this Oct. 14, 15, and 16.

Pamela and Alice, as co-chairs and their committees have been hard at work on this event for the past couple of years, no easy job. Now, all of that was just in Sept. and Oct.

November, we relaxed some at Ada's at Windrock with Annie demonstrating spraying foliage for the holidays, just beautiful arrangements and we also had a special recognition for Page who retired after designing and editing the newsletter for the past 14 years.

December found us having our Christmas luncheon at Meander, many thanks to Pat Filer for her hosting this lovely event. And we also had our "Decorating for the Holidays" for the second year, that month, chaired by Pamela Hudson to raise funds for the Board of Governors meeting.

In January the horticulture committee hosted the meeting with Ira Wallace of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, who spoke on 'Year-Round Bounty for the Home Gardener'.

And then the conservation and beautification committee had a very special program which was open to the public with speaker, Robert Jennings, Grassroots field Specialist, of the Eastern Front of the Blue Ridge, VA Chesapeake Bay Foundation speaking on Native Landscaping. Jane Henley reported to us on the GCA National Affairs and Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. in February. She reported that climate change was on every one of the speaker's minds.

In March we were graced with the presence of our GCV President, Ann Gordon Evans, and a wonderful flower arranging demonstration by Tom May, with Page as hostess.

We can give a special thanks to Lucille for program planning, a not too easy task.

Pat Filer assisted by Frances Lea contributed our interclub arrangement for the Daffodil show where Annie was an artistic judge (by the way we should all know that Annie has been accepted into the GCA

artistic judge program), and where Therese (also in the GCA artistic judge program) received a yellow ribbon for her artistic entry and special thanks to Bridget, Jane, Betty, Trish, Suzanne, Suzie, Gail, Catherine G. and DeLane for an impressive assortment of white, yellow, red and blue ribbons.

And, of course, April brings Historic Garden Week where we all participate. Ada and I spent many, many hours in preparation for our walking tour visiting the Exchange Hotel; 102 Market Street, Thistle Hill, Christ Episcopal Church; 405 Church Street. Actually, it takes a whole year of work for all the various committees. Mary Hintermann did a spectacular job with publicity. Gail and Ada were the go-getters for the advertising. Richard and I did the brochure. Ada and Joanna were transportation with lots of help from the Gordonsville Police Department.



Historic Garden Week arrangements

Mary Lew was flower arranging chairman and Anna May head of head hostesses, all head hostesses and flower arrangers get accolades for beautiful homes to tour and our first time ever, Dolley Store, a

highlight of the tour with all its special merchants and authors, thanks go to DeLane and her helpers. Of course, we are hard at work for next year's tour with Gail Babnew and Catherine Brooks as Co-chairs.

You heard reports this morning on the GCA annual meeting in New Orleans and then the GCV annual meeting in Leesburg. Lots of you attended Horticulture Field Day at Pharsalia, just beautiful. Phew, that's a lot.

That is the year that was, isn't that staggering the amount of time and energy all those events entail, and we'll repeat it all again in the coming twelve months. I know I have probably left out someone or something that was equally significant, and I apologize but I also thank each and every one of you for being an active part of this wonderful garden club. I am so proud to be your President and thank you. Annual Meeting held at Elmwood at Sparks and hosted by Pamela Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,
With Blessings,

Mary Beth Wells

2014 – 2015

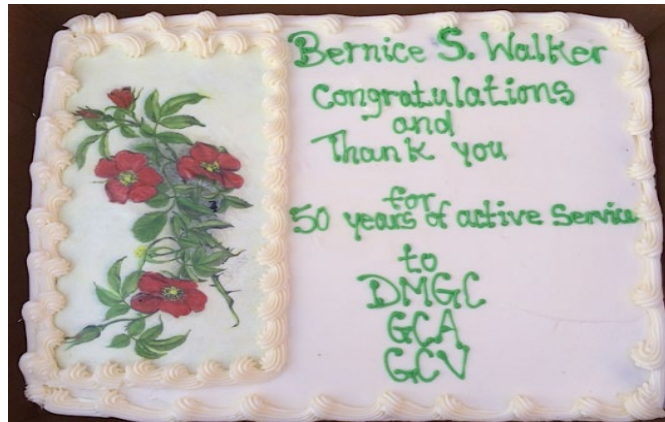
Mary Beth Wells completes her term as president.



Award Winners 2014 L – R: Mary Zocchi, Jane Hammond, Mary Beth Wells, Sandy Mudrinich (Montpelier) Jeff Poole(Orange/Culpeper newspaper) Zan Thomas, Annie Vanderwarker and DeLane Porter.

Edited Excerpts from President's Annual Report June, 2015

It has been a full two years since I was elected to serve as President of Dolley Madison. In terms of time it has flown by, hard to even feel it is twenty-four months later. In terms of content we have continued to keep a busy and impressive schedule, each month jam packed with activity. Our September picnic was a festive celebration and recognition of Bernice Walker's 50-years of active participation in DMGC, GCV and GCA. We thank Garnett and Lucille Morton for their generosity and hospitality in making 'Longview' the perfect place for this festive event.



The perpetual trophy



L-R: Jeanette Cadwallender, Bernice Walker, DeLane Porter

The highlight of the recognition ceremony was the presence of Jeanette Cadwallender, President of GCV, who presented Bernice with a new GCV trophy. The trophy will be known as 'The Bernice S. Walker Rose Award' and presented at the Annual Rose Show for Section II, Challenge Classes, Class 26-Hi-Lo Challenge. This perpetual trophy (an engraved silver pitcher) was donated in her honor by the members of Dolley Madison Garden Club and was announced at the GCV Annual Meeting in May 2014.

Our next big event for the fall of 2014 was hosting the GCV Board of Governor's meeting, October 14-16. Pamela Hudson and Alice Smith get high praise for their dedication to this huge event over the last

several years. Their planning, fund-raising and execution were faultless. And, of course, to all our club members who made this event so very successful.

Welcome to the Board of Governors 2014

"The table was long enough to accommodate a dozen persons, & full of all that a fine VA farm could supply. Half an hour before dinner we assembled in the drawing room, where after the old VA custom wine & cake were handed, to 'give an appetite' for dinner." Septimia Randolph Meikleham, granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson in "Quiet Home Life of Mr. and Mrs. Madison".

The traditions of "Farm to Table" and inviting guests to share in the bounty of our area run deep in the Piedmont both in the traditions honored by our Club namesake, Dolley Madison, and in the history and traditions of our Club. Founded in Orange, Virginia, by ladies well known in the horticultural world, the Dolley Madison Garden Club was organized in 1919. One year later the Club was the fourth to join the newly formed Garden Club of Virginia. In 1922, they were admitted into the Garden Club of America. Over the ensuing ninety-four years, Dolley Madison Garden Club has worked to protect and celebrate our agricultural heritage. The Dolley Madison Garden Club

- sponsors the Garden Club of Virginia deLacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation by a GCV member or club to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the field of conservation.*
- has always had a special fondness for lilies. The first GCV Lily Show in 1937 was a joint effort of the DMGC and the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club. Today, Dolley Madison sponsors two Garden Club of Virginia awards for lilies: The Virginia Ewers Queitzsch Memorial Cup awarded at the GCV Lily show annually for a collection of three lilies of the same cultivar, and the Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup awarded for lilies grown from seed.*
- is a leader in horticultural advancement and civic improvement in Orange with projects including the Save The Dogwoods campaign, the fight to control billboards and abolish auto graveyards, planting five miles of trees on US 15 approaching the town of Orange from the south and has over 30 years of cooperation with the Town of Orange enhancing Taylor Park which now serves as a popular farmers market in the summer.*
- sponsors annual forums to educate and inform the community on a topic of conservation importance. Recent forums include panel discussion on Uranium Mining in Orange County and "Bringing Nature Home" with author Doug Tallamy speaking on biodiversity and native plantings which attracted several hundred attendees.*
- welcomes visitors to three of the largest community events in our county: Historic Garden Week (in which our Club has participated every year since HGW's inception), the biannual holiday Historic Inns Tour and the biannual Zinnia Show which welcomes entries from the public as well as an interclub class. The Zinnia, representing friendship and constancy, is our Club flower.*
- actively works to preserve details of the many historically significant gardens in our area. The Club has documented 15 gardens for the Archives of American Gardens (AAG) at the Smithsonian Institution. They are housed in the Smithsonian Institution's Horticulture Services Division for inclusion in the Garden Club of America Historic Gardens archives.*
- is proud that the Annie duPont Formal Garden at Montpelier was selected for restoration by the Garden Club of Virginia with proceeds from Historic Garden Week.*

Dolley Madison Garden Club is delighted to welcome the Board of Governors back to Orange County to share in our time-honored tradition of "Farm to Table," or as we like to say "Field to Feast."

As one past president of GCV, who has attended every BOG's since 1982, said, 'All are fun and informative, but the "Dolleys" outdid themselves.' At every GCV event I have attended since, I receive praise and genuine thanks for the outstanding and memorable BOG put on by our ladies.





Dolley Madison Garden Club members Pamela Hudson, Suzanne Aiello, Alice Smith and club president Mary Beth Wells assemble gift bags for the Garden Club of Virginia's Board of Governors' visit next week. This will be just the third time in the 95-year history of the Dolley Madison Garden Club it will have hosted the GCV Board of Governors.

DMGC hosts GCV Board of Governors

"Field to Feast" features local businesses and attractions

For just the third time in its 95-year history, the Dolley Madison Garden Club will welcome the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) Board of Governors to Orange County for Field to Feast, its statewide annual meeting, Oct. 14 -16. Between business meetings and award ceremonies, the 100 out-of-town guests will be introduced to agribusinesses, visitor amenities and historic venues throughout Orange County. Field to Feast participants include members of the GCV Board of Directors, chairs of standing and special committees, presidents of the 47-member clubs, former presidents of the GCV, the executive director and GCV staff as well as the host club chairmen from Martinsville, site of the 2015 Board of Governors meeting. The Inn at Willow Grove, James Madison's Montpelier, Virginia National Bank, the Holiday Inn, The Market at Grelen, Palladio Restaurant, Real Food, Restaurant Pomme and Elmwood at Sparks are all working with Dolley Madison Garden Club members to make this a very special three-day event. Dan Gregg of Grelen Nursery will speak to attendees the first evening about Orange County agribusiness, Luca Paschina from Barboursville Vineyard will help them celebrate Wine Month in Virginia with a presentation on wine making and marketing and Kat Imhoff, executive director of James Madison's Montpelier, will introduce them to the Madison family's tradition of hospitality featuring Montpelier's own agricultural production.

The highlight of the meeting is the presentation of the 2014 Common Wealth Award during the concluding banquet in Montpelier's Grand Salon catered by Real Food. This GCV Award was established in 1979 to provide annual grants to community projects of GCV member clubs in the areas of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation or education. The two finalists for the 2014 Common Wealth Award are The Ashland Train Station, proposed by The Ashland Garden Club and The Canal Walk at Great Shiplock Park, which is a joint proposal from the four Richmond Garden Clubs: Boxwood, James River, Three Chopt and Tuckahoe. There will be a first place and a

second-place award given this year. The first-place proposal will win \$8,500 and the second-place winner will receive \$4,500.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour three very special Orange County gardens: the Annie DuPont Garden at Montpelier, restored with support from GCV Historic Garden Week tours; the Oriental Garden at Montpelier, a long standing Dolley Madison Club volunteer effort; and the spectacular gardens at Mount Sharon as guests of Mary Lou and Charlie Seilheimer.

Co-chairmen Pam Hudson and Alice Smith along with their committees and all members of the club have been working for three years to prepare for this important annual event on the GCV calendar. Committee chairmen include: flower arranging, Annie Vanderwarker; food and beverage, Ada Harvey, Mary Lew Sponski; horticulture, Jane McKinney, Margaret Miller; hospitality, Lucille Morton, MaryJane Shackelford; publications, Pamela Hudson, Alice Smith; publicity/club history, DeLane Porter; registration, Pamela Hudson; transport/tours, Suzanne Aiello; treasurer, Alice Smith and website, Pamela Hudson. In one way or another the entire membership of the Dolley Madison Garden Club has worked to showcase the finest fields and feasts Orange County has to offer for these community leaders, conservationists, designers and gardeners from across Virginia.

Orange County Review, Thursday, October 9, 2014

October also saw the GCV Rose Show. Ten of our members attended this show, serving in various capacities. Ada and Mary Lew received honorable mention for their interclub synergistic arrangement. Bernice won Queen of the Show and King of the Show (plus several other ribbons, blue, red, yellow and white). Joanna Davies' had two blues and one white. Gail Babnew won The Captain and Mrs. Edgar M. Williams perpetual trophy along with the blue ribbon for her collection of David Austin roses, in addition to two other blues and three yellows. All in all, DMGC ladies won 10 blue ribbons.

Bobbie Davies and Frances Lea have begun planning for a new community project for our club, the Medicinal Garden at the Exchange Hotel in Gordonsville.



The finished Medicinal Garden at The Exchange Hotel

Several of our members attended the GCA Zone VII meeting and flower show in Staunton on Oct. 27-29, where Annie won a blue in the flower show and Laurie a red. Therese exhibited her entry in the Botanical Art Class for which she received a red along with the best novice award. The highlight of the meeting was the Awards Banquet at Mary Baldwin College where DeLane, the Zone VII Awards Chairman, had prepared for many months to make this evenings presentations a reality. The evening was a huge success with these eight national awards, among those were two going to local residents. The Zone Horticulture Commendation went to Sandy Mudrinich from Montpelier and the Zone

Historic Preservation Award went to Mary Lou Seilheimer of Mt. Sharon and the Warrenton GC. That was one historic October, certainly one to be remembered.

We thank Laurie Holladay for hosting our wonderful, festive and delicious Christmas luncheon at Pomme. Our guest of honor was Martha Moore who spoke on Zone VII and GCA activities.

We had a wonderful February meeting, hosted by Jeanette McClendon. DeLane and Jeanette Cadwallender, President of GCV, were our speakers.

DeLane gave us an overview of our GCV district 2 activities over the past two years. She has served as GCV Director at Large for District 2 and Jeanette gave a presentation of GCV's planning for the next five years, heading to a 2020 Centennial Celebration. The Centennial project is to help fund interactive exhibits at Virginia State Parks.



DMGC President Rev. Mary Beth Wells with GCV President Jeanette Cadwallendar

Once again, Zan Thomas and her Conservation and Beautification committee put on a very educational forum in March called 'Bats, Birds, Butterflies and Bees- Pollinators in Peril'. This forum was open to the public and attendees were able to enjoy lunch, view exhibits and shop with vendors, all at Stonefire Station.



Our Co-chairmen for Historic Garden Week, Gail Babnew and Catherine Brooks, planned and executed a most successful tour, 'From Pastures to Parterres. . .'. Their committees outdid themselves in preparation for tours of Barboursville Vineyards, the Inn and Ruins; Aerie Farm; Springfields and Annadale. The efforts of Mary Hintermann and Mary Queitzsch in getting publicity in several publications was commendable. Attendance and proceeds were some of the best ever.

April also included the GCV Daffodil Show. We give thanks to committee members Bridget B. Bryant, Suzie Bresee, Catherine Gillespie, Trish Falcon, Jane McKinney, DeLane Porter and Annie Vanderwarker. Several blue ribbons were among this group. Also, in attendance were Ada, Mary Lew and Annie with the interclub arrangement.

Mary Hintermann organized a very successful field trip for our ladies and their friends in May. It was a tour of Monticello and Monticello Center for Historic Plants led by Peggy Cornett, Curator of Plants at Monticello. She lectures on Monticello and garden history, is a published author and editor, and a frequent guest on PBS gardening programs.



Monticello terrace gardens

And last but not least we have our annual luncheon and my last meeting as president of DMGC. We are fortunate to be able to have our annual event at the home of Normie Sanford. Under a tent at 'Woodley' and catered by Stonefire Kitchen we will be feted royally as I turn the leadership of DMGC over to Gail Babnew, our President-elect and her new Board of Directors. The next two years will be fun and exciting and full of more educational, informational and interesting events, which will fly by, just as it has for me.

I thank all the ladies of DMGC for their having me serve as their president and their kind support over the last two years. It has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

Rev. Mary Beth Wells.



Award winners 2015 L – R: Mary Hintermann, DeLane Porter, Joanne Davies, Ada Harvey, Gail Babnew, Mary Beth Wells, Jane Hammond, Pam Gottschalk and Leigh Mawyer, (Tourism Manager Orange County)

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Gail Babnew - 50th president

Edited Excerpts from President's Annual Report June 8, 2016

Past Dolley Madison Garden Club Presidents, members of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairmen, members and guests, I am pleased to present the President's Annual report. It has been an honor to serve the first year of my term as our club's fiftieth president.

Ninety-seven years ago, in November 1919, a bridge club of twelve women met at Cameron Lodge. Miss Mary Cameron suggested that the bridge club become a garden club which was seconded by Mrs.

Joseph Walker who became the first President of the Dolley Madison Garden Club. Charter members of our club shared a love of all things gardening related, including horticulture, conservation, and community beautification. Today, we celebrate the accomplishments of each and every one of you for your efforts in preserving the founding principles of the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

We began our 2015-2016 year with enthusiastic participation at the 73rd annual GCV Lily show in Middleburg. Twenty members of our club contributed 44 entries and we brought home dozens of ribbons. Pat Filer's traditional mass arrangement won "first in class," a blue ribbon and a silver cup. Adrienne Foshay's potted "Mona Lisa" took first place for which she was awarded the National American Lily Society silver tray and our interclub horticulture entry won second place.



In July, the horticulture committee, chaired by DeLane Porter, enjoyed a beautiful summer morning at Oakley propagating plants in Forsythe pots for presentation at the upcoming GCA Zone VII Show. Meanwhile, the membership committee under Alice Smith's leadership, developed a new Protocol for Prospective Members and the horticulture and community projects committee agreed to work together on a tree planting project at Dogwood Village.



Planting Foysythe pots at DeLane Porter's home

We met in Catherine Brook's carriage house in August for "Flower Arranging 101," produced by flower arranging committee co-chair, Mary Jane Shackelford starring Vibeke Ober and Bobbye Davies, with a surprise presentation by Sara Bossong, who revealed her past life as radio star "Flora Gardener." The newly formed communications group, chaired by Mary Queitzsch, established guidelines to enhance publicity and utilize social media to better facilitate club communications. The Historic Garden Week committee, co-chaired by Catherine Brooks and Annie Vanderwarker, worked throughout the summer on our planned "Culpeper-Classic to Contemporary" tour, and Pam Hudson and Catherine Brooks took on the challenge of organizing our archives as Pam began to digitize the club's precious records.



Getting to grips with the archives
Catherine Brooks and Pamela Hudson

Our Annual Picnic and Intra-Club Zinnia Show, "What's My Line" was held on September 9th at Chopping Bottom, Annie Vanderwarker's home. The Club's scrapbooks were on display having been

updated and “renovated” by Pam Hudson. Tara Gesling reinforced our club’s “Endless Summer” theme with a presentation on “Extending the Seasons.” Several members of the club attended GCV’s Horticulture/Conservation program at Lewis Ginter on “Edible Landscaping.” Mary Jane joined me as Delegate to the GCA Zone VII “Going Coastal” show, from September 29th to October 1st in Virginia Beach and DeLane attended as Vice-Chair of Awards. Two hundred miles away, at the same time our club was well represented at the GCV Rose Show in Danville. We managed to dip tadpoles out of a Forsythe pot, revive rose specimens from ten straight days of rain, juggle teams in two places at the same time, and dodge a pending hurricane. Carla Passarello’s Forsythe pot received second out of 18 entries, Jane Hammond won a second in photography, and Mary Jane Shackelford’s crab trap entry celebrated a third place in the interclub artistic class. In addition, we brought home three blue ribbons, eight reds, five yellows, and six honorable mentions. Back at the Rose Show, Bernice Walker won the Bernice S. Walker Perpetual Trophy, the “Queen of Miniatures,” GCV’s Member Club Award, “Best Open Bloom” and a “Court of Honor Award” for best modern shrub. In addition, our rose team was awarded nine blues, six reds, two yellows, three honorable mentions and a second “Best Modern Shrub” award. Bobbye Davies designed the interclub arrangement and Therese Iverson entered several artistic classes, winning a third for an Art Nouveau design. Carla Passarello served as Bernice’s assistant while Pat Filer was busy as a judge. Annie Vanderwarker delivered the keynote “lunch and learn” flower design presentation, assisted by Ada Harvey.

In October, eight members of our club attended GCV’s Flower Arranging Workshop with White House floral designer Laura Dowling. The monthly horticulture meeting featured propagation, seed sharing and pollination with DeLane Porter and Carla Passarello creating over 100 seed packets for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. The horticulture and community projects committee’s joint project commenced with the installation of the Oriental Spruce at Dogwood Village. We sipped tea amidst the roses at Springfields as Pamela Powers delivered a presentation on mini-floras and miniatures and, simultaneously, Lucille Morton represented the club as Delegate at the GCV Board of Governor’s meeting in Martinsville, Virginia. We celebrated the “kick-off” of our Historic Garden Week tour over a luncheon presented by Catherine Brooks and Annie Vanderwarker at Gaston Hall and yes, we all loved the local moonshine cake served for dessert! At the end of the month, I attended GCV’s Presidents luncheon presentation on Strategic Planning while Mary Queitzsch and Gale Martin participated in the GCV Communications meeting and the daffodil team attended their GCV Committee meeting in Richmond.

Dolley Madison Garden Club begins year with zinnias, picnic and projects



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Pictured, clockwise from top left: President Gail Babnew addresses the club. Dot Browning and her winning arrangement "The Last Hurrah!!" DeLane Porter's winning horticulture entry with most points awarded. Guest speaker Tara Gesling, author of best-seller "The 180 Degree Wellness REvolution." Hosts Annie and Tony Vanderwarker.



Plans horticulture/ community project at Dogwood Village

Dolley Madison Garden Club members and spouses kicked off a new year under the leadership of club president Gail Babnew at a picnic hosted by Annie and Tony Vanderwarker at their beautiful home on Chopping Bottom Farm.

The event began with a colorful zinnia show to the theme of "What's My Line." Best in shows were awarded to Frances Lea and Gail Babnew. Dot Browning, a member of the club for 55 years, won a blue ribbon for her arrangement "The Last Hurrah!!" Club members gave her a particularly enthusiastic round of applause for this latest blue ribbon. Blue ribbon winners included Ada Harvey and Mary Lou Sponski. The most points awarded went to DeLane Porter.

At the club meeting, Normie Sanford, community projects co-chair, announced a joint horticulture/community project to take place at Dogwood Village in October and December. In October, the club will be planting a spruce tree from Grelen Nursery in an interior courtyard. In December, the club will partner with Dogwood Village residents to create outdoor, bird-friendly ornaments for the newly planted spruce tree. Dolley Madison Garden Club would like to thank Grelen Nursery and the members who have donated the materials for the ornaments.

New club president Babnew introduced the club's program theme for this year, "Endless Summer, Extending the Season." Local master gardener Tara Gesling, guest speaker for the evening, shared her advice on extending the growing season, the use of healthy microbe-rich soil, and simple techniques to create hoop houses and cold frames. Gesling is the bestselling author of "The 180 Degree Wellness REvolution." She is working on an upcoming book on soil improvement and gardening due out on Amazon in 2016.

Orange County Review pictures from the annual picnic

In November, Zan Thomas co-chaired a Film Festival at the GCV Conservation Forum in Lynchburg with seven of our members in attendance. Nancy Ross Hugo and her daughter, Kate, presented "Celebrating the Seasons with Windowsill Art" at our meeting at St. Thomas' Church. Pamela Hudson, Suzanne Aiello and I presented a "Conflict of Interest" policy which was adopted by the club. Mary Queitzsch, Communications Chair, introduced club guidelines for events coverage and data sharing. We formed a Centennial Committee, chaired by Ada Harvey, to prepare for our planned year-long Centennial celebration beginning in November 2018. Mary Queitzsch and Gale Martin attended GCV's Marketing meeting in Richmond, while Zan Thomas covered GCV's Conservation meeting. The fundraising committee, co-chaired by Pam Hudson and Normie Sanford, produced notecards for sale during future events and Frances Lea and Normie designed Thanksgiving floral arrangements at Dogwood Village.

In December, Frances Lea and Pat Filer attended GCA's Flower Arranging Study Group in Boston. We

enjoyed Christmas tea at Grelen and Williamsburg style floral designs and forced bulbs graced our tables. We held a gift exchange and a raffle and Margaret Miller headed up a drive for the Love Outreach Food Pantry. Anne Geddy Cross, 2nd VP of GCV and Mary Bruce Glaize, Chairman of GCV's Centennial Subcommittee on National Parks delivered a brief address. The highlight of the holiday party was our presentation of GCA's "Years of Service Awards" to Dot Browning for 55 years, Helen Marie Taylor and Vibeke Ober for 50 years, Suzie Bressee for 45 years, and Page Sullenberger, Alice Smith, Betty Wright, Bernice Walker, Dana Faulconer and Catherine Gillespie for 40 years.

Days later, many of our club members met at the Boys and Girls Club for our annual Christmas swag making under the leadership of Mary Lew Sponski. On December 21st, DeLane Porter and Normie Sanford led Dolley Madison members in making bird friendly edible ornaments at Dogwood Village to decorate the Oriental Spruce. A few hours later, we commenced the Community Projects and Horticulture Committees tree dedication ceremony in honor of Dogwood Village's longtime resident and our former President Virginia Mason (1979-1981).



L- R: Helen Marie Taylor, Catherine Gillespie, Vibeke Ober, Suzie Bresee, Bernice Walker, Betty Wright, Alice Smith, Page Sullenberger and in the foreground Dot Browning.



Members of DMGC at the tree planting at
Dogwood Village



Honouring former DMGC President Virginia Mason (L) with family

In January, Karen Rexrode presented “Growing the Seasons” at our meeting held at Christ Episcopal Church. Mary Hintermann, Program Committee Chair, developed and presented a survey to the membership for member feedback. We welcomed Jacque Johnson as a new provisional member of the club. Ada Harvey held the first meeting of the centennial committee and the program committee met to begin planning for 2016-2017.

In February, inclement weather forced the cancellation of our planned greenhouse tour at Ashland.

Catherine Brooks graciously invited us to Gaston Hall and Jerry Aiello stepped in a month ahead of schedule to serve as our speaker, presenting “Gardening in Small Spaces.” We celebrated DeLane Porter and Carla Passarello’s award of the GCA 2016 Freeman Medal “Honorable Mention” for the Trillium grandiflorum. Horticulture committee members traveled to Knott’s Hellebore Farm in Clarksville, Virginia.



L – R: Mary Jane Shackelford, Pat filer, Gail Babnew, Gale Martin, Catherine Gillespie, Carla Passarello, Trish Falcon, Alice Smith and DeLane Porter

Zan Thomas and Jane Henley attended the NAL Conference in Washington, D.C. The Garden History and Design Committee, chaired by DeLane Porter and Jeannette McClendon, announced the accession of Springfields into the Smithsonian’s American Archives of Gardens.

In March we met at Suzanne Aiello’s home for a presentation of the 2016-2017 budget and a Spring Tailgate Sale which raised over \$1400.00 for the club. Each of our members participated in GCA’s Pollinator Survey and we congratulated Mary Queitzsch for a successful submission of our Dogwood Village Community Project article which was published in GCV’s *Journal* this month.

Club Notes

The Dolley Madison Garden Club 2015 Community Project

*by Mary Stroh Queitzsch
Dolley Madison Garden Club*

The Dolley Madison Garden Club selected Dogwood Village of Orange County for its 2015 community project. They donated and planted a tree in the Village garden to honor Virginia Mason, a current resident and DMGC president from 1979 to 1981. The project, conceived by the club's Horticulture and Community Projects Committees, became a multi-faceted event involving the residents, who made edible bird ornaments for the newly planted tree.

The club worked with Grelen Nursery, a local business. Grelen contributed towards and planted a beautiful 8-foot-tall Oriental Spruce, *Picea orientalis*, centered in the gardens between the two wings of Dogwood Village so all residents can enjoy the tree.

In December, club members donated materials and helped residents make decorations for the tree. As some worked inside, others were outside creating playful, bird-friendly designs for the tree. So many ornaments were created that the new tree was quickly filled and dozens of others were also decorated with the resident-made ornaments.

Dedication of the tree followed and a permanent plaque honoring Mrs. Mason was placed at its base. Mayor of Orange Chuck Mason regaled the audience with many stories of his step-mother, a beloved member of our club. 🌿



As published in The Garden Club of Virginia Journal

I attended the Montpelier wreath laying ceremony honoring James Madison where we presented our traditional daffodil wreath with flowers from member gardens. The horticulture committee's monthly meeting was open to the entire membership with Bartlett demonstrating pruning techniques at Oakley. Ada Harvey and the centennial committee hosted a tea for members with 40 or more years of service to the club, introducing surveys to be conducted by Mary Queitzsch, Vibeke Ober and Joanna Davies to collect archival information. DeLane and I attended the GCV Lily workshop at Kent Valentine House and our club traveled to Hampton Roads to the GCV Daffodil show where fifteen members participated, and we won dozens of ribbons. Suzie Bresee won the Broyhill Trophy and Catherine Gillespie was awarded the Edith Harrison Walker Award. Pat Filer's interclub collection naturalistic landscape earned a red, Bridget Bryant won three ribbons in the Trophy Collection, Laurie Holladay served as an artistic judge, and Annie Vanderwarker assisted in clerking. Bridget Bryant and Jane Hammond took on-site courses and became student judges while Suzie Bresee and Catherine Gillespie worked at the show.

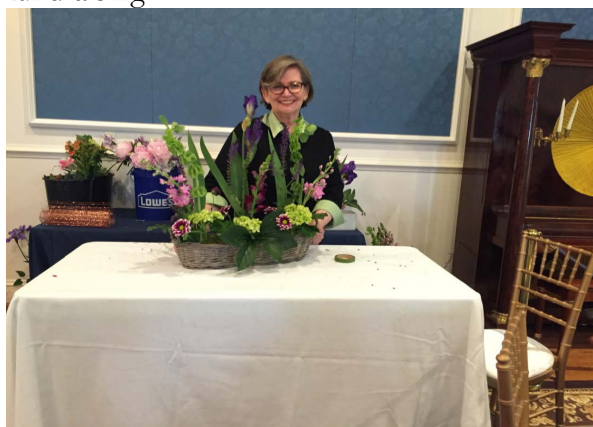


Suzie Bresee being presented with the Broyhill Trophy by GCV President Jeanette Cadwallender

In April we celebrated Historic Garden Week in Culpeper. Our “Culpeper-Classic to Contemporary” tour of: Greenville; Deer Ridge; Porches and Turkey Ridge; drew over 900 visitors and yielded a gross income of *\$41,000.00 for GCV Historic restoration projects*. The following two days, Carla Passarello, Chairman of Visiting Gardens, led several members of the club on the Warrenton/Clark and Middleburg HGW tours. We toured Clay Hill, the 1816 Federal home of renowned jewelry designer Elizabeth Locke and Claytonville Farms featuring extensive royal landscape designer Sheila MacQueen’s gardens. We enjoyed dinner at Ashby Inn and the following day we visited Gap Run Farm and Holman Hall with Capability Brown style gardens followed by a luncheon at Hunter’s Head and tours through St. Bride’s farm with a Georgian style house designed by Nathan Wyeth, architect of the Oval Office, featuring sculpture by Henry Moore and Santiago Calatrava. The joy and beauty of our busy spring season was sadly interrupted this month by the passing of two of our beloved members and friends, Serena Wiley and Dot Browning.

In May, Annie represented the club at the GCV Flower Shows meeting and Carla accompanied me as Delegate to the GCV Annual Meeting in Alexandria. DeLane Porter and Gale Martin created our horticulture entry featuring colonial herbal plantings. Our conservation/horticulture/flower arranging committees presented Colston Burrell to an audience of approximately 120 speaking on “Can A Garden Have Everything” which was co-sponsored by Montpelier and Virginia National Bank. Annie Vanderwarker (L) and Pat Filer (R) presented a flower arranging demonstration and the horticulture and

fundraising



committees offered Montpelier Japanese maples for sale, propagated from the Oriental Garden several years prior by our members, yielding the club a profit of \$1400.00 for a fundraising total of \$4,400.00 raised year to date. Catherine Brooks joined me as Delegate for the GCA annual meeting in Minneapolis where DeLane Porter served as GCA's Vice Chair of Awards. Pam Brady was welcomed as a Provisional member of the club.

We can be very proud of our many accomplishments this year and we have equally ambitious goals for 2016-2017. The club's principal focus will remain on educational and charitable projects consistent with our purpose under our Articles of Incorporation. Our programs and workshops will continue to further the knowledge and expertise of our members and offer educational opportunities to the public, our archives are being preserved for future generations and our Centennial will be celebrated by the presentation of a notable contribution and edifice to our community.

I am grateful to have been a part of Dolley Madison's 2015-2016 history, to have participated in the club's first hundred years and to be engaged on the cusp of her second hundred years. It is an honor to work with each of you. Our club is a place of perpetual learning and sharing, and most importantly, it is filled with great friendships and camaraderie.

Almost daily, we receive compliments on the work and reputation of our club. We are well respected locally, regionally and nationally by other garden clubs and by GCV and GCA, for our work and our talent, for our Historic Garden Week tours, horticulture exhibits, floral design and for our conservation forum, community service and civic contributions. I thank you and commend you all for your efforts.

The future of our club has been, and always will be dependent upon your vision, your talent, your expertise and your participation. As our club transitions to its second hundred years, our prospects for continued success are certain because **we** are the future of the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Babnew, President

Sad to announce the loss of our following members:



Dorothy McDonald Childress Browning 1922 -March 23, 2016

Dot Browning will be the stuff of legend. Her forthright good humor and vast knowledge of local affairs can never be replicated. A gardener, a story teller, a teacher, a mentor and a great friend, she was one of a kind. She inspired us all with her confident assurance of the proper and right way to do things. There will an empty seat on the “bad boys” back row at meetings henceforth. I’ll bet she’s got a front row seat in her newest adventure!

Page Sullenberger, Newsletter Editor



Jane Lily Serena Wiley 1935 - March 18, 2016

So much grace and good humor left us in Serena’s passing. That amazing penchant for successful gardening the Brits have. The dry wit. The impeccable manners. The enthusiasm for fox hunting. The joy in family. The kind generosity of spirit. She leaves a bare spot in the Dolley Madison Gardeners’ hearts - a spot that will be filled with the flowering memories of a wonderful friend.

Page Sullenberger, Newsletter Editor

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Gail Babnew completes her term as president.



Award winners L- R: Mary Jane Shackelford, Carla Passarella, Pamela Hudson, Mary Lew Sponski, Catherine Brooks, Jane Hammond, Pat Filer, Leigh Mawyer and Gail Babnew

Edited Excerpts from Presidents Annual Report June 14, 2017

Past Presidents, Members of the Board, Committee Chairmen, Members and Guests, I am pleased to present the President's Annual report. It has been a great honor to serve for the past two years as Dolley Madison Garden Club's fiftieth president.

We began our 2016-2017 year with eighteen club members participating in the 74th Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show in Middleburg on June 15th and 16th. Our Lily and Horticulture Chairman, DeLane Porter led the team and we brought home dozens of ribbons. Later that month, on June 28th, Annie Vanderwarker and Normie Sanford, Historic Garden Week Co-chairs, attended GCV's "HGW Boot Camp" in Richmond.

Peyton Wells, President of the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton, joined seventeen DMGC members at Christ Episcopal Church in Gordonsville for a workshop on August 3rd, introducing us to GCA's new requirement for member club's participation in Botanical Arts.

Later that month, on August 23rd, I attended a GCV Strategic Planning meeting at Kent Valentine House with a dozen other club presidents, Nina Mustard, (President of GCV), Candy Crosby (GCA Zone VII Chairman) and Emily Reed (GCV District II Director).

Gale Martin, our Centennial Committee Chairman, and I met on September 7th with Community Projects Co-Chairmen Suzanne Aiello and Frances Lea to outline criteria for our centennial project. Three days later we held our triennial Plant & Bake Sale at Faulconer's Hardware offering a variety of plants as well as Montpelier Japanese maples propagated by our club. Approximately \$2,100.00 of funds was raised by this event to fund future club community projects.



L-R Back: Catherine Brooks, Ada Harvey, Annie Vanderwarker, Bernice Walker, Mary Lew Sponski
 L – R Front: Pam Brady, Pam Gottschalk, Gail Babnew, Alice Smith, Normie Sandford, Suzanne Aiello,
 DeLane Porter and Jane Hammond (not pictured Pam Hudson)

Conservation Chairman Carla Passarello attended the GCV Conservation Workshop in Richmond on September 12th. Club members and spouses gathered at Springfield on September 14th for our Potluck Picnic and Intra-Club Zinnia Show. Special guests Candy Crosby and Emily Reed joined us for a fun filled evening. Four days later DeLane Porter and I traveled to Brooklyn, NY to attend the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference amidst the native flora collection, herb garden, and scented and Japanese gardens at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Several of our members attended GCV's Flower Arranging School with Meredith Lauter in Richmond on September 27th. The next day I traveled to the GCV District II morning meeting in Staunton and managed to join club members just in time for desert at our HGW "Kick Off Luncheon" at Annie Vanderwarker's home.

Bernice Walker, Joanna Davies, Carla Passarello, Pam Brady, and I traveled to Hampton, Virginia on October 4th and 5th to participate in the GCV Rose Show. Pat Filer designed the Biedermeier inter-club arrangement and Bernice Walker's hybrid tea was named "King" of the show. We won numerous ribbons and brought home a silver trophy for David Austin's "Best Modern Shrub." The following week from Oct. 12th – 14th, Normie Sanford, DeLane Porter, Frances Lea, Mary Beth Wells, Therese Iverson, Jane Hammond, Carla Passarello and Suzanne Aiello participated in the GCA Zone VII Meeting and Flower Show "Views from the Mountaintop" at Boars Head. We submitted several dozen winning entries in horticulture. Frances Lea was awarded an honorable mention in Artistic, Jane Hammond won a third in photography and Mary Beth Wells, Botanical Arts Chairman, entered our very first Botanical Arts class. DeLane Porter, Carla Passarello and Suzanne Aiello presented our GCA assigned Jeffersonian "upper ground sweet potato squash" and, after battling it back all summer to keep it from taking over our entire gardens, our 38-pound entry won a second place. We managed to keep a six-month long secret and DeLane Porter was honored at the awards banquet with the GCA Zone VII

Director's Award. I attended the GCV Board of Governors meeting in Virginia Beach from October 18th to the 20th, while members of our club traveled to Richmond for the Virginia Museum "Fine Arts and Flowers" field trip led by Alice Smith.

We attended the GCV Flower Shows committee meeting at the Kent Valentine House on November 7th. Carla Passarello participated in GCV's Conservation Forum on "Clean Energy: Exploring Wind and Solar" at the Paramount Theatre. Two days later we enjoyed tea at our monthly meeting held at Normie Sanford's home, welcoming our guest speaker, Cindy Brown, Manager of Education/Collections at the Smithsonian's American Archives of Gardens. The Horticulture and Conservation Committees held a joint meeting open to the public on November 21st, featuring a presentation on "Invasives" with Mary Lee Epps at Christ Episcopal Church.

Pam Brady with Pam Hudson spearheaded the Sherwood Forest Farms holiday greens effort, raising over \$1,000.00 during November and December for the club. We shared cocktails and cheer with our spouses at our Holiday Party at Carla Passarello's home, on December 14th. Five days later, Mary Lew Sponski led our annual community service projects at the Boys and Girls Club, with Dolley Madison club members assisting children in the annual tradition of creating Christmas swags.

Fran Boninti presented "Tools of the Trade" during our January 11th meeting at Annie Vanderwarker's home. Later in the month, on January 23rd Mary Queitzsch and Carla Passarello attended GCV's Legislative Day in Richmond.

Twenty-eight members of our club met on February 1st for a New Member Orientation and Valentine's Tea. Ten of our newest members participated in the presentation entitled "Who Does What When?" We gathered on February 8th, at the home of Pam Brady, to learn about Boxwood from guest speaker Robert Saunders. Several weeks later, from February 27th - March 2nd, Carla Passarello, DeLane Porter and I joined 300 delegates for the GCA National Affairs and Legislative Conference in Washington DC.

Club members enjoyed a daffodil program over a lovely tea on March 8th at the home of Mary Lew Sponski. Catherine Gillespie, Bridget Bryant and Jane Hammond represented Dolley Madison at the GCV Daffodil show in Hampton Roads from April 4th - 6th where dozens of ribbons were won by the team.

Pat Filer hosted the GCA flower arranging 101 program on April 11th for seventeen club members, featuring Jessica Nicholson at Christ Episcopal Church. The next day, Pam Brady and Mary Queitzsch co-hosted the 2nd annual Spring Tailgate sale in Catherine Brooks' barn raising over \$1,400.00 for the club. On April 22nd the GCV's 84th Historic Garden Week tour "Antebellum Orange" featuring homes by master builder Major William Jennings attracted over 800 visitors. Edgewood; Grelen; Merriewood; Monteith and Spotswood Lodge were opened.

Annie Vanderwarker accompanied me from April 4th - April 6th as Delegate to the GCA Annual Meeting, also serving as an artistic judge. DeLane Porter attended as Vice-Chair of Awards for GCA and Therese Iverson served as a scribe.

During our May 10th meeting, Annie Vanderwarker and the flower arranging committee's interactive of "Flowers Chopped" program won accolades from our membership. Annie Vanderwarker attended the GCV Annual Meeting as president-elect and Carla Passarello accompanied her as Delegate on May 17th and 18th in Fredericksburg. During the awards presentation the Catherine Madden Horticulture award was presented to DeLane Porter. On May 31st, Page Sullenberger, Catherine Gillespie and Jane Hammond represented our club at GCV's Horticulture Field Day in Gloucester.

Now we have arrived in June, the final month of our fiscal year and the final month of my two-year tenure. Words cannot express how proud I am to have served as your President. We have made great progress in accomplishing the three major goals I outlined in June of 2015: we have strengthened our monthly educational programs, we are building our membership, and we have greatly improved communications both internally and external to the club. Your leadership, effort and expertise have enabled these goals and again, I thank you. I am so proud of our club and I am reminded of our accomplishments whenever I travel on GCA or GCV business. There are always compliments for the Dolley Madison Club - on our talents, our awards, our newsletter, our publications, and on our visibility in artistic design and horticulture. I am honored by the opportunity to serve you, I am grateful for your confidence, and I will forever treasure working with each of you.

Going forward, under the capable leadership of Annie Vanderwarker and our new board and committee chairs, I know you will rise to the challenges we face. Garden clubs are in the process of transition. Remember our charitable and educational mission. Preserve and revere our precious history and traditions but adapt to protect our future. Be generous in sharing your passion and contributing your expertise to the club. Raise our visibility in the community. Above all, enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of fellow members.

As for me, I will be catching up on business obligations while serving as GCA's Zone VII Representative for Garden History and Design. I won't be far away though, and of course, you can always find me in my garden.

Respectfully submitted

Gail Babnew



2017 The photo shows Robert Saunders accepting the award while L – R Annie Vanderwarker, Carla Passarello, Gail Babnew, and Delane Porter

GCA MONTINE McDANIEL FREEMAN MEDAL
HONARARY MENTION AWARD



Recipient: *Trillium Grandiflorum*

Nominated by: DeLane Porter & Carla Passarello

The Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal Honorary Mention Award was presented by the Garden Club of America at their Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on May 22nd.

“The Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal is the GCA Plant of the Year and is the only award presented by The Garden Club of America to a plant. The medal is awarded to a North American native plant worthy of special recognition. The medal strives to acknowledge the cultivation and use of underutilized plants: trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines and perennials, that are deemed worthy to be preserved, propagated, promoted and planted. The goal of the award is to draw attention to select native plants to encourage their use in the landscape, to make them familiar to the gardener and more available in nurseries. The selection is made by a group of professionals in the field of Horticulture. The *Trillium grandiflorum* (Common names: white trillium, great white trillium or white wake-robin) is a herbaceous perennial native to eastern North America ranging from Nova Scotia south to northern Georgia and west to Minnesota. These plants are found extensively in the Shenandoah National Park. Congratulations to the Dolley Madison Garden Club, Carla Passarello and DeLanePorter, for submitting the Honorable Mention Nominee.”

Thanks to Carla Passarello, a dozen trillium have been planted in Taylor Park and a plaque will be placed at the site to acknowledge this medal.

(As detailed for submission to The Garden Club of America with permission of GCA)

In memory of Adrienne



Philippa Laure Adrienne Foshay 1937 - December 30, 2016

I last saw Adrienne the week before Christmas. I took some Shepherd's Pie for Boxing Day, a tradition long kept by Adrienne for her family. I was a bit chagrined as Paul had put peas in this year - a definite no, no for Adrienne's pies. But she was gracious as always and seemed to be pleased I'd brought it. It was no surprise to read that Adrienne was a graduate of Brillantmont Finishing School for Ladies in Lausanne was it? She was perhaps one of the most finished ladies I have ever known. Her unfailing graciousness and gentle British reserve were a hallmark of her personality. And there was that sneak up on you sense of humour . . . Adrienne was a model of caring as she looked after Bill and her family - never complaining, always accepting of life as it came. She enjoyed the dogs and the garden with equal enthusiasm, looking forward to each new season and its opportunities. And there were many with those prize-winning lilies! And how much fun it was to see Greenville in its glory for Garden Week last year. She tended to all the details of having house and garden at perfection for the hoard of visitors who traipsed about in utter admiration and wonder at the beauty of it all. We will miss you Adrienne but we are comforted in the knowledge that your faith has surely brought you a prime spot in the heavenly garden - perhaps even in the lily bed.

Page Sullenberger, Newsletter Editor

2017 – 2019



Annie Vanderwarker - 51st president.

September 13, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting, picnic and zinnia show was hosted by Annie Vanderwarker, Club President and held at her home in Keswick, Chopping Bottom.

Nina Mustard, President of the Garden Club of Virginia was the guest.

From the Minutes of the meeting on October 11, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Millie Faucett Ikebana

Horticulture-Jane announced that we had 29 entries at the symposium. Bernice won four silver trophies. Joanna and Jane also participated.

In community projects-Suzanne told of new plantings at Taylor Park. We will be planting pansies in the pots on Monday, October 23.

Gail and DeLane are on the GCA team for the 2nd Century. Gail gave a rundown of GCA history and operations. She explained the 2nd Century Campaign.

Pat Filer invited members to help her make Thanksgiving arrangements for the nursing home on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Members enjoyed a talk in Ikebana by Millie Faucett.



Ikebana arrangement by Catherine Brooks

At the GCA Zone VII Show at Winston Salem NC, Annie; Carla; Gail and DeLane attended. Members visited Old Salem Village; the fabulous gardens of Reynolda (Designed in 1913 on the historic estate of Winston-Salem's tobacco tycoon R.J. Reynolds and wife Katharine Reynolds); the Museum of Southern Decorative arts and the Ellen Biddle Shipman Garden at Wake Forest President's House.



Reynolda House

On November 1st the horticulture committee met at Greenfields, Suzie Breese's home and with daffodil chair Bridget Bryant, members toured the daffodil beds and learned tips on raising daffodils and other bulbs. At the member meeting Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs led a program on: "Designing with bulbs as companions". The meeting was at St Thomas Episcopal in Orange. Frances Lea hosted while very ill with ALS.

Mary Queitzsch has published "Flowers of Historic Garden Week" to be sold on Amazon and at events, with photographs of the arrangements for 2017 Tour.

On December 13th the club held the annual holiday party, a Cocktail Party with spouses at Ada's House "Windrock" catered by Real Food, it was fabulous! Great attendance!

On December 20th members were asked to help with the swag making workshop with The Boys and Girls Club of Orange.



Happy children of the Boys and Girls Club with their swags and the ladies who made it possible, organized by Mary Lew Sponski

L to R Carla; DeLane; Mary Lew; Gina; Alice; Vibeke; Suzanne and Normie

At the January meeting Members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Annie on Leaf Manipulation they learned how to arrange with braided, folded, cut or altered leaves as structure or accent this was followed by lunch.

Carla attended the Legislative Day for the Garden Club of Virginia in Richmond on January 22nd and on the 24th hosted new member orientation tea at her home Monteith.

Carla; Mary Jane; Pat; Linda Goodwin and Gina Sedwick attended a 101 and advanced GCV flower arranging workshop at Kent Valentine House in Richmond.



Gina Sedwick, novice creative line arrangement.

Frances Lea's Funeral was held on 10th February and several members provided flower arrangements and attended the service.

On 14th February at the regular meeting Carla led a discussion on the book "Stand up that Mountain" a John Grisham style novel based on a true story, the fight to save an area near Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina from destruction by strip quarrying, the meeting was held at Anna May's The Briary in Rapidan.

Ada announces the beginning of a flower arranging workshop series, to be held a week prior to every meeting, to teach new members artistic styles.

The plan for the Centennial was presented: Taylor Park to be DMGC centerpiece location includes concert series to be held in Park, kick off plant sale in September. New Lotus Flower fountain sculpture revealed to be presented next Spring, Elegant Cocktail Party for members to be held at Montpelier's Oriental Garden. Ada Harvey will be the Chairman. Annie thanked Suzanne and Gerry Aiello for taking over the newsletter.

Annie announced that she is interested in organizing a trip to VMFA to see the Chinese Warriors.

Jane Hammond announced the horticulture committee meeting schedule.

Catherine Brooks asked for program suggestions.

Corresponding Secretary-Anna May read a letter of thanks from Barbara Moriarty.

Carla and DeLane attended the GCA National Affairs and Legislation Conference in Washington DC featuring former Secretary of Treasury Hank and Wendy Paulsen, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao and Etymologist Doug Tallamy.

On March 14th David Pippin, the floral designer for the Governor's Mansion gave a flower arranging demonstration at Lakewood Pavilion which was open to the public. Attendance was huge and a thank you extended to Mary Jane Shackelford and Pam Brady for the organization. Not only was it great fun

but over \$2,000.00 dollars was made for DMGC. Ada and Mary Lew organized a corresponding arranger's flea market with containers, books and supplies.

At the Upperville Daffodil Show-Catherine Gillespie reported that she won the best vase of three and the best in show. Bridget Bryant also did well. Pat Filer won a yellow ribbon for our interclub. The Boys and Girls Club/Dolley Madison Farm to Table program was featured on GCA website.



Pat Filer, Pam Gottschalk Mid-Victorian/Daffodil Show

At the April 11th meeting the Centennial Celebration was discussed. Ada Harvey and Suzanne Aiello explained the proposed fountain for Taylor Park and showed a drawing of it. It will be made by Adam Krehbiel of Raindrops in Virginia, from Gordonsville. The town has approved the design. Suzanne reported that the town will be installing new lights in Taylor Park.

On April 21st: Historic Garden Week took place, Normie and Gale Martin were Co-Chairs Properties opened were Bloomsbury; Belle Terre (Gina Sedwick's); and Eastern View, Rapidan. Highlights of the tour were Helen Marie Taylor "holding court" and driving up onto the Bloomsbury lawn in her Cadillac. Flower arrangers at Bloomsbury featured new member's tutored by our veterans: Bobbye Davies and Vibeke Ober. For the first time we had Food Trucks and Colonial Musicians at Bloomsbury the headquarters. Cocktail after-party was held for volunteers and hosted at The Arts Center in Orange.

At the GCA Annual Meeting in San Francisco (27th – 30th April) Catherine Brooks; Gail Babnew; Annie Vanderwarker and DeLane Porter attended. DMGC seconded for the Albemarle award winner Thomas Woltz Landscape Architect, (Nelson, Byrd, Woltz) specializing in landscape reclamation and sustainable design.

On May 9th at the DMGC business meeting the properties for the Centennial HGW tour were announced: Gaston; Windholme and Will Coleman's Tivoli in Somerset. Gail Martin Chair. On May 24th: Gail Babnew hosted the GCA Zone VII Garden History and Design Committee workshop at Springfields, which was attended by 50 zone members. Luncheon was enjoyed and tours of Rocklands (Gupton) and Castle Hill (Taylor) took place. Gail developed the definitive "5 Steps to Documenting Historic Gardens" which will become the tool used by the GCA Committee.

Taylor Park Clean-up Day was scheduled for May but actually took place on June 4th organized by Suzanne. Carla; Jane; Catherine G; Bonnie W; Page; Suzanne and Alice volunteered.



Suzanne Aiello and Alice Smith



Ada Harvey and Joanna Davies

doing "the pots" in Taylor Park

From the DMGC Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon held at Willow Grove on June 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

President Annie Vanderwarker called the meeting to order.

Gail Babnew spoke about fundraising for our Centennial.

Ada Harvey explained the progressive dinner on July 18.

Catherine Brooks reminded members to update their contact information for the yearbook.

DeLane Porter announced that the Lily show is next week.

Page Sullenberger told of the death of our dogwood tree in the Sedwick Park. She hopes to replace it in the fall.

There followed the presentation of awards.

The following members were recognized for their years of service to the Club.

50 years. Bernice Walker
45 years. Dana Faulconer, Alice Smith, Page Sullenberger
35 years. Bobbye Davies
30 years. Marjorie McDonald
25 years. Trish Falcon

The president announced that Helen Marie Taylor is the honorary chair of the Centennial.
The president introduced Kim DeCamp, chair of GCA Zone 7 who spoke about GCA.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Members enjoyed lunch.
On June 20th the first strategic planning committee meeting took place to address concerns about hosting the upcoming GCA Annual Meeting in 2025, and to discuss declining membership.



Sadly in 2018 we lost member Frances Lea to ALS, she was a hardworking member of the Club and will be missed.

More amazing arrangements from HGW over the years.



Chapter 12
Into the Future...
2018 – 2019...

Annie Vanderwarker completes her term as president.



Past Presidents luncheon held at the home of DeLane Porter on July 13, 2018

Back row: L to R: Marge Grills, Vibeke Ober, Annie Vanderwarker, Mary Beth Wells, Page Sullenberger, Jane Henley.

Front row: L to R: Catherine Gillespie, Gail Babnew, DeLane Porter, and Suzanne Aiello.

Past Presidents unable to attend: Molly Barrow, Suzie Bresee, Dana Faulconer, Jinnie Mason, Carolyn Scott, Bernice Walker.

Historic Garden Week 2019:

This year's Orange County tour celebrates the Centennial of the Dolley Madison Garden Club, a founding member of the Garden Club of Virginia. Four gracious homes, tied to the earliest history of the County, highlight Orange County's agricultural and equestrian roots. One is a Madison family home, serving now as the headmaster's house at an acclaimed boy's school. One is a world-renowned equestrian training facility. Two are former residences of founding members of the Dolley Madison Garden Club; all are owned by individuals with a flair for elegance. Enjoy a tour of rural Orange as you drive from home to home. With their history, architecture and gardens, all four homes and gardens-----***Gaston Hall, Tivoli, Windholme*** and ***The Residence***-----celebrate the guiding principles which inspired the founders of the Dolley Madison Garden Club: Beautification, Preservation and Restoration. ***Christ Church*** in Gordonsville will also be open serving as Headquarters for this Centennial Tour.



Gaston Hall



Tivoli



Windholme



The Residence

The second strategic planning committee meeting was held on August 3rd. On August 27th Carla hosted a new member orientation breakfast with sponsors at her home Monteith.

At the zinnia luncheon on 12th September at Catherine Brooks' house Gaston Hall, there was a presentation of recommendations by the Strategic Planning Committee, by-laws changes were voted on and there was the roll out of a stunning new logo. The watercolor painted by Maria Pace and designs by PIXELS in Charlottesville. We also have new banners and notecards. This not only gives DMGC a new look for our Centennial tour but for the future, featuring our flower, the zinnia.



The DMGC Plant and Bake Sale took place in Taylor Park on September 22nd, organized by Jane Hammond and the horticulture committee which raised over \$2,000.00 dollars for Community Projects. 100s of perennials, trees, shrubs and bulbs featured. Sandy Thomas, Zone VII Vice-Chair attended.



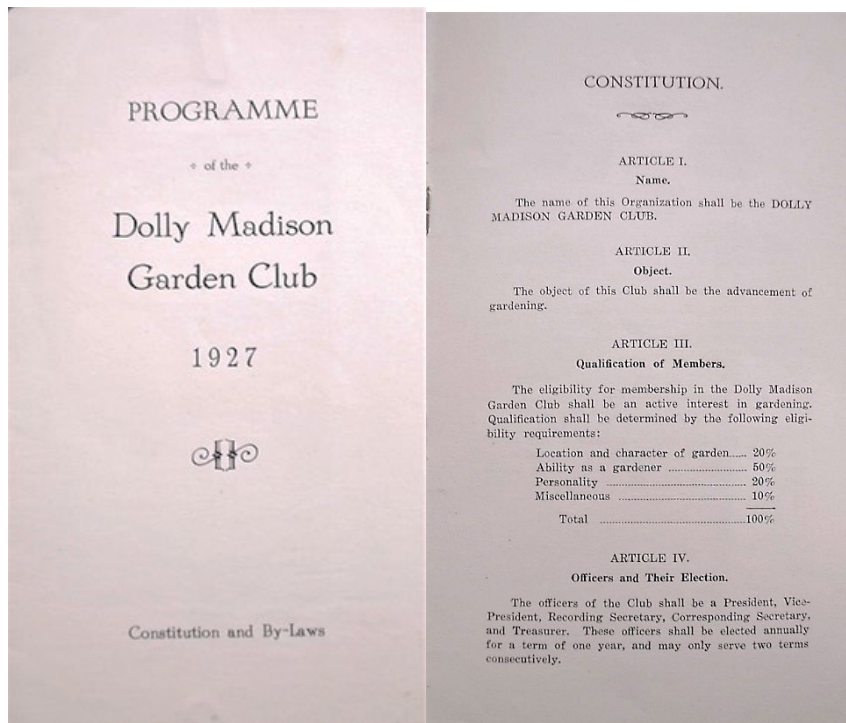
Suzie Bresee, Vibeke Ober, Normie Sanford and Annie Vanderwarker.



Page Sullenberger, Suzie Bresee and Jane Hammond

Members arranged flowers for and attended funeral of Tom Filer husband of member Pat Filer at St James Episcopal in Louisa.

As the Club looks towards the future, the mission and objectives of the Dolley Madison Garden Club have expanded from the original mission as found in the Yearbook for 1927.



“The object of this Club shall be the advancement of gardening.”

To:

“The objectives of the Dolley Madison Garden Club are exclusively charitable and educational. Pursuant to those objectives, the mission of the Club includes the promotion of gardening and the advancement of horticulture; the encouragement of conservation of our natural resources; the promotion of civic planting and roadside beautification; the restoration and preservation of historic gardens; the goals of the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America, as described in their bylaws; and all activities necessary to accomplish the above objectives.”

Clearly big boots to fill in 2019, but the ladies of Dolley Madison Garden Club are positive about the future of the Club and work diligently towards fulfilling these objectives and mission.

...into the future

APPENDIX 1

History of Dolly Madison Garden Club, written for submission to the Garden Club of Virginia in 1965

Dolly Madison Garden Club was organized in 1919 by a group of garden-loving women, several of whom were well known in the horticultural world. Proof of the eminence of its membership was shown, in 1920, Dolly Madison became the fourth club in the formation of the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1922, three years after its beginning, Dolly Madison was admitted to membership in the Garden Club of America.

In 1924 Mrs. Joseph G. Walker was elected to the Presidency of the Garden Club of Virginia and Dolly Madison acted as hostess to the Garden Club of Virginia for its annual meeting in 1925. In 1928 Mrs. Walker was appointed Editor of Garden Gossip, which under her guidance became a magazine of notable authority on gardening in Virginia. In 1930 Mrs. Leslie H. Gray, sixth President of Dolly Madison, was at the same time sixth President of the Garden Club of Virginia. Also, in October 1930 the local club acted as hostess to the Board of Governors meeting of the Virginia Club.

The First Lily show of the Garden Club of Virginia was sponsored by Dolly Madison and the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club in nearby Fredericksburg during the year 1937. Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, at that time Chairman of the Lily Test Committee of the American Horticultural Society, was the leading instigator of the Lily Show. This show, the only amateur one of its kind in North America, was to grow into one of National importance in the Lily World. After the death of Mrs. Walker in 1946, Lars Vassem, well known lily hybridizer, named an unbellatum hybrid lily in her honor. Following after Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Harrison P Bresee became Lily Test Chairman for the Garden Club of Virginia, a position which she filled admirably for many years.

In 1940 Mrs. Gray Dunnington served as Chairman of the Admissions Committee of the Garden Club of America. Also, in 1940 Mrs. George Zinn became Director at large of the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1948, Mrs. John S. Walker became corresponding Secretary for the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1948 Dolly Madison was hostess for the first meeting of the newly organized Southeastern zone (zone V) of the Garden Club of America. And, from 1948-1950 Mrs. George Zinn served as a Director of the Garden Club of America.

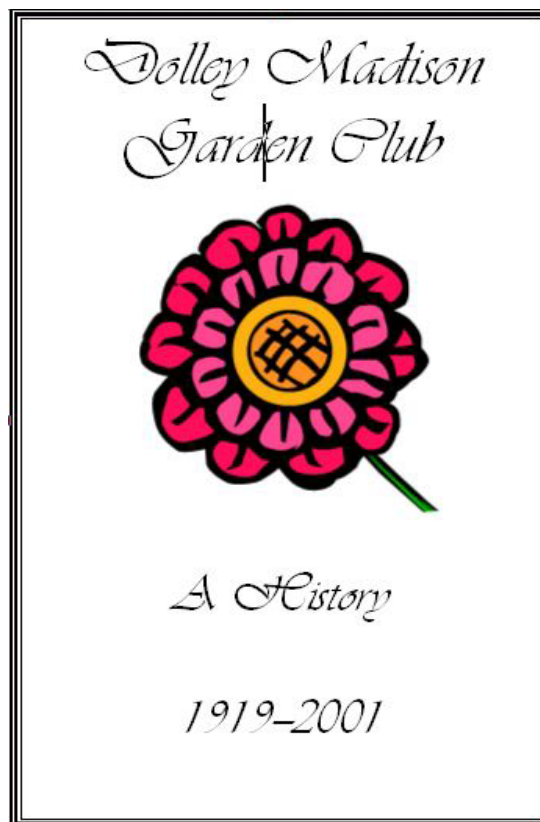
In 1953, Mrs. John Irving Woodruff filled the office of Zone Correspondent for the Garden Club of American Bulletin. In 1952-54 Mrs. Gray Dunnington was a Director of the Garden Club of Virginia, and in October 1953 Dolly Madison was hostess to the Board of Governors of that organization. In 1952 Mrs. Harry T. Peters, a flower President of the Garden Club of America, joined Dolly Madison as an Honorary Member. In 1956 Mrs. Walter S. Robertson became a Director of the Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams, in 1956, served as Flowers Shows Chairman for the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1959 she was elected to the Board of Governors of that organization and in 1962 to the Vice – Presidency. Also, in 1962 Mrs. Gray Dunnington was Chairman of the Admissions Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1963-65 Mrs. Williams became President and Mrs. Dunnington Recording Secretary of the Virginia Club.

Dolly Madison from its inception has been a leader in horticultural advancement and civic improvement throughout the state as well as in its own local community. Among its foremost activities have been the

“Save the Dogwoods” campaign; the fight to control billboards and abolish auto graveyards; the planting of five miles of trees on U.S. Route 15 leading into the Town of Orange; the planting of the bypass on County Route 20; a contest in cooperation with the County Agricultural Agent to improve farm gates and entrances; the beautification of the County Court House and other unsightly spots in the towns of Orange and Gordonsville; the planting of trees and shrubs in the town playground for young children, and the stimulation and encouragement to merchants to maintain window boxes in the business sections of the two towns. In alternate years, a child has been sent to Nature Camp and a public-school teacher to a Workshop. Thus, the aims of Dolly Madison are identical to those of the Garden Club of America – “to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening...to aid in the protection of Native Plants and Birds, and to encourage Civic Planting”.

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History of Dolley Madison Garden Club written in 2003

Dolley Madison Garden Club was organized in Orange, Virginia, in 1919 by a group of women who were members of a small bridge club. They were all garden lovers, and several were already well-known in the horticultural world. Proof of the eminence of its membership was shown when, in 1920, Dolley Madison became the fourth club in the formation of The Garden Club of Virginia. Three years after its beginning, in 1922, Dolley Madison was admitted to membership in The Garden Club of America.

The years 1921-22 saw the first member of Dolley Madison elected to a prominent position in The Garden Club of Virginia when Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh became Vice President; in 1922-24, Mrs. Joseph G.

Walker filled that same position. Thus, began the long association of the local club with the Virginia club. In 1922-24 Mrs. Leigh also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the GCV. While in office as Vice President in 1922-24, Mrs. Walker became the first Chairman of the Rose Test Committee. From 1926-28 Mrs. Walker was Chairman of the Flower Shows Committee and in 1926-28 she was Chairman of New Plant Material. Miss Ann B. (Nannie) Cooper was Chairman of the Plant Exchange Committee for The GCV from 1924-28.

In 1924-26 Mrs. Joseph G. Walker was elected to the presidency of The Garden Club of Virginia, and Dolly Madison acted as hostess to The GCV for its annual meeting in 1925. In 1928 Mrs. Walker was appointed editor of the *Garden Gossip*, an office she held until 1936. Under her guidance the magazine became a notable authority on gardening in Virginia. Mrs. Leslie H. Gray became the sixth President of The Garden Club of Virginia in 1930-32, while at the same time serving as the sixth President of Dolly Madison. In October 1930 the local club was hostess to the Board of Governors meeting of the GCV.

The first Lily Show of The Garden Club of Virginia was sponsored by Dolly Madison and the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club in nearby Fredericksburg in 1937. Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, first Chairman of the Lily Test Committee for The GCV from 1936-42 and a member of the Lily Committee of the American Horticulture Society, was leading instigator of the show. The Lily Show, the only amateur one of its kind in North America, was to grow into national importance in the lily world. After the death of Mrs. Walker in 1946 Lars Vassem, a well-known lily hybridizer, named an unbellatum hybrid lily in Mrs. Walker's honor. Following in Mrs. Walker's footsteps, Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee became Lily Test Chairman from 1944-48 for the GCV.

Mrs. George Zinn was elected Director-at-Large of The Garden Club of Virginia from 1939-42 and Mrs. John Scott Walker served that organization as Chairman of the Slides Committee from 1940-44. Mrs. John Otto Johnson, a horticulturalist of national reputation, filled the office of Rose Test Chairman for The GCV from 1940-44; and from 1948-50 Mrs. John S. Walker was Corresponding Secretary of the GCV. In 1940 Mrs. Gray Dunnington served as Chairman of Admissions for The Garden Club of America and from 1948-50 Mrs. Zinn was a Director of the GCA. Dolly Madison was hostess for the newly organized Southeastern Zone of The GCA in 1948.

From 1950-53 Mrs. Gray Dunnington was a Director of The Garden Club of Virginia and in 1953 Dolly Madison was hostess to the Board of Governors of that organization. Mrs. Harry T. Peters, former President of The Garden Club of America, joined Dolly Madison as an honorary member in 1952. Mrs. John Irving Woodruff filled the office of Zone Correspondent for The Garden Club of America *Bulletin* from 1953-55, and Mrs. Walter S. Robertson became a Director of The GCA from 1955-58. Further honors came to Dolly Madison in 1958-60 when Mrs. Gray Dunnington was made Chairman of the Massie Medal Awards of the GCV, and in 1962-64 she served that organization as Admissions Chairman.

From 1956-58 Mrs. Wyatt Aiken Williams was Flower Shows Chairman for The Garden Club of Virginia; in 1959-62 she was elected to the Board of Directors and in 1962-64 she became 2nd Vice President. Mrs. Williams served The Garden Club of Virginia as President from 1964-66 and Mrs. Dunnington was Recording Secretary for the same term of office. Mrs. Williams was elected to a second term on the Board of Directors of The GCV from 1966-67 and, from 1968-70, added on to her long list of honors as Chairman of the Restoration Committee. In 1966 Dolly Madison was hostess to the Board of Governors of The Garden Club of Virginia and in 1968, the local club served its turn as hostess to

Zone VII of The Garden Club of America. Mrs. Gray Dunnington was the recipient of The Garden Club of America Award of Merit Medal in 1966 for her many contributions to that organization.

Dolly Madison has made two gifts of special significance to The Garden Club of Virginia: The Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup and the deLacy Gray Memorial Medal. The Walker Cup, established in 1948 in memory of Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, is awarded at The GCV Lily Show for lilies grown from seed and was fittingly won at its first presentation in 1948 by Mrs. William Clayton Williams, Jr., then president of Dolly Madison. The deLacy Gray Medal, for outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the field of conservation, was established in memory of Mrs. Leslie H. Gray.

The 1970's saw continued participation of Dolly Madison members in both Garden Club of America and Garden Club of Virginia affairs. Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams won the Eleanor Truax Harris Cup at the 1970 Lily Show of The GCV and in 1972 she won the Sponsor's Cup at the Lily Show. Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer capped her long association with The Garden Club of Virginia *Journal* by being appointed Chairman of that committee from 1970-72; from 1972-75 she served as Chairman of District II for Historic Garden Week. Mrs. Charles V. Rich, Jr., represented Zone VII on The Garden Club of America's Interchange Fellowship Committee from 1970-73, and from 1975-77 she was Zone Representative on the Admissions Committee. Mrs. Wilfred T. Grenfell, Jr., was elected Chairman of Zone VII for 1973-75 and from 1975-77 served as Zone representative on the Nominating Committee of the GCA. In 1976 Mrs. Grenfell became the third member of Dolly Madison to act as Lily Test Chairman for The Garden Club of Virginia. Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville won top honors at the Lily Show in 1976 when The GCV and the North American Lily Society staged their first joint show. Among her awards was a medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the prestigious NALS Isabella Preston Award. In 1975 Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober was the recipient of the Zone Conservation Award of the GCA. From 1971-73 Mrs. Wyatt Williams served as Vice Chairman of the Founder's Fund for that organization. She continued her long and loyal association with The Garden Club of Virginia by chairing the Finance Committee from 1974-76. In 1975 her book, *Historic Virginia Garden Preservations by the Garden Club of Virginia* was published and in 1976 she was awarded the coveted Massie Medal.

From its inception Dolly Madison has been a leader in horticultural advancement and civic improvement throughout the Commonwealth as well as in its own local community. Among its most noted activities have been the *Save the Dogwoods* campaign; the fight to control billboards and abolish auto graveyards; the planting of five miles of trees on U.S. 15 leading into the town of Orange from the south; the planting of a by-pass on Route 20; a contest in cooperation with the County Agricultural Agent to improve farm gates and entrances; the beautification of the County Courthouse and unsightly spots in Orange and Gordonsville. In alternate years a camper has been sent to Nature Camp and one teacher to a workshop.

Continuing its interests and activities into the seventies, Dolly Madison was still much in evidence. Through its efforts, Orange and Gordonsville were declared bird sanctuaries and suitable signs were posted at the entrances to both towns. The club sponsored three series of garden courses consisting of six lectures each in 1970-72 and '74. These lectures, conducted by members of Dolly Madison, were open to the public. The Club contributed to landscaping around the campus of Germanna Community College; helped plant shrubbery in Porterfield Park in Orange; worked with local organizations on *Project Pride*, a clean-up job; and supported the Orange County Nursing Home in a wide range of horticultural programs.

As a bicentennial project Dolly Madison joined with three local garden clubs to plant 200 dogwood trees on Route 15 between Orange and Gordonsville and landscaped a parking lot in the center of Orange.

From 1977 to 1979 Mrs. Charles V. Rich, Jr., served as Zone VII representative for The Garden Club of America Interchange Fellowship when Zone VII sponsored Miss Nicola J. Bursten, British Exchange Fellow for 1978-79. Mrs. Wilfred T. Grenfell, Jr., was a member of the GCA Presidents Handbook Committee in 1978-1980.

On the Garden Club of Virginia scene Dolly Madison was again prominent in the lily field with Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer winning the Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup for the best lily grown from seed in the 1977 show and the Presidents of Member Clubs Cup for runner-up sweepstakes winner in the '78 show. In 1979 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville was the third member of Dolly Madison to win the coveted Violet Niles Walker Cup and at the same show the Presidents of Member Clubs Cup.

The planting and maintenance of Taylor Memorial Park and Spotswood Plaza in the town of Orange was selected as a project in 1978. Under the able direction of Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams and her committee of dedicated workers and with the financial backing of Dolly Madison, the Park, with its sparkling fountain, has become a place of beauty and repose.

In November 1979, Dolly Madison celebrated her sixtieth birthday - years of work and play on all fronts of the gardening world.

The year 1980 found the club landscaping the area surrounding the James Madison Museum. The Memorial Fund was established that year with a gift in memory of Mrs. Harry T. Peters from her son Mr. Harry T. Peters, Jr., and a bequest from Mrs. George Zinn, a DMGC member. Mrs. Peters was a former GCA president. During this year, Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams received the Award for Community Improvement given by the Piedmont Environmental Council for her work with Taylor Park.

In 1981 club members were buying and selling post cards of vanishing wildflowers as a project of the GCA. DMGC post cards featured the Yellow Fringed Orchid as photographed by Theodore Scott, a wildflower authority and husband of member Carolyn Scott. Dolly Madison Garden Club hosted The GCV Lily Show at Prospect Heights School in 1982.

Mr. Harry Peters, Jr., donated his orchids and the contents of his greenhouse to the club for a successful plant sale. For many years plant sales were held to finance club civic projects.

The Natural History Day Camp was started in 1983 as an experiment. It was spearheaded by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Scott, Jr., with the backing of the Piedmont Environmental Council. The DMGC Conservation Committee ran the camp. The first camp was located on Mount Sharon Farm. Later the camp was moved to Montpelier. Members volunteered a day at camp as aides to the director.

About this time Lacy's Florist sponsored 30 second tips on gardening on Radio WJMA. These tips were presented by Dolly Madison's own Flora Gardner, better known as Sara Bossong. This program continued for two years.

In 1984 the club decided to change the spelling from "Dolly" to "Dolley". Mrs. Madison used the latter spelling.

A gardening lecture series was again successfully undertaken in 1986. The series consisted of four lectures held in private homes.

Club members in 1990 were recycling aluminum cans and planting flower barrels in the Town of Orange with members of the Orange Garden Club. Montpelier was recipient of Historic Garden Week proceeds for garden restoration.

Trish Falcon began the *Newsletter* in 1993. These newsletters were and continue to be eagerly received by members.

The GCV Lily Show was hosted by Dolley Madison at Woodberry Forest School in 1993 and 1994. Recalling the expertise and prominence of early members who became nationally known for their work with lilies, Mrs. Gilbert Queitzsch led members in bringing home lily trophies in 1993, '94, '96, '97 and '98. Following Mrs. Queitzsch' death, daughter Mary continued in her mother's footsteps and the club brought home more awards in 2000 and 2001. In recognition of her enormous contributions to the Dolley Madison Garden Club and, in the field of lilies, to The Garden Club of Virginia and North America Lily Society, Dolley Madison established two awards in memory of Virginia Queitzsch in 2000: The Virginia Ewers Queitzsch Horticulture Award, an annual award established within the club, and the Virginia Ewers Queitzsch Memorial Cup for The Garden Club of Virginia. Mrs. William Falcon was the first winner of the Cup in 2000.

Before the nineties, Dolley Madison members won the Violet Niles Walker Cup at The GCV Lily Show three times. The award was established by Dolley Madison in 1948. In 1996 and '98 the Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup was awarded to Mrs. Gilbert K. Queitzsch and in 2001 to Mrs. J. H. T. McConnell Jr.

A community project begun in 1998 was the making of small boxwood Christmas trees for each resident of the President Madison Inn. Beginning in 1999, Montpelier invited Dolley Madison to join other groups in laying a wreath at the grave of James Madison on the occasion of his birthday. The wreath is made by members and presented by the club president.

As a GCA millennium project, a book collection on horticulture, botany and garden design in honor of esteemed member Dorothy Hunt Williams was donated to the Orange County Public Library. This three-year project honored Mrs. Williams, a past president of GCV.

In 2000 DMGC initiated a poinsettia and bake sale held the first weekend of December. Other Orange County garden clubs were invited to participate. This replaced the fall plant sale project. Members Therese Iverson and Shirley Wendell entered the Fine Arts and Flowers show at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

In 2001 Dolley Madison became incorporated as a non-profit organization. Tax exempt status was granted in 1985 and renewed in 2002.

APPENDIX 2

Mrs. Walker's (Violet Niles) Mint Punch

Chop 1 dozen large stalks of mint and pound. Add 1/2 cup powdered sugar, the juice of 2 lemons and let stand 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Make a syrup of 1/2 cup sugar, 1 pint of water, the yellow rind of 2 lemons (cut up) and 6 or 7 freshly cut springs of mint. Boil for 10 minutes. Chill. Add to the lemon and mint and strain. To serve, use 1 quart of cracked or shaved ice and 2 quarts of ginger ale. Serves 15

The mint syrup makes a dandy base for mint juleps.

Anecdotally Dot Browning told me later that Mrs. Walker did not imbibe. Other members of the club discovered Mrs. Walker's Punch was also excellent with strategic additions. Dot Browning added "but that was back when we all had chauffeurs." Made us both giggle.

In strenuous duty on behalf of the Club, about 8 of us got together in 2011 before the Annual Meeting (which I was hosting at Pomme). Pomme made the base and we taste-tested every conceivable strategic addition they had in the bar. The group consensus was it was best with prosecco and second place was bourbon. The things we won't do for DMGC.

DeLane Porter

APPENDIX 3

THE TALE OF THE "LOST" AWARD

2017

Hi Gail,

Thought you might like to read this email. It's somewhat eerie that Mrs. J. W. Browning received this trophy in 1931 and she lived at Oakley. (*Present home of DeLane Porter*) It sounds like it was the sweepstake trophy for the zinnia show which dates back to this same time period.

Fascinating history about Mrs. Peters and also the newspaper article.

DeLane

Hi DeLane,

Good to see you last Saturday during the Garden Tour. And I'm glad the weather was favorable for the Dolley Madison Legacy Luncheon yesterday afternoon. That was always one of my favorite Montpelier events but it always falls during this time of year when the weather can be either cold and rainy, hot and humid, or just right for a garden event.

I've included some more information about the trophy below. We located it in silver storage and I've taken some photographs and transcribed the engraved inscriptions. The trophy was apparently a DMGC

Sweepstake prize and it includes the engraved names of winners from 1928 through 1933. The full inscription is as follows:

Presented by Maj. Allen Potts/Sweepstakes Prize/Dolly [sic] Madison Garden Club/

Won by

Mrs. Barton Cameron, July '28

Mrs. Virginius R. Shackelford, Oct. 9, 1928

Mrs. J.J. Woodruff, May 25, 1929

Mrs., Allen Potts, May 28, 1930

Mrs. J.W. Browning, May 15, 1931

And on the other side:

Mrs. G. Freeland Peter, May 28, 1932

Mrs. G. Freeland Peter, Oct 7, 1932

Mrs. G. Freeland Peter, November 3, 1933

Mrs. G. Freeland Peter was Maria Louisa ("Lulie") Whitlock Nolting Peter (1883-1978), wife of Rev. Dr. G. Freeland Peter (1875-1953). Reverend Peter was the grandson of Britannia W. Kennon (1815-1911) the second owner of Tudor Place and brother to Armistead Peter Jr., the third owner of the property. Freeland, as he was called by the family, was born at Tudor Place in 1875 and spent much of his childhood here, where he was raised by his grandmother after his own mother died when he was 10 years old.

An Episcopal priest, he attended Sewanee, the General Theological Seminary, and Hampden-Sydney and later served churches here in D.C., Wheeling, West Virginia, and Richmond. While a minister at St. James Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, he met and married his wife, Lulie in 1916. She was widowed at the time and had a daughter. The couple later had a son, G. Freeland Peter, Jr. born in 1919. Dr. and Mrs. Peter returned to Washington where he served as Canon of the National Cathedral from 1928 to 1936 and as Priest in Charge at Christ Church, Georgetown before his retirement. The Peters also kept a summer home in Albemarle, Cobham Park, located in Cobham (near Cismont and the border w/ Louisa County). Cobham Park, built in 1856, had originally been the summer home of William Cabell Rives, Jr. and was built on land that was originally part of his father's Castle Hill estate.

I did a little bit of research and found several articles about Mrs. Peter hosting DMGC meetings at Cobham Park in the 1930s such as the article from the October 8, 1933 issue of the *Washington Post* that I've included as an attachment. Following Rev Dr. Peter's retirement in the late 1940s, they moved permanently to Cobham Park. Rev. Dr. Peter died in 1953 and Mrs. Peter lived there until her death in 1978. Both are buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

As I mentioned to you, the trophy came to Tudor Place with a collection of objects from that branch of the Peter family. It has been deaccessioned from our collection since it doesn't fit into our scope of collections and we are happy to return it to the Dolley Madison Garden Club. It's a very interesting piece of club history. We will get it polished up and packed up in the next week or so and I'll send it to you.

Regards,

Grant



Grant Quertermous

Curator
Tudor Place Historic House and Garden
1644 31st Street NW
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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:42 AM

Dear Grant,

My apologies for taking a few days to get back to you. The Dolley Madison Legacy Luncheon was yesterday, and the past two days have been involved with arranging flowers and enjoying the luncheon.

Gail Babnew, DMGC president, and I are excited about receiving the trophy. The DMGC members would love to have it back in Orange again. Presently I am the DMGC co-chairman for awards. If you would like to mail the trophy to me, we will be most appreciative.

While arranging flowers on Monday for the luncheon, I was able to talk to Suzie Bresee and Page Sullenberger about the Peters and their connections to Orange. Amazingly they knew quite a bit. You probably already know the Peters owned what is now Windholme Farm, present owners Charlene and David Scibal, which is located on Chicken Mountain Road directly adjacent to Montpelier. Mrs. Peters designed beautiful gardens of which some remain. (Interesting I have been told by family members, this same property was the first land the Madison's settled on when leaving Port Royal to come to Orange.)

It will be so wonderful to have this part of our club's history back, and we thank you ever so much for your kind consideration.

With best regards, DeLane



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Luncheon Given at Home
of Mrs. Freeland Peter.

Gordonsville, Va., Oct. 9 (Spl.).—Mrs. G. Freeland Peter on Wednesday entertained the Dolly Madison Garden Club at a luncheon at her home, Cobham Park, in Albemarle County. Among those from Gordonsville attending were Mrs. Barton H. Cameron, Mrs. J. J. Woodruff, Misses Mary and Jean Cameron, Mrs. George Zinn, Mrs. J. J. Chapman, Mrs. Allen Potts and Mrs. Katherine Potts. Mrs. Peter and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Nolting, are remaining at Cobham Park during October. Miss Nolting will be among those who will ride in the hunter trials in the Greenspring neighborhood in October.

Mrs. Charles F. Russell is leaving for New York, where she will sail on October 7 on the Franconia for England to visit her sister, Mrs. Saville Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who have been spending some time in Orange, have taken the house of Mrs. Newman at Clismond, where they will be domiciled for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony and the latter's mother, Mrs. Jacobs, of Washington, were week-end guests of Mrs. E. S. Linney. They will spend the coming week-end in New York.

Messrs. O. R. Omohundro and R. E. Wilhoit motored to Richmond on Wednesday and attended the State fair. Among others motoring down and attending the fair were Mrs. R. M. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McClure and little son, Willard, and J. R. Yeager and son, James.

Mr. Max Fleischer was a guest of the Orange Rotary Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday night and gave an interesting address on the subject of cultivation and preservation of forests and wild life. Mr. Fleischer was organizer of the local Isaac Walton League and is a past president of the State organization.

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APPENDIX 4

Mrs Woodbury S. Ober (Jane) published for the club a calendar showing how to make your blooms last longer once they had been cut. Below is a transcribed copy of the publication which is still sold by DMGC today and is still relevant and popular. Many illustrations were added which sadly could not all be reproduced.

LONGER LIFE FOR CUT FLOWERS

By Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober



As The War Between The States was starting, the "National Intelligencer" of Washington, D.C. under date of April 15, 1861, printed the following:

TO RESTORE FADED FLOWERS

After a bouquet is dropped beyond all remedies of fresh water, the Japanese, it is said can bring it back to all its first glory by a simple and seemingly most destructive operation. A writer at Nagasaki says:

"I had received some days ago a delightful bunch of flowers from a Japanese acquaintance. They continued to live in their beauty for early two weeks, when at last they faded. Just as I was about to have them thrown away the same gentleman (Japanese gentleman) came to see me. I showed him the faded flowers and told him that, though lasting a long time, they had now become useless. "Oh, no said he, "Only put the stems in the fire and they will be as good as before." I was incredulous; so, he took them himself and held the stems' end in the fire until they were completely charred. This was in the morning; at evening they were again looking fresh and vigorous and have continued so for another week. What may be the true agent in this reviving process I am unable to determine fully; whether it be heat driving once more the last juices into the very leaflet and vein, or whether it be the bountiful supply of carbon furnished by the charring. I am inclined, however, to the latter cause, as the full effect was not produced until some eight hours afterwards, and as it seems that, if the heat were the principal agent, it must have been sooner followed by visible changes."

To my friends who like to arrange flowers, but who wish their “creations” would last a little longer. In this calendar I have listed various ways of making flowers stay bright and fresh longer than they normally do. All methods recommended here have been tried and found satisfactory. I cannot claim to be the originator, as many suggestions have come from articles, books, and conversations. The only originality I might claim is the monthly form of the presentation. I have listed the flowers alphabetically, in the months of blooming. In this way you can hang the calendar by your flower arranging table, and at a glance, know how to condition the species at hand.

I am most grateful to my friend, Jill Rich (Mrs Charles V. Rich, Jr.) for her delicious pen and ink drawings that have brightened so cheerily the instructions you read, to my husband without whose continued prodding and pushing these guides never would have been assembled, and to my mother, who with typical generosity made this calendar possible.

To all my friends.....many happy hours of gathering and arranging.

1962 “Elmwood”, Orange, Virginia

I used to think that if I went out, cut my flowers, and with the minimum of delay arranged them, they were sure to last longer than if part of their time in the house was spent in a pail waiting for me to do something. I found out to my great joy that just the opposite is true; and now all the pressure of arranging has left me. When it's convenient I pick and condition my flowers. The next morning, or several hours later, I arrange them. What a wonderful feeling! I am not only pleasing myself, but also the flowers.

What does “conditioning” or “hardening off” mean? It simply means the treatment given the flowers before arranging; and this usually consists of putting them in cold water overnight, but as with people, flowers have their peculiarities and their special needs.

Before considering instructions for specific flowers, we should bear in mind the following general rules, viz:

- 1) Carry a container with water to the garden -sometimes with boiling water. Cut stem slant-wise, so it will not rest flat on the bottom of the container and so be unable to suck up the water.
- 2) Do not put your flowers too closely packed in the container- leave space for oxygen to reach the water and feed the flower.
- 3) Be sure your containers are scrubbed frequently with soap and water and rinsed thoroughly -as dirt and bacteria will soon clog the tubes in the stems of the flowers.
- 4) Some say- flowers cut after a sunny afternoon will last up to 12 hours longer due to the retention of carbohydrates. Perhaps; but it is my opinion that conditioning is the more important. Cut them when it's most convenient but do treat them properly.

For your edification, the experts say_

The stem of a flower or bush is made up of many tubes which carry water to the leaves and blooms (and then evaporates). When you put a cut stem in boiling water and then in temperate water (always protecting the leaves and flowers from the steam) it expands the air and water in the tubes and thus forces the air

bubbles out the end of the stem, allowing more water to work up the stem to feed the bloom and the leaves.

The following are certain overall rules. (Under each species, by months, I have listed what can be done to further condition that particular flower).

Milky stem plants –

Plants that have milky hollow stems need the “Char” or “boiling water” method. To char – being careful to protect flowers and foliage – put stem in flame, then in water; - or put stem in boiling water then in room temperature water.

Woody stem plants –

Cut slant-wise, then split the stem about ½ inch. Your aim is to let water flow freely up the stem to keep flower above alive.

Greens -Vines -Foliage –

Submerge for an hour or so.

JANUARY

ASPIDISTRA LEAVES

Submerge overnight. In the morning they may be massaged into the shape you want.

BOUGAINVILLEA

Cut when bracts are fully developed. Remove most of the foliage, split stems, submerge for 1 hour. Condition in cold water.

EVERGREENS FOLIAGE in variety

Wash branch and foliage in warm soapy water. Rinse in cold water. Split stems and place in warm water. Condition overnight. In winter – after washing, submerge in cold water for one day. This will remove dull windburn.

FLORIST FLOWERS AND LEAVES should be recut under water.

ORCHIDS – ORCHIDACEA

Cut when fully open. For corsage, wrap in wax paper, put in a box and then in refrigerator. Avoid wetting flower. If used in vase, remove from water for about ½ an hour each day, then replace in fresh water.

PRIVET--LIGUSTRUM LUCIDUM AND L. SINENSIS

Cut when bloom is ½ open; fruit when mature. Treat all as woody material. Split stems, condition overnight.

FEBRUARY

AMARYLLIS--HIPPEASTRUM REGINAE

Cut when first flower opens – Split stems – let sticky juice drain out. Put in water. (One teaspoon of ammonia to two quarts of water). They will last in the house for weeks with buds opening.

ARUM LEAVES – MACULATUM OR LORDS AND LADIES

Submerge and leave overnight

CROCUS – CROCUS VERNUS

Cut in advance bud stage. Condition overnight in cold water.

GLOXINIA--SINNINGIA SPECIOSA

Cut before fully open. Put in sugar water for an hour. They may last a week.

LEAVES - IN VARIETY

If you wish leaves to be curled or to go in wavy shapes, turn them into a loose or tight roll, tie with string and put in a bucket of cold water for several hours.

MARCH

ELDER

Submerge for an hour then condition

GRAPE HYACINTH – MUSCARI

Cut when ½ open. Split stems and put in cold water overnight. If you put them in ice water to start with you will get interesting curves in the stems.

MAPLE – ACER IN VARIETY

Cut when the buds are beginning to open. Split stems. Condition overnight in warm water to which sugar has been added. (2 – 4 tsps. to a qt.)

PERIWINKLE – VINCA MINOR – V. MAJOR

Cut as soon as flowers are fully open. Wash foliage in cold water. Condition in cold water overnight. V. major. Cut just below a node and condition in warm water.

PRIMROSES -PRIMULA

Char stems - soak.

PUSSYWILLOW – SALIX DISCOLOR

Cut when ¼ of branch has mature pussies. Split stems and condition in cold water. When pussies are all mature remove from water and they will last indefinitely.

QUINCE – CYDONIA JAPONICA

Split stems, soak. Buds open well indoors.

SCILLA -SCILLA

Cut when ½ the flowers are open. Split stem. Condition overnight in deep cold water.

SKUNK CABBAGE – SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS

Cut flowers when big enough to show. To get rid of unpleasant odor, remove stamens and submerge in ice water for 1 hour, then put in cold water. Pick the leaves when they are the size you want, submerge and condition in cold water.

SNOWDROP

Bunch submerge for a short time. Condition in cold water overnight.

STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM --ORINTHO GALAM ARABICUM

Cut when flower clusters are ½ open. Bunch with Twistums and condition overnight in cold water.

APRIL

AZALEAS

Buds open well in water. Split stem and add a dash of alcohol to water.

BLEEDING HEART -DICENTRA SPECTABILIS

Cleanly cut when ¼ the flowers are open. Split stem. Condition overnight in deep cold water.

CORAL-BELLS – HEUCHERA SANGUINEA

Cut when ½ spray is in flower. Condition overnight in cold water.

DAFFODILS

Cut and squeeze juice from the stem or cut and put for a few minutes in water containing a pinch of salt. Condition in shallow warm water.

DOGWOOD – CORNUS FLORIDA

Condition flowers, leaves and berries by splitting stem, putting in warm water and leaving overnight.

HYACINTH – HYACINTHUS ORIENTALIS

Squeeze substance out of stem – plunge in shallow water overnight.

IRIS

Cut after first blossom unfolds. Condition in cold water. Buds will keep opening.

LILAC – SYRINGA

Split stems, take off new growth foliage, put a dash of alcohol in the water. Condition overnight.

LILY OF THE VALLEY – CONVALLARIA MAJALIS

Bunch and char – or plunge tips in boiling water and then condition in cold water.

MAGNOLIA – IN VARIETY

Split stems. Condition in warm water.

MEADOW – RUE THALICTRUM

Cut flowers when first buds open, foliage anytime; condition both overnight in cold water.

NARCISSUS

Cut and squeeze juice from stem or cut and put for a few minutes in water containing a pinch of salt.
Condition in warm water.

PANSY – VIOLA

Pull rather than cut bloom. Condition overnight in cold water.

RED BUD – CERCIS CANADENSIS

Cut branches with buds, split stems, place in warm water. Spray buds with cold spray. Condition overnight.

TULIP – TULIPA

To keep stems upright soak for 2 hours in solution of 1 tsp. of alcohol to 1 pint of water. To prevent buds from opening dip in raw egg white. If stems are limp; wrap whole flower in newspaper, plunge into deep water and leave overnight – recut stems before using.

VIOLETS -VIOLA ODORATA

Bunch, submerge for 1 hour, then put stems in cold water overnight. Add a ¼ tsp. salt to arranging water.

VIRGINIA BLUEBELL – MERTENSIA VIRGINICA

Cut when 3 or 4 flowers of each cluster are open. Remove lower leaves. Split stem and put in hot water overnight. It is possible you will have to repeat the hot water treatment.

MAY

ANEMONE – ALL VARIETIES

Cut when petals are wide open, centers tight. Remove lower leaves, place in cold water overnight.

APPLE BLOSSOMS – MALUS N VARIETY

Cut branch with well-developed buds, split stems. Soak in water containing 5 drops of hydrochloric acid to 1 gallon of water – or – simply split stems, place in cold water and spray foliage.

BARBERRY LEAVES-- BERBERIS

Submerge whole branch for several hours.

CARNATION – DIANTHUS

Cut above the joint, split, char or boil end, or add a little borax and 1 tsp. salt to qt. of water. Advance buds will open in water.

CLEMATIS IN VARIETY

Cut a bit of old wood with newly opened spray. Split stem, condition overnight in cold water.

COLUMBINE – AQUILEGIA

Rub dry salt into cut end or dip stem in oil of peppermint for a second before placing in water.

DEUTZIA – SAXIFRAGE FAMILY

Split stem and soak or put for 2 minutes in inch of boiling water, then in cold water.

FORGET ME NOT – MYOSOTIS

Char. Condition overnight in cold water.

FUNKIA LEAVES – HOSTA

Submerge for one hour, then condition overnight.

MAGNOLIA – GRANDIFLORA

Split stem of branch with well-developed buds.

MAY APPLE – PODOPHYLLUM PELTATUM

Remove large leaf to expose flowers. Split stem. Condition overnight in cold water. Submerge foliage in cold water for 1 hour, then condition in cold water.

PEACH BLOSSOMS – PRUNUS PERSICIA

Char stems. Split. Soak in cold water.

PEONY – PAEONIA

Cut when petals just begin to open. Char cut end or put in boiling water for 2 minutes. Turn upside down, let water run lightly over flower and foliage. Do not put in metal container.

PLUM – PRUNUS

Char stems – condition.

POPPY PAPAVER

Cut as bud shows color, strip off outer green calyx. Char or boil stem. Put in deep cold water overnight.

RHODODENDRON

Split stem – add a dash of alcohol to water.

ROSES -ROSA

Roses will last a week or more if you remove large thorns, split stems, place in water up to their necks and put in refrigerator. When arranging, remove any foliage that may be under water and add flora life to water.

Limpness is helped by wrapping whole flower in newspaper and plunging in deep water, leave overnight; recut stems when arranging. They like a metal container, though most people arrange them in glass. Add 4 tsp. of sugar to a quart of water in which roses are arranged if no flora life is on hand.

SWEET PEAS -LATHYRUS ODORATUS

Break do not cut. Avoid wetting petals. Soak overnight in solution – 4 tsps. of sugar to 1 qt. of warm water.

WISTERIA

Cut after sunset – Char, split stems and put for a few minutes in a solution of 1-part alcohol to 4 parts water – soak in cold water.

JUNE

AMAZON OR EUCHARIS LILY – EUCHARIS GRANDIFLORA

Split stems, condition overnight. For corsage, put stems in wet cotton, store in refrigerator not near coils

BLACK-EYED SUSAN – RUDBECKIA HIRTA

Cut slant-wise with sharp knife when flowers are fully open. Condition overnight in cold water.

BUTTERFLY WEED – ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA

Pick when ½ open. Condition in water to which you have added 2 tbsp. of sugar to each quart.

CALLA LILY – ZANTEDESCHIA

Condition in cold water (1/2 cup of vinegar to 1 qt. of water) for about 4 hours. Submerge foliage for 2 hours.

CATTAILS – TYPHA LATIFOLIA

Gather as soon as tails are formed. Last indefinitely out of water. Will go to seed if put in water.

DELPHINIUM – IN VARIETY

Cut when ½ the flowers are open. Soak overnight, put 4 tsps. of sugar to a qt. of water if arranging in water.

FERNS – IN VARIETY

Submerge in cold water from 1 to 4 hours. The more delicate need longer time in water. Remove, shake water off, and leave stems in water until used.

GOLDEN-RAIN TREE – KOELREUTERIA PANICULATA

Cut when flower clusters are ½ open. Split stems and condition overnight in warm water.

HOLLYHOCK – ALTHEA ROSEA

Temperamental – Cut when about ½ the blooms are open. Remove all the leaves except tip (if these are small). Make a long split in stem. Sear stem for at least 15 seconds. Condition overnight or longer in deep warm water. Double last longer than single.

HYDRANGEA – HYDRANGEA

Split and hold in a few inches of boiling vinegar – then condition in cold water overnight (temperamental).

IRIS – SPURIA – LOUISIANA

Cut after first flower opens, buds will keep opening. Condition in cold water overnight.

LARKSPUR -DELPHINIUM AJACIS

Same as Delphinium.

LILY – LILIUM IN VARIETY

Gently run water over upside-down blooms, then split stems and condition in cold water overnight.

LILY OF THE NILE --ACAPANTHUS UMBRELLATUS

Buds open after being cut so bring in when outer edge of flower shows its shape. Condition in cold water until flower clusters are slightly open.

MILKWEED – ASCELPIAS

Cut when ½ open. Remove as much foliage as possible. Sear stem for 15 seconds. Condition overnight in warm water.

MIMOSA

Cut when ½ in flower. Split stem leave overnight.

PETUNIA--PETUNIA HYBRIDA

Cut when flowers are fully open. Condition overnight in 4 tps. of sugar to 1 qt. water. Remove as many leaves as possible, they deteriorate very easily.

QUEEN ANNE'S LACE -DAUCUS CAROTA

Cut at any stage, but it will be best if cut before it is completely open. Condition overnight with stems in cold water almost to flower. Avoid wetting the bloom.

SAGE -SALVIA

Condition overnight (Split stems if large).

SCABIOSA -SCABIOSA ATROPURPUREA

Cut when almost fully open. Remove foliage. Split stems. Condition overnight in deep water.

JULY

DAY LILY – HEMEROCALLIS

Char and boil stem, Most varieties close at night. Put in refrigerator, not near coils, 4 – 5 hours before using and they will stay open at night.

GLADIOLA – GLADIOLUS IN VARIETY

Cut when second flower opens, remove undeveloped buds at the flower tip. Leave out of water for about ½ an hour, then cut stems and condition overnight in cold water. This delays the opening of the buds.

HELIOTROPE – HELIOTROPUM

Protect blooms with wax paper. Put stems in very warm water. Then in room temperature – leave overnight.

HIBISCUS

Split stems – condition 3 – 4 hours. Put in refrigerator, not near coils, 4 – 5 hours before using and they will stay open at night.

HUNAMANNEA – H. FUMARIREFOLIA

Pick when the buds show color, char and soak.

MORNING GLORY – IPOMEA

They do not like metal so pinch off rather than cut. Rub stems in salt. Put in refrigerator, not near coils, 4 – 5 hours before using and they will stay open at night.

SUNFLOWER -HELIANTHUS

Cut in late afternoon, char stems, soak overnight.

SWEET ALYSSUM – LOBULARIA MARITIMUM

Cut when ½ in bloom. Condition overnight in cold water.

THISTLE

Let them wilt, then char ends and condition in cold water.

WILLOW – SALIX

Put ½ inch of stem in boiling water until a little wilted; then soak in cold water for 2 hours.

YARROW – ACHILLEA

Condition overnight in solution of 2 tsp. of salt in 1 qt. of cold water.

AUGUST

ARTEMIS (Wormwoods of all varieties)

Fresh flower and foliage last easily a week. Cut flowers when only ½ spike is open and condition in deep cold water for 24 hours. Cut foliage when the leaves have developed – split stems, remove leaves from lower part and condition as for flowers. Often submerging foliage for several hours will suffice.

CABBAGE FOR DECORATION

Harden by soaking in ice water overnight. Next morning gently roll back the leaves.

GERANIUM – PELARGONIUM

Cut when cluster is ½ open. Split stems, condition in cold water. Scented geraniums (rose, peppermint, etc.) should be placed in warm water as they wilt more easily.

LAVENDER -LAVENDULA OFFINALIS

Cut when ½ the stalk is open. Split stems. Condition overnight with stems in warm water.

MALLOW

Boil or char stem – condition in cold water.

MARIGOLDS – TAGETES

Cut when $\frac{3}{4}$ open. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of peppermint oil to 1 qt. of water. Condition. Some people like to char stem.

NASTURTIUM -TROPAEOLUM MAJUS

Pinch off when flowers are fully open. Split stems. Condition overnight in cold water. Condition leaves for 24 hours in warm water.

PASSION – FLOWER --PASSIFLORA IN VARIETY

Leaves last a long time, bloom only one day, but buds will open. Cut fully developed blooms and condition in cold water for 2 hours. Only cut well developed buds in late afternoon and they will be open and be good for the next day.

PHLOX

Cut when clusters are $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ open. Split stems. Condition overnight in cold water.

SANTALINA--SANTALINA

Submerge foliage for several hours, then split stems and condition overnight in cold water.

SNAPDRAGON--ANTIRRHINUM MAJUS

Cut when spikes are $\frac{1}{2}$ in flower. Submerge for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Condition in rain water if possible.

SNOW-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN --EUPHORBIA MARGINATA

Char or boil cut stem.

STATICE – STATICE SINATUM

Cut when in full bloom. Condition several hours in cold water.

STOCK--MATHIOLA INCANA

Cut before lower flowers begin to fade. Split stem and condition in very cold water (preferably rain water).

SUMMER AMARYLLIS – LYCORIS RADIATA

Buds open in water so cut when clusters are $\frac{1}{2}$ open. Split stems and condition in cold water overnight.

TUBEROSES--POLIANTHES TUBEROSA

Cut before blooms fade. Split stem. Condition overnight in deep water.

VEGETABLES – IN VARIETY

If submerged in ice water for 1 – 2 hours will last longer and will not release their characteristic odor.

ZINNIA--ZINNIA ELEGANS

Wilt easily. If possible cut when moisture is high, if weather is very dry, soak ground before cutting. Immediately put into water. Condition overnight. Stripped of foliage they will last longer. Z. Mexicana, condition as above, but start with warm water.

SEPTEMBER

AUCUBA JAPONICA

Submerge for 2 hours – split stems. Condition overnight beginning with warm water. Last for weeks and will finally root.

CREPE-MYRTLE

It's best to cut when the bud clusters show color. Split stems, remove unnecessary foliage, condition in warm water. If cut when in full bloom, remove foliage and submerge for 1-2 hours before conditioning as above.

CROCUS AUTUMN – COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE

Cut in advance bud stage. Condition overnight.

DAHLIA--DAHLIA PINNATA

Remove foliage below the water; it deteriorates quickly.

1.Small Types

Condition overnight in cold water in a cool dark place.

2.Large Types.

Put in cold water for 1 – 2 hours, then put in about 3 inches of boiling water. Condition overnight in cold water in a dark cool place.

FUCHSIA – FUCHSIA HYDRIDA

Foliage and flower last well. Split stems. Spray foliage, put in boiling water for a few minutes and then cold water overnight. (Buds do not open well in water so choose a branch with full flowers).

HELIOTROPE--VALERIANA OFFICINALIS

Cut when only a few flowers in cluster are open. Condition overnight, starting with warm water.

SALVIA – SCARLET SAGE

Cut when ½ open. Condition overnight starting with warm water.

SWAMP HOLLY – “BERRIES” – ILEX VERTICULATA.

Strip leaves, split stems; condition overnight in a cool dark place. Do not use a metal container.

OCTOBER

ASTER CHINA--CALLISTEPHUS CHINENSIA

Cut newly opened flowers. Use sharp knife, bunch, and condition overnight in water which is warm to start with.

ASTER OR MICHAELMAS DAISY

Split stems if woody and condition as China Aster

BEECH LEAVES

Split, condition overnight in water which is warm to start with. If you wish to preserve, split stems and put in solution of 2 parts water to 1-part glycerin. Take out when they become desired color, (the longer they're in solution the darker they become).

BITTERSWEET – CELASTRUS SCANDENS

Cut before fruit opens. Strip off leaves – hang in dark dry place and the berries will open with no blemishes.

CAMELLIAS

Cut when fully open, wrap in wet cotton and condition in icebox. They do not need water, simply put a little salt on the petals to draw moisture or give them frequent trips to the icebox.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Split stems, condition overnight in sugar water (4 tps. to 1 qt). They can be cut as soon as a single bud shows color.

HOLLY – RED BERRIED ILEX

Spilt stem and condition in brown sugar water (1 cup of brown sugar to 1 qt. of water).

SUMAC – (Rhus in variety)

Red and green sumac-- Soak leaves and all for a few hours. Then put in boiling water, leave overnight.

NOVEMBER

AFRICAN VIOLET--SAINTPANLIA IONANTHA

Cut newly opened flowers. Use sharp knife, bunch, and condition overnight in water which is warm to start with.

FIRETHORN--PYRACANTHA

Split stems – Remove leaves to show off berries. Condition overnight starting with warm water – spray with clear plastic to prevent falling and shriveling of berries.

IVY – HEDRA HELIX

Cut stems just below a node, thoroughly clean and submerge in cold water 2 – 4 hours.

PHILODENDRON

Cut stems just below node – clean foliage; put in cold water.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS ROSE – HELLEBORUS NIGES, H. ORIENTALIS

Wilts easily. Submerge for several hours, then split stems; condition overnight in deep cold water. It will last for weeks but color fades. Use other foliage as it weakens plant to cut its leaves.

CLIVIA

Cut when more than half the cluster is open. Split stem. Condition overnight in cold water. Buds will open.

DOGWOOD BERRIES -CORNUS FLORIDA

Split woody stems. Condition overnight in warm water and fruit will last a week to 10 days.

EVERGREENS

Wash branch in warm soapy water. Rinse in cold water. Split stems and place in warm water. At this time of year after washing submerge in cold water for 1 day. This treatment takes away the drab look of winter.

GARDENIA – GARDENIA FLORIDA

Cut flower when fully open – split stem, submerge until crisp. Condition overnight in cold water.

MISTLETOE--VISCUM

Wrap in cellophane – Keep refrigerated without water. If you plan to use it without water, spray the whole branch with clear plastic.

NANDINO

Foliage if submerged overnight will last weeks. Berries last well in water or can be dried.

POINSETTIA--EUPHORBIA PULCHERRIMA

Thoroughly char or put stems in boiling water for 3 minutes. Condition overnight in cold water.

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APPENDIX 5

In 2011 when the website for the garden club was being built, Suzanne Aiello kindly and expertly compiled a “To Do” list of tasks and advice for gardeners through the year. Eventually, this also became a publication that was put together for fundraising and sold at Historic Garden Week and other club events. It is reproduced below in the format as seen on the original website.

JANUARY

PLANT

*View winter landscape for interest. Review your garden journal and pictures of last year’s garden to plan necessary and/or desirable additions.

*Order trees and shrubs for February/March planting.

*Order seeds for annuals and vegetables.

*Check catalogues and web sites for perennials.

PRUNE

*The following evergreens should be pruned in Jan or Feb.: arborvitae, juniper, yews, cedar, false cedar (chamaecyparis), holly, leyland cypress, magnolia, live oak.

*January -March prune Beautyberry, Bayberry, Camelia Susanqua, Clethra, Crepe Myrtles, Rose of Sharon, St, Johnswort, Nandina, Potentilla, Sumac.

*Most deciduous trees can be pruned now except spring flowering trees, which should be pruned after blooming, and maples and birches which should be pruned in August. Tip - prune crepe myrtles for bigger blooms.

*Prune wisteria: prune new growth shoots on main horizontal branches back to 5-6 buds.

REMEMBER: prune only for a good reason: to remove elongated shoots that detract from the appearance, to remove dead and diseased wood, to encourage fullness on a leggy plant, and to encourage flowering.

FERTILIZE

*Wood ashes will raise pH. Put them on roses, peonies, clematis and daffodils. Apply at a rate of a 5 gal pail/1000 sq.ft.

*Feed daylilies 5-10-10. Feed daffodils with Epsom salts for brighter colors.

*Feed houseplants once/month with a liquid fertilizer. Exception: gardenias, which need constant moisture in soil and air and monthly feeding with acid fertilizer. Water with tepid water.

CHORES

*Sharpen tools.

*Do a soil test every 3 years. Acid loving plants (azalea, holly, juniper, pieris, pine, rhododendron, spruce, viburnum) need soil pH of 4.5-5.5 to extract food from soil. Alkaline loving plants (boxwood, forsythia, lilac, rose, spirea, daphne, hawthorn) need a pH of 6-7. Adjust pH by adding iron sulfate to make soil more acidic, or pulverized limestone to make more alkaline. (it takes 6 months for the limestone to work.)

*Remove snow from evergreens by tapping upward with a broom.

TIPS

*Start the year off right by keeping a garden journal recording: what you did in the garden each day, what is blooming, amount of rain or snow, high and low temps and other personal notes. We all get calendars in the mail. I use one just for recording when things bloom. I also make a note for how long they stay blooming. Try keeping a photo album also. Pictures help to remind you what your garden looks like at specific times of the year. When it comes time to order bulbs or find a spot for a new perennial, you can "see" where to put them.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

PLANT

- *Pansies.
- *March 20: start annual flower seeds.
- *Lawns can be over seeded this month
- *Plant and transplant boxwood. Do not plant around their base as they are shallow rooted.
- *Plant bare root shrubs after soaking for several hours.
- *Plant fruit trees, dogwood, magnolia and other deciduous trees and shrubs.
- *Perennials can be divided before new growth starts.

PRUNE

- *In late February/early March, prune: Buddleia, Caryopteris, Artemesia (after bud's break. Do not cut wood without buds), Perovskia to 6-12", Calicarpa to 18".
- *Prune and shape late spring/early summer bloomers, such as Althea, pink and red Spireas, and Abelia (January-February), before growth starts.
- *Ornamental grasses: cut down to 6" and liriopse to 3".
- *Clematis: Cut back Sweet autumn clematis to 12", C. Jackmanii to 18". Type I: Do not prune. Type II: clean up dead and cut back tips 6-8" to 2 strong buds; Type III back to 2 strong buds at 12-30" above ground.
- *Hydrangea arborescens (Annabelle): after the leaves begin to show, cut to 12" or to the ground and fertilize lightly. Hydrangea paniculata (Grandiflora, Pee Gee and Tardiva) can be pruned heavily now.
- *Roses: prune when forsythia bloom. Hybrid teas to 5 healthy canes 18-24" long. Cut to an outward facing bud and remove the inward facing bud.
- *Fruit trees (February), and raspberries (remove old canes)

FERTILIZE

- *Trees (deciduous and evergreen), in late February fertilize at the drip line with 10-10-10 or Hollytone, one handful/1" caliper.
- *Peonies: late March fertilize with triple phosphate.
- *Shrubs: fertilize with 10-10-10 when new growth starts.
- *Daphne: fertilize after bloom.
- *Bulbs: fertilize as new growth appears. Tulips and alliums with Bulb Booster (9-9-6), lilies with 5-10-10 or 10-10-10.
- *Perennials: fertilize when new growth starts with Plantone or 5-10-5.
- *Clematis: give a handful of potash for color, and compost (4" from stems). Clematis are heavy feeders but, Do Not Feed clematis when they are flowering.

CHORES

- *Clean up and weed garden beds.
- *Apply pre-emergent crabgrass herbicide to lawns before forsythia finish blooming.
- *Spread pre-emergent weed herbicide to garden beds. Corn gluten is cheap and works well.
- *Use dormant oil spray (February) on fruit trees, lilacs, roses, cotoneaster, boxwood, yellowwood, and euonymus to prevent mite and scale problems by killing the eggs. Apply on a sunny day when temp is above 45 but below 70.
- *Clean birdhouses.
- *Turn your compost pile.

TIPS

- *Pantyhose cut into strips are good for tying vines.
- *Wear gloves when handling peat moss especially that used in packing plants for shipment. A serious fungal infection called sporotrichosis can be contracted if you have a cut or scratch on your hand.
- *Never go outside without your pruning shears in your hand!

APRIL

PLANT

- *Azaleas, roses, clematis, perennials.

PRUNE

- *Spring flowering shrubs, such as quince, spirea, lilacs, weigela, fothergilla, after they finish blooming. To rejuvenate the shrub, cut out 1/3 of the old wood. Beautyberry can be pruned to the ground as it produces berries on new growth.
- *Start pinching ½ inch of chrysanthemum tips from now until July and feed monthly with liquid fertilizer or fish emulsion until color is seen in buds.

FERTILIZE

- *Perennials: foliar feed with compost tea
- *Boxwood: cottonseed meal, 1 cup per 3 feet diameter of bush. Broadcast evenly inside plant.
- *Lilies: 10-10-10
- *Iris: 0-10-10 or 5-10-10 when flower stalks emerge.
- *Clematis: ½ cup of bone meal or super phosphate + ¼ cup lime
- *Hydrangea: (NPK goal of 25-5-30) feed ammonium sulphate and potash.
- *Tree peonies: Plantone and compost

*Crepe Myrtle: 5-10-10

*Blueberries: 1 cup ammonium sulphate when buds swell.

*DO NOT feed raspberries and blackberries.

*ROSES: Start fertilizing when in full leaf. Roses should be fed once/month:

1 cup 10-10-10

Osmocote

½ cup Epsom salts

3 cups Rosetone

Ann Lovejoy suggests spraying roses with compost tea, 1 gal/1000 sq. ft. Spray the top and bottom of leaves 2 x/week in the Spring, then once/month. This will decrease the need for fungicides.

MULCH

*Your flower beds to improve soil texture and preserve moisture.

WATER

*If it does not rain, water your tulips and daffodils weekly.

*Roses need to be watered once/week all growing season. Give them 10 gallons of water, 5 gallons for minis. Do not water every day. Roses prefer to get a good drink all at once.

CHORES

*Spray azaleas and cotoneaster with Orthene or Sevin if you have lace bugs.

*Spray boxwood with Orthonex or Diazinon if you have leaf miner or psyllids.

*Divide summer and fall blooming perennials. When dividing ornamental grasses, discard the center portion.

*Hosta: iron phosphate (slug) is fatal to slugs. Apply ¼ teaspoon in the heart of the plant, not the perimeter.

*Flowering Ornamental Cherries: check trunks and limb crotches for signs of borers. If amber colored gum mixed with sawdust is present, spray with Thiodan.

DEADHEADING BULBS

*Tulips benefit as 1/3 of their reserves are consumed in seed production. However, you might want to forego deadheading to take advantage of volunteer seedlings. Tulipa clusiana, T. sylvestris, T. sprengeri will all self-seed.

*Daffodil hybrids rarely produce seed and do not need deadheading. However, the following produce seed: Narcissus bulbocodium, N. Mite. N. poeticus recurvus, and minatures Little Gem and Little Beauty.

*Allium drummondii also self sow.

TIPS

*You can put weeds in your compost if they are they are not flowering, have no seeds or are not rhizomes.

*Pick daffodil blooms by hand rather than cutting them to prevent spread of viruses. Do not tie the leaves.

*To determine if soil is ready to work, squeeze a handful into a tight ball, then break the ball apart. If the ball crumbles readily in your fingers, the soil is ready to be worked. If it stays balled, it is too wet. Try again in another week.

*The first grass clippings of the season are rich in nutrients and contain fewer weed seeds than those collected later. Put them in your compost pile or mow frequently and leave them on the ground.

PHENOLOGICAL PLANT AND PLANT PESTS

*A useful tool for successful gardening is an insect calendar. This will tell you what bugs are typically active in each month. But, we all know that with changing weather patterns, plants are sometimes blooming either earlier or later. So, an even better way to monitor insects is with phenological plants. These are indicator plants: their bloom time coincides with certain insects in the environment. (April is the approximate month of bloom in parenthesis.)

Eastern Redbud/Dogwood blooming (April) equals:

Pine sawflies which strip the needles of pine trees. Cut off infected branch tips, or spray with insecticidal soap, Sevin or Orthene now, and again in June and early August.

Boxwood psyllids, (sapsuckers): leaves are puckered and cup over each other like cabbage. Gobs of white, waxy threads and honeydew appear on the leaves.

RX: spray with dormant oil or a foliar systemic (Orthene).

Boxwood leafminers. Yellow-orange blisters or “mines” (tunnels or trails) appear on the leaves.

RX: Spray with Orthene when you see pin holes on the undersides of leaves. Or, spray with dormant oil in spring and fall.

Boxwood mites. RX: spray with dormant oil in spring and fall.

Lacebugs suck sap from the underside of leaves. As the leaves lose chlorophyll, they appear speckled or blotched. Black spots (insect excrement) are seen on the undersides of leaves. Lacebugs target azaleas, cotoneaster, pieris, rhododendron and sycamore trees. Different species attack specific host plants only. Cotoneaster and azaleas planted in full sun are the most affected. Lacebugs have 4 generations per year.

RX: spray the underside of leaves with insecticidal soap, horticulture oil or Sevin starting in April and every few weeks.

I've mentioned dormant oil and insecticidal soaps above. Here is some information that you should know.

Dormant oil

Make a 2% solution: 2 tablespoons per gallon of water.

Don't spray wet foliage.

Spray when humidity is low.

Dormant oil will dissolve the waxy blue coating on trees such as blue spruce.

Good for aphids, scales, mites, psyllids.

Repeat applications.

Insecticidal Soap

Good for insects, mites.

Spray when humidity is high.

They work better when you combine them with ½ the recommended rate of a systemic insecticide (Orthene).

BOOKS

I highly recommend purchasing either, or both of these excellent reference books:

The Ortho Home Gardener's Problem Solver and Southern Living's Garden Problem Solver.

MAY

PLANT

*Set out annuals after danger of frost is past. Transplants become less stressed when set out on a cloudy, calm day. Set out in late afternoon and protect from strong light and wind.

*Plant annual flower seeds.

*Plant dahlias and cannas after last frost date.

PRUNE

*Continue pruning spring flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom. Van Houten spirea, lilac, forsythia and mock orange should be pruned by removing the oldest and largest canes at the base of the plant.

*Dead head peonies.

*Pinch mums and asters until July 4.

*To keep pine trees small, remove ½ of the candle of new growth. Removing all new growth will result in bare branches as pines drop their oldest needles each fall.

*Cut back and layer perennials such as phlox, Joe Pye (when 3' tall), NE asters (when 24" tall) and monarda to control height.

*Shear candytuft back after blooming to promote bushiness.

FERTILIZE

*Spring flowering shrubs after they bloom. Osmocote or Plantone work well.

*Deadhead daffodils and tulips and fertilize with Bulb-tone.

*Feed bearded iris with 5-10-10 after the flower stalks emerge.

*Give compost to heavy feeders: phlox, peonies, astilbe, clematis, reblooming daylilies.

*Fertilize clematis with Rosetone AFTER they finish blooming.

*Boxwood: 6 weeks after you gave them their first cottonseed meal, give them another application plus 2 tablespoons of Epsom salts.

*Roses: give them a snack of one of the following: Miracle Grow, fish emulsion, alfalfa meal or Rosetone on May 1.

*Perennials: continue feeding with compost tea.

CHORES

*Stake or provide support for tall growing perennials or ones that tend to flop.

*Spray roses weekly for black spot. Alternate different systemic fungicides such as Immunex and Funginex.

*Spray peonies with a fungicide if it's a cold, wet spring.

*Continue weeding and mulching.

*For powdery mildew on phlox, lilac and monarda, spray with dormant oil.

TIPS

*To increase the number of foxglove in your garden, gently bend the finished flowering stalk down to the ground. When the seedpods are brown and totally dry, rub them onto the ground. When the new seedlings are big enough, transplant them to where you would like to have them in your garden. They will flower in 2 years (foxglove are biennials). Do this each year and you will have a garden full of foxglove.

*Keep a 5-gallon bucket of coarse sand, moistened with used motor oil, in your tool storage area. When you return your tools for storage, plunge them a couple of times in the sand mix to prevent rust and keep them clean.

PHENOLOGICAL PLANTS AND PLANT PESTS

Horsechestnut/Fringetree blooming (May). Look for:

Lesser peach tree borer. Clearwing moths lay their eggs in the limb crotches of cherry trees (especially young ones).

RX: spray crotches with Thiodan in April, early July and late August.

Euonymous scale: white (male) and brown (female) specks (scales) encrust stems and leaves. They are sapsuckers. Adult scales are protected from insecticides by waxy coverings. Control measures, therefore must be aimed at the unprotected immature stage. There are 2 generations per year.

RX: Spray with dormant oil in early spring.

Holly leafminer. Light infestations require no attention other than to pick off and destroy infected leaves. For serious infestations, spray with Orthene.

Pine needle scale. RX: spray with dormant oil.

JUNE

PLANT

*Annuals and sow seeds of quick growing annuals (cosmos, marigolds, zinnia).

PRUNE

*Climbing Roses: once blooming climbers after they bloom. (Repeat climbing bloomers are pruned in the fall.)

*Lilacs: watch for lilac borer and remove infested branches.

*Azaleas: this is the last month to prune.

FERTILIZE

*Boxwood: lightly with 10-10-10 around drip line.

*Roses: June 1 repeat the April feeding omitting the Epsom salts. (1 cup 10-10-10, Osmocote, 3 cups Rosetone)

*Perennials: continue feeding compost tea. Feed heavy feeders with compost: phlox, astilbe, cimicifuga, anemone, reblooming daylilies.

*Aconitum (monkshood): feed bone meal every 6 weeks.

*Azalea and Rhododendron, after they finish blooming, with Hollytone and superphosphate.

*Lilies: scratch in 5-10-10.

WATER

*Plants need 1" of water/week provided by nature or you.

*Roses: if temps are above 80, water 3 x/week. If temps are above 90, water every other day

CHORES

*Daffodils should be divided if they are large and have few blooms or every 4 years. Dig with a garden fork 6 weeks past bloom. Remove dirt in a pail of water or with a hose. Dry in a mesh bag in a cool dry place. Replant in October.

*Daylilies: can safely be moved now. Water well until established.

*Phlox divaricata (woodland phlox) should be divided now,

*Divide spring and early summer flowering perennials after the blooms fade.

*Fall bloomers, if you did not do this in May, cut back those that get too tall by 1/3 –1/2 now to reduce their height. Cut outer branches lower than inner ones to better shape. (Joe Pye weed (cut when 3' tall), NE & NY asters, monarda, phlox, chrysanthemums.)

*Christmas cactus: move outdoors to a shady spot. Keep fairly dry.

*Spray ornamental cherry tree trunks and branch crotches on 6/15 with Dursban to prevent clearwing moths from laying their eggs and their larvae boring into your trees.

*Cover cherry trees and blueberry bushes to prevent the birds from eating them.

*Roses: continue spraying every 2 weeks with fungicide to prevent black spot.

*Spray fungicide on plants susceptible to mildew: monarda, phlox, hollyhocks, lilacs.

TIPS

*Rhododendron: to improve blooms for next year, remove old blooms 2 weeks after the flowers fade. Do this carefully, by hand, so that you don't injure the new leaf shoots under the blooms.

*Roses: when cutting blossoms, make the cut above a 5-leaflet leaf. The new stem is more likely to bear flowers than a stem from a 3-leaflet leaf.

*Outdoor lights: use red or yellow bulbs to reduce insect problems. Insects don't see these colors and are not attracted to them as they are to white.

HOT SEASON PLANT PESTS

From now thru September, look for the following hot season pests.

MITES

They are not insects but arachnids and are closely related to spiders. They come in red, black, green, tan or yellow and are about the size of a pinpoint. You may be unaware that you have them until serious damage appears, which coincides with stretches of hot dry weather and poorly watered plants. If you suspect mites on a plant, hold a piece of white paper under a leaf, then gently tap the leaf. Mites will drop onto the paper and look like slowly crawling specks.

There are many types of mites, such as boxwood mites, euonymous red mite and spruce mite, all of which attack specific plants. However, spider mites eat a wide range of annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, vegetables and houseplants. And southern red mites love azalea, holly and cotoneaster. These pests reproduce once per week!!! Mites suck juices from leaves, stems and flower buds. Foliage and flowers may appear speckled, yellowed or distorted. On tomatoes, petunias and potatoes (all members of the potato family), greasy yellow colored leaves are a sure sign of tomato russet mite.

Prevention: Dry air encourages mites, so water plants regularly and wash off their foliage.

Spray trees and shrubs with dormant oil in late winter to kill overwintering mites and eggs.

Treatment: For light infestations:

- Use a stiff spray of water to wash off mites.
- On vegetable plants, dust undersides of leaves with garden sulfur.
- Spray with insecticidal soap or a light horticulture oil

For heavy infestations

- Use a miticide, such as Vendex, which is often added to general purpose pesticides. Do not use insecticides such as Seven. Mites are not insects and these products will not kill them.
- Throw the plant out.

MID SEASON DEFOLIATES

Bag Worms primarily target needle-leaved evergreens, including arborvitae (Thuja), junipers, spruces and false cypress (Chamaecyparis), but also deciduous trees such as honey locust and bald cypress.

The caterpillar rapidly consumes needles and leaves, defoliating entire trees. Deciduous trees recover, but evergreens frequently die. Each bag contains 500-1000 eggs. When these hatch, each larva creates its own body bag. The caterpillar eats by stretching its head and front legs out of the top of the bag. When threatened, it quickly retreats into the bag and pulls the entry closed with a silk drawstring!

Treatment: Remove and destroy bags as soon as they appear. For heavy infestations, spray foliage with Seven or Orthene.

Gypsy Moths are voracious pests that have defoliated millions of acres in the eastern US. The hatched caterpillars can float thru the air on silken threads. The adult caterpillars are 2" long, hairy and dark with red and blue spots on their backs. They target many trees, but especially oaks.

Treatment:

Wrap tree trunks with a sticky barrier to prevent adult females from climbing up to lay eggs and to trap larvae traveling down.

Spray with Bt to kill larvae when they are small. For larger caterpillars, spray with Neem, Seven or Orthene.

Japanese Beetles feed on an amazing variety of fruit trees, grapevines, rosebushes, annuals, perennials and bulbs. Grubs chew the roots of grasses and garden plants. Adult beetles fly, feed and mate from June to August. Through summer, the female beetles burrow into the soil to lay eggs. The larvae pupate in May or June emerging as adults shortly after. There is a new generation every year.

Treatment:

Larvae in lawns may be killed by treating the soil with Milky Spore (preferable). The application should last for 5 years. OR, treat the soil with the chemicals Dursban, diazinon, or Merit.

Adult beetles can be killed by spraying with Neem, Seven or Orthene. These pesticides containing pyrethrin.

However, remember, these sprays also kill bees. Therefore, if you must spray, do so in the evening after the bees have gone back to their hives.

Webworms are sometimes confused with tent caterpillars. But, the two are easy to distinguish. Tent caterpillars construct nests, in branch crotches close to the trunk, in spring. Webworms build nests out at the ends of branches in summer and fall. Webworms target pecans, walnuts, persimmon, sourwood, maple, mulberry, crabapple, ash, honey locust and other deciduous trees. The larvae/caterpillars eat the foliage within the nest and enlarge the nest as they grow. Adult moths lay eggs on the undersides of tree leaves in spring and early summer. There may be 3-4 generations/year.

Treatment:

Break up newly formed nests with a jet of water, then spray with Bt. For severe infestations, spray nests and foliage with Seven or Orthene.

JULY

PLANT

*Annuals, perennials and shrubs and trees in containers can be planted as long as you water them well.

*Sow cool season biennials and perennials in flats to set out in fall. Keep moist and shaded.

*Sow seeds for Spring wildflower meadows: scatter on ground and rake lightly.

*Sow cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower seeds in flats for fall planting.

PRUNE

*Remove dead, diseased wood and water sprouts from spring blooming trees.

*Finish pruning spring blooming shrubs. To rejuvenate them, remove 1/3 of the old wood.

*Watch for die-back on rhododendrons and camellias. Prune the branch back to healthy wood.

*Wisteria: (mature) cut back side-shoots to 1 ft. or 5-6 buds. Continue to tie main side-shoots horizontally and cut them back when the space is filled.

FERTILIZE

*Crepe Myrtle: in early July feed 5-10-10 or triple phosphate.

*Feed summer flowering shrubs after they bloom.

*Azaleas: if you did not feed in June, give them triple phosphate and water well.

*Roses: feed 1 cup 10-10-10.

*Feed compost or miracle grow to heavy feeders: phlox, astilbe, cimicifuga, anemone, re-blooming daylilies and iris.

*Perennials: continue feeding compost tea but now only once/month.

*Vegetables: continue feeding compost tea or work in cottonseed meal around each plant.

WATER

*Flower beds, shrubs and trees: water deeply once/week if there has not been 1" of rain. Water in early AM to prevent fungus and mildew.

*Azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias are forming next year's flower buds now. They need to be well watered or the buds and leaves will fall off.

CHORES

*Set lawn mower blades at 3" to provide shade for grass roots.

*Pinch asters and chrysanthemums for the last time July 4.

*Continue to deadhead faded blooms.

*Annuals: shear back to half their height and foliar feed with liquid bloom booster or fertilize with 5-10-10 to encourage rebloom.

*Daylilies and bearded iris can be divided now.

*Hostas: the best time to divide is after they bloom.

*Roses: continue to spray with fungicide.

*Dahlias: be sure to stake and continue to pinch until August 1.

*Ornamental Cherries: respray trunk and branch crotches with Dursban in early July

*Spray: for powdery mildew on lilac, phlox, monarda and zinnias, spray with dormant oil.

*ORDER: bulbs, trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, perennials, fruit trees and berries now for Fall planting.

*PROPAGATE: now is the time to take semi-hardwood cuttings of shrubs and softwood cuttings of houseplants, vines, herbs and ground covers.

TIPS

*Water plants several hours before applying pesticides, especially during hot weather. Drought stressed plants have less water in their tissues. The chemicals that enter their leaves will be more concentrated and may burn them.

*Protect plants in containers from very high heat caused by reflection from pavement. Move them to a cooler spot or shade them during the hottest part of the day. Also, protect them from severe wind and rain storms.

PLANT PESTS

Watch for:

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| Aphids | Box Elder bugs |
| Spider Mites | Fall Webworms |
| Japanese beetles | Orange striped Oakworms. |

AUGUST

PLANT

*Late August is the best time to plant Oriental poppies. Mulch with oak or sycamore leaves.

PRUNE

*Maples and birches.

FERTILIZE

*Trim back perennials at the beginning of the month and fertilize for a second bloom.

*Fertilize roses with Rosetone

CHORES

- *Dead head phlox, yarrow, and daylilies for re-bloom.
- *Bleeding heart and peonies: trim brown foliage and discard. Clean pruners with alcohol.
- *Check azaleas, camellias, boxwood and cotoneaster for signs of lace bug
- *If azaleas look pale-green to yellow, check soil pH, they need acid soil, Sulfur reduces pH.
- *Peonies: if you must move them, now is the time to do it. Water well.
- *Spray ornamental cherries with Thiodan in late August.
- *Lilies: remove faded flowers but leave as much stem as possible. Trim stems when yellow.
- *Pull weeds before they set seed.
- *Take root cuttings of azalea, holly and hydrangea.
- *If you haven't ordered your bulbs for fall planting, do it now.

WATER

- *Water plantings, especially newly planted trees and shrubs, if rainfall levels are less than 1 inch/week.
- *Thoroughly water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons and heather as they are setting next year's buds.

TIPS

- *When watering lawns in hot weather, try to do it in the early morning. Otherwise, much of the water will evaporate before the grass can use it.
- *During hot, dry weather, avoid deep cultivation in your flower beds. Loosening the soil under these conditions reduces water uptake by increasing loss of soil water and damaging surface roots.
- *You can freeze herbs in water. Chop them, place in an ice cube tray, cover with water and freeze. Store cubes in a plastic bag in the freezer. Add to soups, stews etc.

SEPTEMBER

PLANT

- *Lawns: September is a good time to seed or reseed cool season grasses (Kentucky bluegrass, fescues).
- *Peonies and Tree peonies should be planted a month before the first frost date. Peonies: plant "eyes" 2" below the soil line in full sun or at least ½ day of sun. Do not plant next to trees or shrubs. Amend soil with compost or peat moss, bone meal and lime. Do not put compost directly on roots.
- Tree peonies: like 1/3 – ½ day of shade. Dig a hole 2 feet deep and 3 feet wide. Add peat moss, woods dirt or rotted sawdust, bone meal and lime to soil. Plant so that the top of the graft is 6" deep.
- *Wildflower meadows: scatter seeds on well prepared ground, rake lightly and allow rainfall to germinate seed.

PLANT AND TRANSPLANT

*Evergreen trees and shrubs. Wait until after leaf fall for deciduous trees/shrubs.

*Perennials and ornamental grasses.

*Japanese and Siberian iris.

PRUNE

*Clip hedges for the last time this season. Be sure to keep the base of the hedge wider than the top.

FERTILIZE

*Roses: fertilize with bloom booster, 15-30-15 or with 1 cup of 10-10-10, half this for minis; then water. If you are not showing your roses, you may skip the September feeding.

CHORES

*Roses: if they have black spot, spray with Mancozeb. It is the only chemical that will kill black spot spores. Immunox works well as a preventative, but it will not kill spores. Water the day before you spray, and water after you spray so the bushes don't get spray burn. Spray before temps get to 80 degrees.

*Dead head roses. Cut the canes back to a 5-petal leaf, leaving only a 1/4" stem sticking up. The cane should be at least as thick as a pencil. Make cuts at a slant with the longer part of the stub toward the leaf.

*Bring houseplants inside. Wash them and spray with insecticidal soap first. They need to come in now before you turn on the heat. Except for Christmas cactus which needs cool nights, 55-65 degrees to set buds.

*Winterize fish ponds.

*Put amaryllis in a cool (50 degrees), dark place so that they can rest for 2-3 months.

*Prepare new beds for fall and spring planting.

*Prepare beds for lily bulbs. They require good drainage, so plant in raised beds, or on a slope, or in hills. Dig the hole 12-18" deep and incorporate humus into the soil. Lilies need at least ½ day of sun. Let the bed rest for at least a week before planting your bulbs.

*Prepare greenhouses or cold frames for winter use: disinfect beds and seed flats.

WATER

*Continue to water if the weather is dry.

OCTOBER

PLANT

*Lily bulbs should be planted immediately upon arrival as they are never dormant. Do not mix fertilizer into the soil when planting. Cover with 4" of soil, mulch with leaf mold and water well.

*Continue planting trees and shrubs. Do not plant broad leaf evergreens (magnolia, holly, etc.) in the fall. There is insufficient time for them to get established to prevent damage from wind and cold. Plant them in the Spring.

*Daffodils can be planted starting mid-month.

*Boxwood: October is the ideal month to plant and transplant them.

*Paperwhites: plant bulbs in pebbles and water up to the base, in intervals of two weeks to prolong bloom in house. To prevent foliage from flopping: wait until the roots develop and the green shoots are 1-2 inches. Then replace the water with one of the following mixtures.

Rubbing alcohol: 1 part to 10 parts water, OR

gin or vodka: 1 part to 7 parts water.

(They cannot be replanted so add to your compost when spent.)

PRUNE

*Cut phlox stems to ground level. Discard leaves to prevent powdery mildew; do not put in your compost pile.

*Lilies: cut stems to the ground.

*Do not prune established shrubs and plants in the Fall.

FERTILIZE

*Clematis: fertilize with superphosphate and fireplace ashes.

*Bearded iris: fertilize with superphosphate and bone meal. No nitrogen!

*Peonies: fertilize perimeter with 10-10-10 and bone meal.

*Hydrangeas: Hollytone

*Daffodils: potash and Bulbtone

*Tulips and lilies: Bulbtone

*Deciduous trees: fertilize at the drip line with Plantone or Hollytone in late October.

WATER

*Continue to water if there is no rain.

*Water evergreens thoroughly before the ground freezes. Evergreens continue to lose water by transpiring during the winter, but when the ground is frozen, they cannot replenish the water.

*Clivia: decrease water. Keep barely moist. No fertilizer. Resume watering when flower stalks are 6" high.

CHORES

*Divide and transplant overgrown perennials. A good rule of thumb is:

If it blooms in the spring – move it in the fall.

If it blooms in the summer or fall, move it in the spring.

Most perennials need to be divided every 3-4 yrs.

*Clean clay pots for storage. To remove salt deposits, use a 1:5 solution of vinegar and water. Sterilize all pots and containers in a 1 to 9 solution of chlorine bleach and water.

*Remove annuals after frost and add to compost pile.

*Weed, edge and tidy flower beds.

*Christmas cactus should be left outdoors for several nights of 50-degree temps. Water sparsely. Once buds form, bring inside and resume watering and feed monthly. The cooler the location, the longer the blooms will remain.

*Dig summer blooming bulbs (caladium, canna, gladiola, and dahlia) after first frost.

Cannas: Cut off foliage, let roots dry slightly, dust with Sulphur and store in dry peat moss in a cool cellar.

Dahlias, gladiolas: dig up, shake off dirt, wash in a 10% Clorox solution dry and store in peat moss in a cool cellar.

Caladiums: stop watering, dig up and store in a nylon stocking.

*Lantanas and fuchsias may be overwintered in an unheated basement. Water with warm water every 18 days and withhold fertilizer until March when plants can be moved into indirect light.

*Over seed warm season grasses with annual rye for winter color.

TIPS

*If you can't tell which end is the top when planting anemone bulbs, plant it on its side. The stem will always grow upright.

*Pine needles make excellent mulch, especially to acid loving plants. They will insulate the soil and prevent heaving of perennials.

*Late fall tilling can help control insects, such as corn borer, corn earworms, cucumber beetles, squash bug, and vine borer, because it exposes insects to winter conditions.

*Taking care of your hoses will prevent having to buy new ones in the spring. Plastic hoses will crack if they are allowed to freeze with water in them. Drain the hose completely and coil it for storage off the ground. Do not hang as this tends to cause the walls to collapse.

*A ripe apple placed in a closed container with green tomatoes will encourage the tomatoes to turn red.

NOVEMBER

PLANT

*Plant tulips now thru December. Tulips should be planted 6" deep. Dig the hole 8" deep and place a mix of sand and peat moss on the bottom with a pinch of lime and some bulb booster. Place the tulip on top and then add a handful of sharp gravel over each bulb before backfilling with soil. This will help deter voles from devouring them!

*Continue to plant lily bulbs.

*Plant deciduous trees and shrubs after they have gone dormant.

PRUNE

*Perennial stems: cut back the following to 3-4 in. from the ground after several hard frosts: yarrow, asters, Joe Pye, monarda.

Cut the following to the ground: peony, phlox, solomon's seal, toad lily.

Cut shasta daisy and stokes aster to basal growth.

*November thru February is the ideal time to prune: abelia, privet, smoke tree, sumac AND all evergreen trees and shrubs.

*Boxwood: can be pruned November thru July. Thinning, to promote adequate interior light and air circulation, should be done when temps are above freezing.

FERTILIZE

*Deciduous trees and shrubs with Plantone or Hollytone after fully dormant.

*Wisteria: fertilize with triple phosphate after the leaves have fallen. Never fertilize in the spring or summer. This will cause more growth and less bloom.

*Cool season lawns after first freeze to promote winter root growth.

LIME

*Lime alkaline loving plants, such as: daphne, helleborus, lavender, campanula, centranthus, lilac, coneflowers, geraniums, iris, peonies, scabiosa, clematis, delphinium, lilies, boxwood with dolomitic or pelleted limestone. REMEMBER, it takes 6 months for plants to assimilate lime.

MULCH

*Apply 2-4 inches of mulch AFTER the ground freezes.

Good mulch materials are rotted sawdust, straw, pine needles, ground leaves. Lilies and tree peonies like pine needles.

TIPS

*Earthworms must remain below the frost line to survive. If you want earthworms to break down organic matter in the upper soil, mulch deeply. If you need the subsoil aerated, mulch thinly!

WATER

*Thoroughly water broad leaf evergreens before the ground freezes.

* Water Jade plant and other succulents only once/month until April.

CHORES

*Turn off garden faucets. Drain hoses.

*Cut the lawn for the last time at 2" high.

*Roots of woody ornamentals in containers may be killed if the soil gets very cold. English box, camellia, pampas grass, cotoneaster, English and Japanese holly, star magnolia and nandina are killed when the soil temp is 25 degrees. Move containers to a greenhouse or sink them in the ground.

*Wrap trunks of young trees with tree wrap to prevent sunscald.

*Close water gardens. Leave hardy water lilies and fish in ponds deep enough (over 16"). A deicer helps to provide air holes in ice so that the fish can breathe.

*Store liquid pesticides where temps will not fall below 40 degrees. Low temps may result in a breakdown of the chemical.

*Rake leaves from the lawn before winter. Shredded leaves make excellent mulch.

*Leave magnolia & beech leaves under the trees; they create their own fertilizer.

*Kniphofia: bundle leaves over center for winter protection.

HOUSEPLANTS

*Reduce water and fertilization until late April when new growth resumes.

*Water succulents only once/month.

*Cyclamen is an exception to indoor plants. It should be fed and watered all through the winter.

*Pot amaryllis bulbs 8 weeks before you want them to bloom. They may not bloom if potted in too large a pot. There should be no more than 1" of space on each side of the bulb. At least 1/3 of the bulb should be above the soil line.

TIPS

*Rooting cuttings in water: add one or two young willow branches to the container. Willow wood contains a natural hormone that speeds the rooting process.

*Labeling dahlias: write the cultivar name and color on the tuber with a fine permanent marker, like a Sharpie.

*Whitefly trap: spray one side of a piece of clear glass with bright yellow paint. After the paint dries, spread a thin coat of motor oil on the other side. Set the glass, oil side up, near infested plants. Wipe the glass clean and apply a fresh coat of oil as necessary. The white flies go for the yellow and get stuck in the oil.

*In November and December, yews, junipers, holly, boxwood, broad leaf evergreens and many deciduous trees and shrubs can be propagated with hardwood cuttings. The cuttings should be about 6" in length. Dip in a rooting medium and insert them in sand in a cool greenhouse. Tie bundles of deciduous cuttings

together and bury in sand in a cold frame. Remove in early spring, pot in individual containers and place in a nursery bed.

DECEMBER

PRUNE

*Continue pruning. (see November Things To Do)

CHORES

*Finish cleaning up flower beds. Remove annuals killed by frost.

*Mulch trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs to 4-6" after a few hard frosts. Use straw, pine needles or shredded leaves.

*Apply pre-emergent herbicide to prevent winter weeds.

*Clean old leaves and twigs out of centers of boxwood to avoid disease and pest damage.

*Houseplants: clean foliage during winter, water when dry and lightly fertilize once/month.

*Poinsettias: keep soil moist but not waterlogged. Water with Peters or Miracle Grow and let plant drain in sink before returning to saucer. Water should be warm. Keep plants away from drafts and heaters; place in indirect light.

TIPS

*Xmas Cactus: to prolong blooming, reduce watering and keep in full sun at 70 degrees.

*To discourage insects from hatching when nuts, cones and seed pods are brought indoors for holiday arrangements, place them in the oven on a low setting for an hour.

*Xmas Trees: if you purchase, make a fresh 2" cut up the trunk and place the tree in a bucket of water for 2-3 days. Make another fresh cut when you bring the tree indoors. Be sure to continue to water.

*After the Holidays, you can use your discarded tree:

1. Decorate it for the birds with suet and/or pinecones covered with peanut butter or;
2. Cut branches from the tree and use them to lay over perennial beds to protect the plants from heaving.

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA AWARDS



CLUB APPRECIATION AWARD

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| 2004 | Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice) – in recognition of your exceptional, untiring and cheerful leadership as club president and co-chairman of the Zone VII Annual Meeting. |
| 2007 | Mrs. John Barrow (Molly) |
| 2011 | Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane) Mrs. R. T. Whitman (Cynthia) |
| 2013 | Rev. Mary Beth Wells |
| 2015 | Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) |
| 2016 | Mrs. Stephen Brooks (Catherine) |
| 2017 | Mrs. Carlton Vanderwarker (Annie) |
| 2018 | Mrs. Stephen R. Sanford (Normie) |

CLUB CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS AWARD

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| 2016 | Mrs. John Sponski (Mary Lew) |
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CLUB COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

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| 2013 | Mrs. Matthew C. Hudson (Pamela) |
| 2015 | Mrs. André Hintermann (Mary) |
| 2017 | Mrs. Gilbert Queitzsch, Jr. (Mary) |
| 2018 | Mrs. J. Russell Martin (Gale) |

CLUB CONSERVATION AWARD - GCA ZONE VII

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| 1976 | Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober (Jane) - for continued effort to conserve and enhance the beauty of her rural community. |
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| 1991 | Mrs. Page Henley (Jane) |
| 2000 | Mrs. Paul Kipps (Betty) (Certificate) - With appreciation for her passionate commitment and service to her club in conservation. |
| 2005 | Mrs. Carroll G. Blundon (Felicity) (Certificate) – In recognition of her dedication as a citizen activist for alerting members of her club about important environmental issues at the local, state and national levels |
| 2013 | Mrs. Frank A. Thomas III (Zan) |

CLUB FLORAL DESIGN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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| 1998 | Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke) |
| 2000 | Mrs. Robert Eason (AnnaBelle) – for generous contributions to DMGC through flower arranging. |
| 2003 | Mrs. Robert G. Davies (Bobbie) – outstanding service to the club or community for floral arranging. |
| 2004 | Mrs. Edward E. Wendell (Shirley) – for her willingness to make flower arrangements for shows and club events and for sharing her knowledge and enjoyment of flower arranging in a cheerful manner. |
| 2005 | Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) – for her creative talents in flower arranging and her willingness to study and share her knowledge as she supports the efforts of others in flower arranging. |
| 2006 | Mrs. Robert G. Davies (Bobbie)(Certificate) |
| 2009 | Ms. Therese Iverson |
| 2013 | Mrs. John Sponski (Mary Lew) |
| 2015 | Mrs. Carlton E. Vanderwarker (Annie) |
| 2017 | Mrs. Thomas W. Filer, Jr. (Pat) |
| 2018 | Ms. Mary Jane Shackleford |

CLUB GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN AWARD

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| 2017 | Mrs. Joel Silverman (Gail) |
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CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

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| 2013 | Ms. Jeanne Moon |
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2016 Mrs. Matthew Hudson (Pamela)

**HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE/ CLUB HORTICULTURAL
COMMENDATION/ AWARD**

- 1957 Mrs. Bonyng Strange (Marjorie)- for bringing the largest number of unusual horticultural specimens to monthly meetings for one year. (Certificate)
- 1958 Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober (Jane) - for her landscape work and planting around the Orange Court House grounds. (Certificate)
- 1960 Mrs. Wyatt. A. Williams(Dorothy) - for spearheading the window-box project amongst the merchants of Orange and Gordonsville. (Certificate)
- 1961 Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee (Caroline) - for her work with Cactii and Succulents.
- 1965 Mrs. W. B. Sydnor (Virginia) - for her keen interest, knowledge and skill in the field of horticulture. (Certificate)
- 1966 Mrs. Henry T. Holladay, Jr., - for her outstanding work with Daffodils and Hemerocallis (Certificate)
- 1967 Miss Elma Williams, for her special knowledge of daffodils, Roses and her beautiful water color paintings of the former and for her delightful sense of humor. (Certificate)
- 1968 Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer (Virginia) - for her wide knowledge of Horticulture, her standing as an accredited Judge, her exhibits in Daffodil, Lily and Rose Shows of The Garden Club of Virginia, and her many articles in the Garden Club of Virginia's Journal. (Certificate)
- 1969 Mrs. Leonard W. Dick, Jr. (Pauline) - for her artistic skill in Flower Arranging and contributions to the GCV Journal. (Certificate)
- 1970 Mrs. William B. Rhett, Jr., (Dee) - for her interest in and knowledge of every phase of tree and plant life and for her naturalistic arrangements. (Certificate)
- 1971 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne) - for her abiding interest and extensive knowledge of Roses and her continual success in exhibiting in the Garden Club of Virginia's Rose Show. (Certificate)
- 1972 Mrs. Gray Dunnington (Pat) - Contributions in Horticulture and Lecturing. (Certificate)
- 1973 Mrs. Wilfred T. Grenfell, Jr., (Nora) - for her successful vegetable garden surrounded by potted plants. (Certificate)
- 1975 Mrs. William Clayton. Williams, Jr., (Sally) -for forty years of gardening expertise, and for winning the first Violet Niles Walker Cup ever presented at a Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show. Twice President of Dolley Madison Garden Club, 40-year member. (Certificate)

- 1975 The Zone Conservation Certificate Award to Mrs. Woodbury Swan Ober (Jane) of Zone VII “For giving her personal talents in a continuing effort to conserve and enhance the beauty of her rural community.”
- 1979 Mrs. Joseph C. Edens, Jr. (Hazel) – horticulture with herbs, Horticultural and Daffodil Test Chairman for DMGC. (Certificate)
- Mrs. William Waterman (Allie) - Award of Special Recognition.
- 1998 Mrs. H. Pendleton Bresee, Jr. (Suzie)(Certificate)
- 2000 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine) (Certificate) -Horticultural achievement within the club
- 2003 Mrs. Joe Grills (Marge) (Certificate) - outstanding service in Horticulture within her club and community.
- 2004 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne) (Certificate) - for her willingness to share her knowledge of horticulture in monthly newsletters within her club and to lead by example in horticulture committee projects.
- 2005 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke) (Certificate) - in recognition for her untiring dedication to growing plants especially lilies, and her willingness to share her knowledge of horticulture with others.
- 2006 Mrs. Joe Grills (Marge)
- 2014 Ms. Sandra Mudrinich (Horticulturist Montpelier)- Zone Horticultural Commendation. Commendation
- 2016 The Boys and Girls Club of Orange - (Children’s Vegetable Garden/Cooking) Club Horticultural Commendation.
- 2017 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane) - Club Horticulture Award
- 2018 Ms. Jane Hammond - Club Horticulture Award
- 2018 Dan Gregg - Grelen Nursery. Club Horticulture Commendation

CONSERVATION CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – NON-MEMBERS

- 1998 Virginius Randolph Shackelford, Jr. (Carroll) – Recommended by DMGC

GCA AWARD FOR ZONE VII

- 1985 Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams (Dottie) - received the GCA Conservation Committee Award

GCA CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR ZONE VII

2004 Mrs. R. Page Henley, Jr. (Jane)

GCA NOVICE AWARD IN BOTANICAL ARTS

2014 Ms. Therese Iverson

GCA CLUB SPECIAL RECOGNITION/50 YEARS OF SERVICE

2014 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE/ CLUB HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMENDATION

1998 Mrs. Walter G. Dunnington, Jr. (Pat) (Award) (Montebello)

2006 Mr. and Mrs William T. Frazier (Certificate)

2011 Mrs. Michael Quinn (Carolyn) (Montpelier)

2016 Ms. Jacqueline Gupton (Historic Gordonsville)

2017 Charlene and David Scibal, Inn at Willow Grove.

2018 Andrea Rosse and Lesley Foster - Montebello

MEDAL OF MERIT

1966 Mrs. Allen Gray Dunnington (Pat) - for outstanding contributions to GCA

1998 Mrs. Charles V. Rich, Jr. (Jill)

2000 Mrs. Theodore Scott (Carolyn) - outstanding leadership and support of her club and her community

2005 Mrs. John. Y. Faulconer (Dana) - in recognition of your cheerful spirit and enthusiastic leadership as a former president of Dolley Madison Garden Club and a longtime proponent of Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

2007 Mrs. Michael Quinn (Carolyn)

2009 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)

2011 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)

2015 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)

2018 Mrs. Joel Silverman (Gail)

**GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA CORLISS KNAPP ENGLE HORTICULTURE
SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

2004 Dolley Madison Garden Club

FOUNDERS FUND AWARD

2005 Dolley Madison Garden Club (runner-up)

HARRIET DeWAELE PUCKETT CREATIVITY AWARD

2013 Mrs. Carlton E. Vanderwarker (Annie)

MARION THOMPSON FULLER BROWN CONSERVATION AWARD

2004 Dolley Madison Garden Club

**GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MONTINE MCDANIEL FREEMAN MEDAL –
HONORABLE MENTION - TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM**

2016 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane) Mrs. Kevin Passarello (Carla)

ZONE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

2013 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)

ZONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

2009 Mrs. Joe Grills (Marge)

ZONE HORTICULTURAL COMMENDATION

2017 Saunders Brother Inc.
Based on the joint nomination by the Dolley Madison Garden Club and Albemarle Garden Club Saunders Brothers, Inc. in recognition of exemplary leadership in boxwood horticulture, research, trials, and comparative evaluations, and for generously sharing their knowledge to establish industry standards.

ZONE DIRECTOR'S AWARD – ZONE VII

2016 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA AWARDS



ANNABEL JOSEPHS AWARD WINNER

A perpetual trophy given in appreciation for the efforts of the Garden Club of Virginia members on behalf of the art of flower arranging. The trophy is awarded to the member club accumulating the greatest number of award points in the Inter Club Class from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. It was presented for the first time at the 2003 Annual Meeting.

2013 Dolley Madison Garden Club and the Martinsville Garden Club

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF HORTICULTURE

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| 1960 | From the Dolly Madison chairman of Horticulture, Annual Report - 'A member received a Garden Club of Virginia Horticultural Certificate.' |
| 1961 | Mrs. Henry T. Holladay, Jr. - for work with Hemerocallis. |
| 1962 | Miss Elma H. Williams - for work with Daffodils. |
| 1963 | Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober (Jane) - for work with Ivies. |
| 1964 | Mrs. Harrison P. Bresee (Suzie) - for work with Vines and Hanging Baskets. |
| 1965 | Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne) - for excellence in growing and arranging flowers, and for planning her interesting and lovely gardens. |
| 1966 | Mrs. William A. Waterman (Allie) - for success with both indoor and outdoor plants, for being an accredited Flower Show Judge, and for her skill in arranging flowers, |
| 1967 | Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer (Virginia) - for her artistic arrangements, her accredited judging, and her many articles in the Journal. |
| 1971 | Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams (Dorothy) - for her wild flower garden and for winning the Eleanor Truax Harris Cup in the 1970 Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show |
| 1972 | Mrs. Francis B. Hastings (Rose) - for her success with miniature Daffodils and Roses in The Garden Club of Virginia Shows. |
| 1976 | Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter) - for her outstanding success in the Lily Show of the Garden Club of Virginia and the North American Lily Society by winning the Best |

Stem in the Show, a medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the NALS Isabella Preston Award.

- 1979 Mrs. Leonard Dick (Pauline) - for outstanding achievement in the field of horticulture.
- 1982 Mrs. Theodore G. Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
- 1983 Mrs. Henry Christopher Martin (Easter)
- 1985 Mrs. Wilfred T. Grenfell, Jr. (Nora)

HORTICULTURE AWARD OF MERIT

- 2005 Mrs. Gerald Aiello (Suzanne) Presented to Suzanne for her willingness to share her knowledge of horticulture in monthly newsletters with her club and to lead by example in horticulture committee projects.
- 2014 Mrs Joseph Zocchi (Mary) Mary has dedicated her life to the study of lilies and faithfully carries on her mother's knowledge and tradition. She has been instrumental in flower shows as a judge and advisor, and has conducted workshops and lectures on showing, propagation, and successful growing practices.
- 2017 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane) DeLane is a fifth-generation agriculturalist and an early proponent of organic horticulture. Her ongoing efforts in promoting horticultural education and her active association with like-minded professional organizations make DeLane a uniquely qualified award winner.

THE LUCY PARKE TAYLOR AWARD

That Lucy Parke Taylor, a graduate of Ambler College School of Horticulture, was an expert horticulturist and landscape planner is attested by the fact that at one time she was associated with Charles L. Gillette, noted Virginia landscape architect. Until her death on August 8, 1938, she was a valuable and knowledgeable member of Dolly Madison. Minutes of the Club carry the notation: - "The August 17th, 1938 meeting of the Dolly Madison Garden Club was cancelled due to the death of Lucy Parke Taylor."

At an Executive Committee meeting, September 30, 1938, the following recommendation was made and offered to the Club at its meeting October 12, 1938 – "There shall be a class in one Flower Show each year known as the Lucy Parke Taylor Memorial Class. This class shall be scheduled so as to further interest and effort in horticulture. The prize shall be new or rare plant material costing \$5.00. The class shall be open to the public. Other details to be arranged by a Flower Show Committee." This recommendation was passed by the Club at this meeting. The first Dolly Madison Flower Show to include the Lucy Parke Taylor Award was on May 25, 1939, and the last one was twenty years later, May 1959, when Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer won the sweepstakes award that carried Miss Taylor's name and the prize of \$5.00.

THE VIOLET NILES WALKER MEMORIAL CUP

Mrs. Joseph G. Walker died January 16, 1946, thus giving Dolly Madison one of its greatest losses. Violet Niles Walker was a charter member and first president of the Club from 1919 – 1921. She was also the third president of The Garden Club of Virginia, from 1924 – 1926. Her contributions to both organizations were many and varied for she was a tireless worker and horticulturalist of wide experience, holding membership in both the American and British Horticultural Societies. However, it was the field of lilies that she is best remembered, having pioneered work with these bulbs as Lily Test Chairman of the Garden Club of Virginia. The Lily Show is a direct result of her desire to interest the gardening world in the fact that lilies could be grown in Virginia.

On March 13, 1946, Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson, (Grace) then president of Dolly Madison, opened the meeting “with a few short and feeling sentences on the great loss the Club has sustained since its last meeting in the death of Violet Niles Walker.”

At the meeting June 19, 1946, the Violet Niles Walker Memorial Cup was established by the Dolly Madison Garden Club, with sufficient funds to endow it, to be given to the Garden Club of Virginia and awarded annually for horticultural achievement at the Lily Show. The first year it was offered, June 1948 the Cup was won by Mrs. William Clayton Williams, Jr., at that time the president of the Dolly Madison Club. Since then it has been offered annually and a record of the winners each year is carried in the Garden Club of Virginia Register.

2004 Not Awarded

2010 Mrs. Joseph Zocchi (Mary)

2014 Not Awarded

THE deLACY GRAY MEMORIAL MEDAL

In 1929 – 1930 Mrs. Leslie H. Gray became the sixth president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club and in 1930 – 1932 served as the sixth president of the Garden Club of Virginia. Her ability to administer as presiding officer at the same time for these two organizations is indicative of her stamina and enthusiasm, and her success in these two positions demonstrates her charm. Mrs. Gray died May 2, 1962, shortly after Historic Garden Week where she had gained no little renown over the years as the delightful hostess of historic “Montebello.”

At the September 11, 1963, meeting of the Dolly Madison Garden Club it was voted to present a memorial to the Garden Club of Virginia in honor of Mrs. Gray. (A suitable memorial and many suggestions regarding it had been under consideration for over a year.) Minutes of the meeting September 9, 1964 read “Mrs. John S. Rixey, chairman of the committee to select the medal and to raise the necessary endowment for it, stated that ‘Funds are on hand for the de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal.’”

And at the January 13, 1965, meeting of Dolly Madison Mrs. Rixey announced that the Garden Club of Virginia had accepted the medal in memory of Mrs. Gray and that the funds had been turned over to that organization.

The deLacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation is awarded annually, and the Garden Club of Virginia Register carries a record of the requirements and winners of this award.

VIRGINIA EWERS QUEITZSCH MEMORIAL CUP

Established 2000

The cup shall be awarded annually at the Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show for a collection of three lilies of the same cultivar. The Lily Chairman of the Garden Club of Virginia shall be the perpetual custodian of the cup.

2004 Mrs. William G. Falcon (Trish)

2013 Mrs. William G. Falcon (Trish)

DOLLEY MADISON GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

THE ADA SANFORD HARVEY MENTORING AWARD

Established 2011

This award, presented by Mrs. Andre Hintermann in honor of her Dolley Madison Garden Club mentor, Ada Harvey, is awarded annually in recognition of exceptional mentoring of other club members in the responsibilities and traditions of DMGC. The award is given at the discretion of the Board of Directors and presented at the Annual Meeting.



- 2011 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)
- 2012 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) and Mrs. John J. Sponski (Mary Lew)
- 2013 Mrs. Frank S. Walker (Bernice)
- 2014 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)
- 2015 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
- 2016 Mrs. Thomas W. Filer, Jr. (Pat)
- 2017 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)
- 2018 Mrs. Kendall O. Smith (Alice)

THE BOBBYE DAVIES NOVICE FLOWER ARRANGING AWARD

Established 2015

This award will be given at the Annual Meeting to that member who has not previously won a Dolley Madison Garden Club flower arranging award but has demonstrated enthusiasm for developing her flower arranging skills. This award is named in honor of Bobbye Davies in recognition of her years of mentoring,

love of and commitment to flower arranging. Nomination for this award will come from the Flower Arranging Chair(s).

This award was donated by Ada Harvey and Mary Lew Sponski



2015 Mrs. Donald M. Davies, Jr. (Joanna)

2016 Ms. Mary Jane Shackelford

2017 Mrs. T. Carlyle Lea, Jr. (Frances)

2018 Mrs. Brad Brady (Pam)

THE CAROLINE R BRESEE BOWL

Established 1978

This bowl shall be given at the Annual Meeting by the Horticulture Chairman to that member who, over the past year, has demonstrated her enthusiasm for horticulture by maintaining a personal garden, exhibiting horticulture specimens at DMGC meetings, GCV, GCA and DMGC Flower Shows, and participating in horticulture committee activities.



1986 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)

1987 Mrs. Emmett W. Wright, Jr (Betty)
1988 Mrs. Emmett W. Wright, Jr. (Betty)
1989 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
1990 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
1991 Mrs. Joergen Elerud (Ingrid)
Mrs. Gilbert K. Queitzsch (Virginia)
1992 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
1993 Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams (Dorothy)
1994 Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams (Dorothy)
1997 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
2001 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
2002 Ms. Therese Iverson, given for flower arranging
Mrs. Edward E. Wendell (Shirley), given for flower arranging
2003 Reestablished as an award strictly for horticulture
Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
2004 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
2005 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)
2006 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
2007 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)
2008 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
2009 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
2010 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
2011 Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello (Suzanne)
2012 Mrs. R. F. Gillespie Jr. (Catherine)
2013 Ms. Jane Willard Hammond
2014 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)
2016 Mrs. Joel Silverman (Gail), Ms. Jane Willard Hammond and Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
2017 Mrs. Joel Silverman (Gail)
2018 Not awarded

THE DARING DANA AWARD

Established 2018

Given in honor of long time member Dana Smith Faulconer by Page Sullenberger. Awarded to a member who has undertaken a challenging project for DMGC with utmost attention to detail and unflagging persistence.



2018 Mrs. G. Aiello (Suzanne)

This year's recipient is well noted in the club for her meticulous attention to detail and follow through on any project she undertakes. She is a fine horticulturist, a resolute leader, a faithful journalist and a persistent team captain for anything she tackles. For her particular effort on behalf of the DMGC Centennial Community Project at Taylor Park.

THE DOLLEY MADISON COMMUNITY SERVICE BOWL

Established 1990

This bowl is awarded at the Annual Meeting to a member or individuals in recognition of outstanding service at the local, state, or national level. The bowl will be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nominations are to be submitted to the committee. The bowl was donated by Mrs. Emmett W. Wright, Jr.



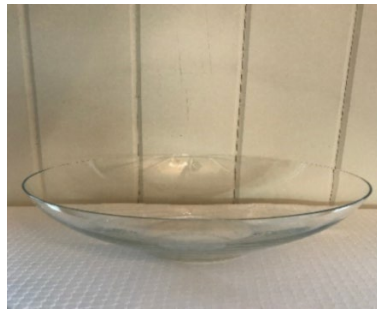
1990 Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt A. Williams (Wyatt and Dorothy)

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| 1991 | Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Scott, Jr. (Theodore and Carolyn) |
| 1992 | Mr. John F. James |
| 1993 | Mrs. William T. Carrington (Mary Glenn) |
| 1994 | Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter) |
| 1995 | Mrs. Gilbert K. Queitzsch (Virginia) |
| 1996 | Mrs. Benjamin Sedwick (Carolyn) |
| 1997 | Orange County Review |
| 1998 | Mrs. Atwell Somerville (Anne Carter) |
| 1999 | Mr. George Lewis |
| 2000 | Mrs. Lloyd Sullenberger (Page) |
| 2001 | Mrs. John F. James (Abigail) |
| 2002 | Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillan |
| 2003 | Mr. Samuel S. Neale |
| 2004 | Mr. Jay Harrison |
| 2005 | Mr. Edward H. Harvey |
| 2006 | Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snyder |
| 2007 | Mr. Arthur Bryant |
| 2008 | Mr. John Sponski |
| 2009 | Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) |
| 2010 | Mr. Daniel Gregg |
| 2011 | Mrs. John J. Sponski (Mary Lew) |
| 2012 | The Orange Garden Club |
| 2013 | The Rev. Richard E. Fitcher Jr. |
| 2014 | Mr. Jeff Poole (The Orange Culpeper Newspaper) |
| 2015 | Leigh Mawyer (Tourism Manager Orange County) |
| 2016 | Not awarded |
| 2017 | Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr. (Charles and Mary Lou) |
| 2018 | Not Awarded |

THE DOLLEY MADISON CONSERVATION AND BEAUTIFICATION BOWL

Established 2012

The DMGC conservation award recognizes the individual or individuals for their contributions and outstanding achievements in conservation of natural resources or environmental protection within our Commonwealth. Recommendations will be made by the Conservation Committee to the Board of Directors by the April BOD meeting each year.



- 2012 The Dolley Madison Garden Club Conservation and Beautification Committee
- 2013 Mrs. Frank Thomas (Zan)
- 2014 Mrs. Frank Thomas (Zan)
- 2015 not awarded
- 2016 Mrs. Kevin Passarello (Carla) and Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)
- 2017 Mr. Brian Morse, Virginia Forestry and Wildfire
- 2018 Mr. Jim Hurley, Blue Rudge Prism

DOLLEY MADISON FLOWER ARRANGING AWARD renamed the JEAN INCE FLOWER ARRANGING AWARD

Established 2002

This award will be given at the Annual Meeting to that member who has made the most significant contribution to flower arranging based on the point system below. The bowl was donated by Mrs. Gerald A. Aiello.



- 2003 Ms. Therese Iverson
- 2004 Mrs. Robert G. Davis (Bobbye)
- 2005 Mrs. Robert G. Davies (Bobbye)
- 2006 Ms. Therese Iverson
- 2007 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)
- 2008 Mrs. James Holladay (Laurie)
- 2009 Mrs. Thomas W. Filer, Jr. (Pat)
- 2010 Ms. Therese Iverson
- 2011 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)
- 2012 Mrs. John J. Sponski (Mary Lew)
- 2013 Mrs. Carlton E. Vanderwarker (Annie)
- 2014 Mrs. Carlton E. Vanderwarker (Annie)
- 2015 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)
- 2016 Mrs. Robert G. Davis (Bobbye)
- 2017 Mrs. T. Carlyle Lea Jr. (Frances)
- 2018 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)

THE GRACE PETERS JOHNSON BOWL

Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson (Grace) became a member of the Dolly Madison Garden Club in March 1938 and was to become one of its most prominent horticulturists, specializing particularly in Roses. From minutes of the Club of the April 14, 1948, meeting – “Mrs. W.C. Williams opened the meeting with a few heartfelt words about our late member Mrs. Jon Otto Johnson. She summed up what we all feel – that we will miss her beyond measure both as a friend and as a worker.”

At a meeting of Dolly Madison on June 2, 1948, a silver bowl was purchased by the Club to be established as a Memorial to Mrs. Johnson, - “To be presented yearly to that member having won the most points for exhibiting arrangements at regular meetings. This bowl to be retired after ten years of competition.”

Winners of the Grace Peters Johnson Bowl were:

- 1948 – 1949 Miss Elma H. Williams
- 1949 – 1950 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1950 – 1951 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1951 – 1952 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)

1952 – 1953 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
 1953 – 1954 Miss Elma H. Williams
 1954 – 1955 Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober (Jane)
 1955 – 1956 Miss Elma H. Williams
 1956 – 1957 Mrs. Joseph M Mercer (Virginia)
 1957- 1958 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)

The bowl was retired in the possession of Mrs. McIntyre. (Anne)

JOHN ANDREW HYLAND PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Established 2013

The award is to encourage the creativity and ingenuity that John Hyland brought to his photography. The award will be given annually to the Dolley Madison Garden Club member who accumulates the most of points from a system which recognizes participation, photography skills development and success in photography competitions. Established by Patricia Tackitt.



2014 not awarded
 2015 Ms. Jane Willard Hammond
 2016 Ms. Jane Willard Hammond
 2017 Mrs. Arthur H. Bryant, Jr. (Bridget)
 2018 Not awarded

THE JULIA DuPont ANDREWS MEMORIAL

Mrs. James N. Andrews, a charter member of the Dolly Madison Garden Club, died March 13, 1952. Julia DuPont Andrews had a deep and abiding love for all phases of horticulture and a sophisticated

knowledge of trees, shrubbery and flowers. This was ably demonstrated in the gardens of her homes in Virginia and South Carolina, and in the heritage, she passed on to her own children.

At the meeting of Dolly Madison August 15, 1953, the minutes state – “Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne Andrews McIntyre) gave a beautiful pewter Monteith Bowl, made in the first half of the 18th Century, on a stand with the inscription “In memory of Julia DuPont Andrews, DMGC Charter Member: To be given to Sweepstakes Winner at Zinnia Show, to be kept for one year and then won again.” The bowl was presented for the first time in at the 1953 Zinnia Show.

Established 1953

- 1953 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1954 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1955 Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer (Virginia)
- 1956 Mrs. Joseph M. Mercer (Virginia)
- 1957 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1958 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1959 Mrs. Woodbury S. Ober (Jane)
- 1960 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1961 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1962 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1963 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1964 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1965 Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr. (Lucy)
- 1966 No Zinnia Show due to draught
- 1967 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1968 Mrs. Leonard W. Dick, Jr. (Pauline)
- 1969 Mrs. W. B. Sydnor (Virginia)
- 1970 Mrs. William W. Waterman (Allie)
- 1971 Mrs. Francis B. Hastings (Rose)
- 1972 Mrs. Francis B. Hastings (Rose)
- 1973 Mrs. John S. McIntyre (Anne)
- 1974 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter)
- 1975 Show cancelled for Memorial Service for Harrison Bresee

1976 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter)
1977 Mrs. William W. Waterman (Allie)
1978 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter)
1979 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne Carter)
1980 Miss Anne Carter Somerville
1981 Miss Anne Carter Somerville
1982 Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1983 Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1984 Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1985 Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1986 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
1987 Mrs. Frank S Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
1988 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
1989 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
1990 Mrs. H. Pendleton Bresee (Suzie)
1991 Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1992 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
1993 Mrs. Henry Whitehouse (Frances)
1994 No show
1995 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice) and Mrs. Theodore G Scott, Jr. (Carolyn)
1996 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)
1997 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
1998 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
1999 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
2000 Mrs. Paul Kipps (Betty)
2001 Mrs. H. Pendleton Bresee (Suzie)
2002 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
2003 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
2005 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)

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| 2006 | Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam) |
| 2007 | Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam) |
| 2008 | Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) |
| 2009 | Not awarded |
| 2010 | Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada) |
| 2012 | Ms. Jane Willard Hammond |
| 2013 | Not awarded |
| 2014 | Not awarded |
| 2015 | Not awarded |
| 2016 | Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane) |
| 2017 | Not awarded |
| 2018 | Not awarded |

MEMORIAL BOWL – GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

In 1963 when the Garden Club of America became fifty years old a beautiful Memorial Bowl was designed especially for this anniversary and a limited number fired by Wedgewood in England. Mrs. George Tyler, president of the Dolly Madison Garden Club, and Mrs. S. McIntyre as delegate attended the Annual Meeting held that year in Philadelphia, where the ten hostess clubs spared neither time nor expense to make this anniversary meeting a memorable occasion.

Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. McIntyre purchased one of these Memorial Bowls and presented it to Dolly Madison to be given into the keeping of each president during her term of office. A brass plate in the stand under the bowl reads “In appreciation of the Dolly Madison Garden Club for the honor of attending the fiftieth reunion of the Garden Club of America. Elizabeth Gilliam Tyler Anne Andrews McIntyre.”

THE OCTAVIA ARRINGTON CAMERON AWARD

Established 1983

This bowl is awarded to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to DMGC. The bowl will be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nominations are to be submitted to the Committee by February. This bowl was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Menefee of Gordonsville.

This award was established by friends of Octavia Cameron.



1983 Not awarded

- 1987 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne)
- 1988 Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville (Anne)
- 1989 Mrs. O. Kendall Smith (Alice)
- 1990 Mrs. Gray Dunnington (Patricia)
- 1991 Mrs. Charles V Rich, Jr. (Jill)
- 1992 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie (Catherine)
- 1993 Mrs. John Y. Faulconer (Dana)
- 1994 Mrs. William G. Falcon (Trish)
- 1995 Mrs. Daniel Miller (Margaret)
- 1996 Mrs. Maurice F. O'Reilly
- 1997 Mrs. Donald R. Ober (Vibeke)
- 1998 Mrs. Robert R. Davies (Bobbie)
- 1999 Mrs. Edward E. Wendell (Shirley)
- 2000 Mrs. Barbara May
- 2001 Mrs. Harry C. Mason (Virginia)
- 2002 Mrs. James H. T. McConnell (Mary)
- 2003 Mrs. Michael C. Quinn (Carolyn)
- 2004 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)
- 2005 Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger (Page)
- 2006 Mrs. O. Kendall Smith (Alice)
- 2007 Ms. Betty Wright.

- 2008 Mrs. Joseph Grills (Marge)
- 2009 Mrs. R. Page Henley, Jr. (Jane)
- 2010 Mrs. A. Willis Browning (Dot)
- 2011 Mrs. John C. Barrow (Molly)
- 2012 Mrs. Gerald Aiello (Suzanne)
- 2013 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)
- 2014 Not awarded
- 2015 Rev. Mary Beth Wells
- 2016 Mrs. H. Pendleton Bresee (Suzie)
- 2017 Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger (Page)
- 2018 Not awarded

PRESIDENTS AWARD

Established 2015

The recipient of this award is determined by the President in recognition of outstanding support to the President and in service for the overall functioning of the club. The Reverend Mary Beth Wells established and donated the award in 2015. The award is one of her hand-painted floral Zhostovo trays to be given annually.



- 2015 Mrs. Walter Gottschalk (Pam)
- 2016 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)
- 2017 Mrs. O. Kendall Smith (Alice)
- 2018 Mrs. Gerald Aiello (Suzanne)

THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

One-time recognition of a person who has served the Dolley Madison Garden Club above and beyond for many years.

2017 Mrs. Matthew C. Hudson (Pamela)

THE VIRGINIA EWERS QUEITZSCH HORTICULTURE AWARD

Established 2000

An award for horticultural education is presented annually to a member who best exemplifies Virginia Queitzsch's willingness to educate and share her love and knowledge of horticulture. This award, endowed by Mr. Gilbert K. Queitzsch in memory of his wife, is made at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Lloyd C. Sullenberger donates the cache pot to accompany the cash award. The cash award shall not exceed the amount of the annual interest. Repeat awards are not permitted

2000 Miss Anne C. Somerville (Anne Carter)

2001 Mrs. James McConnell (Mary)

2002 Ms. Mary Queitzsch

2003 Mrs. Andrew Hutchison (Marilyn)

2004 Mrs. Gerald Aiello (Suzanne)

2005 Mrs. H. Pendleton Bresee, Jr. (Suzie)

2006 Mrs. Robert F. Gillespie, Jr. (Catherine)

2007 Mrs. Paul Kipps (Betty)

2008 Mrs. Edward H. Harvey (Ada)

2009 Not awarded

2010 Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr. (Bernice)

2011 Ms. Jane Willard Hammond

2012 Not awarded

2013 Mrs. J. Ridgely Porter, III (DeLane)

2014 Mrs. Joseph Zocchi (Mary)

2015 Mrs. William W. Foshay, Jr. (Adrienne)

2016 Not awarded

2017 Mrs. Robert. R. Davies (Bobbie)

THE HISTORY OF TAYLOR PARK AND SPOTSWOOD PLAZA

Written by Suzanne Aiello September 2018



On December 31, 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Jacquelin Taylor donate \$385,000 (from the sale of timber on their property), to the Orange County Bicentennial Commission (OCBC).

1975: The Commission uses some of the money to purchase the following properties for the park: the Mack Ford house on Main Street the Andrew Maples family house on the route 15 bypass the William Grymes lot between the 2 properties. However, the Commission did not proceed with construction.

1977: Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Williams present plans for the park, drawn by landscape architects at Virginia Tech, to the OCBC. The Williams also donate the money needed for the park's development. (1) Estimated cost \$87,500. Total cost for purchasing the property, demolition of the buildings and construction of the park is will be over \$200,000.

The OCBC asks the Williams to oversee the project.

Some concern was raised by citizens that the park would cause a loss of tax revenue for the town. However, in August of 1977, the Orange Town Council approves the permit for the project.

1978: Construction begins on the park, with Dottie Williams overseeing the project. (nb., Dottie Williams was a member of DMGC, president of the Club 1955-57, and president of GCV 1964-66.) DMGC donates \$4,000 for park plantings. Club members plant 1,400 bulbs in Taylor Park and Spotswood Plaza. Upon the request of the OCBC, the club agrees to act as consultants for the planting and care of plant material.

For the next 10 years, the DMGC Committee for Taylor Park, under the leadership of Dottie Williams, work hard all year, on planting trees and shrubs, weeding, spraying, mulching and pruning, to make the Park a pleasant oasis for all to enjoy. The club also donates additional Park benches.

1980: The American Society of Landscape Architects gives its Award of Merit to the architects, Johnson and Fraser, for their design of the Park. Dottie Williams receives the Award for Community Improvement, given by the Piedmont Environmental Council, for her work with Taylor Park.

1985: The **Taylor Park Fund**, a \$26,000 bequest from Mr. Jacquelin Taylor to DMGC, was established in December 1985, for the purpose of seasonal planting in Taylor Park. The corpus of the Fund shall be placed in an interest-bearing financial instrument which is the responsibility of the Finance Committee. Income from the account shall be placed in a Taylor Park checking account and checks may be drawn for this purpose from the account by the President and Treasurer of DMGC, and at the discretion of the Finance committee, and the chairman of the Park Committee.

1987: DMGC raises money to purchase a small neglected plot of land on the Orange by-pass and from Taylor Park. It will be part of the Park and was planted in trees and flowers. Ann Carter Somerville assumes chairmanship of the Park Committee. Club members meet every Monday to weed, water, prune and maintain the Park.

1995: Taylor Park wins the “Green Thumb” Award given by the Orange Downtown Alliance.

1998: As a memorial to Ann Carter Somerville, a bench is placed in her honor in the Park. She will always be remembered for her years of dedicated care and guardianship of beautiful Taylor Park.

2009: DMGC purchases 16 new English style planters for Taylor Park. The Park continues to be planted with seasonal flowers in Spring and Fall with money from the bequest.

2012: Bernice Walker spearheads the planting of new hostas and azaleas in the Park.

2017: The Club votes to make Taylor Park our primary Community Project. Henceforth, the Taylor Park Committee will be part of the Community Projects Committee. The Committee advises the Town on the need for pruning of the large trees in the Park, and the removal of one tree and some overgrown shrubs. Grelen and the Town complete the necessary work. The Committee also decides to hold a Spring and Fall Park cleanup and pot planting day every year.

2018: DMGC CELEBRATES 40 YEARS of co-operation with the Town of Orange maintaining and enhancing Taylor Park.

In anticipation of the Club's Centennial celebration in 2019, an original, lotus metal fountain sculpture is commissioned to be fabricated by Rainworks of Virginia. Installation and dedication will be next Spring. The Community Projects Committee is also working with the Town on new updates for the Park. The Town built new steps leading up to the pump house and repaired loose and missing bricks. New lighting and flower bed edging will be installed, hopefully by Spring 2019. DMGC will plant new trees, shrubs and bulbs this Fall.

Sources

- (1) phone conversation with former Town Clerk, Pete Joyner
- (2) Issues of the Orange County Review 1977-78
- (3) Bernice Walker
- (4) Research of DMGC records by Pam Hudson

Active members of DMGC



Suzanne Aiello (2002)



Gail Babnew (2011)



Pam Brady (2017)



Catherine Brooks (2007)



Bridget Bryant (2004)



Anne Cantrell (2018)



Joanna Davies (1998)



Pat O'Grady Filer (2004)



Catherine Gillespie (1976)



Pam Gottschalk (1996)



Jane Willard Hammond (2009)



Ada Harvey (2002)



Mary Hintermann(2010)



Jacque Johnson (2017)



Marjory Macdonald(1987)



Gale Martin (2015)



Carla Passarello (2016)



DeLane Porter (2006)



Mary Stroh Queitzsch (2014)



Normie Sanford (2013)



Gina Sedwick (2017)



Mary Jane Shackelford (2009)



Alice Smith (1973)



Mary Lew Sponski (2002)



Page Sullenberger (1972)



Annie Vanderwarker (2011)



Bernice Walker (1964)



Mary Beth Wells (2008)

Associate members



Suzie Bresee (1970)



Bobbye Davis (1979)



Trish Falcon (1992)



Dana Faulconer (1972)



Marge Grills (1999)



Marilyn Hutchison (1977)



Betty Kipps (1997)



Jeanette McClendon (2005)



Jeanne Moon (2007)



Maggie Neale (1989)



Vibeke Ober (1966)

Provisional members



Frances Purcell (2005)



Linda Goodwin (2017)



Pam Jaske (2018)



Janine Williams (2018)

Non resident members



Jane Henley (2000)



Pamela Hudson (2004)



Mary Q. Zocchi (1999)

Emeritus members



Molly Barrow (1984)



Sara Bossong (1982)



Jinnie Mason (1975)



Barbara Moriarty (1991)

Inactive member



Helen Marie Taylor (1965)



Betty Wright (1975)



Laurie Holladay (2005)

*As inscribed in the Recipe Book compiled
for the*

*95th GCV Board of Governors Meeting
October 2014*

*From an original recipe book compiled and printed by The Garden
Club of Virginia in 1942*

*To the Long-suffering
Husbands of all Garden
Club Members
This book is remorsefully
dedicated.*

A HUGE thank you to Alice Smith for your tireless proof reading!

October 2018



Zinnia painted by Maria Pace, Orange VA, design by PIXEL, Charlottesville VA

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