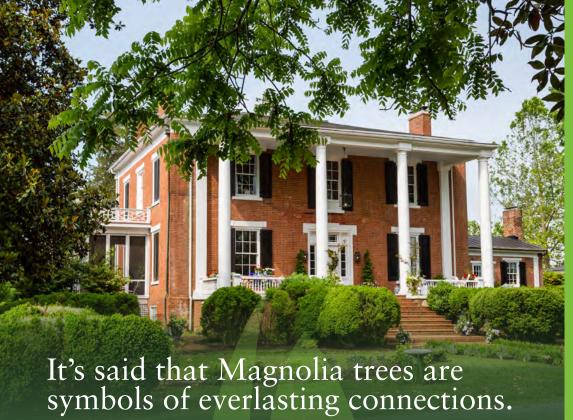
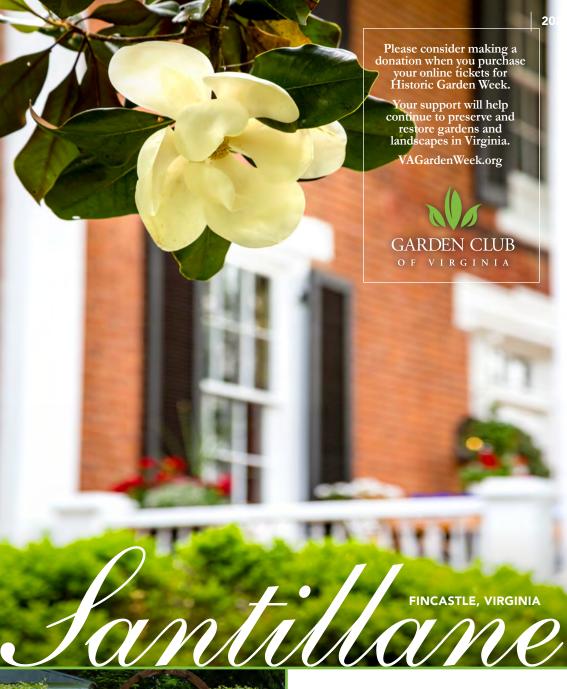
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For more than 100 years, the Garden Club of Virginia has held fast to its core goals: to preserve Virginia's natural resources and historic landscapes and to inform, educate and challenge others to become engaged in those issues.



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# THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA WELCOMES YOU TO HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK 2022

The members of the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) welcome you to visit over 100 private and public gardens, landscapes, homes and historic landmarks throughout the Commonwealth during Historic Garden Week, the nation's only statewide house and garden tour. View spectacular flower arrangements while visiting gracious homes and linger in gardens to learn more about horticulture, native plants, flower, vegetable and organic gardening.

Close to a century ago our founders recognized the need to preserve and protect the national treasures of Virginia with Historic Garden Week becoming an annual GCV event. For 89 years proceeds from unforgettable home and garden tours have funded the ongoing restoration and preservation of more than 50 historic public gardens and landscapes throughout the state.

Your ticket purchases and donations also provide a research fellowship program for graduate students in landscape architecture and have helped the GCV to make a \$500,000 Centennial gift to support projects at Virginia State Parks. As you travel the state, be sure to visit our restoration sites and park projects (see map, pages 6-7).

Historic Garden Week would not be possible without the generous participation of those who open their homes and gardens and the tireless efforts of over 3,400 GCV members. We extend appreciation also to our sponsors who help to make this a rewarding experience for our visitors.

I hope that you will enjoy our special springtime tradition of Virginia hospitality during Historic Garden Week 2022.



Missy Buckingham, President, Garden Club of Virginia



The Garden Club of Virginia exists to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage.



# TOUR GUIDELINES

#### Are face masks required?

The Garden Club of Virginia follows CDC guidelines and Commonwealth of Virginia requirements regarding COVID-19 and its variants. To minimize risk of the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, Garden Club of Virginia members, tour guests, volunteers, and homeowners will be required to wear face masks in all interior spaces associated with Historic Garden Week 2022 tours. Masks should cover both the nose and mouth. Those who do not follow this safety precaution will not be permitted entry into interior spaces.

#### **Refund Policy**

Due to the unique circumstances involving COVID-19, and its variants cancellation of tour tickets with a full refund is available through 4 p.m. on Monday, April 4. Cancellations after this date and time cannot be accommodated. However, ticket purchases can be converted to tax-deductible donations at the purchaser's request for those choosing not to attend. The GCV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

#### What if it rains?

Tours are held rain or shine, except for tours that are inaccessible due to weather conditions. Please check social media for last minute changes to any of the tours offered this April. Facebook: Historic Garden Week in Virginia and Instagram: @historicgardenweek



#### Where do the tours start?

Start at the Tour Headquarters location listed in this Guidebook for each tour. The address for the starting location for each tour is printed on your tour ticket, too. Please check individual tour webpages at VAGardenWeek. org for Google Maps of each touring area.

#### Where do we park?

Parking is available at Tour Headquarters locations. If the tour is a walking tour, this is the best place to park. Many neighborhoods cannot accommodate the additional traffic associated with Historic Garden Week tours that require driving to each location. In these cases, use designated parking areas marked with tour signage. Please do not block residential driveways.

#### **Accessibility**

Showcased sites are mostly private properties, and are therefore not always accessible to those using wheelchairs or walkers. Additional accommodations may be available to visitors who are visually or hearing impaired with advance notice, depending on timing and resources.

#### **Touring Notes**

As a courtesy to homeowners, please avoid wearing shoes that could damage flooring. For your comfort and safety, please wear flat walking shoes, and watch for steps and uneven surfaces as you visit homes and gardens. As a safeguard against the spread of boxwood blight, please avoid contact with all boxwood while on tour properties.

#### Children

Children 17 years of age and under must always be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Except for babies in arms or body carriers, children require their own ticket for entrance.

Is photography allowed?
Photography of any kind, including via cell phone, is prohibited inside tour properties, and some tours prohibit exterior photography as well. Please abide by signage. Many of the host garden clubs post professional-quality pictures of the flower arrangements on social media. We encourage visitors to "follow" these accounts, listed by tour in this Guidebook.

#### **Facilities**

There are no public restrooms at tour properties, but facilities are often available at the Tour Headquarters or other designated locations in the tour area.

Pets are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.

#### No Smoking, Strollers or Large Backpacks

Be mindful of your surroundings. No items that could bump fellow visitors or damage private property are allowed.

#### PLEASE FOLLOW SAFETY PROTOCOLS







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#### **Conservation Notes**

In keeping with the GCV's efforts to reduce plastic waste, please bring your own reusable drink container to tours. Virginia's natural resources are challenged and stressed by climate change. Carpooling is encouraged.

#### Disclaimer

Information about tour properties is provided by homeowners and is accurate to the best of our knowledge. Being featured on a tour is not an endorsement by the Garden Club of Virginia of the homeowner's political views, religious affiliations or other opinions or practices. Homes and gardens are chosen solely for their visual appeal and historic or design interest.

#### **GCV Policies**

The Garden Club of Virginia, its member clubs and owners of properties on Historic Garden Week tours are not responsible for accidents occurring on the tours. The Garden Club of Virginia and Historic Garden Week do not allow tour visitors to use golf carts, and do not allow the use of "booties" in homes on tour.

#### LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE HOMES AND GARDENS IN VIRGINIA THIS SPRING.

Whether it's the inspiring gardens, the architecture, the history or the Instagramworthy flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members, and with 28 tours to choose from, Historic Garden Week in Virginia offers something for everyone. The only statewide house and garden tour in the nation, this annual springtime ritual includes access to private properties in communities large and small, many open for the first time to the public.

There are numerous ways to organize your Historic Garden Week trip. To plan by region or day of the week, please reference the map on pages 20 and 21.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable touring experience for our guests and volunteers, our tours emphasize outdoor spaces this year. We are excited to offer 128 private properties as the focus for this spring's tours. We hope these categories are also helpful in your planning:

#### For History-Lovers

- James River Plantations
- Yorktown
- Fairfax
- Roanoke-Fincastle



#### **Water Views**

- Virginia Beach
- Gloucester
- Northern Neck



#### **Art and Architecture**

- Richmond: The Cottrell House
- Northern Neck



#### Floral Design or **Demonstrations**

- Fredericksburg
- Lynchburg
- Williamsburg

#### Garden-Lovers

- Richmond: Rothesay Circle
- Orange County
- Albemarle-Charlottesville



#### **Walking Tours**

- Old Town Alexandria
- All three Richmond tours
- Fredericksburg
- Norfolk
- Leesburg
- Staunton



#### Shuttles

- Gloucester
- Richmond: The Cottrell House
- Northern Neck

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#### **TOUR PROCEEDS HELP TO FUND**

- The ongoing restoration and preservation of nearly 50 of Virginia's historic public gardens and landscapes
- A landscape architecture research fellowship program

Did you know that you are helping us research and restore iconic places in Virginia by attending a Historic Garden Week tour?

Proceeds have also provided 54 grants in support of Centennial projects at Virginia State Parks.

All projects on the map are referenced in their tour section inside this guidebook. Most are open for Historic Garden Week.

A tradition since 1929, Historic Garden Week draws visitors each year to private properties and historic sites across Virginia each spring. Thank you for your support.

#### GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA RESTORATION PROJECTS

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Belle Isle, Lancaster

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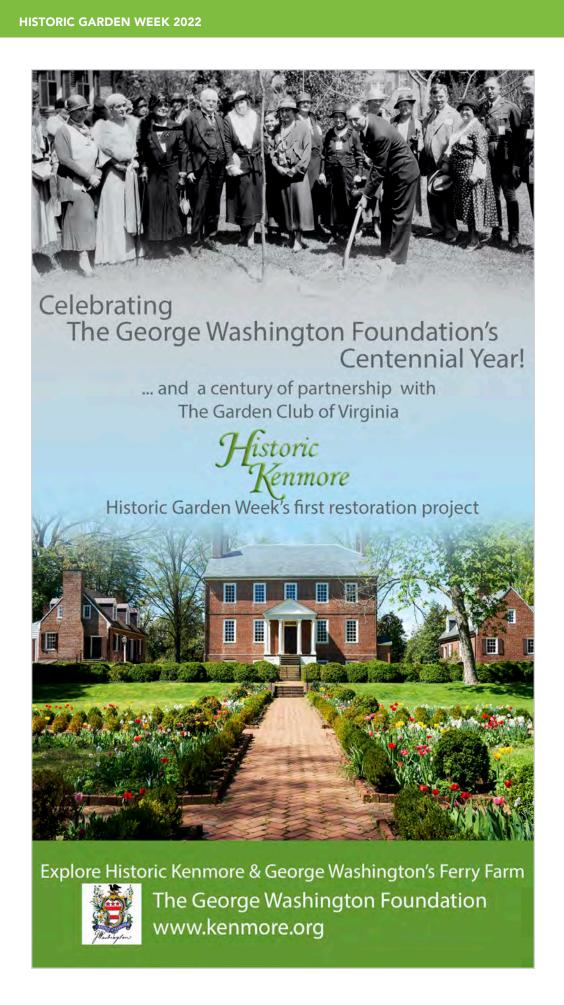
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**Orange County** 

Staunton

Winchester

#### Sunday, April 24

Albemarle – Charlottesville James River Plantations Leesburg

#### Monday, April 25

James River Plantations Leesburg

#### **Tuesday, April 26**

Fairfax

Fredericksburg

Lynchburg

Petersburg

Richmond: Cottrell House

Richmond: Rothesay Circle

Williamsburg

#### Wednesday, April 27

Northern Neck

Hampton-Newport News: Yorktown

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Richmond: Historic Carillon

Virginia Beach

#### **Thursday, April 28**

Richmond: Cottrell House Richmond: Old Locke Lane &

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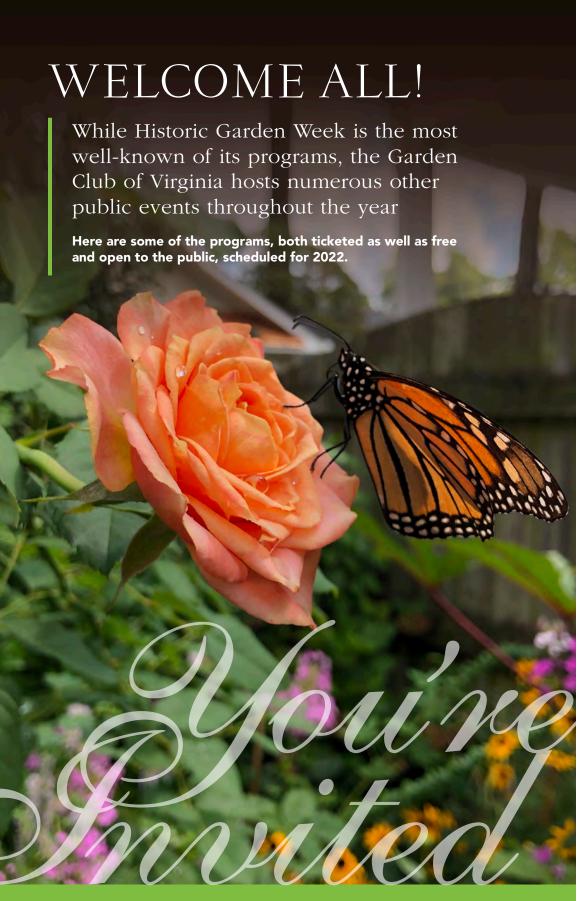
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#### Friday, April 29 Middle Peninsula

#### Saturday, April 30

Eastern Shore Roanoke - Fincastle





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#### MARCH 29

Join Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) members and fellow daffodil enthusiasts March 29 for Daffodil Day at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. The show's theme, "The British are Coming!" is a prelude to another GCV event featuring famed London-based floral designer Paula Pryke in May.

 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$ s one of the nation's largest daffodil shows, **Daffodil Day** will feature an estimated 2,000 award-winning daffodil specimens, 45 spectacular floral arrangements as well as eye-catching photography featuring daffodils. The classes for entry for horticulture, artistic design and photography will reflect all things British.

In addition, attendees will enjoy beauty and blooms courtesy of more than 50 acres at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, home to one of GCV's restoration sites, the Grace Arents Garden, and the location of this 88th annual show. The show opens to the public from 2 to 5 p.m., after the three parts of the show are judged.

GCV committees work hard to create the criteria for judging via what is known as a flower show "schedule." The most exciting schedules provide variety, innovation, challenge, and education for growers, showers and photographers, while advancing the mission of the Garden Club of Virginia. "New this year is an environmentally inspired class involving the use of alternatives to non-biodegradable floral foam," explains Meredith Lauter, chairman of the Artistic Design Committee.



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"She turned to the sunlight And shook her yellow head, And whispered to her neighbor: 'Winter is dead.'"

- A.A. Milne, author of Winnie-the-Pooh







April is a busy time in the garden, and the Garden Club of Virginia and its 48 member clubs statewide are also bustling with activity. In addition to its signature event, Historic Garden Week, the GCV will host two presentations of recently completed restoration projects, made possible through proceeds from Historic Garden Week tours. We hope that during your travels you will take the time to visit these sites.

# The formal presentation of the Enchanted Garden at the Edgar Allen Poe Museum

in Richmond will take place on April 5. This romantic courtyard garden was inspired by Poe's love poems and is nestled amidst the five-building museum complex, which includes the Old Stone House built in 1737, the oldest surviving dwelling from the original city of Richmond.

On the eve of Historic Garden Week this year, Stratford Hall's recently completed Upper Garden will be formally presented on April 22nd. One of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in the country, it was the home of Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, and the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. The east garden was restored by the GCV with proceeds from Historic Garden Week in the 1930s. Stratford Hall's mission is to showcase the history of the Lee family. Because of this, GCV was asked to transform the upper terrace into a garden that reflected that of Philip Ludwell Lee, great-grandfather to Robert E. Lee. Stratford Hall commissioned an archeological study to guide the design. Nearly 90 years after our first project, GCV began this extensive restoration.

The result is a garden with a wide central path lined by yews. On each side of the walkway, hedges enclose vegetable gardens. At the end are trellises that support heirloom pears. Along the brick walls that enclose the space, perennial borders provide seasonal color.

The GCV is thankful for generous support from Bartlett Tree Experts, a long-time partner that provided underwriting for the first economic impact study of this beloved statewide event in 2014. Five years later, Bartlett's sponsorship made an update of this initial study possible. We are proud to share the current cumulative economic impact of Historic Garden Week to Virginia from 1969-2019 is an impressive \$518 million.

From the restoration of the oldest English formal garden in North America at Bacon's Castle to recreating an 18th century garden at Stratford Hall, buying a ticket to a Historic Week tour directly impacts the restoration and preservation of historic public gardens in Virginia. Whether researching, documenting, or restoring important landscapes across our commonwealth, the work of the GCV impacts communities both large and small.

To celebrate our Centennial in 2020, the GCV looked to the past to build for the future. We committed to supporting Virginia's state parks, which the GCV had advocated for 100 years earlier. Wildflower walks, natural children's play areas and pollinator habitats are just a few of the 54 projects funded by Historic Garden Week through this special partnership.



Paula Pyrke, the London-based celebrity floral designer and author of over 20 books, will share her signature style. Her much-anticipated, hands-on demonstration at the newly renovated Virginia Museum of History & Culture in Richmond is expected to sell out; tickets go on sale February 16 at GCVirginia.org

The world's most renowned floral designer has always taken inspiration from nature, letting plant material lead the design process. "When spring returns, walking around your garden can be like arriving at a party and finding that lots of really good friends have turned up," Pyrke says. Don't wait to purchase this coveted ticket at GCVirginia.org.

Also in May is a **presentation of the Reveley Garden at William & Mary** in Williamsburg. Named in honor of the university's 27th President, W. Taylor Reveley, III and his wife, Helen, this recent project of the GCV is a partial restoration of a 1926 Charles Gillette-inspired garden. It was designed as part of the Beaux-Arts campus plan, but never built.



The new garden reflects Gillette's original intentions while allowing room for students to move freely through the space. The site is an elegant place for rest, study or socializing. New trees expand the Baldwin Memorial Collection of Woody Species and were selected in consultation with the Conservator of Botanical Collections and Associate Director of Gardens and Grounds at William & Mary.



#### **JUNE 14 & 15**

Since its inception in the 1920s, the GCV has focused its horticulture programming on three flowers – daffodils, lilies, and roses. "Lilies in Bloom" takes place in Fredericksburg and is organized and hosted by the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, one of 48 member clubs that the GCV comprises.

The event is dedicated to the memory of Helen Murphy, a former president of the GCV and member of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck. According to her daughter Anne Brumley, Murphy's life-long love for lilies began when she was named Lily Chairman for her local club, of which she was a founding member in 1966. Not one to boast about her successes at the annual shows, her daughter Anne shares, "Dad would proudly report that at least one blue ribbon was achieved. And this was after her hand wringing about not having any good lilies to enter."

Lilies come in many colors and varieties. There might not be an easier way to beautify your garden than by planting these beauties. "They offer so much and require so little as far as

special care and attention," Patti Lynch, president of the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, says. "Our club is so excited to host Lilies in Bloom. Lilies attract pollinators, they are hardy and grow pretty much anywhere, you can share divided plants with neighbors and other lily-lovers, they provide food for hummingbirds, and they make beautiful cut flowers," she continues. "What's not to love?"

Like most serious growers, Helen kept meticulous records on each variety, noting time and quality of blooms. "My dad was enlisted to assist her with the preparation of her stems at the Lily Show, a job he relished," Anne says. "Their wedding anniversary usually occurred during the show, which allowed the other garden club members attending to celebrate with them."







Since its founding in 1920, the GCV has been a dedicated advocate for the protection of the natural environment and resources in the commonwealth. Conservation was the organization's first committee. Today, the Conservation and Beautification Committee remains true to these principle values.

Its widely anticipated annual fall event, the GCV Conservation Forum, makes available to members and the public important environmental information," explains Allison Clock, committee chairman.

Since its creation over 63 years ago, this annual event has brought focus to important topics including fracking, uranium mining,



and pesticides, to name just a few. Recent keynote speakers include New York Times best-selling authors Doug Tallamy, author of Nature's Best Hope – A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard, as well as Jennifer Ackerman, author of The Genius of Birds. Check GCVirginia this fall to register.



#### **SEPTEMBER 20 & 21**

Spring flowers might get the most attention, but the late-season garden is when perennials take center stage, and the landscape is awash in bright jewel tones. The GCV's popular Symposium will take place at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. This two-day extravaganza features ticketed presentations as well as multiple events that are free and open to the public.

he Symposium kicks off with a hands-on demonstration by Françoise Weeks, renown for her botanical couture and woodland designs. It also includes workshops, speakers, and a comprehensive flower show with horticulture, photography, and floral design.

Weeks was born in Belgium and started her botanical arts and floral design business in 1996. She infuses her work with a reverence for nature. Combined with creativity and mechanical ingenuity, she has crystalized her singular style of textural woodlands and botanical haute couture pieces, garnering a global following. Tickets for her presentation go on sale this spring and are \$75 pp.

Additional programming features Thomas Woltz, international landscape architect, and renowned photographer Robert Llewellyn, as well as a lively flower arranging contest called "Snipped" (like a TV cooking contest, but with flowers!).

If you are a gardener, consider participating in the Horticulture Show. You do not need to be a member of a garden club to join the flower-filled festivities. If your late-summer garden is overflowing with dahlias and old-fashioned roses, snip your home-grown favorites and enter. There is no need to pre-register at what is designed to be the most fun, least intimidating, and colorful flower show in the state. GCV volunteers will be on hand to help you register, identify your specimen, and prepare it for showing. Nearly 500 stems are expected to compete for ribbons.

All three aspects of the Symposium – horticulture, artistic design, and photography —are wonderful learning experiences, whether you enter a specimen or simply enjoy browsing to admire nature's bounty. You'll be inspired with new information to help plan your next garden purchase, create an arrangement without using floral foam, or learn about Dutch Flemish design and the trend in botanical wearable couture. Dozens of arrangements are expected to compete in the Artistic Design part of the show.





#### **APRIL 15-22, 2023**

Historic Garden Week, GCV's most well-known public program, has a special anniversary coming up. April marks the 90th anniversary of the nation's only statewide house and garden tour, featuring 120 to 200 private and public sites, depending on the year.

howcased properties change every year, making this a unique opportunity for garden-lovers, history buffs, and those who want to step inside the most spectacular private properties in Virginia. A highlight includes the late Bunny and Paul Mellon's 4,000-acre estate, Oak Spring, which will be participating in Historic Garden Week again. The full schedule for Historic Garden Week 2023 will be posted at the end of the summer. Tickets will go on sale the following winter, February of 2023.

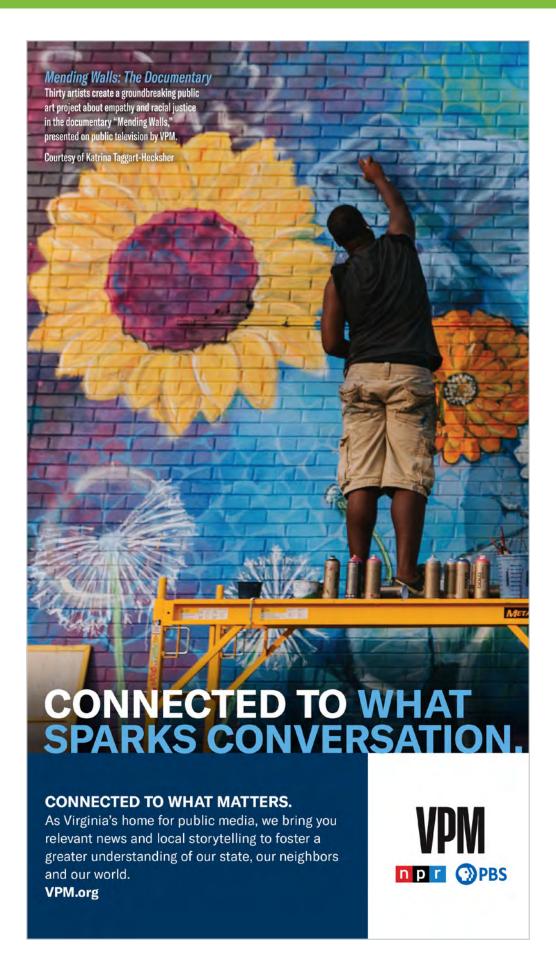
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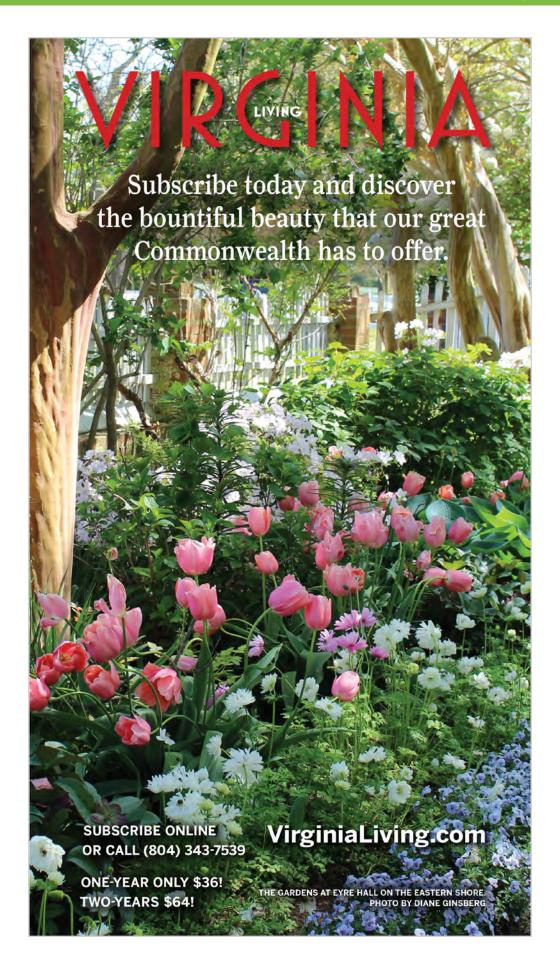
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Historic Garden Week in Virginia



HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK 2022







Sunday & Monday, April 24-25

**Hampton - Newport News: Yorktown** 

**James River Plantations** 

Tuesday, April 26

Wednesday, April 27

Williamsburg

Virginia Beach

North

Saturday, April 23

Old Town Alexandria Winchester

Sunday & Monday, April 24-25 Leesburg

Tuesday, April 26 **Fairfax** 

South

Wednesday, April 27

Martinsville

Thursday, April 28

Danville/Chatham

Friday, April 29

Fairy Stone and/or Smith Mountain Lake State Parks, both GCV Centennial Park Projects

Saturday, April 30 Roanoke - Fincastle

East

Saturday, April 23

Gloucester - Mathews, Franklin or **James River Plantations** 

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West

Saturday, April 23

**Orange County Staunton** Morven

Sunday, April 24

Albemarle - Charlottesville

Monday, April 25

Monticello and/or Montpelier, both GCV restoration sites

**Tuesday, April 26** 

Lynchburg

Wednesday, April 27

Harrisonburg

Central

Saturday, April 23

Ashland - Hanover County **James River Plantations** (Westover, Shirley and Berkeley)

Sunday & Monday, April 24-25

James River Plantations

Tuesday, April 26

Petersburg, Fredericksburg or **Richmond: Cottrell House Richmond: Rothesay Circle** 

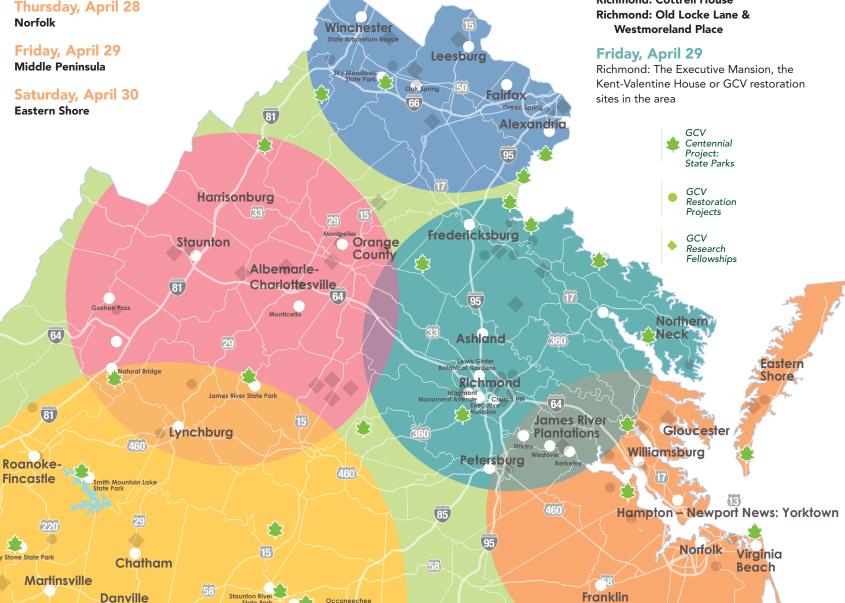
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Northern Neck - Northumberland County

**Richmond: The Carillon** 

Thursday, April 28

**Richmond: Cottrell House** 



# ICONIC SITES & QUAINT MAIN STREETS

Northern Virginia combines history, gardens and idyllic towns.



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Saturday, April 23

Old Town Alexandria Winchester

Sunday, April 24 & Monday, April 25 Leesburg

Tuesday, April 26 Fairfax



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If you are looking for a short itinerary and not a lot of driving, the Northern Virginia region offers four days filled with gorgeous scenery and access to 15 private homes and intimate outdoor spaces. Located just south of the nation's capital, the area is filled with charm and character. This itinerary offers everything you'd want in a getaway - iconic sites, quaint Main Streets and gardens galore.

The first Saturday presents two options. Winchester is a hub for outdoor adventure as well as a town with panache, anchored by a pedestrian mall brimming with local shops and al fresco dining. Steeped in history, Winchester is the oldest city west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The tour features four sites, three of which served as hospitals during the Civil War. Rose Hill Farm and La Grange House are fully restored 18th century homes. Valerie Hill Winery was built in the early 19th century, and Belle Grove withstood the Battle of Cedar Creek.

If you'd prefer an easy walking tour, head to Old Town Alexandria on Saturday. This tour includes private homes and secluded gardens nestled along the tree-lined streets of the Historic District. Established in 1749, the area was a major seaport prior to the Revolutionary War,





occupied by Union Troops during the Civil War, and a torpedo production site during World War II. At its heart is King Street, a walkable mile that leads to a serene stroll by the waterfront.

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six miles from Leesburg on Rt.15, is a c. 1805 Greek Revival mansion that was once the center of a thriving 3,400-acre plantation. A portion of the terraced gardens were restored by the GCV.

About 76 miles north in Boyce, the State Arboretum of Virginia at Blandy Plantation sprawls on 172 acres. Trails meander through the property, which boasts 5,000 varieties of trees and shrubs. Highlights include a gingko grove that includes 300 trees, a Cedar of Lebanon allée, an herbaceous garden, a native plant trail, and the American Boxwood Society's Memorial Garden, home to 162 varieties of boxwood. A GCV restoration site, Dogwood Lane and its original stone walls were rebuilt in 2004 along a road that once led from the manor house to the farm.

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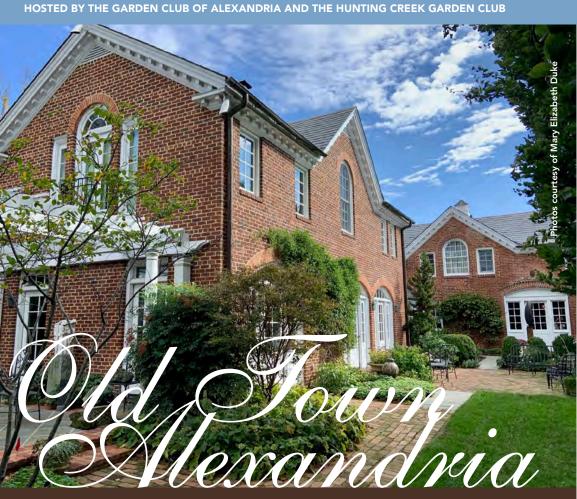
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#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Overlooking the Potomac with views of our nation's capital, Old Town Alexandria radiates charm while safeguarding its rich historic roots. Established in 1749, Alexandria was a major seaport prior to the Revolutionary War, occupied by Union Troops during the Civil War, and a torpedo production site during World War II. In 1946, Alexandria was the third city in the country to establish a historic district to preserve its architectural heritage. This easy walking tour includes private homes and secluded gardens nestled along the tree-lined streets of the Historic District.

#### TOUR CHAIRS

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#### **△→** TICKETS

- **\$55** pp
- Sold online and in advance only at VAGardenWeek.org
- Day of tickets: Alexandria Visitors Center 221 King Street, Alexandria

#### A FACILITIES

- **Alexandria Visitors Center** 221 King Street, Alexandria
- The Lyceum-Alexandria's History Museum 201 S. Washington Street

#### **NEARBY PAID PARKING**

Street parking in residential areas not recommended. Paid parking available at the following locations:

- Cameron St. & North St. Asaph St.
- Cameron St. & North Pitt St.
- South Pitt St. between Prince & King Sts.
- North Fairfax St. at King St.
- South Union St. between Prince & Duke Sts.

The nearest Metro Station is King St. (Blue and Yellow Lines). A free trolley will bring guests from the station to the Visitors Center.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Complimentary light refreshments Old Presbyterian Meeting House 316 S. Royal Street, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### MPORTANT INFORMATION

All private homes on this tour are in 22314. Admission to Places of Interest is included in the Alexandria ticket; however, tour tickets are not sold at these locations.



#### TICKETS INCLUDE ADMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING 5 PRIVATE HOMES AND GARDENS:

#### \* 515 South Fairfax Street

In 1796, land was purchased for the construction of several dwellings. By 1800, there were three nearly identical row houses constructed on the site. Records show that at that time, Joseph Milburn purchased 517 and 515. The properties stayed in the family for almost 30 years. When the Milburn heirs sold 517 and 515, the deed mentioned two brick tenements on the lot. These early residences backed up to an oyster processing plant, which was not uncommon at that time. Residences, manufacturing, carpentry shops, dry goods shops and professional offices all shared the early Old Town neighborhood. At some point, the two lots were divided and sold separately. In 2019, the house was completely renovated by the current owner and the garden refurbished with new hardscaping and plant material. The current owner frequently finds very old oyster shells when working in her garden. Kristin Frykman, owner

#### 508 South Fairfax Street (Garden)

This restored carriage house has an interesting history. Its nucleus was built in 1801-07 as a horse stable. By 1852 it had evolved into a handsome brick carriage house of "fair dimension." Remodeled in 1874, the building was owned by a wealthy banker and his wife, a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson, and was further converted to living quarters in 1848. In 1992, the present owner constructed the front addition, which contains the living room, dining room and kitchen. Landscaping features in the front include ornamental hornbeams along the left wall and a pergola draped with clematis. Follow brick walkways through gardens filled with spirea, autumn fern, hellebores, peonies and heuchera. A female goddess sculpture from Bali creates a focal point amid ferns. There is a bronze Peter Beard sculpture on an oak plinth surrounded by perennial geraniums. The cobblestone and brick alley, brick walls and a private pool add to the garden's charm. Lucy Rhame, owner

#### \* 206 Duke Street

This stately brick townhouse dates to 1836, replacing an earlier frame structure built by George Coryell in 1794. His father, Cornelius Coryell, was George Washington's guide during the Revolutionary War. The family was said to have rowed Washington across the Delaware River in December 1776 for the surprise attack. The current

structure was probably constructed by master builder, Asher Benjamin, who used similar brick detailing in the 1835 rebuilding of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House following a fire. In 1875, a flounder wing (a roof with a single slope) was added to the south. In 1998, a major renovation was undertaken by the current owners. At that time, the light filled kitchen addition was constructed to the east of the original structure. This is one of only a handful of houses in Alexandria with a geothermal heating system located beneath the garden. Due to the heat from wells located deep under the surface, grass was impossible to maintain so state-of-the art artificial turf was installed. In 2012 another addition connecting the family room to the existing garage and constructing a lower level under the rear of the house was completed. The east end of the family room was expanded into the garden providing multiple views into the garden and the kitchen patio. The garage dates to the early 20th century and is the first known structure in Old Town designed specifically to house an automobile. Others tend to be converted carriage houses. The garden features a "Little Temple" encircled by wisteria providing a dramatic focal point and comfortable seating area. Evergreens, lacy Japanese maples, sheared hornbeams, and various espaliers form the framework of the garden Bowers of roses on cast iron trellises soften the brick walls and two small ponds add sound and sparkle to this outdoor haven. Maria and Harry Hopper, owners





#### \* 323 Duke Street

This home was constructed about 1800 as part of a long horizontal structure. The portion that ultimately became #323 was a carpentry shop for many years. Much later, the buildings were divided into three single family homes. In the 1950s, 323 Duke was purchased by Polly Hulfish, who was well known at the time for her many "restorations" around Old Town. At the time, she "colonialized" it by adding shutters and mullioned windows. The current owner and her sister purchased the property in 2008 and completed a major renovation. Subsequently, in 2014, there was an addition which provided a second bedroom, bath, and a dormer in the back of the house. Maria Hopper, owner

#### \* 512 Prince Street

This townhome was once the residence of Patsy Ticer, the first female mayor of



Alexandria. Several other members of the Ticer family were active in local politics as well, serving in various positions in city government. As is quite typical of the period, the core of the house, known as the Piano Room and the area immediately above, predates the rest of the structure. It was constructed in 1783. Many land grants at the time required a structure to be built within a prescribed period. As a result, often a modest structure was constructed in the center of the lot. Later, as the owners prospered, a larger and grander edifice was constructed closer to the street. That was probably the case here, as the front portion is believed to date to the early to mid 1800s. In 1971, an addition consisting of a family room and another bedroom was completed. A feature believed to be unique to the house is a series of archways in the basement thought to have been completed in the late 18th or early 19th century. The home was purchased by the current owners in 2018 who subsequently renovated the home, preserving the antique elements and removing non-historic dividing walls. The back garden was completely redesigned to include a new patio, fencing, plantings and a charming Koi pond with a relaxing waterfall. Catherine and Mark Haymans, owners

#### PLACES OF INTEREST

#### **Carlyle House Historic Park** 121 North Fairfax St.

When British merchant John Carlyle completed his riverfront house in 1753, this was the grandest mansion in the new town of Alexandria. The stone architecture, furniture and decorative finishes seen in the restored building reflected Carlyle's status and wealth. The Garden Club of Virginia restored the front landscape to the mid-18th century period. A garden with a boxwood parterre graces the rear of the house, carlylehouse.org



#### Portraits in Oil



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#### The Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden

#### 614 Oronoco St. at N. Washington St.

Built in 1785 by Philip Fendall on land purchased from Revolutionary War hero "Light Horse Harry" Lee, this historic house museum presents an intimate study of 19th century family life. Home to several generations of the famed Lees of Virginia (1785-1903) and labor leader John L. Lewis (1937-69), the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. leefendallhouse.org

#### **River Farm** 7931 East Boulevard Dr.

River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Dr. As the headquarters of the national nonprofit American Horticultural Society, it aims to be a national showcase for environmentally responsible gardening and horticultural practices. The 25-acre site overlooking the Potomac River features a blend of formal and naturalistic gardens, including a four-acre meadow, an orchard, a children's garden, and a teaching garden. There also is a manor house featuring botanically themed art. Open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. especially for HGW. Free parking on site. ahsgardening.org

#### **Torpedo Factory Art Center** 105 N. Union St.

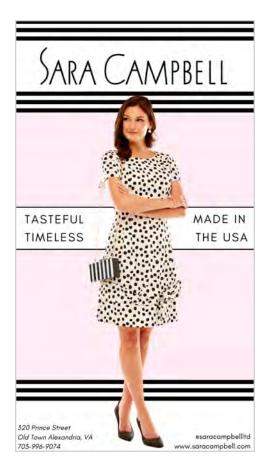
Founded in 1974 in an old munitions plant, it is home to the nation's largest collection of working-artists' open studios under one roof. Find art in a wide variety of media — including painting, ceramics, photography, jewelry, stained glass, fiber, printmaking, and sculpture in 82 artists' studios. Torpedofactory.org

# **W** George Washington's Mount Vernon

Eight miles south of Alexandria on the George Washington Memorial Pkwy. and situated on the Potomac River lies the home of George and Martha Washington. From the end of the American Revolution in 1783 to his election to the presidency in 1789, Washington replaced outbuildings, reshaped gardens, created new lawns, planted trees and even realigned roads and lanes. With funding from Historic Garden Week, the Garden Club of Virginia has helped to restore Mount Vernon's bowling green, one of the major landscape features on this vast plantation. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, owners. mountvernon.org

#### **Green Spring Gardens** 4603 Green Spring Rd.

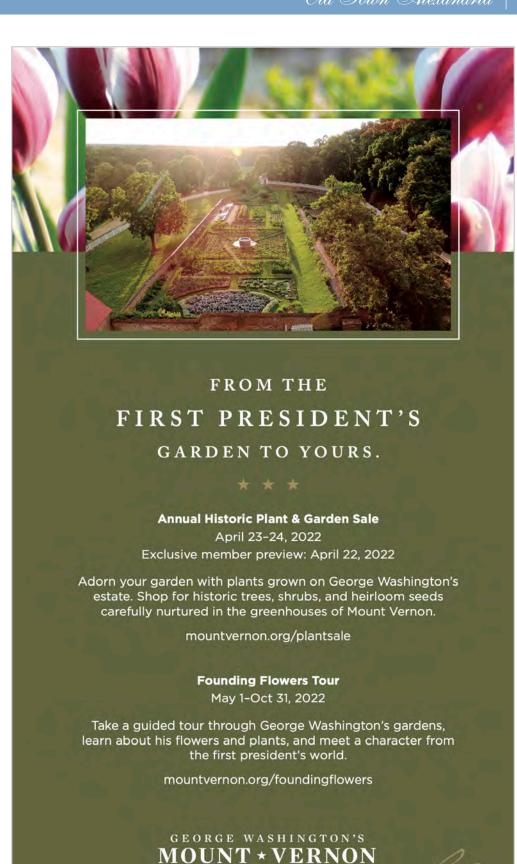
This public garden and historic site includes Virginia's only Beatrix Farrand garden, which was recently restored by the Garden Club of Virginia. In 1784, gentleman freeholder John



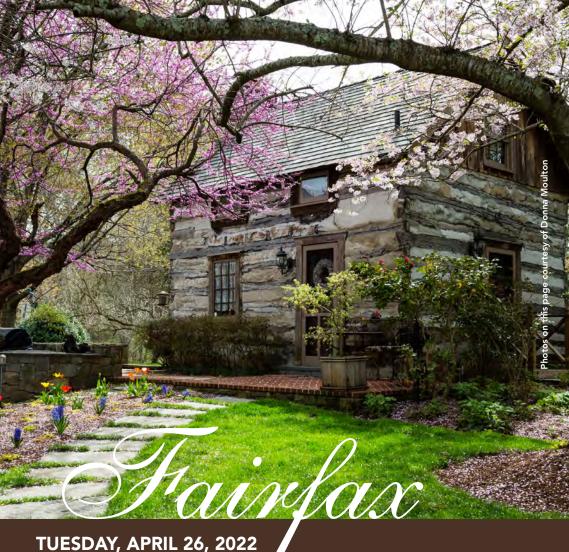
Moss built a brick house on several hundred acres of farmland. In 1942, young power couple Michael and Belinda Straight bought the house and 33 acres and engaged Farrand to design a simple garden room behind the house: a spacious lawn enclosed by a boxwood crescent with a stone retaining wall. The GCV restored the stone wall, rejuvenated the boxwoods, and redesigned a more recently installed perennial bed to reflect Farrand's signature plant choices. In 1970, the Straights deeded their house and 18 acres to the Fairfax County Park Authority. fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring

#### **Gunston Hall** 15 mi. south of Alexandria off U.S. Rt.1 on Rt. 242

This 550-acre National Historic Landmark was the home of George Mason (1725-1792), author of The Virginia Declaration of Rights. The estate consists of a Georgian mansion, c.1755, and reconstructed kitchen, dairy, laundry, and schoolhouse. The Potomac River is viewed from the historic boxwood garden. During April the conceptual plan for the restoration of the river-side gardenwill be on display. While not a current restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia, the GCV assisted Gunston Hall with landscaping work from 1949-53. gunstonhall.org



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- No day of ticket sales

#### PARKING/SHUTTLE

Park for shuttle access to Mulberry Manor at 5635 Revercomb Ct.

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITY

 Fairfax Railroad Museum, 1200 Fairfax Station Rd. Originally built in 1852, it was a logistics, communications, and medical evacuation base where Clara Barton nursed wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Free admission to the museum, grounds and 1968 Norfolk Western caboose on tour day for HGW ticket holders. fairfax-station.org



# TICKET INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO 2 PRIVATE HOMES & GARDENS, A HISTORIC CABIN, 2 HISTORIC HOMES, ONE WITH AN IN-TOWN PUBLIC GARDEN, 5 PROPERTIES IN TOTAL:

# Taraworth 11035 Brookline Drive

Located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this Southern Colonial brick home built in 1966 on 2.4 acres is bordered by the Country Club of Fairfax golf course and the East Fork of Popes Head Creek. The house, decorated in an English country style, has extensive custom millwork, and retains much of its original design. A brick pathway leads from the street through the front garden to a two-story covered front porch spanning the entire length of the home. The front porch has views of the golf course, a small fruit orchard, and the expansive front gardens including a large fountain. Visitors are welcomed into the green foyer, which boasts the original checkerboard marble floor, a large art deco walnut bar and an 1860s French bronze. The spacious living room boasts three seating groupings, crystal chandeliers, a marble fireplace, walls of Monticello yellow, and paintings by the homeowner. The sapphire blue dining room features raised paneling and custom built-in cabinets original to the house, and an antique mirrored silver plateau on a mahogany American empire dining table. The colonial inspired kitchen and laundry have cherry cabinets, leathered granite countertops, copper accents, and herringbone brick pattern floors matching the antique brick accent walls. The breakfast room showcases a chestnut bibliothèque from Québec. Taraworth is a certified Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary and has a stream, two freshwater springs and an amphibian pond. The rear of the property is wooded with mature trees. Inviting pathways lead to an exterior dining area, a "secret garden" with colorful glass orbs, and a clearing with a metal gazebo housing a statue.

#### Mulberry Manor Shuttle access only, Parking: 5635 Revercomb Ct.

This Colonial home on 12 acres was built in 1988. Changes by the homeowners make the home distinctly contemporary and include the open floor plan and walls of windows overlooking backyard koi ponds with three waterfalls and a footbridge. Flooring throughout the home is reclaimed random-plank heart pine. Art collections include four bronze statues, five original Mucha lithographs and a pastel obtained at auction from Clyde's, where the homeowners met. An entire bedroom suite and office are custom-built of wild black cherry from West Virginia, Ms. Braun's home state. A back-lit, stainedglass panel in the piano room is from an

old English abbey. A host of other antiques and contemporary items are artfully blended throughout the house. The kitchen is a large space with state-of-the-art amenities and rustic touches such as reclaimed ceiling beams and wood posts, an oven-surround of Civil War-era brick from Baltimore, two hammered-copper sinks and counters of polished granite, honed granite and poured concrete. Outdoor rooms and garden areas include a cottage garden, shade gardens, a vegetable garden, a "Peaceful Garden" with a Celtic cross-shaped walking path, a firepit, two brick patios with dining areas, a sport court, a pool and pool house, a pond and a newly acquired historic barn. A pre-Revolutionary War-era cabin behind the main house was used as a hunting cabin by Lawrence Washington, half-brother to George Washington. The renovated cabin has a living-dining area with a stone fireplace. A narrow staircase leads to the upstairs bedroom and bath with all-natural wood floors, walls, and ceiling. Jane Elizabeth and Richard Braun, owners



#### Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center 3610 Old Lee Highway

Historic Blenheim is a c. 1859 central-hall plan Greek Revival-style brick farmhouse built by Albert Willcoxon just prior to the Civil War. It is nationally significant for the voluminous quantity and quality of Civil War inscriptions. More than 122 signatures, pictographs, games, and thoughts were left on the house walls by Union soldiers during their occupation of the Fairfax Court House area in 1862-63. This "diary on walls" provides insight into the life of a typical soldier and the effect of this war on local residents--such as the Willcoxon family-and free and enslaved people of African descent. In the Civil War Interpretive gallery, wall inscriptions and pictographs from the house are reproduced with fullscaled photographs in the replica attic. The

gallery also includes an illustrated timeline of Civil War events, artifacts that interpret the everyday soldier, biographies of several of the wall signers, and temporary displays. Closes at 3:00 p.m. fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/historic-blenheim

### The Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House 10386 Main Street

The Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House was built in 1812 by Richard Ratcliffe, the City's founder, and expanded by 1824 by the Allison family. This charming brick house is the City's oldest residence within what was the original six-block Town of Providence. The daily activities of some of its 12 owners and occupants are interpreted for visitors, illustrating commercial and domestic change along Main Street during the 19th and 20th centuries. The last two owners were Kate Waller Barrett, a prominent social reformer, and her daughter, Kitty Pozer, the first gardening columnist for the Washington Post and writer for other gardening magazines. Following her mother's death, Kitty purchased the house with her husband, Charles Pozer. She deeded the house to the city in 1973. Following her death in 1981, the City purchased her extensive property that extended to North Street to create the Kitty Pozer Garden, a passive park showcasing Kitty's gardening tastes intertwined with meandering pathways and benches beneath a tall tree cover. Kitty Pozer was one of the founders of the Garden Club of Fairfax and an officer in the Garden Club of Virginia, which sponsors Historic Garden Week, the nation's only statewide house and garden tour. fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/ratcliffe-allison-pozer-house

#### PLACES OF INTEREST

# Historic Fairfax Courthouse and Historic Records Center 4000 Chain Bridge Rd.

The c. 1800 courthouse is known for its Flemish-bond style brickwork, 1844 cupola and bell, and its front arcade arches. Records date back to the county's founding in 1742 and include George and Martha Washington's wills, pages of which will be on display at the Courthouse especially for HGW. fairfaxcounty. gov/circuit/historic-records-center/courthouse

# Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 10209 Main Street

The former Fairfax Elementary School was built in 1873 as the first two-story brick school in Fairfax County.

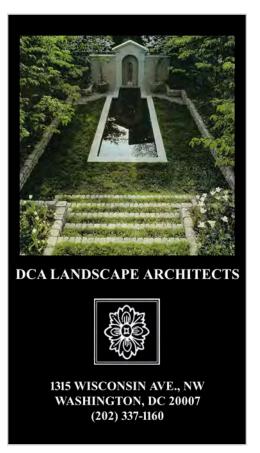


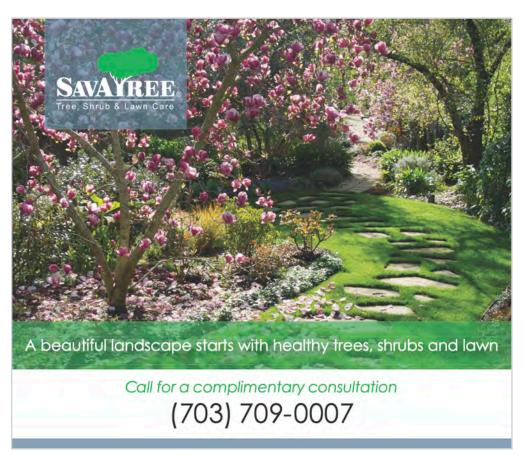
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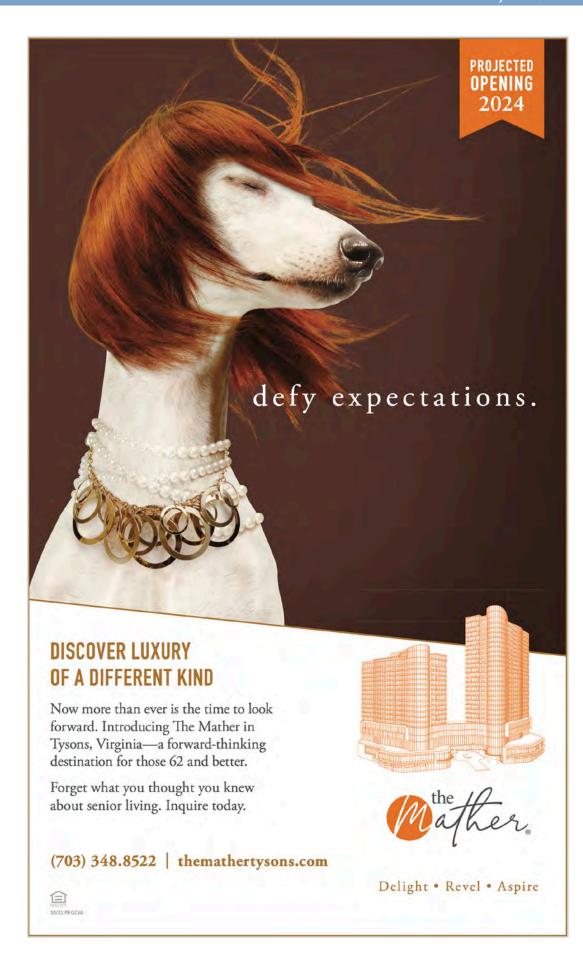
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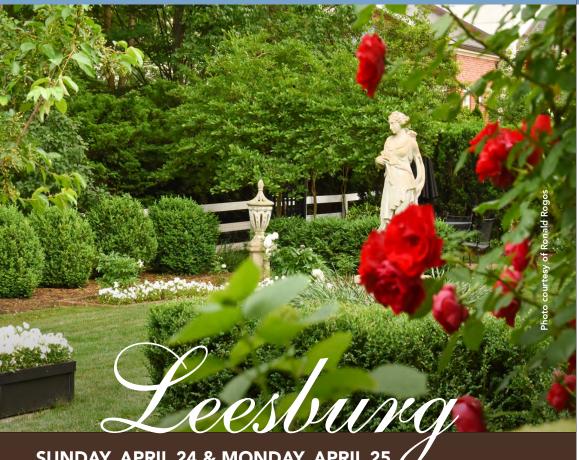












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Join us for a stroll along Cornwall and King streets, in the heart of Leesburg's Old and Historic District. Established in 1757, as the seat of Loudoun County, Leesburg is situated in Virginia's premier horse and wine country. This walking tour features charming late-18th through 20th century properties and beautifully restored gardens, in proximity to popular downtown shops and restaurants.

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#### TOUR HEADQUARTERS

St. James' Episcopal Church 14 Cornwall Street



- Advance tickets: **\$40** pp at VAGardenWeek.org; Visit Loudoun, 112-G South St., SE., (703) 771-2170, George C. Marshall International Center, 217 Edwards Ferry Road NE, (571) 246-7092
- For tickets by mail before April 12, send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to Leesburg Garden Club, P.O. Box 2006, Leesburg, VA 20177.
- Tour Day Tickets: \$50 pp. On tour days, sale via cash, check or credit card at Tour Headquarters.

#### **ÃÃ** FACILITIES

- Available at Tour Headquarters
- Town Hall, 25 W. Market Street

#### **PARKING**

- Limited designated parking at Inova Loudoun Medical Campus, 224 Cornwall St., NW.
- General parking available in garages and lots; LeesburgVA.gov/visitors for locations.



#### TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING 5 PROPERTIES:



St. James traces its history to the early 1700s in Loudoun County. This Richardsonian Romanesque structure, built in 1897, was designed by Washington DC architect Leon E. Dessez; it resembles several DC churches. It replaced an earlier building on Church Street, near the Loudoun County Courthouse. The sanctuary is illuminated by two signed Tiffany windows, in addition to several windows from the Heaton Firm, in England. The building was damaged by fire in 1929 and was rebuilt in 1931, according to its original design. The flag of General George C. Marshall hangs above the pew where he regularly worshiped.

#### 21 Wirt Street, NW

This 1894 home is an excellent example of a Queen Anne-style house. It has been modernized over the years by the current owners, who are only the fifth family to own the property. The wraparound porch, sun porch, spacious and light-filled interiors, unique mantelpieces, and blending of old and new furniture and art give this home its special character. The gardens maximize fragrance near windows and sitting areas and provide long-lasting color and interest throughout. They are filled with abundant spring bulbs and perennials, including mature tree peonies and weigelia. Several types of coral bells are used in the garden. The rear yard is framed by mature American boxwood and viburnum, creating a hedge for privacy. Flowering fruit trees, a vegetable garden, a small fishpond garden, statues and arbors are some of the additional treasures in the rear and side yards.

#### 209 Cornwall Street, NW

The Colonial Revival home, designed by Joanne Tiffany, was built in 1950. It was constructed on the foundation of an early 19th century residence, and later used as the Black Cat Ordinary, which was destroyed by fire in 1948. The property was previously owned by Burr Powell Harrison, Jr., a renowned champion of historic and environmental preservation in Loudoun County, and his wife, Agnes Harrison, founder of Keep Loudoun Beautiful, member of the Leesburg and Fauquier-Loudoun garden clubs, and a board member of the Garden Club of Virginia. The current owners purchased the property in 2013 and completed an extensive renovation in 2015. The renovation included the conversion to a geothermal heating and cooling system and the addition

of a basement, east-side porch, large flagstone patio and two fountains. Their update also included the removal of a partial asphalt driveway in the backyard. Three large cisterns are buried beneath the rain garden in the southeast corner of the property, to collect stormwater for irrigation. The half-acre lot features mature trees, Japanese holly, Chinese snowball viburnum and climbing roses. Two Japanese lilac trees provide fragrant blooms and shade on the rear patio. A row of 165-year-old boxwoods anchors the back of the property, while providing a four-season screen. Dogwoods, Amelanchier, hellebores, daffodils and tulips provide springtime blooms. The gardens, which appeal to pollinators, feature lavender, phlox, liatris, cardinal flower, and aromatic asters.

#### 211 Cornwall Street Garden

This home is an example of Federal-style architecture in Leesburg's Historic District. Records indicate the original 2-1/2 story brick section was constructed in 1788. A two-story frame addition was recognized in 2012 with a "Historic District Design Excellence Award" from the Loudoun County Joint Architectural Review Board. The formality and symmetry of the house's architecture is reflected throughout the exterior and gardens. The vard is organized according to four "rooms," which are delineated by small ornamental trees, boxwoods, and yew hedges. The narrow side yard, framed with hellebores, star magnolia, dogwoods, and hydrangeas, draws visitors back toward the second area, which is bounded by the back porch, fountains, crabapple trees and a potting shed. The central formal garden, surrounding the focal sculpture of Diana the Huntress, follows a tranquil white and green color palette with peonies, hydrangea, white lavender, and roses. Beyond the tall yew hedges is a fourth "room," which contains raised beds for vegetables, a cutting garden for seasonal flowers and a workshop, also built in 2011.



#### 215 Cornwall Street, NW

The original portion of this Federal-style brick home was built in 1824 and included a front parlor, side hall with stairs leading to a second-floor bedroom, and a detached brick kitchen. 19th and 20th-century expansions include a dining room connecting the main house to the original kitchen, a 1960s wing with a family room and bedrooms, and a guest cottage at the rear of the three fourths-acre property. The seven-foot kitchen hearth is one of six fireplaces in the home. The fover features an 18th century grandfather clock by Connecticut clockmaker Daniel Burnap. The current owners converted a rear porch into a breakfast room adjacent to the original kitchen and restored the brick patio designed by acclaimed landscape architect M. Meade Palmer. The smokehouse is used as the owners' workshop; the icehouse below is used for garden storage. The gardens include boxwood, spring bulbs, and flowering trees. The recent addition of raised vegetable beds and a spacious chicken coop provide the owners with a steady supply of produce and eggs.

#### PLACES OF INTEREST

#### **Oatlands**

5.5 miles south of Leesburg on Rt.15. A Greek Revival mansion, c.1805, once the center of a thriving 3,400-acre plantation. It includes terraced gardens, a portion of which

was restored by the Garden Club of Virginia with funding from Historic Garden Week tours.

#### George C. Marshall 🖫 International Center 211 Edwards Ferry Rd. NE

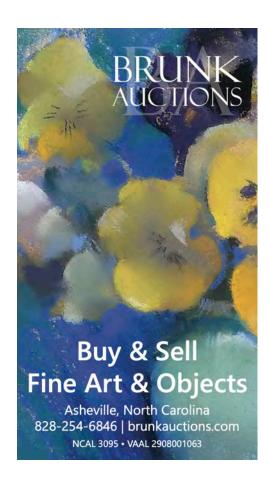
Formerly called Dodona Manor, this was the home of General George C. Marshall and his wife, Katherine. He was the architect of the European Recovery Plan and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953. The 3.8 acres of grounds and gardens were restored, with support from the Garden Club of Virginia. The property is on the Virginia Landmarks

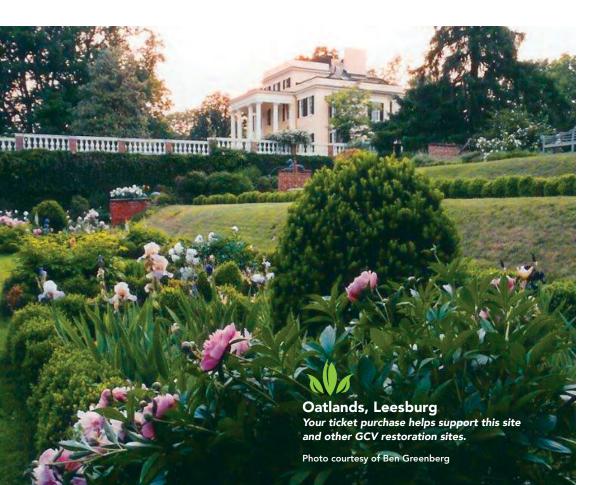
Register and is designated a National Historic Landmark.

#### Leesburg Garden Club Centennial Tree Walk at Ida Lee Park 60 Ida Lee Drive, NW

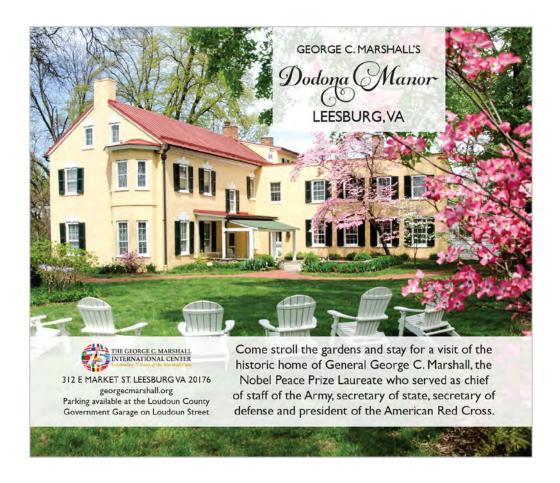
A native tree walk installed by the Leesburg Garden Club in honor of its 100-year anniversary. Begins behind the Rust Library and follows Old Waterford Road to the northwest end of the park.

















#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Visitors will enjoy this scenic tour of the lower Shenandoah Valley. Travel Valley Pike, the historical "wagon road" of early settlers, through southern Frederick County. Steeped in history, Winchester is the oldest city west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Famous for changing hands over 70 times during the Civil War, it was home to George Washington's headquarters. This driving tour features four sites, three of which served as hospitals during the Civil War. Rose Hill Farm and La Grange House are fully restored 18th century homes, and Valerie Hill Winery was built in the early 19th century. All are being featured for the first time on Historic Garden Week. Belle Grove, an 18th century plantation withstood the Battle of Cedar Creek during the Civil War and is a Garden Club of Virginia restoration site.

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#### TOUR HEADQUARTERS

• Museum of the Shenandoah Valley



- **\$30** pp sold in advance VAGardenWeek.org.
- Available until April 20 in Winchester at Kimberly's, The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Bonnie Blue, and in Boyce at the Fox and Pheasant.
- \$40 pp day of tour

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and Belle Grove

#### **PARKING**

- Available at all tour locations
- Tour group buses can be accommodated

#### **BOX LUNCHES**

- Prepay by April 20th
- Pick up from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valerie Hill Winery. Contact Paula Gibbs at pgibbswinchester@gmail.com
- Mail checks, payable to: The Little Garden Club of Winchester, Attn: Paula Gibbs, 1412 Gordon Place, Winchester, VA 22601

#### REFRESHMENTS

Complimentary tea served from noon to 4 p.m. in the barn at Belle Grove

#### \* NEW TO HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK!

First time a property has been featured

Virginia Historic Landmark and/or National Register of Historic Places

#### TICKET PRICE INCLUDES ADMISSION TO 4 HOMES, AS WELL AS THE MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY:

#### \* Rose Hill Farm 1985 Jones Road, Winchester

Rose Hill Farm is the residence of Dana Hand Evans, Director and CEO of MSV. Glen Bernie is the ancestral home of the Wood family. Rose Hill is the ancestral home of the Glass family. The two families became linked in 1832 with the marriage of Catherine Wood and Thomas S. Glass. The site of the Civil War's March 23,1862 First Battle of Kernstown, Rose Hill was also used as a hospital at that time. Visitors will enjoy a 1.25-mile walking trail with Civil War interpretive signage. A portion of the property now operates as a working Valerie Hill Winery farm. The house was originally the centerpiece of a Scotch-Irish farm of several hundred acres. The first portion was built as a three-room log cabin around 1796. A three-story wing including two main floors with an English kitchen and side porch, or portico was added around 1829 to the southwest of the main portion. The third addition, two main floors, a basement, and a full clerestory-style attic, was added in 1859 to the northwest of the main building, at which time all three sections were covered in off-white stucco. The portico was removed, and the main door rerouted to the west. Interestingly, all the wood flooring, doors, trim, etc. not used or removed for the renovation are labeled and stored, so the home can be restored to its pre-1859 appearance. The landscaping is tastefully done to appear as it would have been in the 18th century. The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV),

#### \* La Grange 5498 Valley Pike, Stephens City

One of the most visually prominent 18th century dwellings sites along Route 11, otherwise known as the Valley Pike, La Grange has historical associations with significant Frederick County citizens. These include Vance Bush, a local 18th century landowner and trustee of the German Presbyterian Church in Stephens City, and Dr. John McCloud, a local physician, and a Member of the Virginia House of Delegates in the mid 18th century. Architecturally, the house is a fine example of a sophisticated stone dwelling rendered in the late Georgian to early Federal style typical of the late 18th century. It retains its architectural integrity and is enhanced by the presence of a large frame bank barn that speaks to the significance of agriculture to the economy of Frederick County in the 19th and early 20th centuries. During the Civil War, the property most certainly

saw a lot of military activity due to its location directly off the Valley Pike, the major thoroughfare through the Shenandoah Valley. Although no know skirmishes occurred in the immediate area, according to research conducted by local historian Butch Fravel, the house was used as a hospital after the Battle of Cedar Creek in October 1864. A large mobile field hospital was also set up on the grounds after the battle. Owned by California transplants, it is both a private home and a future event venue. The barn houses milking goats and California chickens. Christa Nahhas, owner

# 1687 Marlboro Road, Stephens City

This 1807 Federal style brick manor house sits on an 18-acre farm just south of Winchester near Stephens City. While there have been changes and renovations over the years, many of the original features remain, including the staircase, hardwood floors, windows, and horse-hair wall plaster. Like the other properties featured on this tour, a Civil War skirmish, the Battle of Cedar Creek, was fought nearby. And like La Grange and Rose Hill, Valerie Hill served as a makeshift hospital. Today, the manor house serves as the Tasting House, the focus and namesake of a family owned and operated farm winery, Valerie Hill Vineyard and Winery. It is the location of the tour lunch.

# Belle Grove 2336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown

Situated on a rise near the Great Wagon Road in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Belle Grove c. 1797 was originally home of Major Isaac Hite, Jr. and his wife Nelly Madison, sister of President James Madison. The Hites used design principles recommended by Thomas Jefferson and built their elegant manor house of limestone quarried on the property. During the Civil War, the Battle of Cedar Creek raged around the mansion. Fortunately, it was not damaged and remains unscathed. Once the centerpiece of a 7,500-acre plantation, Belle Grove is remarkably well preserved. The stories of many who lived and worked here are kept alive through guided tours, research, and programs. In 1983, the Garden Club of Virginia chose Belle Grove for its 38th landscape restoration project. In addition to designing a plan for the historic garden, the GCV added brick walks to the entrance for visitors. Over the years the GCV has planted large shade trees around the house. The site includes the original



icehouse and smokehouse, an enslaved burial ground, and heritage apple orchard all in an expansive pastoral setting with splendid mountain views. The 1918 barn has been renovated and has become the Beverly B. Shoemaker Welcome Center containing the Museum Shop, exhibits, and an event space. Belle Grove Plantation is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a partner in the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historic Park. bellegrove.org

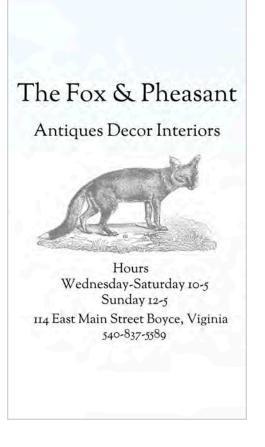
#### PLACES OF INTEREST

#### **Shenandoah Valley Discovery** Museum

19 W. Cork St., Winchester

An interactive center for informal science and cultural education. View the city from the sky level observation deck and roof garden designed and installed by the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club. discoverymuseum.net





#### **Blandy Experimental Farm** and the State Arboretum 400 Blandy Farm Ln., Boyce

Property contains 5,000 different varieties of trees and shrubs. Highlights include a gingko grove that includes 300 trees, a Cedar of Lebanon allée, an herbaceous garden, a native plant trail as well as the American Boxwood Society's Memorial Garden, home to 162 varieties of boxwood. A Garden Club of Virginia Restoration site, Dogwood Lane and its original stone walls were rebuilt in 2004. blandy.virginia.edu

#### Burwell-Morgan Mill 15 Tannery Ln., Millwood

A National Register Historic Landmark and one of the oldest, most original operational mills in the county. In continuous operation from 1785 to 1943; now restored as a working mill grinding local grains. A 2016 project of the Garden Club of Virginia. burwellmorgammill.org

#### John Handley High School 🖫 425 Handley Blvd.

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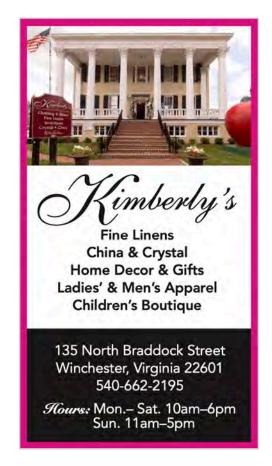
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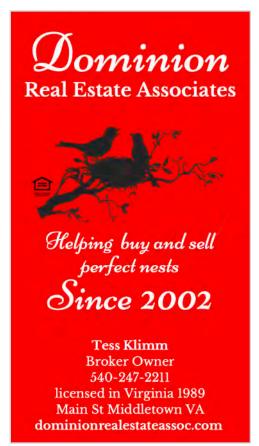
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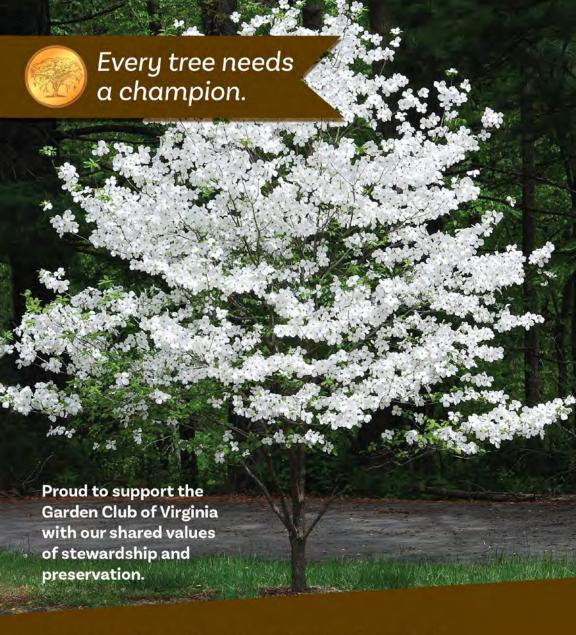
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