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Historic Garden Week in Virginia Celebrates 90 years State-wide Event Takes Place April 15-22, 2023

(RICHMOND, VA) – The nation’s only statewide home and garden tour, the Garden Club of Virginia’s Historic Garden Week, will host its 90th annual tour from April 15-22, 2023. Tickets will go on sale February 6, 2023, at VAGardenWeek.org. Proceeds fund the restoration of historic public gardens and landscapes in Virginia, as well as two research fellowships in landscape architecture.

“Virginia is especially beautiful in April, and visitors—whether from Virginia or other parts of the country—love to explore the wonderful variety of homes and gardens opened especially for Historic Garden Week,” said Debbie Lewis, president of the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV), which presents Historic Garden Week.

The 2023 event will encompass tours organized and hosted by the GCV’s 48 member clubs. Special properties open this spring will include Bunny Mellon’s Little Oak Springs in Upperville, John Kluge’s Morven in Charlottesville, and dozens of GCV restoration sites, including the Executive Mansion and GCV’s headquarters in Richmond, the Kent-Valentine House.

“Historic Garden Week has been held annually since 1929 except for a period during World War II and in 2020 during the pandemic,” explained Fran Carden, the current chair of Historic Garden Week. “Our members take pride in sharing warm hospitality and beautiful flower arrangements through this popular springtime tradition.”

The GCV orchestrates access to more than 100 private homes and gardens and dozens of partner sites each year, organized as 29 distinct tours taking place over eight consecutive days in communities across Virginia. These tours attract some 26,000 visitors yearly. Economic impact studies estimate that the Garden Club of Virginia’s cumulative impact over more than 50 years exceeds \$518 million.

The Garden Club of Virginia was founded in 1920. Its mission is to conserve the gifts of nature, to restore and preserve historic landscapes of the Commonwealth, to cultivate the knowledge and love of gardening, and to lead future generations to build on this heritage.