

GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA

Historic Garden Week

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do the home and garden tours sell out?

Tours generally do not sell out with the exception of Little Oak Spring, which is a timed entrance and separate ticket. Advance tickets are available at numerous local outlets listed by tour, or at www.vagardenweek.org.

Are tickets available on tour day?

Historic Garden Week 2023 features 29 tours, some of which are offering advanced tickets only. Most will be offering tickets on their tour day, for an additional \$10 pp. To find out which tours will have "day-of tour" tickets available at their Tour Headquarters, please check the tour sections in the Guidebook and follow us on social media. To avoid disappointment, purchase your tour tickets early via our website. Individual tours can be contacted directly if you have questions about availability of tickets on tour day(s). For contact information, visit the tour's individual web page: www.vagardenweek.org/tours/

Where do the proceeds go?

Tour proceeds fund the ongoing restoration and preservation of Virginia's most iconic historic public gardens and landscapes, as well as other lesser-known sites across the state. To date, the GCV has completed projects at nearly 50 locations. In addition, ticket sales fund a research fellowship program in landscape architecture. For more information, about this inspiring work that dates back to the GCV's first landscape restoration in 1930, visit www.gcvirginia.org/main/historic-restorations



Where can I pick up a Guidebook? Are they free?

Guidebooks are distributed to various locations in Virginia, and are free while supplies last. For a list of outlets, visit www.vagardenweek.org. You may also purchase a Guidebook online or by sending a check for \$20 before March 17, 2023, to the Garden Club of Virginia, 12 East Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219.

Where do we go first? Where do the tours start?

Start at the Tour Headquarters location listed in the Guidebook for each tour. A digital version of the Guidebook with complete logistical information regarding all tours is available at: www.vagardenweek.org/main/guidebook. The Headquarters is where you show your ticket, pick up a map or local brochure of the touring area, can ask questions, use the facilities, and get oriented.

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 HGW signage. Please do not block residential driveways. Individual tour web pages provide parking information at www.vagardenweek.org/tours/ and have Google Maps for each touring area.

Are there restrooms available on tours?

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

Can we visit all the tours over the 8 days of Historic Garden Week?

Sadly, it is not humanly possible to attend all the tours over the course of Historic Garden Week. Visit the "Suggested Itineraries" page of our website, www.vagardenweek.org/suggested-itineraries/ to help you organize your visit and minimize driving between tour areas.





We've never attended Historic Garden Week. How do we pick a tour, or tours?

That's a great question, and there is a different answer for each guest! If your time is limited by date, start with this tour schedule www.vagardenweek.org/tours/ for a summary of each tour by clicking on each tour option. If you'd rather stay in one area of the state and enjoy the tours by region, visit www.vagardenweek.org/suggested-itineraries/

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 stunning flower arrangements on their Historic Garden Week Facebook and Instagram accounts.

What if it rains? And what is your refund policy? Tours are held rain or shine, except for tours that are inaccessible due to weather conditions, thus all sales are final. Please follow us on social media for notices regarding tour day cancellations, or email the tour contacts listed for your tour.



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What flowers will be blooming during Historic Garden Week?

Virginia is often at its height of springtime blooming during Historic Garden Week. The tours cover three different hardiness zones and weather is always a factor. Rest assured, however, that Mother Nature never disappoints. Visitors can expect to see tulips, peonies, iris, azaleas and dogwood. If it's been cool leading up to tours, there might be daffodils, camellia, wisteria and redbud too. If it's been warm, you might enjoy roses and hydrangeas.

Are the tours handicapped accessible?

Historic Garden Week tours are private and therefore the homes are not handicapped accessible; those with physical limitations should be advised.

May children attend Historic Garden week tours?

Children 17 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. While most tours are not geared towards very young visitors, some are more conducive than others.

Is there anything else I should know before touring?

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. By purchasing a ticket, you are agreeing to adhere to the GCV policies.

SAFETY

For your comfort and safety, please wear flat walking shoes, no spiked heels, and watch for steps and uneven surfaces as you visit the homes and gardens.

- Pets — except service animals — are not permitted.
- No smoking.
- No strollers, backpacks or large bags.
- The Garden Club of Virginia, its member clubs and owners of the properties are not responsible for accidents occurred on the tours.
- Due to safety concerns, the Garden Club of Virginia does not allow the use of golf carts or similar vehicles, and foot coverings may not be worn.



With so many tours to choose from this spring, there is something for everyone.

Visit www.VAGardenWeek.org for a complete listing of all tours, suggested itineraries, maps and to purchase tickets.