



*In a Word: WOW!*

Talbot County Garden Club

2024

# TALBOT COUNTY GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2024

## TCGC Brings the *WOW!* Factor to the Community.

*WOW!* In May, we staged the Talbot County Tour of the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage. Every member played a role in its success. In conclusion, the club proudly presented two benefitters with substantial funds to finance significant restorations of their historic infrastructure.

*WOW!* We began hosting horticulture-based activities for adults living with disabilities. Events, which take place at the YMCA of the Chesapeake on Peachblossom, have been well-received in the community and heart-warming for participants.

*WOW!* Our Conservation Committee held its first native plant sale for members-only as the club promotes the benefits of natives to help our pollinators survive and the environment become more sustainable.

*WOW!* We facilitated the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland's District 1 NGC Standard Flower Show at the Elks Lodge in Easton. Beautiful florals... first-class horticulture... plus, with our oversight, the introduction of contests involving a Youth Division with 70 elementary school students taking part.

*WOW!* We offered several floral design and horticulture workshops to our members, to help us prepare our flower show entries and to teach us how to tend to our own plants and gardens in new improved ways.

*WOW!* In October, we hosted Federated's District 1 Semi-Annual Meeting at the Miles River Yacht Club and Garden Club of America's Zone VI Leadership Council Meeting at the Tred Avon Yacht Club.

*WOW!* We participated in the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore's "Garden Party" Tablescape fundraiser at Talbot Country Club, and again joined with Oxford Garden Club to create a holiday tree of hand-made treasures, themed to "All Things Oxford," for the Rotunda of the State House in Annapolis.

*WOW!* On the administrative side, we moved from a June-to-June fiscal year to one that coincides with the calendar year. A 6-month budget was formulated and by-laws changes were implemented to achieve this more normalized budget cycle.

*WOW!* In the communications arena, we continued *Blossom & Bloom*, a new monthly newsletter. We brushed up our TCGC website by streamlining entries and offering new features. And we continued to present the expertise of our members on WHCP radio, 97.1 FM.

*More WOW!* We invited the public to four free garden lectures... continued to present occasional floral bouquets to Talbot Hospice and Talbot Interfaith Shelter... sponsored several creative adventures for our Young Gardeners Club at the Library... visited gardens in Virginia (twice) and toured the Philadelphia Flower Show and Longwood Gardens at Christmas... maintained four in-town gardens, provided Busy Bee garden services as needed, added touches of greenery around town, judged May Day florals, decorated for the Waterfowl Festival, decked out the Town's most iconic buildings for the holidays... won several awards... and, last but not least: met, lunched and enjoyed each other's company!



Talbot County Garden Club President  
Maribeth Lane (2023-2025)

Cover photos: Outstanding floral designs were created for the Talbot County Tour of the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage by several talented members – Ingrid Blanton's design is featured.

## 2024 TALBOT COUNTY TOUR MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE



You're Invited!

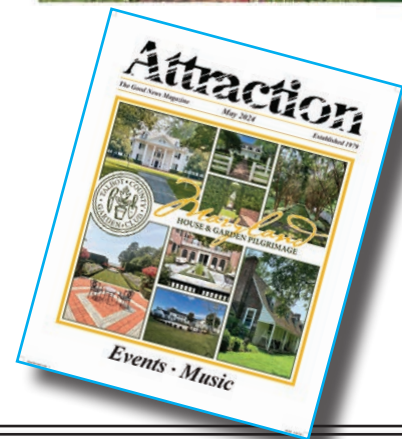
Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage  
TALBOT COUNTY TOUR

Saturday, May 11, 10am-5pm

Visit Seven Fabulous Properties:

- Grand Sweeping Estates
- Two Largely Untouched 1700's Houses
- Inspiring Homes Packed with Unique Touches
- Stunning Landscapes, Gardens and Floral Arrangements

Presented by the Talbot County Garden Club to help restore two historic churches in Trappe, MD: Scotts United Methodist and Saint Paul's Episcopal.



## Garden club presents funds to 2 historic Trappe churches

CONTRIBUTED

EASTON — Talbot County Garden Club hosted a lemonade social at Scotts United Methodist Church in Trappe on July 16 to celebrate the success of the 2024 Talbot County Tour of the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage.

Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of historic properties, the May 11 Tour drew more than 2,000 "pilgrims" to seven outstanding private properties in Talbot County.

Tour proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships — greatly amplified by service providers' discounts and donations — will cover major infrastructure projects at two historic churches in Trappe: Scotts and St. Paul's Episcopal.

Scotts had an extensive stormwater drainage issue that threatened the church's 225-year-old foundation. Lane Engineering civil engineers donated survey and mitigation planning services to address the issue. McHale Landscape Design Inc. completed the mitigation work at a huge discount.

At St. Paul's, the 1858 brick facade of the church and ruins of the older parish



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COURTESY OF TALBOT COUNTY GARDEN CLUB

Talbot County Garden Club gave a check for \$25,000 from Talbot County Tour funds to two historic churches in Trappe. Participating in Tuesday's donation ceremony were, from left: Talbot County Tour co-chair Zandi Nammack, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry representative George H. Meyer Jr., Scotts United Methodist Church pastor Charles A. Bell Jr. and Talbot County Tour co-chair Kim Eckert.

church needed repair. Tour funds covered extensive brick repair and repointing at a sizable discount, thanks to Marth Masonry.

According to St. Paul's Vestry representative George H. Meyer Jr., "The Tour funds have sparked a

new energy for the church. Not only do we have 'new' bricks, we are tackling deferred maintenance ourselves — painting inside, installing a handicap ramp and more."

In acknowledging the donation, Scotts pastor

Charles A. Bell Jr., said, "Tour funds will help preserve our church for future generations. Without a strong foundation, this church would not stand."

Attending the celebration in addition to representatives of both churches

and members of the garden club were principals of the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage and several owners of the 2024 Talbot County Tour properties.

The Talbot Historical Society Garden and Five Corners Fountain Garden,

both historic sites in Easton, will share in Tour proceeds through the garden club's ongoing maintenance programs there.

As a biennial event, the Tour will return with a different roster of distinctive properties in May 2026.



## 2024 TALBOT COUNTY TOUR MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

*Behind the Scenes...*



### *2024 Talbot County Tour Committee Chairs...*

(front row, l to r): Louise Peterson (*Advertising*), Mary Helen Cobb (*Flowers*), Nancy Thompson (*House Selection*), Caroline Benson (*House Selection/Tour Bells*), Chloe Pitard (*Hostess*), Eleanor Denegre (*Advisor*); (middle): Laura Carney (*Photography*), Colleen Doremus (*Parking/Ambassadors*), Tracy Garrett; (back): Co-Chairs Zandi Nammack and Kim Eckert, Carolyn Rugg (*Parking/Ambassadors*), Pam Keeton (*Publicity*), Fran Jenkins (*Treasurer*), Maxine Millar (*Hostess*), Georgia Adler (*Hospitality*), Virginia Sappington (*Treasurer*), TCGC President Maribeth Lane. Missing from photo: Sally Ackridge (*House Selection*), Madeleine Cohen (*Luncheon*), Christine Dayton (*House Selection*), Rebecca Gaffney (*Rack Cards*), Susie Granville (*Hospitality*), Marsie Hawkinson (*Photography*), Pat Lewers (*Patron Letter*), Rita Mhley (*Publicity*), and Sara Robins (*Script*).



Juliette Fry



Elizabeth Norris,  
Alden Firth,  
Mary Helen Cobb



Madeline Campbell



Camille Massie



Madeleine Cohen & Sandy Brown



Sally Akridge



Joey Frankos



Joyce Doehler



Elizabeth Norris & Ann Ashby



Chata Smith

Marjory Sheldon



Jody Shaner



Anne Jelich



Alden Firth



Pat Lewers & Lynn Kranz





# 2024 TALBOT COUNTY TOUR MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

*May 11 was a glorious, blue sky, fresh air day!*

*By its numbers and accolades...*

**the 2024 TALBOT COUNTY TOUR turned out quite well, thanks to 18 months of meticulous planning...**

2,038 Pilgrims toured. 1,752 purchased tickets (the balance were MHGP affiliates from around the state).

7 homeowners generously opened their doors to welcome Pilgrims to their singular private properties. One homeowner personally greeted 1,300 at her door!

2 iconic churches in Trappe will undergo needed restoration with proceeds from the Tour. 2 historic gardens in Easton will share in the proceeds through the garden club's ongoing maintenance programs.

Including garden clubbers, 300 members of the community volunteered to serve as day-of hostesses, ticket sellers, car parkers, golf cart drivers, bus ambassadors, etc.

30 garden club members headed sub-committees, led by 2 indefatigable co-chairs. 1 member sold 254 tour bell tickets, pre-sale. 1 member graciously opened her house for a lovely Homeowners' Party.

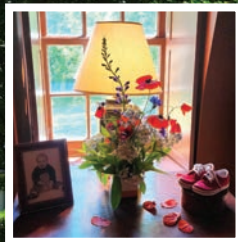
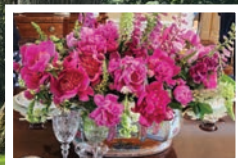
2 volunteers helped distribute 200+ lunches at Scotts United Methodist Church, where church members prepared a chicken salad that drew raves and recipe requests.

Raves also arrived for the quality of the Tour properties and the abundance of florals and their incredible design. While some floral materials were purchased, many flowers were donated, plucked fresh from garden club members' gardens. One Pilgrim was overheard exclaiming: "They must have picked every peony in the county!" According to another Pilgrim quoted in the STAR DEMOCRAT by an on-scene reporter: "Oh my gosh... The flower arrangements that are in (the) sun porch and on the kitchen table are the most beautiful I've ever seen in my entire life."

The ultimate rave came from a homeowner who told our co-chair that she and her spouse feel they are stewards of their property and appreciated this opportunity to share their home and history with the Talbot County community.

*Cheers to all involved in jobs well done!*

*Sharing the Splendor  
of Talbot County*  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
10 am to 5 pm, Rain or Shine  
**MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN  
PILGRIMAGE**





# GREENING THE COMMUNITY

## *Sharing Garden Delights with Adults Living with Disabilities & Our Young Gardeners Club*

*In January...* TCGC shared a delightful and productive morning at the YMCA making terrariums "to-go" with adults from Benedictine and The ARC. With TAMARA KESSLER in the lead, this activity proved so gratifying that it repeated in May with herb pots and in November with holiday decorations also "to-go!"

*After-school adventures...* In February, our Young Gardeners (kids through 4th grade) also made and took home terrariums. In March, the YGs learned how to press flowers. In April, they made wildflower seed paper and small herb pots. In September and October, they prepared entries for Federated's NGC Standard Flower Show, with YG co-chair GRETTA MCDONALD coordinating youth involvement for the entire District. In December, the kids created wreaths with pinecones, ribbons and handmade decoupage



Janet Mackey



Virginia Sappington



Juliette Fry



Tamara Kessler



Anna Maria Mallin



Lynn Champion



Myra Gons



Emilie Coakley



Laurie Mackaness



Gretta McDonald



## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

### *Sharing Garden Expertise with Free Public Lectures*

*In January...* LESLIE HARRIS, a celebrity garden pod-caster from Charlottesville VA, engaged a capacity audience at the first of TCGC's free Winter Lectures at the Talbot County Free Library. In her lively "Thoughtful Gardening" presentation, she emphasized that "gardens are always evolving," then shared photos of her own property over the years. She recommended that gardeners think beyond a beautiful garden to the benefits each can bring to the world beyond.



*In February...* Members and guests focused on "Shrubs" with guest speaker EVA MONSEIN, the Woody Plant educator at Longwood Gardens. With colorful four-season graphics, Eva shared novel insights into common multi-stemmed plants – mostly native growing under various ecological conditions. She favors the "layered garden," which in its diversity offers not only tranquility for humans but also the greatest opportunity of nourishment for wildlife.



*In March...* Co-chairs of the 2024 Talbot County Tour of the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage ZANDI NAMMACK & KIM ECKERT shared insights into the coming May Tour with floral design features and photo interpretations to a full house of eager "Pilgrims."



*In October...* JESSICA BONILLA, Hillwood's director of horticulture, discussed the design, sculpture and plants that fill Marjorie Merriweather Post's iconic spaces and provided an insider's view on the ever-evolving management of its grounds, including its maturing native garden.





## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

### *Tending to Local Gardens*

### *Historical Society Garden, Five Corners Garden, Children's Garden, Library Garden*

*May 7 was a beautiful Beautification Day!* Thereafter, summer's heat and unreliable rainfalls presented TCGC members with garden maintenance challenges. But with expert attention, our new plantings did, indeed, flourish.



Joan Crowley



Eleanor Denegre



*Historical Society Garden*



Carolyn Rugg, Camille Massie



Joey Frankos, Virginia Sappington, Maxine Millar, Jan Cullen



Madeleine Cohen, Cherie Carroll, Sara Walker, Sally McLuckie, Myra Gons, Ann Ashby, Barbie Steckler

*Historical Society Herb Garden*



Tamara Kessler



Sarah Walker

*Five Corners Fountain Garden*



Cordy Tucker, Laurie Mackaness, Georgia Adler, Maribeth Lane

#### *At Christ Church*

Helping to plant in early spring.

#### *At the U.S. Post Office*

Tidying beds for our 2023 Project Grant recipient.



Maribeth Lane, Jody Baker, Georgia Adler, Pam Harris, Paige Connelly, Laurie Mackaness





## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

*Adding Touches of Greenery & Holiday Decorations  
All Around Town*

*At the Easton Volunteer Fire Department*, TCGC members decorated greens that would spread holiday joy to many... on the Talbot County Courthouse, Easton Utilities Headquarters, Shore United Bank, Talbot County Free Library, Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Zebra Gallery, and on the Fire House itself.



Maribeth Lane



Ildi Watkins



Fran Jenkins



Laura Carney



Julia Miller



Meredith Watters



Nikki Schwab



Co-chairs Madeline Campbell, Pat Gillen, Cindy Pease



Patty MacDonald  
Paige Connelly



Fran Bergere, Dana Vik



Paula Murcott



Diana Sable



Tracy Garrett



Sara Robins, Maggie Jarboe,  
Sarah Carr



Jody Baker, Boots Michalak



## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

*Presenting Floral Cheer to  
Meals on Wheels, Talbot Hospice & Talbot Interfaith Shelter*



Missy Warfield



Ann White



Rita Osgood



Colleen Doremus

*Creating Impact...* As part of Holiday Wreath-Making, one dedicated team produced 140 arrangements for Meals on Wheels recipients.

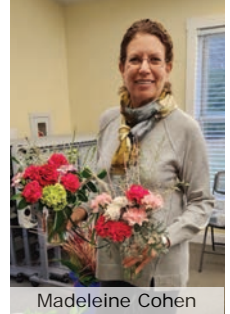
*Presenting Sunshine & Joy...* TCGC delivered hand-crafted bouquets to Talbot Hospice and the Talbot Interfaith Shelter throughout the year, with special deliveries for Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hospice responded: "Thank you for the sunshine and joy you bring us through such beautiful flower arrangements!"



Rita Mhley, Maribeth Lane,  
Carol Harrison



Paige Connelly, Dana Vlk, Joey Frankos, Trish Reynolds, Julia Miller, Sara Walker, Patty MacDonald, Maribeth Lane with Colby Hall, RN



Madeleine Cohen



Caroline Benson, Myra Gons, Maribeth Lane, Boots Michalak, Carol Harrison, Ingrid Blanton

### *A Floral Design Workshop at Hospice...*

Madeline Campbell (l.) and Dede Hoopes (far r.) led the workshop at Hospice in February, with many of that morning's creations offered to Hospice.



Trish Reynolds





## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

### *Boosting Our Horticulture & Floral Design Skills & Favoring Native Plants*



Pat Gillen

#### *Susie's Floral Design Workshop...*

In February, members took part in a floral design workshop with TCGC member SUSIE MIDDLETON (far r.) who is President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and a Master Flower Show Judge. Susie reviewed all the plant design oases *not* to use, then recommended a few tried-and-trues, some from grandma. Floral design fun followed!!!



#### *All about Herbs...*

In April, representatives of the Chesapeake Bay Herb Society shared herbal insights and historical details re their Herb Garden at Pickering Creek Audubon Center (plus some delicious flavors).



#### *Fabulous Microgreens...*

November's Microgreens Workshop was presented by TERRY HOLMAN, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland district director and Oxford Garden Club member. Terry began with a comprehensive overview on growing and benefiting from these fabulously nourishing greens.



Also in November, PAM KEETON led a Horticulture Committee Workshop on composting.



Sara Robins

#### *Horticulture & Design with Susie & Boots...*

In early September to encourage participation and, hopefully, awards in the upcoming District 1 Flower Show, SUSIE MIDDLETON led a Horticulture primer. TCGC member BOOTS MICHALAK, an Accredited Flower Show Judge, instructed the group on Traditional and Creative Design. Some 25 members enjoyed learning and refreshing their hort and floral skills!



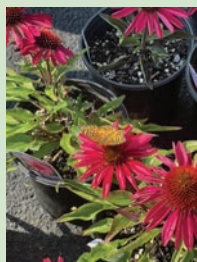
Judith Roney, Virginia Sappington

#### *Our 1st Native Plant Sale...*

So successful was this September's sale for members-only that it's bound to be expanded and repeated to help boost our pollinator population and the environment at large!



Georgia Adler



Fran Jenkins, Carol Harrison, Dana Vik, Madeleine Cohen, Emilie Coakley, Hatsie Long, Tamara Kessler, Ann Ashby, Georgia Adler



## GREENING THE COMMUNITY

*Interacting with Our Gardening Peers*

*Garden Club of America, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland & More*

**Creating a Gracious Garden Party Design...** In April, TCGC participated in the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore's fabulous Tablescape program at Talbot County Club.



Boots Michalak, Caroline Benson, Camille Massie

### *Hosting Federated's District 1...*

In early October, TCGC hosted the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1 at the Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michaels. The event drew 60+ gardeners from seven Eastern Shore garden clubs. SUSIE MIDDLETON led the meeting's creative session. JULIA MILLER & JODIE SHANER organized.



**Facilitating a Flower Show...** In October, nine clubs of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1 presented a National Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show titled "Spirit of America." TCGC's major ribbon winners were: PAM KEETON, JULIA MILLER and new member PAM HARRIS.



**Spirit of America**  
AN NGC PATRIOTIC  
STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

★ Saturday, October 5, 2024 ★  
1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Elks Lodge #1622  
502 Dutchman's Lane, Easton, MD  
Open to the Public — Admission Free

Presented by District I,  
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.  
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Hosting GCA Leadership...** In late October, TCGC hosted the Garden Club of America's 2024 Zone VI Leadership Council Meeting at the Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford. Attended by club presidents and zone reps from the 13 clubs in Zone VI, this annual event helps to develop leadership skills and showcase GCA resources. It also gives each leader the opportunity to deliver an annual report. This year's reports reflected all the amazing activities and projects undertaken by Zone VI's 700 members. Attendees also heard from Keynote Speaker Chris Becraft of Underwood Associates and lead engineer on the Oxford Shoreline Restoration Project addressing sea level rise.



Maribeth Lane,  
co-chairs  
Marjory Sheldon  
and Mary Helen Cobb  
with keynote speaker



Nancy Thompson, Marjory Sheldon, Colleen Doremus,  
Laura Carney, Georgia Adler, Caroline Benson, Maribeth Lane,  
Eleanor Denegre, Meg van den Berg, Mary Helen Cobb

### *All Things Oxford...*

Talbot County was represented in the Rotunda of the State House in Annapolis by a holiday tree designed by both TCGC and Oxford Garden Club, with handmade ornaments focused on "Oxford."



Carol Harrison, Dana Vlk, Jane Seldon (OGC),  
Maribeth Lane, Maryland's First Lady Dawn  
Moore, Melinda Hudson (OGC), Myra Gons





## EXPLORING INSPIRATIONAL VISTAS

*Nurturing & Expanding Our Circle  
of Garden Friends*



**Visiting "Oak Spring"...**  
In April, TCGC members toured Bunny Mellon's Virginia estate and returned with emulation-worthy garden ideas!



**Judging Easton's May Day Displays...**



TCGC Judges:  
Dana Vik,  
Myra Gons,  
Louise Williams,  
Trish Reynolds,  
Rita Mhley,  
Joey Frankos,  
Maribeth Lane.

1st Place,  
Planters:  
Tidewater Inn



**Touring Stellar Virginia Gardens...** In May thanks to tour guide Cole Burrell and Trips Committee co-chair CHLOE PITARD, TCGC members accessed and savored several incredible private Virginia properties. The committee also led us to the Philadelphia Flower Show, Longwood Gardens, and Vintage Farms.



**Socializing over Lunch...** In June, we enjoyed our Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the home of SUSIE GRANVILLE. In September, our Welcome Back Meeting & Luncheon took us to PEG KELLER'S home.



Jenny Hyatt,  
Mary Helen Cobb



Mary Helen Cobb,  
Alden Firth

### *New Members, Class of 2024*



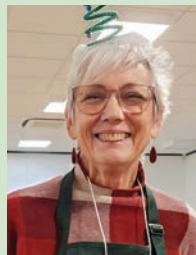
Cherie Carroll



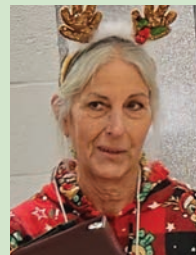
Emilie Coakley



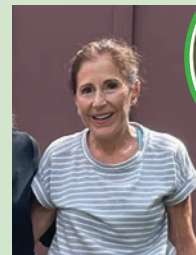
Pam Harris



Kim Helfgott



Judith Roney



Barbie Steckler





# GREENING THE COMMUNITY

## Accepting Awards & Earning Recognition

### Among Federated's Prize Winners...



Maribeth Lane

At the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland's annual meeting in March, Talbot County Garden Club received the large clubs **Rae B. Weeks Award for Historic Preservation** for our work at the "Five Corners Fountain Garden."

In April, FGCMMD acknowledged the prestigious 1st Place Historic Preservation Award and presented these additional awards:  
**2nd place - Design Council Award for Public Spaces** for "Fountain Garden Refresher"  
**2nd place (large club) - "Yearbook Award"**  
**2nd place - Civic Development Award** for "Rails to Trails"



FGCMMD District Director Terry Holman, FGCMMD President Susie Middleton, Maribeth Lane

### In the National GCA Spotlight...

Congratulations to VIRGINIA SAPPINGTON, selected by the Garden Club of America as Zone VI's most exemplary "Gardener-Creative-Advocate."



Virginia Sappington at the annual Talbot County GC wreath-making workshop. Photo by Rita Mihley  
 GCA Bulletin, Winter 2024

Virginia Sappington, an active member of Talbot County Garden Club for more than 50 years, is eager to learn about anything garden related, and she is a willing leader of projects and committees. She served as club president (1989-91), as membership chair for several decades, and she received a Club Appreciation Award in 2012 for her leadership. According to Carolyn Rugg, immediate past president of Talbot County GC, Virginia "shows boundless, get-it-done energy," abundantly demonstrated when Virginia spearheaded the 1989 design and implementation of the Five Corners Fountain Garden in Easton, Maryland, an iconic spot at a major local crossroads. In 2023 Easton's mayor presented the club with a key to the town due in large part to Virginia and her co-captain's facelift of the fountain garden.

During Virginia's presidency, Talbot County GC began hosting an annual wreath-making event to produce Christmas decorations for a number of Easton's landmarks and to create cheerful holiday tabletop arrangements in mugs for those who rely on Meals on Wheels. She also guided the club's biennial fundraisers in support of historic projects and community grants in Talbot County.

When she is not volunteering with club projects, she and another club member operate Garden Design of Easton, Inc. The firm follows green principles and uses native plants in the creation of pollinator gardens. They are responsible for the design of pastoral common areas for Cooke's Hope, a residential development outside Easton. Virginia is a true garden and community champion.

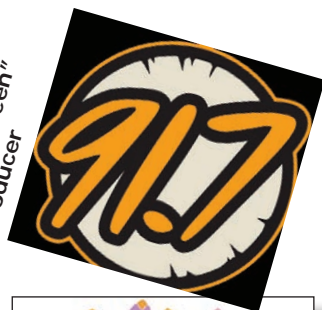
—Beverly Young, *Amateur Gardeners Club, Zone VI*

### TCGC Publications & Radio Waves...

Madeleine Cohen, Editor



Sara Robins  
 "Going Green"  
 Producer



Alden Firth, Editor



Trish Reynolds, Editor





# GREENING THE COMMUNITY

## Accepting Awards & Earning Recognition

In the National GCA Spotlight...

**BULLETIN**  
Winter 2024 Spring 2024

The Five Corners Garden Club is featured in the Bulletin, Winter 2024. The club was established in 1950 and has a rich history of horticultural activities. The Bulletin also highlights the club's participation in the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage and the club's commitment to community service.

In the Local Spotlight...

**The Talbot Spy** 1.4.24  
**Mark Your Calendar for Talbot County Garden Club's 2024 Public Lectures**

**Linda Martin**

The Talbot County Garden Club announces its 2024 winter lecture series featuring outstanding opportunities for you to learn the most current local and regional approaches to trends and gardens. Presenters will offer unique insights and tips that you can apply at home and in your own private gardens.

These presentations, which begin at 11 am at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton, are free and open to the public:

**Thursday, January 23, 2024**  
Garden consultant and podcaster **LESLIE HARRIS, LH Gardens, Charlottesville, VA**  
"Thoughtful Gardening: How to Combine Sustainability with Beauty in the Garden"

In the Local Spotlight...

**THE STAR** 1.4.24  
"Your Community Connection"

**Talbot County Garden Club announces winter lecture series**

The Talbot County Garden Club is pleased to announce its 2024 winter lecture series. The series will feature presentations by local and regional experts on a variety of topics related to gardening and horticulture. The lectures will be held at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton, Virginia.

In the Talbot Co. Library Spotlight...

**TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY**  
April 2024

**Talbot County Garden Club's YOUNG GARDENERS**  
MAKING BETTER WILDFLOWERS BEHAVE

Join us for a hands-on learning experience with local gardeners and experts. The program will cover topics such as soil health, plant selection, and garden design. It is suitable for children and adults alike.

In the Federated District Spotlight...

**Garden Basket** March-April 2024

**Talbot County Garden Club**

The Talbot County Garden Club is participating in the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, which began in 1953. The pilgrimage is a multi-day tour of historic homes and gardens across Maryland. The club's participation highlights its commitment to preserving and promoting Maryland's rich architectural and horticultural heritage.



**Officers 2024-2025**  
**Maribeth Lane, President**  
**Eleanor Denegre, Vice President**  
**Fran Jenkins, Treasurer**  
**Pam Bernstein, Incoming Treasurer 6.25**  
**Myra Gons, Recording Secretary**  
**Carol Harrison, Corresponding Secretary**  
**Janet Mackey, Parliamentarian**  
**Carolyn Rugg, Member-at-Large**

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- Bay to Bay News
- DiscoverEaston.com
- Delaware Online
- Delaware Scene
- Easton Utilities: Public Service Announcements
- Event Calendar: Star Democrat,
- Wilmington News Journal, Delmarvanow
- FGCMD District 1: Calendar and GARDENEWS
- GCA Zone VI Landing Page:
- Latest News, Photo Gallery and Connections
- Shore Home & Garden
- Shore Magazine
- Talbot Guide
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