



GIBSON ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ROOTS

"The hum of the bees is the voice of the garden." Elizabeth Lawrence

Dear Friends:

On July 16 we had our first Garden Club lunch of the year! By popular demand we will have another informal lunch on Thursday, August 20, and we might have a surprise for the attendees!

Holly Williams Bee Report

Our honeybees have had a busy year! Our beekeeper harvested 30 lbs. of honey and we are getting ready to bottle it all!

Our honey will be available for purchase at the next Garden Club luncheon, August 20. There will be a limit of one 9 oz. bottle per person. If you cannot make the luncheon and would like to purchase a bottle, please e-mail Etelvina ectyler@mac.com.

When the weather gets a little cooler, Kevin, our beekeeper, has offered to take six ladies to see the hives upfront and personal. He has 3 bee suits. If interested in seeing the hives or learning more about our bees, please email Holly: holly.s.williams55@gmail.com

Thursday, August 20
Informal Luncheon
Outside on the porch
12:30 PM

Please join us if you feel comfortable having lunch outside on the porch.

We'll order from the menu and follow Club protocols for outside dining!

Make your own reservation.
Mention that you are part of the Garden Club group.
410-255-1000





Fall Forum 2020 News
The American Daffodil Society
is embracing the Virtual
World.

Click link below:

[Photo Show Open for Entries](#)



Marge & Etelvina are not “garden experts” but....if you send us your gardening questions we will include them in our next newsletter. Some of our readers may be able to help!



We have limited time during the year to promote new programs and visit new places. If there is anything you would like to do in a small group setting, let us know and we will help put a group together.

Activities from the previous month!

Educational Field Trip to Kyle Point

Co-sponsored by GIGC; submitted by Betsy Beck

Anne Arundel Master Gardener Janet Clausen invited Gibson Island Residents, who live on the water, to tour her living shoreline at Kyle Point on the Severn River. Janet’s living shoreline was recently installed by Underwood & Associates (take a moment to view the attached YouTube video).

This was an educational field trip, and participants learned from Keith Underwood about an alternative option to installation of bulkheads, revetments and jetties for the purpose of protection against shoreline erosion. Living shorelines (using marine and science based research) are gaining popularity with homeowners, especially with their ability to provide ecological services (e.g., habitat provision, shoreline vegetation for food based webs, increased flora and fauna, etc.) with long term benefits.

Due to positive feedback among participants, a second educational excursion to Kyle Point is in process of being arranged. Please email Betsy Beck @ ebeck24@comcast.net if you are interested; group will be limited to 12 participants with date to be determined.

Click below for video

[Earth Day Celebration of Kyle Pt. Living Shoreline](#) - Janet Clausen



"Flowers can't solve all the problems, but they are a great start!"

Gibson Island Garden Club Members share their gardens!



Amy Rand



Karen Daigh



Hetty Tegen



Hetty Tegen



Hetty Tegen



Luanne Adams



Luanne Adams



More Gibson Island Garden Club Member Gardens



David Fine - Japanese Cucumbers



David Fine - Tomato Harvest



David Fine



Mary Ellen Keck



Mary Ellen Keck



Maryann Braden



Missy Hopkins Smith



Missy Hopkins Smith



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WELCOME NEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Nancy Morris, Katherine Railey, Helen Sale and Stephanie Stack

RECENTLY PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Anne Gerrety

proposed by:
Sarah Kanne
Jane Daly

I am delighted to sponsor Anne Gerrety as a Garden Club Member. Anne is a new homeowner – she bought Tucker Ramsden’s house and she and her husband will be making the Island their primary home. I asked Anne why she would be interested in joining and she responded, “since moving to the Island a month ago, I’ve particularly enjoyed my morning walks and marveling at the beautiful gardens and natural beauty throughout the Island. I am interested in learning more about gardening and landscape design so that I can maintain and enhance the landscape at my new home, so beautifully cared for by Tucker. Additionally, as a member of the Garden Club, I’ll be able to meet other garden enthusiasts and participate in community events that support the preservation and enhancement of the natural beauty throughout Gibson Island.” That says it all! Anne will make a wonderful member and we will all enjoy having her as a member.

Sarah Kanne

It is with great pleasure that I second Anne Gerrety’s proposal for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Anne and her family have recently joined our community having purchased Tucker Ramsden’s home. She is so excited to embrace all of the natural beauty, landscape and island treasures while living here year-round. Anne is looking forward to participating in Garden Club events, supporting the community, and making lasting friendships. She is fun, interesting, and delightful to be with. Anne will be a wonderful lifelong Gibson Island Garden Club Member.

Jane Daly

Sky Woodward

proposed by:
Sarah Kanne
Rhonda Peirce

It is with enormous pleasure that I sponsor Sky Woodward for Garden Club membership. I have known Sky for several years and she would make a wonderful Garden Club member. Sky and her husband, John Sweeney, purchased Anita and John Schenkel’s house and live on the Island full time, I believe. Sky tells me that she would enjoy being a member when I asked her. She wrote “Gibson Island has an abundance of natural beauty and exploring it over the past two years has been one of the true joys of living here (especially with my iPhone camera). Getting to know more about the Island’s gardens and treasured open spaces, as well as appreciating the beautiful landscaping and gardens of the homes, would make living here even more delightful. Preservation and conservation of the natural resources, while maintaining beauty, interest me as well. More than any other reason, though, the Garden Club also seems to be a group where I could develop stronger friendships with the Island community.” I wholeheartedly endorse Sky’s candidacy.

Sarah Kanne

I would like to second the proposal of Sky Woodward for membership into the Gibson Island Garden Club. Sky’s involvement with our group would offer great leadership potential and opportunities. Sky would enjoy making new friends and learn gardening skills from our members and programs. Thank you for your consideration!

Rhonda Pierce

Janice Waltjen

proposed by:
Carolyn Keenen
Etelvina Tyler

It is a pleasure for me to nominate Janice Waltjen for membership to our Garden Club. She is truly an avid, industrious, creative, and enthusiastic gardener. One has only to see the beautiful gardens that are all over their gorgeous property on the Magothy River. Janice's mother-in-law was also a terrific gardener and member of our Club. I feel certain that Mary Pat is thrilled that Jan ice will be a member of our Garden Club. Janice has historic gardens on her property that she cherishes. When chatting with her just recently, I thought to myself why has she not been invited to join our group! I know that she and her husband are very busy with their family business; but, this young lady needs to communicate with us and share her environmental expertise. She is a delightful and energetic lady who will be a great addition to our Garden Club.

Carolyn Keenen

I am delighted to second Janice Waltjen for membership to our Garden Club. Janice and her husband Steve are long time Gibson Island Club Members and live "just around the corner from us" on a beautiful and productive horse farm. Her mother-in-law was also a great gardener and a member of our Garden Club community. Janice is a hands-on gardener. She is dedicated to her historical gardens and enjoys the produce that she can harvest! I am looking forward to having such an accomplished gardener among us!

Etelvina Tyler

Clare Lentz

proposed by:
Marge Schinnerer
Betsy Beck

I would like to propose Clare Lentz for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. I met Clare in 2012 when she bought a home on the Island. She and her husband, Ben, reside in Baltimore when they are not here on the Island. They have three beautiful, children who are active in Youth Activities. Clare has contributed to various Garden Club and Junior Garden events when she was not even a Member; so she would seamlessly join the Club. She is a very talented gardener and has maintained a Master Gardener certification. She recently told me that she is very interested in gardening in and around the Chesapeake Bay. Clare would be a fabulous addition to our Cub, and I am happy to endorse her membership.

Marge Schinnerer

With enthusiasm, I highly support and recommend Clare Lentz for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club (GIGC). I have personally known Clare and her family since 2012, when they purchased a home on Gibson Island across the street from me on Broadwater Way, Clare and her husband Ben reside in Baltimore when they are not occupying the Gibson Island home and they have three adorable children, who are all now in school. Clare now has the time and interest in attending the GIGC programs and events on a regular basis. She told me she has always enjoyed being an invited guest to the programs in the past years. Living on the Chesapeake Bay, Clare is particularly interested in bay-wise responsible and native gardening. She has always been interested in gardening and flower arranging. Clare is a certified Master Gardener and volunteered many, many required hours in community gardens. Clare will be an engaging and active participant in our GIGC.

Betsy Beck