



# GIBSON ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

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## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ROOTS

*"Let us be grateful to the people that make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."* Marcel Proust

Dear Friends:

At our June District II ZOOM meeting, Donna Roberts referred to the wonderfully optimistic message (read below) that Marge and I are so happy to share with you as well!

*Spark something  
incredible with yes.*

**Say yes to the hard way, yes to the tricky part, and yes to your new ideas. Whisper yes to the early morning sun, yes to your very next breath, and yes to the earth under your feet. Proclaim a big burning yes to creativity, yes to exhilaration, and yes to perspiration. Declare yes to the messiness, yes to the risks — and a yes to the wonders that make this life unpredictable, magical, and 100 percent yours.**

Thursday, July 16  
**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**



Capie Polk Bailly

## Activities from the previous month!

**Beach Clean Up** - Hetty Tegen organized another very successful beach clean-up. Thank you, Hetty; and thank you to all the volunteers!



**Farewell Parade for Tucker Ramsden** - After many years as a Resident of the Island and a very active GIGC member, Tucker has moved to South Carolina to be close to her family. The Garden Club sponsored a "Drive by Farewell Parade" honoring her! We wish Tucker well with the next chapter of her life. Please come back and visit us frequently!



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!

## GARDEN CLUB CORNER

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.

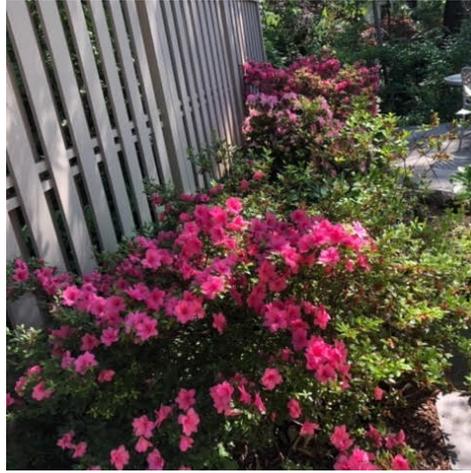


*"Flowers can't solve all the problems, but they are a great start!"*

Gibson Island Garden Club Members share their gardens!



Anne Potter



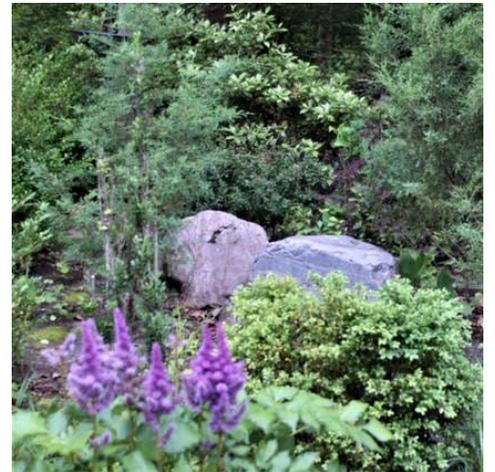
Anne Potter



Holly Williams



Lana Keelty



Nancy Perry



Suzanne Whitney



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## More Gibson Island Garden Club Member Gardens



David Fine - Hemerocallis "Spindazzle"



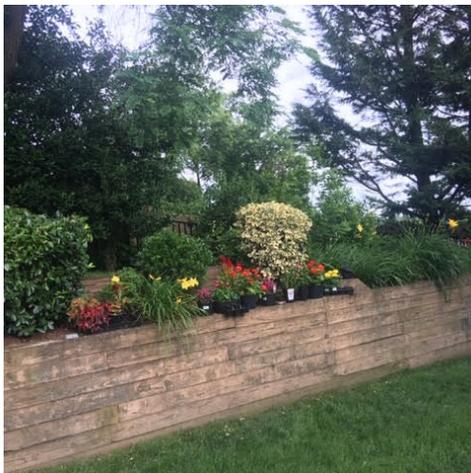
David Fine - Giverny-on-Otter Pond



Mary Ellen Keck



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McCutcheon's backyard



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## WELCOME

Please welcome Elizabeth Gamble as our newest Garden Club Member.

## RECENTLY PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

**Mrs. Nancy Morris**

proposed by:

Mrs. Donna Gragnolati

Mrs. Rhonda Pierce

I would like to propose Nancy Morris for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. I met Nancy this spring when she started playing golf with the Women's 9-Hole group. Nancy grew up in Rhode Island. She moved to Milwaukee for graduate school and met her husband Paul Berlin. Nancy and Paul lived in Milwaukee for 20 years. They moved to Arnold a few years ago and joined the Gibson Island Club. They have one son who attends Indian Creek School in Crownsville, MD. Nancy would be a wonderful addition to the membership of the Gibson Island Garden Club.

Donna Gragnolati

I would like to second the nomination of Nancy Morris to become a member of Garden Club. I met Nancy at a ladies Thursday tennis clinic this summer. She and her family are new to the Club and moved to Maryland from Wisconsin. Nancy is eager to make new friends and get involved. She enjoys gardening and raising chickens at her home in Arnold. She is an active Gibson Island golfer and tennis player.

Rhonda Pierce

**Mrs. Katherine Railey**

proposed by:

Mrs. Cammy Caskin

Mrs. Meg Butler

I would like to nominate Katherine Railey for membership to the Gibson Island Garden Club. Katherine and her husband, Jack and their four children have loved living on Gibson Island and being club members. Katherine has transformed her home and gardens with a passion for creating beauty all around her property. She is very excited to join the garden club to meet other enthusiasts and to share in the journey of learning about gardening techniques, as well as community service opportunities the garden club provides. Thank you for your consideration of this very talented candidate.

Sincerely, Cammy Caskin

It is my pleasure to second Mrs. Edward J. Railey for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. I have known Katherine and her family for many years starting when they came here as guests. She and her family fell in love with the island and all that it has to offer. It is a pleasure to know Katherine and her lovely family. You can often find Katherine in her yard working on her garden. She is truly amazing when it comes to her garden. Today, I found her spreading topsoil and reseeding, but you are just as likely to find her building her own fire pit or planting and watering. Katherine will be a great asset to the Garden Club, and we would be lucky to have her.

Best, Meg Butler

## Mrs. Helen Sale

proposed by:

Mrs. Robin Ambler

Mrs. Etelvina Tyler

I would like to propose Helen Sale for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Helen and her husband Dan are native Baltimoreans who have made their home in Washington, DC for the last 15 years. They were drawn to Gibson Island for its ties to Baltimore and DC, and for its natural beauty. They bought a second home here at the end of 2018, and love spending as much time here as possible with their two young daughters, Ellee (7) and LouLou (5). When not here on the Island, the Sales live in Georgetown, DC. Helen is an interior designer and artist. In Georgetown, she designed her own garden with hornbeams, boxwood, peonies, and gravel paths. The house, which she also renovated and designed, and its garden were featured on the well-known Georgetown House Tour in 2019. Helen is in the midst of designing her garden on Gibson Island, and is focused on the Chesapeake Bay habitat and preserving and using the native flora and fauna of this area. She looks forward to learning more about gardening, native plants, and preservation of the Island's natural habitat.

Yours truly, Robin Ambler

It is my pleasure to second Mrs. Helen Sale for membership in Gibson Island Garden Club. Helen recently purchased a home on Gibson Island and enjoys spending all summer here with her family, husband Dan and two young daughters, Ellen and Lou Lou. When not on GI, they live in Georgetown, DC, where Helen enjoys walking the city and admiring the small city gardens. Helen is eager to learn more about gardening in general, and particularly interested in the Chesapeake Bay habitat and preserving the native flora and fauna of this area. Looking forward having young mothers joining our group!  
Respectfully, Etelvina Tyler

## Mrs. Stephanie Stack

proposed by:

Mrs. Sarah Kanne

Mrs. Cammy Caskin

It is with enormous pleasure I sponsor Stephanie Stack for membership to the Garden Club. Stephanie and I have known each other for several years. She has been my guest at the Garden Club and joined my table at the Pearl event. Stephanie is very interested in gardening and feels responsible to nurture and maintain Nicki Schwab's garden as she is the owner of the Schwab home on the Harbor along with her husband Larry and their two boys. Stephanie is a very enthusiastic person and wants very much to expand her knowledge about gardening and to meet new club members. I wholeheartedly recommend her without reservation. She will make a very positive addition to our membership.  
Most sincerely, Sarah Kanne

I would like to second the nomination of Stephanie Stack to the Gibson Island Garden Club. Stephanie and her husband, Larry and their two boys have recently moved onto Skippers Row and have been so happy in their beautiful new home. I have had the joy of getting to know Stephanie on the tennis courts and she expressed great interest in joining the Garden Club to learn about her abundant gardens and caring for them. She is excited to meet other garden enthusiasts and looks forward to all the wonderful opportunities the Club offers its members. Thank you for your vote of acceptance for Stephanie Stack.  
Sincerely, Cammy Caskin