



GIBSON ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ROOTS

"While enjoying the fruits of your labor, it is important to remember to plant the seeds and continue the growth" Kevin Lewis

Dear Friends:

During this time of transition some Garden Clubs are struggling to keep their clubs alive. We are blessed to have many new members joining our organization. Our love of the Island has been the catalyst to keep us together. Thank you, Bev, for the great job you are doing as our Membership Chair!

We hope you will all join us on Thursday, September 17 at the Club (outside)! We have an exciting program planned, followed by lunch!

"Gardening for Birds"

Susie Creamer - Director of Paterson Park Audubon Center, Baltimore
Susie will present unique success stories of local wildlife gardens. Her presentation will also include an introduction to gardening for birds and beneficial insects using Maryland native plants. Come learn how Baltimore's Audubon Center has become the national model for multi-cultural bird conservation.

Thursday, Sept. 17
11:00 AM Program - Dance Terrace
"Gardening for Birds"

Susie Creamer
Paterson Park Audubon Center

12:00 Noon Lunch - Back Porch

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

Click below for interesting information:

VIDEO: [Madagascar Vanilla](#)

WEBSITE - National Garden Club - New [Website Launch](#)

ARTICLE: [Dead Trees "Snag" Lofty Praise as Habitat](#)

Activities from August

Saturday, August 15 - a small group of GIGC members gathered at the Point to package the honey. It was a sweet affair!

Thursday, August 20 - about 25 GIGC Members and guests gathered for an informal lunch on the Clubhouse porch. Holly Williams made a short presentation about the history of our hives followed by a comparative testing of our 2019 and 2020 honey.



GARDEN CLUB CORNER

After creating the “Native Garden” on Meadow Lane, previous Garden Club boards have attempted to maintain it; somewhat unsuccessfully, and it has been a costly expense on our budget. The GI Corporation has offered to take over the maintenance of the garden without any charge.

At our next GIGC board meeting, we will make a decision about this kind offer.



"The hum of the bees is the voice of the garden"

Gibson Island Garden Club Members share their gardens!



Betsy Beck - Amaryllis Belladonna



Betsy Beck - Eggplant



Carolyn Meredith - Bird feeder



Hetty Tegen - Sunflower



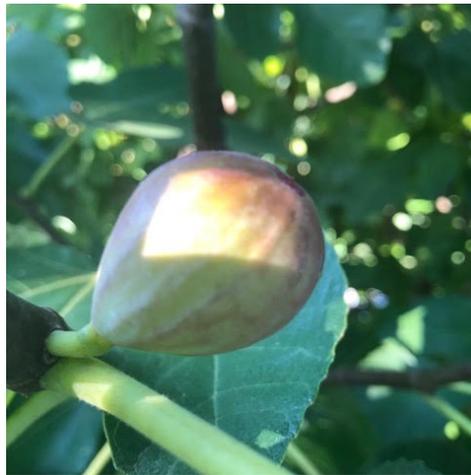
Hetty Tegen - Tomatoes



Hetty Tegen - Cherry Tomatoes



Ellie Nordhoff - Figs



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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!



WELCOME NEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Anne Gerrety, Clare Lentz, Janice Waltjen, and Sky Woodward

RECENTLY PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Betsey Hobelmann

proposed by:
Luanne Smith
Rhonda Pierce

It is my pleasure to sponsor Betsey Hobelmann for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Betsey has been my neighbor here on Gibson Island for a number of years as well as a friend and tennis buddy. She and her family (husband Greg, 3 teenagers, 2 dogs and 2 cats) are based in Baltimore but spend summers and weekends throughout the year here on GI. Her parents, Bennett and Dick Swingle, are long-term Gibson Islanders. In addition to family life, Betsey loves tennis, golfing, and reading by the pool. She is new to gardening and looks forward to learning and sharing the joys and challenges of this most wonderful aspect of the natural world. I am delighted that Betsey wants to join us and I recommend her to you without reservation.

Yours truly, Luanne Smith

I second the motion to nominate Betsey Hobelmann for membership into the Gibson Island Garden Club. Betsey has a home on the island and has been a part of Gibson Island community for many years. Betsey would be an asset to our Garden Club. She would enjoy the many opportunities Garden Club provides to socialize and educate oneself on gardening and floral design. Thank you for your consideration.

Rhonda Pierce

Haven Younger

proposed by:
Meg Butler
Cara Medeiros

It is my pleasure to nominate Haven Younger for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Haven and her husband, Brandon, rented on Gibson Island and immediately fell in love with the island. They purchased the Broadbin home and have introduced their family and friends to our wonderful island. I have been a guest of the Youngers on numerous occasions. Mrs. Younger is a wonderful hostess and friend. She is very interested in gardening and landscaping as they begin renovations on their new home. She would be great asset the Garden Club and would be an enthusiastic participant.

Respectfully, Meg Butler

I would like to second Meg Butler's nomination of Haven Younger to the Gibson Island Garden Club. I met Haven four years ago when she and her husband, Brandon, would come to the island as guests of Armond and Lisa Spikell. My husband and I really enjoyed their company and looked forward to their visits. I was so thrilled that they were taken with our island and decided to buy a home. They have been island residents for two years. Haven is a member of the Hagerstown Garden Club, a federated club which is affiliated with the Washington County Museum of Fine Art. She has headed multiple committees, and as secretary conducted a highly successful fundraiser which allowed the club to donate a large fountain to the city park. Haven is a truly lovely person and enjoys tennis, needle-point, entertaining and gardening. I've been lucky to become good friends with her and to enjoy the beautiful home and garden she has created here. It is without hesitation that I recommend Haven for membership in our club.

Sincerely, Cara Medeiros

Ellie Nordhoff
proposed by:
Betsy Beck
Mary Ellen Keck

I am delighted to be the primary sponsor of Ellie Nordhoff for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. I have known Ellie Nordhoff for over twenty years. She's married to Carroll Nordhoff and they are longtime members of the Gibson Island Club. They split their time between their farm and home in Phoenix, MD and their house on the old Flanigan farm property located at 5059 Mountain Road, just off of Eagle Cove. Flowers, flower arranging, and beautiful gardens have always been a part of Ellie's life. Living part-time on the water near the Magothy River, she has become aware of Chesapeake Bay erosion issues and the importance of planting native plants. Perennials and fig trees are also a love of hers, but her specialty is growing herbs and some vegetables, which she uses daily in her exquisite cuisine. With Covid-19 precautions, Ellie finds that she is spending more time at their home just off Gibson Island. She is an active, almost daily participant in walking with island friends and is also an active member of the 2020 Gibson Island Golf program. Her friends know her affinity for nature as well as her interest in growing and maintaining plants, trees, flora and fauna in our mid-Atlantic environment. She will be a dedicated member of the Gibson Island Garden Club and looks forward to participating in its programs. I enthusiastically support Ellie's nomination for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club.
Respectfully yours, Betsy Beck

I am very happy to be the secondary sponsor of Ellie Nordhoff for membership into the Gibson Island Garden Club. Ellie has a long history with Gibson Island, and she and her husband have been members of the Gibson Island Club for many years. Ellie first came to the Island when she was six days old. Her grandfather and great uncle purchased Gibson Island property and nearby property prior to the Depression, and Ellie spent many summers in and around the Island. Ellie's mother was an avid gardener so Ellie began to appreciate gardening as a youngster beginning with her learning how to weed her mother's garden. Her passion for gardening began early in her married life when she took a special interest in flower and vegetable gardening. Ellie's father-in-law was very influential in educating Ellie about flowers because he had owned a florist shop and nursery. Ellie said she loved working with him because she learned so much about horticulture and flower arranging. Ellie is fun, interesting, intelligent, quick witted and a joy to be around. In addition, her culinary skills cannot be outdone, and she uses much of her own homegrown produce to create her specialties. Ellie has much to offer our Garden Club with her knowledge of flora and fauna, concern for the environment and strong work ethic. I strongly recommend her for membership into the Gibson Island Garden Club.
Respectfully yours, Mary Ellen Keck

Lisa Lawrence
proposed by:
Stephanie Stack
Theresa Cooney

I would like to sponsor Lisa Lawrence as a new member in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Lisa and I have been friends for many years. She is one of the most dedicated women that I am privileged to know. I believe she will be a tremendous asset to the Gibson Island Garden Club. Lisa has been a long-time resident of Gibson Island. After years of caring for her very active four boys, she is finally finding time to pursue her passion for gardening. She has had a thriving small vegetables and herb garden for years on the island. The Gibson Island Garden Club will be a wonderful source of information, inspiration and camaraderie for her, which will further enrich her life on the island.
Thank you kindly, Stephanie Stack

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lisa Lawrence to become a member of our garden club. I met Lisa shortly after we bought our house on Gibson Island in the summer of 2018. We became fast friends and also discovered that we had several friends in common. Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of spending time with Lisa and her family. Many of you already know her and I'm certain would agree that she would be an active and valuable member of the garden club. Thank you for your consideration of Lisa Lawrence's nomination.
Kind regards, Theresa Cooney

Kathy Edmunds
proposed by:
Stephanie Stack
Rhonda Pierce

I would like to sponsor Kathy Edmunds for membership in the Gibson Island Garden Club. Kathy has lived on the island for many years. She is presently building a new home on Skippers Row and the garden club will be a great resource and inspiration for her new garden. Kathy is an active member of the community and will be a great addition to the garden club. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to propose Kathy Edmunds as a new member.
With kindest regards, Stephanie Stack

I would like to second the proposal of Kathy Edmunds to become a new member of Gibson Island Garden Club. Kathy and her family have been club members since 2000. Kathy and her husband are renovating their Gibson Island home on Skippers Row and a residence in Alexandria, VA. The Edmund's are active in the Yacht Squadron and enjoy power boating. The Garden Club will benefit from Kathy's positive energy and enthusiasm. Kathy will enjoy our programs, fund raisers, and design workshops. She is currently working on a project based on a 1962 Gibson Island Country School cookbook bought on Ebay. Details forthcoming.
Rhonda Pierce

Carol Cochran
proposed by:
Betsy Beck
Mary Ellen Keck

I am honored to be the primary sponsor for Carol Cochran for membership to the GIGC. Carol and Tom Cochran are very good friends of mine and we often get together both here at Gibson Island and in Washington D.C. Now that they are retired, they are spending more and more time at their Gibson Island home and Carol recently became a board member of the Gibson Island Historical Society. Carol is the daughter-in-law of our beloved Amelia Cochran. When they are not residing at Gibson Island, they live in a lovely old home in Arlington, Virginia with gardens planted and maintained by Carol. Carol is currently a docent at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., a challenging and rewarding position. She has a long-time interest in gardening and is a member of Rock Spring Garden Club, her local Arlington garden club, where she has been an active participant and held significant positions. Everyone will enjoy Carol's sunny California (where she is originally from) personality and friendliness. She will be an excellent participating member of GIGC and enthusiastic about attending its programs. I highly support and encourage the GIGC to accept her as a member.
Respectfully yours, Betsy Beck

I am delighted to co-sponsor Carol Cochran for membership into the Gibson Island Garden Club. Beginning as a toddler living in Southern California, Carol was brought up in a horticultural environment. Her parental home was built in an orange grove, and her father grew and maintained banks of roses, built a lath house to show his tropical plants and grew a multitude of tropical fruits. Her father educated Carol about gardening over the years as she followed him and worked with him around the property. Currently, Carol and her husband live in Arlington, Virginia but have been spending more time on Gibson Island (living in the home of her mother-in-law, Amelia Cochran). In Virginia, Carol's yard is filled with various shrubs, annuals and perennials, and many trees including one oak that is on Arlington's List of Notable Trees. Carol has been very active in her Arlington garden club and has held a variety of positions including earning the top National Award for her newsletters. Always interested in learning new things, Carol has now become a proponent and supporter of organic gardening learning from her daughter who is an organic farmer in Maryland running a Community Supported Agriculture organization and heading up Future Harvest. Carol's daughter also educated her mother in the importance of good farming practices and their importance for saving the Chesapeake Bay. I greatly and enthusiastically support Carol Cochran's nomination into the Gibson Island Garden Club and know that she will be a knowledgeable and helpful asset to many of our Garden Club endeavors.
Respectfully yours, Mary Ellen Keck