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The submission deadline for the upcoming July 2025 newsletter is June 20.

Send your submissions to our editor, Marion Guthrie, at vp-communications@jccwmg.org and copy our vice president of projects, Gary Griffith, at vp-projects@jccwmg.org.

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The James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association is a volunteer-driven non-profit that supports the outreach mission of the Virginia Cooperative Extension by utilizing research-based information to educate the public on the best practices in sustainable horticulture and environmental stewardship in our communities, which include Williamsburg, James City, Charles City, Upper York, and New Kent counties.



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President's Message

An Enduring Legacy

DAVE KLEPPINGER '16

I first met my wife Fran on April 26, 2013, in Roanoke during the Virginia Historic Garden Tour week. For decades, Fran and her girlfriends would get together every year, sometimes taking the whole week off from work, just to tour Virginia's historic homes and gardens.

Only in Virginia are private homes and gardens open across the state for an entire week, and the Garden Club of Virginia has been the organizing agent for 92 years. My good fortune to meet Fran in Roanoke twelve years ago was happenstance, but Virginians' appreciation and enjoyment of plants and gardens is as old as Virginia itself.

John Smith, yes...that John Smith, recorded in 1629 that Jane Pierce harvested over 100 bushels of figs from her 4-acre Jamestown Island fruit and vegetable garden. William Byrd, II, at Westover and John Custis, IV, in Williamsburg, created early 18th-century formal gardens purposely on par with those of the English elite. By the late 18th Century, Thomas Jefferson's gardens at Monticello were among the finest in America. They included a 1,000-foot-long terraced garden with 330 different varieties of vegetables, an orchard with 170 fruit tree varieties, and a pleasure garden with native and exotic species.

And almost 100 years ago, John D Rockefeller, Jr., hired Harvard-educated landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff, who trained with the "Father of Landscape Architecture," Frederick Law Olmsted, to design the world-famous gardens of Colonial Williamsburg.

The creation of the Virginia Cooperative Extension over 40 years ago builds on this rich Virginia tradition. As Extension Master Gardeners, we share our knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening with homeowners, schools, and civic groups by providing research-based horticultural information. And as

members of the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association we engage the public with over twenty demonstration gardens, school/education gardens, and community outreach/home visitation programs.

Springtime heading into summer are prime gardening months. Extend Virginia's rich gardening history by being the best Master Gardener you can be.



Master Gardener Meeting Programs

The Marvelous Monarch and its Magical Migration

Karen & Steve McCurdy
Butterfly Society of Virginia

Thursday, June 5, 2025
9:00am - 10:00am



The Marvelous Monarch and Its Magical Migration

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

You are invited to join James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners at the Williamsburg Regional Library on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 9 am for a LIVE and in-person presentation by Karen and Steve McCurdy, Co-Presidents of the Butterfly Society of Virginia. Karen and Steve will share their insights into the life of the monarch butterfly, its incredible migration, and how the health of our gardens is deeply connected to the rhythms of nature. They will also highlight what we, as master gardeners, can do to support monarchs through our planting choices, habitat care, and community education.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108796113?pwd=3X7_YO9ErCRcHj17dC2hmvSram4Yg79.1 Meeting ID: 821 0879 6113; Passcode: 23185

For more information, contact Crystal Skeeter-Davis at crystalskeeterdavis@gmail.com.

The Basics of Food Preservation

You and your friends are invited to join the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for a special Zoom presentation by Dr. Lester Schonberger.

This presentation is available exclusively via Zoom on your home computer [at this link](#), or you can attend the televised presentation at the Williamsburg Library Auditorium.

Dr. Schonberger, an Associate Extension Specialist with the Department of Food Science and Technology, will guide us through the fascinating world of food preservation. Whether you have a small backyard garden, purchase from local farmers' markets, or are simply interested in how we keep food safe and fresh, understanding the basics of food preservation is essential. For questions, contact Crystal Skeeter-Davis at crystalskeeterdavis@gmail.com.

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Virginia Tech

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ZOOM BOARD MEETING
ON JULY 18

Business Notes

ZOOM BOARD MEETING ON JULY 18 *July 3 Membership Meeting Canceled*

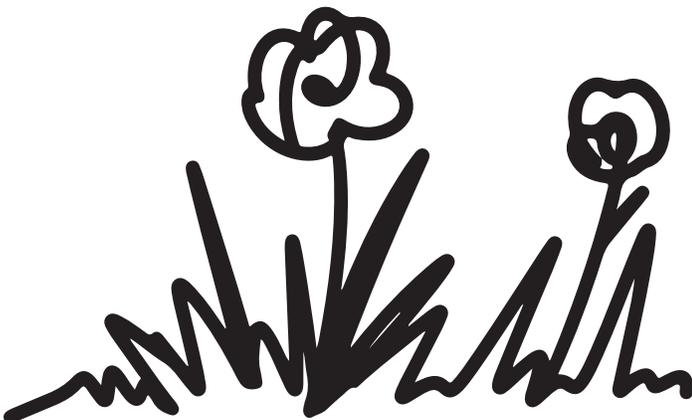
Due to the July 4th holiday, our membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 3, has been canceled. We'll resume our regular meeting agenda on Friday, July 18, at 9:30 a.m., when the Board of Directors will meet via Zoom. If you'd like to sit in, here's the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7131487444?pwd=dIZmS0tLSVBXaEJUcEQ2QnpicVU3UT09>.

TALLAMY TALK ON SEPTEMBER 11 *Saving Nature with your Yard*

Join us on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Jamestown High School for a captivating evening with Doug Tallamy! The Williamsburg Garden Club is bringing this incredibly engaging speaker, and creator of Homegrown National Park, to our community! Get ready to learn from this renowned environmentalist as he shares his expertise on inviting nature back into your yard and why it's so important. The event is free, but you must reserve your spot. [Here's the link](#). You'll also be able to visit exhibitor booths from local conservation groups, including our own, who will share tips and resource information, so you don't have to "go it alone". Reserve your spot now (limit of four tickets per person) and be sure to bring cash for our exciting raffle items! Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the program starts at 7:00 pm.

PENN STATE ENTOMOLOGY 101

Insects are essential to healthy ecosystems, contributing to pollination, pest control, and countless other natural processes. Whether you're a naturalist, gardener, educator, or pest management professional, understanding insect biology and behavior can deepen your connection to the natural world and enhance your work with plants, agriculture, or ecology. This seven-part evening series provides a solid foundation in entomology, combining scientific expertise with practical knowledge to help participants gain a deeper appreciation and support for these often-overlooked creatures. Wednesdays, July 9 to August 20, 2025, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Last Day of Class!

SUE BARTON '20

On May 15, the EMG Class of 2025 completed the classroom portion of their requirement to become official Extension Master Gardeners with a class led by Bill Dichtel and Scott Wolz on “Herbs and Veggies,” which was topped off with a visit to the Orr Garden in Colonial Williamsburg. Our interns have logged over 400 volunteer hours and will graduate at our December membership meeting.



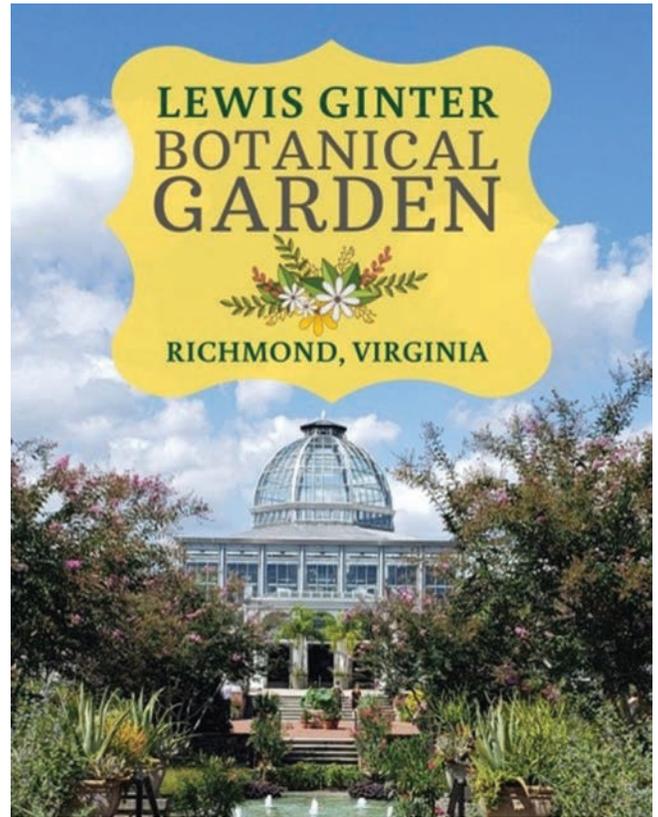
4-H Summer Camp Scholarships

On Thursday, May 1, Linda Neilson, Treasurer of the JCCWMGA, presented a donation from our Association to Isaiah Morton, Associate Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Southeast District, Virginia Cooperative Extension. The donation, in the amount of \$798, covers the cost of two 4-H Camp Scholarships for the upcoming summer camp session.



Don't Miss Your Chance to Explore Lewis Ginter.

Mark your calendar for **September 11, 2025**, and prepare for an inspiring journey through the stunning Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Spanning 50 acres, this breathtaking destination features a variety of themed gardens and a grand, classical Domed Conservatory, the only one of its kind in the mid-Atlantic. This tour, designed with Master Gardeners in mind, promises an unforgettable experience. Find out more, including the cost, a special picnic lunch, the itinerary for the day, and how to reserve your ticket. Secure your spot today by visiting this link on our website: <https://jccwmg.org/wordpress/lewis-ginter-reg>. For more information, contact Janet Fender (jsfender2@gmail.com) or Crystal Skeeter-Davis (crystalskeeterdavis@gmail.com).



Cultivating Vegetables for the House of Mercy

PAT ABRAHAM '10

A streak of good weather continued on Friday, May 23, bringing another beautiful morning in the Shields garden. Janet planted basil, Jack planted peppers, Pat planted cow peas, and Rick set up poles to plant pole beans and white scallop squash. Lorraine and I groomed plants, thinned seedlings, and weeded. Chard and kale were delivered to the

House of Mercy. This crop of spring veggies is our best yet! Thanks to the nursery for providing healthy plants and to the crew for their skilled work. For questions, contact pabraham219@gmail.com.



May 13, 2025

Planting on a Very Rainy Day



Master Gardeners joined Arc of Abilities at their place to do some planting inside.

At left, Michelle, Karen, Abraham, and Laura put tomato and bell pepper plants in pots.

Below left, Jay and Barbara filled a grow bag with soil, then Gail frees sweet potato roots by removing some soil from the bottom.

Shown Below, the sprouted potato before planting, then the potato in the green grow bag!

MGs also brought a variety of herbs that AoA friends will plant outside in their raised bed on a sunny day.



Snacks!

Carol shows the color-coordinated table including flowers, herb-crusted bread, and lemonade.

The AoA group cooks with lots of herbs, as shown in the tasty refreshments today.



Karen talks to the group about the plans for the day.

Mattey's Garden Joins Matthew Whaley's Strawberry Festival

TIFFENI GOESEL '18

On Friday, May 2, 2025, the Master Gardener team members from Mattey's Garden participated in the Strawberry Festival hosted by Matthew Whaley School's PTA. This marked the 46th year of the festival, and the weather was beautiful. The kids were excited to show Mattey's to their parents and to purchase their favorites from the school's sale. This was the second year that Mattey's Garden members participated in the festival, and a great time was had by all.

Master Gardeners Jody Stephens, Morag Willey, Wanda Brown, and Jeff Mellinger set up a table to promote Mattey's and sell various items related to the Garden. We harvested and potted 37 strawberry plants from the garden, and Tiffeni Goesel, Project Lead, started numerous vegetable plants from seed, repotted them for sale, along with bags

of yellow daffodil bulbs, banana trees, and the Mattey's Garden ABC book created for last year's 25th Anniversary. Surprisingly, the most popular item offered was the banana trees!

The PTA provided additional manpower and collected money from sales throughout the evening. Mattey raised \$195.00, which will help cover the costs of developing the garden curriculum offered monthly to the Kindergarten and first-grade classes.

Thank you to Jeff, Morag, Jody, and Wanda for kindly setting up and manning the table for Tiffeni while she traveled to Pennsylvania for a family event. Thank you, Morag, for helping the day before to price everything. This is one special team, and they are greatly appreciated.



A Fun-Filled Learning Experience for the Whole Family!

JEN CAMPBELL '16 and **LIZ GEORGE '23**

Are you looking for an engaging and educational event to spark your child's curiosity and excitement? Pollinator Palooza is perfect for combining fun, hands-on activities with meaningful learning! Join us on Friday, June 20th, from 9:00-11:00 AM at Veterans Park (3793 Ironbound Road), next to the Pollinator Garden, as part of James City County's Longest Day at Play.

Pollinator Palooza is designed to entertain, educate, and inspire young minds while providing a fun experience for the whole family. Whether your child is an aspiring scientist, an artist, or simply loves nature, this FREE event offers a unique opportunity to bond, explore, and create lasting memories together.

So, gather the kids, grab some sunscreen, and head to Pollinator Palooza for a morning of discovery, creativity, and outdoor fun! We promise—it's an experience you won't want to miss! For more information, contact Jen Campbell at jenkcampbell@yahoo.com or Liz George at lizgeorge928@gmail.com. See you there!

Why should you bring your child to Pollinator Palooza?

EXCITING HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

From rock painting to planting native flowers, kids will engage in interactive stations that teach them about nature in a fun way.

OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

Foster a love for the environment as your child participates in a scavenger hunt and learns about pollinators up close.

CREATIVITY & CRAFTING

Help your child create butterfly art, pollinator hotels, and wearable headbands and masks that bring pollinators to life!

MEMORABLE FAMILY MOMENTS

Snap a special photo of your child posing with butterfly wings and watch their imagination soar!

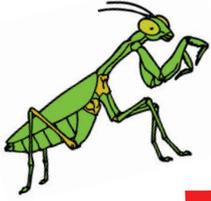
EDUCATIONAL FUN

Learn together at the Master Gardener Station, where experts share fascinating insights about pollinators and their crucial role in our ecosystem.



James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners

Invite you to



Pollinator



Palooza



For
Kids of
all
Ages!

At the Pollinator Garden in
Veterans Park
3793 Ironbound Road

Friday, June 20 (rain or shine)
9-11 AM



FREE

- Crafts
- Exhibits
- Give-Aways
- Scavenger Hunt
- And more . . .



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Pollinator Garden

Volunteer at the Pollinator Palooza!

JEN CAMPBELL '16 and **LIZ GEORGE '23**

The Pollinator Palooza is our annual, kid-friendly extravaganza, focused on educating children about pollinators. It is held in conjunction with James City County's Longest Day at Play on Friday, June 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park (3793 Ironbound Road) adjacent to the Pollinator Garden. We will have craft stations and exhibits, and we need Master Gardeners like you to staff them. Here are the stations where we will need assistance. We also need "floaters" to help with parking and photographs and to fill in where needed. Volunteers will need to be there from approximately 8:00 to 12:00 to allow for set-up and teardown.

To volunteer, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084CAFAE23A4F85-56987855-pollinator>. For more information, contact Jen Campbell at jenkcampbell@yahoo.com or Liz George at lizgeorge928@gmail.com.

Here is a list of currently planned experiences!

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLIES

Create a colorful watercolor butterfly to display at home.

ROCK PAINTING

Paint a habitat-themed rock using paint pens to leave in our garden.

POLLINATOR COLORING STATION

Choose an insect from our 10-foot poster and bring it to life with colored markers and crayons.

PLANT A NATIVE

Learn how to prepare a bare-root plant for potting and take it home.

POLLINATOR HOTEL

Design and build a mini hotel for insects using materials such as cans, sticks, straws, and other natural items.

POLLINATOR HEADBANDS, MASKS, AND WRISTBANDS

Create a masterpiece to wear using the provided natural materials.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY STATION

Pose in front of butterfly wings and have your picture taken.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore our garden for everything related to pollinators.

MASTER GARDENER STATION

Visit our information booth focused on pollinators and their habitats.



Spring at Brickyard Landing

JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS 15

Spring has to be the most exciting season at the new Brickyard Landing Riparian Buffer Demonstration Garden. Nearly everything is coming to life: grasses, perennials, shrubs, and trees. And although the new meadow is full of fescue, the plug, quart, gallon, and seeded plants have all started to grow.

The garden is primarily designed to hold the shoreline and prevent erosion, but it also increases habitat in the park. Butterflies have found the garden, and we see Monarchs, Pearl Crescents, American Ladies, and at least two black swallowtails of unspecified species. Pileated Woodpeckers nest in the park, and we see lots of bluebirds and eagles.

The garden features a small food forest that includes both Highbush and Lowbush Blueberry cultivars. The shrubs are loaded with berries. We hope the critters will leave a few for us to try. Both Arrowwood Viburnum, seen here (*Viburnum dentatum*), and Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*) are planted at Brickyard Landing. They have three-season interest and provide berries for wildlife.

If you have yet to see the garden or have not seen it in a while, go take a look or come out for a Monday or Thursday workday from 8 to 10 a.m. The Brickyard is located at 990 Brickyard Road, Toano. For more information, email Judy (kinshawellis@gmail.com) or Donna Benson (mid520@mac.com). The Brickyard is an exciting place!

Ecology Corner

Double Duty Plants: Food and Beauty

JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS '15

Our climate here in the Coastal Plain of Virginia may not be ideal for apple trees, but there are many native plants that provide sustenance through fruits and nuts. Walnuts and hazelnuts are native nut-bearing trees. Some of our fruit-bearing trees and shrubs include plum, blueberry, pawpaw, persimmon, huckleberry, and elderberry.

Walnut trees are canopy trees, so that needs to be considered when you decide to add them to your landscape. They also drop nuts, so they need to be planted away from where you park cars or where you have walkways. Walnuts will prefer well-drained soil and will thrive in a sunny spot. Choose your site carefully because walnuts do not transplant easily.

Hazelnuts are a smaller, multi-stemmed tree that can grow to 15 feet high. They also prefer a sunny, well-drained area. Once the plant is established, it will take about three years to bear fruit. Hazelnuts can also be planted as a screen, although they are deciduous. A sunny, well-drained spot is also the preference of the plum tree. They are a smaller tree, and, of course, they can be a bit messy when they drop fruit. Our native persimmons produce a small fruit and prefer a sunny spot with well-drained soil. The tree has a distinctive chunky bark and can grow as tall as 80 feet. It, too, takes a few years to fruit.

Pawpaws produce the largest fruit of any tree in the United States. The fruit is soft and difficult to transport, so it has never been a big commercial crop. However, it is a nice understory tree that can thrive in the shade. It will fruit better in a sunny location. Pawpaws like humidity and prefer moist soil. They grow well along waterways. They are not self-pollinating, so you will need more than one tree to get fruit.

Blueberries, huckleberries, and elderberries are shrubs that can easily be added to a home landscape. Blueberries are a popular fruit, and many cultivars are available to the home gardener. Older varieties are not self-pollinating, so you will need more than one plant for fruit. Dwarf varieties are also sold at nurseries. Huckleberries are a smaller plant that can grow in the shade, but they need to be in a sunny location to fruit. As with most of the other fruit-bearing plants, elderberries also prefer a sunny, well-drained spot for optimal fruiting. Elderberries can grow quite large and can be used as a hedge. They also spread by suckering.

Several of our Master Gardener projects feature trees and shrubs that provide food. Take a look at the Settlement at Freedom Park to see elderberries, hazelnuts, walnuts, and huckleberries. The small food forest at Brickyard Landing has blueberries, plums, and hazelnuts. Additionally, Tree Stewards have been working on identifying and labeling trees and shrubs through several of our public parks and along trails. Look for the tags when you are out walking to help you learn to identify them.

The next time you want to add a plant to your yard, consider planting something that bears fruit. If you are not interested in using the fruit yourself, the birds and other wildlife will enjoy it. Our friends in Northern Virginia have a good publication about native plants that provide food: <https://www.plantnovanatives.org/edible-native-plants>.

Plant Sale 2025: Teamwork and Preparation Ensure Success!

GARY STREB '11

Photo credit: **HARRY FAHL '18**

By all accounts, our annual plant sale held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, was a resounding success, even though we didn't quite overtake all the record-breaking benchmarks set last year. Our ongoing EMG projects have now secured funds to operate next year, which is one of our primary goals. Integrating the Class of 2025 into our unit and association proved to be the event's highlight, as we now have a solid base of experience - a team that will guarantee continued success in future Master Gardener endeavors.

Initial feedback from our customers was overwhelmingly positive. Your donated plant material was impressive. The "foster parent" program produced healthy, thriving specimens that were in demand thanks to your nurturing care of the purchased starter plugs. Advice given to help the Williamsburg community select the right plant for the right place was right on target, thanks to your knowledge and customer-friendly attitude.

Even though we had lots of folks with wagons and carts, the flow was well-regulated and problem-free. Pricing was clear. Our overall organization, based on hard work and extensive planning, demonstrated that a solid plan executed by a team of trained EMG professionals can achieve outstanding results in a short three-hour sales period.

Thank you to everyone who participated in some aspect of the plant sale, whether by donating plants or money, working to set up the venue, or assisting in the sale and customer service on sale day. I won't attempt to list every single one of you, knowing that I will miss someone. You can rest assured that YOU were instrumental in our final results.



The final financial results are not yet complete, as we are awaiting the settlement of some outstanding expenses. If you have not yet sent your reimbursement form to Linda Neilson, please do so now. In general, though gross intake was \$13,484, which includes plant sales, Green Thumb Market, and cash donations. Plants accounted for \$11,444, Green Thumb Market for \$2180, and cash donations accounted for \$329. To date, the expenses total \$ 1,697. This gives us a preliminary net revenue total of \$11,787. Great job!

Our homegrown plant donations were down, but the number of Association-provided starter plants was up. Our star plant donors were, again, Jim and Nelda Pressly, with over 320 plants. Jim (Class of 1987) and Nelda (Class of 1988) have been an essential part of our unit plant sale from the very first one. Sadly, this will be their last plant sale as they are relocating to Alabama this summer. Jim's dedication to this project has been nothing short of extraordinary and has inspired many of us over the years. They will be missed. We wish them fair seas and favorable winds in their new adventure. A few more of us donated over 100 plants, notably former Board Member and mentor, Vickie Rockwell.

Our success is attributed to ALL OF US working as a team, but special thanks are due to the Plant Sale Planning Committee that worked for months behind the scenes, planning and training for the short-term event.

The customer line to enter the Williamsburg Botanical Garden at Freedom Park venue, before we opened at 9:00 a.m., was backed up almost to the footbridge. What a rush! Our successful communications team, headed by Marion Guthrie and Wayne Koenig, got them here. Special thanks to Sean Davis (Class of 2025), who stepped in to coordinate the overall signage placement. Karen Pfeifer orchestrated the "foster parent" starter plant plan as part of the Acquisition team, as well as setting and distributing the plant standards guidelines. Lauri Leeper and Jody Stephens led and trained the Intake, Quality Control, and Grooming team. Mary Sipe graciously stepped in to assist



Jody in executing the plan at the last minute, ensuring that our sales floor had only the best plant material. A special thanks to her for all her advice and sage counsel.

Angela Cingale and Carolyn Stringer led the Pricing and Sales Tally team, which priced all 1,995 donated plants and counted them accurately as they were sold. Our customers appreciated the clear and generous pricing guidelines. Tom Reahl went “all out” to collect a record-breaking number of items for the Green Thumb Market. The variety and selection were impressive. Having multiple mobile collection locations and times proved successful—there was no excuse for not donating all the potential treasures from your garage or greenhouse. The boutique crew worked their magic to transform the original pile of junk into a vibrant garden shoppe that rivaled the best of Williamsburg. Great job.

Once again, the Williamsburg Botanical Garden proved to be the ideal venue, thanks to the outstanding support of its Director, Mary Sipe, and the crews from the JCC Parks and Recreation. Customers were impressed with the inventory’s positioning, targeted signage, and the ease of crowd control, thanks to Anne Hunt and Sue Barton. The right plants WERE in the right place for a clean sales floor! Dot Finnegan corralled all of the volunteers up using the SignUp Genius app. Everyone knew where they needed to be and when to show up for their shift. Clear and concise.

We added an enhancement of Cart Gate Master, as a result of the efforts of Robin Rose, who aided in a faster load-up for the customer purchases. Vickie Rockwell and team orchestrated the traffic flow outside and inside the gates, to the customer’s benefit. While a full-service “Ask a Master Garden Help Desk” provided all the answers. Thanks to Bob Howell and the help desk crew, our customers were given the horticultural solutions and educational information about our ongoing available projects.

It all comes down to the money. Linda Neilson and her financial wizards were able to process over 300 sales



transactions quickly and accurately. A significant amount of money circulated in a short period, and it was all accurately accounted for and deposited to support our ongoing VCE mission functions. Pulling it all together was the Logistics Team, led by Harry Fahl and his dependable WBG crew, along with our EMGs. Having all the tables set up and organized before we even started was a pleasant surprise. Harry and his team ensured that all the details were covered, things that many people take for granted.

As expected, I probably missed someone on this short list. However, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to this project. We can take pride in the satisfaction of a job well done and in passing on our experiences to the next generation of Extension Master Gardeners. The smooth setup, sales event, and efficient clean-up could not have happened without a strong team effort! Preparation and teamwork again proved essential to our continued success. Let's all congratulate each other for an impressive effort!

Please enter on your calendar Saturday, May 9, 2026, for our next James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association Plant Sale from 9 am to noon at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. Details to follow!





Comprised of over 200 master gardeners, the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association serves the gardening public in Williamsburg, New Kent, Charles City, Upper York, and James City Counties.

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