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Williamsburg

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

MORNING TOUR: 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AFTERNOON TOUR: 1 TO 4 P.M.

The Williamsburg Garden Club, part of 48 member clubs that host Historic Garden Week annually, invites visitors to “A Walk in the Park.” This a self-guided tour of Bicentennial Park with docent-led tours of Colonial Williamsburg gardens and the Custis Square Archaeology Project. Tour ticket includes the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg and a guided tour of the National Center for State Courts. Public artworks in Bicentennial Park will inspire grand floral displays created by talented floral designers. Blooming directional markers will guide visitors to an adjoining street filled with a variety of vehicles, including antique cars, bikes, a sleigh, a canoe – all festooned with show-stopping floral decor. Conclude this walking tour on Henry Street at the Wolf family’s formal garden parterre.

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TOUR HEADQUARTERS

- **Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg**
- 301 S. Nassau Street

TICKETS

- **\$50** pp online and in advance at VAGardenWeek.org
- **\$60** pp on tour day

FACILITIES

- Inside the Art Museums at Colonial Williamsburg
- Merchant’s Square and Market House Colonial Williamsburg bus stops

PARKING

- Limited free parking at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, 400 S. Nassau St. (Corner of Newport Ave. and Nassau St.)
- Paid parking available throughout downtown Williamsburg

- Free parking and complimentary bus from the Colonial Williamsburg Visitors Center, 101 Visitors Center Dr.

LUNCH

- Available at the Café at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
- **\$25** pp by prepaid reservation
- **Pick up 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- **Pre-order by April 21:** Cathy Adams, [cibtbka@cox.net](mailto:cbtbka@cox.net) or (757) 220-2486

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

- **Shoppes on Court Street** has vendors offering merchandise for the garden and home.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Colonial Williamsburg Bus Transportation complimentary to HGW visitors. Board from the lower level of the Regional Visitors Center. To begin the tour, exit at Museums Bus Stop.

NEW TO HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK!

First time a property has been featured

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES ADMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING 6 SITES:

✦ Wolf Garden, 410 South Henry Street

The walk from the front gate of this charming garden begins with a stone path that leads visitors on an outer promenade brimming with plantings that include Yoshino cherry, American elm, Chinese pistache and Eastern redbud trees. Seeking variety in shades of green and plant textures, the back and north borders are a mix of plantings that thrive in the local climate. Layered shrubs effectively shield the street view while dressing the brick walls that form the interior parterre garden. The parterre is entered through an iron gate and is a composition of six geometric shapes. Each section of the parterre can be closely examined by tracing the crossed brick walkways. Yaupon hedges are tightly clipped to form each design segment which enclose white Amaranthe roses, airy yaupon holly and sweetfern trees, as well as Japanese privet that have been pruned in the shape of whimsical lollipops. Don’t miss the view from the elevated porch where the parterre’s design can be appreciated as representing the Scottish saltire (flag). The garden’s brick walls also contain a brick and slate garden house that is both functional and elegant. The appearance of red tulips in this beloved outdoor oasis is celebrated annually as a first sign of spring in the area. *Dixie and Hank Wolf, owners*

✦ Bicentennial Park 320 West Court Street

Designed by renowned local landscape architect Carlton Abbott (brother to two Williamsburg Garden Club members) and built by the City of Williamsburg to celebrate America’s Bicentennial in 1976, this city park is surrounded by a brick walkway. Benches and mature shade trees offer the perfect place to sit and read or meet a friend. Since 2015 a local non-profit arts organization has been working with the City of Williamsburg to commission artwork for the park. Local GCV members will be inspired by the following pieces to create flower installations throughout the park for Historic Garden Week:

- Cedar Waxwing No. 914 by Virginia artist, David Turner, is an 8-foot-tall bronze statue depicting a bird lightly perched and dining on a chokeberry branch.
- A Slice in Time, by Kristen Visbal of Lewes, Delaware, depicts a young boy chopping wood and was inspired by the story of a young George Washington chopping down his father’s cherry tree.
- Girl Chasing Butterflies is also by Kristen Visbal. For this piece the artist used the same young model as she used for her more fa-

mous work, Fearless Girl, that depicts a young girl facing down the bull on Wall Street.

- Fraga Magna Rotabila (Large Strawberry Cart) by Williamsburg artist Merrilee Cleveland depicts a strawberry as a symbol of love in a colorful polychromed bronze.
- Additionally, local GCV members will create floral installations for the park’s Blue Star Monument honoring U.S. Service men and women. Especially for Historic Garden Week, the park will temporarily host loaned artworks to inspire floral designs.

✦ “Transportation Fun” Court Street

Antique cars, a vintage sleigh, a canoe, and a soap box derby racer are just a few of the vehicles visitors will find on the lane between Bicentennial Park and the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Local GCV members will decorate vehicles with floral designs that range from whimsical to extraordinary. In addition, comical directional markers will provide inspiration for photo opportunities in this setting of mechanical, motorized fun.

✦ The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg

Explore the newly expanded and updated Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg featuring more of the collection on view. Discover colorful and whimsical folk art made by amateur artisans in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum. Established in 1957, it is the world’s oldest continually operating institution dedicated solely to the collection, exhibition, and preservation of American folk art. It houses the nation’s premier collection from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Find objects that are useful as well as beautiful in The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum. Founded in 1985, it showcases the best in British and American fine and decorative arts from 1670-1840. In addition, it is home to the world’s largest collection of Southern furniture and one of the largest collections of British ceramics outside England.



✧ Guided Walking Tour of Gardens of Colonial Williamsburg

Gardens have always played a major role in portraying life in the 18th century in Virginia. The featured gardens, Taliaferro-Cole, Bryan, Durfey, Blair herb garden and the Bruton Parish Church herb garden are part of a guided walking tour starting each hour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours will start in front of the Blair herb garden at 331 West Duke of Gloucester Street. Learn the many ways to use flowers, fruits, herbs, and foliage in your own gardens.

Custis Square Archaeology Project 301 South Nassau Street

See first-hand and learn about the multi-year archaeological exploration of the four-acre home and early 18th-century gardens of John Custis IV (1678-1746). There were few early Williamsburg residents as colorful as John Custis IV, Martha Washington's first father-in-law. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn what has been revealed about this wealthy planter and statesman, as well as see the techniques archaeologists use to understand historic gardens. By uncovering the remains of a long-hidden landscape and ornamental grounds, this site has added significantly to our understanding of early American gardening.

✧ National Center for State Courts 300 Newport Avenue

Nestled between the William & Mary Law School and City of Williamsburg's leafy Bicentennial Park is the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), a non-partisan organization that helps state courts and courts abroad operate more efficiently through counsel, research, education, and professional association management. NCSC, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2021, started with an idea from former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger that there should be "a national center for state courts." Only a few months later, the Center was born. Today, with additional offices in Denver, Washington, D.C. and Arlington, Va., NCSC also helps courts in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Asia. The center's work includes advancements in dozens of court administration areas as diverse as jury management and caseload management to courtroom security and guardianship. Since March 2020, NCSC has helped courts in the United States and internationally navigate the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. This is a limited and special opportunity. Small tours of 20 each will take place at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Adams Garden

North Boundary St. & Richmond Rd. Corner
Dedicated in 1986 in memory of Gregory S. Adams, a member of the William & Mary Class of 1981. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Historic Garden Week, the Williamsburg Garden Club donated restoration funds and continues its support of the garden, which is maintained by William & Mary.

Bruton Parish Church and Grounds

201 West Duke of Gloucester St.
Formed in 1674, Bruton Parish is an active congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. The third and present building was completed in 1715. Historic Garden Week proceeds assisted with churchyard restorations in 1936, 1955 and 2003. Closes at 4 p.m.

Mattey's Garden, 301 Scotland St.

Located at Matthew Whaley Elementary School adjacent to the brick walls surrounding the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg, this children's garden was a gift from the Williamsburg Garden Club to the City in honor of its 300th anniversary.

Reveley Garden at William & Mary

Legacy Circle Parking Lot
Named in honor of the university's 27th president, Taylor Reveley, and his wife, Helen, this new project of the Garden Club of Virginia is a partial restoration of a 1926 Charles Gillette garden. Designed as part of the Beaux-Arts campus plan, but never built, the new garden reflects Gillette's original intentions allowing room for students to move freely for rest, study or socializing. New trees expand the Baldwin Memorial Collection of Woody Species and were selected by the Conservator of Botanical Collections and Associate Director of Gardens and Grounds.

Williamsburg Botanical Garden 5537 Centerville Rd.

Established in 2005 as a demonstration garden sustainable in our Virginia Coastal Plain region, it is a haven for both flora and fauna in a protected, yet natural setting.

Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution Museums

A living history museum where you can see re-creations of the three ships that sailed from England to Virginia in 1607. Visit the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. View the "Siege of Yorktown" with a 180-degree surround screen. Historyisfun.org

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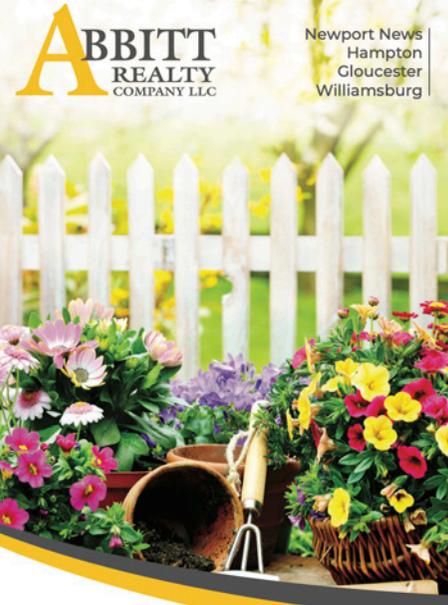


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