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Historic Garden Week

Historic Garden Week is upon us again, happening Saturday in Gloucester and Mathews. Included inside this section is everything you need to know and more about this weekend can be found inside. Pictured, clockwise from left, is the Leigh House, Glen Roy, Ware Episcopal Church, daffodils from Brent and Becky's Bulbs, Nuttall's Store and Singleton United Methodist Church.



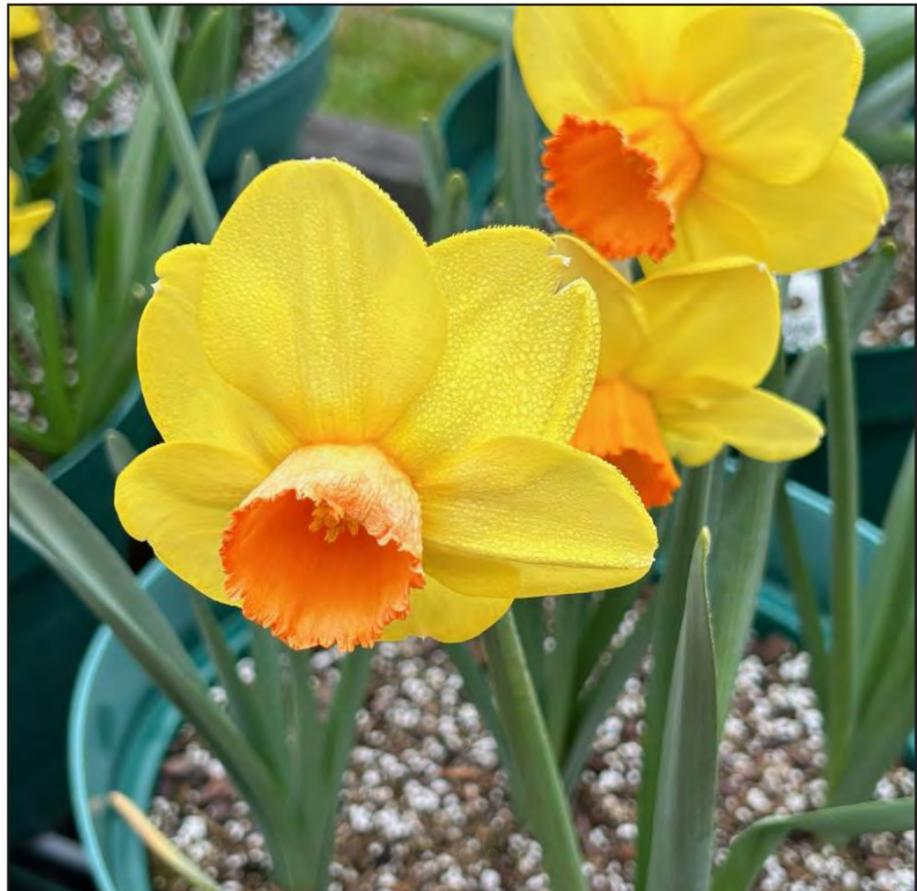
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Welcome to Historic Garden Week 2023

GARDEN CLUB OF GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS TOUR
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Morning
Tickets 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Afternoon tickets 1:30-5 p.m.
Shuttles-only tour

Historic Garden Week in Virginia is one of the largest open houses in the country and a much-cherished event. This year, the Gloucester tour, hosted by the Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews, will showcase four fabulous properties in Ware Neck. As many know, Ware Neck is a narrow body of land bordered on one side by the Ware River and the other by the North River making it particularly scenic. By the eighteenth century, Gloucester was one of the wealthiest counties in the state and Ware Neck was one of its centerpieces.

However, unlike most communities in the South that came back slowly after the American Civil War, Gloucester rapidly recovered during reconstruction thanks in part to the steamship lines that ran between West Point, Norfolk, and Baltimore. Residents clustered in small communities along the banks of the county's innumerable waterways to profit not only from the steamship trade but from the Chesapeake Bay's bountiful waters, as well. Visitors will enjoy this tour showcasing a close-knit community with a historic general store and post office built in 1877, whose early success was due to ties with the steamships who unloaded not a half-mile from the store.

Three private homes in this quaint community with unique and varied architecture and spectacular river views are included: Glen Roy, an Antebellum mansion and one of the most elegant historic properties in Gloucester; The Lighthouse, an eight-sided, red-roofed home in the style of a Chesapeake Bay lighthouse; and The Leigh House, a more contemporary open and airy home with sweeping views of the Mobjack. Also included are the seven beautiful acres of expansive gardens at Belle

Terre, as well as Ware Episcopal Church and Singleton United Methodist Church.

The tour includes admission to the following homes, elaborate garden, and churches in Ware Neck.

Glen Roy Plantation
 With sweeping lawns down to the Ware River, Glen Roy is one of the most elegant historic properties in Gloucester. The river circles the property with 500 feet of waterfront making it a peninsula and an unusually picturesque site.

The large Georgian Revival manor, built in 1854, has a characteristic four-over-four plan with a three-section center hall and a central staircase that winds three floors up to a skylit cupola with a widow's walk. The interior retains much of its historic character and Greek Revival detailing including original windows, floors, and interior woodwork. The home has 13 rooms, 12 fireplaces, 40 over-sized windows which have been carefully restored, and breathtaking 15-foot ceilings. Story has it that the extraordinarily high ceilings were a result of the original owner's wife who suffered from asthma and thought the extra space would give the bad spirits room to rise above her.

Along the riverside west elevation, the hall, family room, and original lady's parlor are open to the 60-foot glass conservatory overlooking the Ware River. In 1854, however, when the home was built, the riverside would have been the main entry to the estate seeing as the waterways were the primary routes of transportation, and the conservatory would have been a grand receiving porch. A social guest would have arrived by boat and would be greeted by the owners on the porch to enjoy festivities on the front lawn. On the other hand, the room off the original back of the house would have served as the owner's farm office, so business visitors need not come all the way into the home.

There are 10 additional dependency buildings including numerous barns and

sheds scattered throughout the nearly 60-acre property. The oldest, dating to the late 1700s, is a single-story, one-room schoolhouse with an east gable entrance and oyster shell mortar. This original structure is now a charming library and day-room. Additionally, there is a two-story carriage house that dates to the 1800s which was later converted into a guest house.

The area surrounding the home features two archaeological sites and 16 outbuildings, making it a relatively intact plantation complex and providing a nearly complete picture of early life in the County.

Sherri and John Milner, owners

A bit more Glen Roy history:

The current home at Glen Roy certainly wasn't the first homestead to occupy the sprawling property. It was patented by a 600-acre land grant from King Charles I in 1642. This very large estate came to be known as the "ultimate Virginia river country home."

Much of Ware Neck was part of the Glen Roy plantation from the 17th to 19th centuries. Like most early plantations in Virginia, Glen Roy's expansive acreage was dedicated to tobacco farming. Glen Roy's land went through many owners in the early years of Gloucester but took the name "Glen Roy" from owners John B. Roy and his wife Mary, who purchased it in 1832. William Patterson Smith, son of the Reverend Armistead Smith, purchased the 910-acre plantation in 1837 and built the current manor house in 1854, after the original house burned in 1850.

In April of 1863, Glen Roy was the site of a Civil War skirmish. Two hundred Union soldiers and the Yankee gunboats Commodore Morris and Delaware engaged Confederate militia over the estimated 20,000 bushels of wheat and corn at Glen Roy. Union troops then occupied the house, using the widow's walk to spy on Confederate soldiers' movements. The brief encounter led to the burning of not only Glen Roy's barns, but also of almost every large barn and mill in Gloucester County over the next several weeks. This became known as The Battle of Glen Roy.

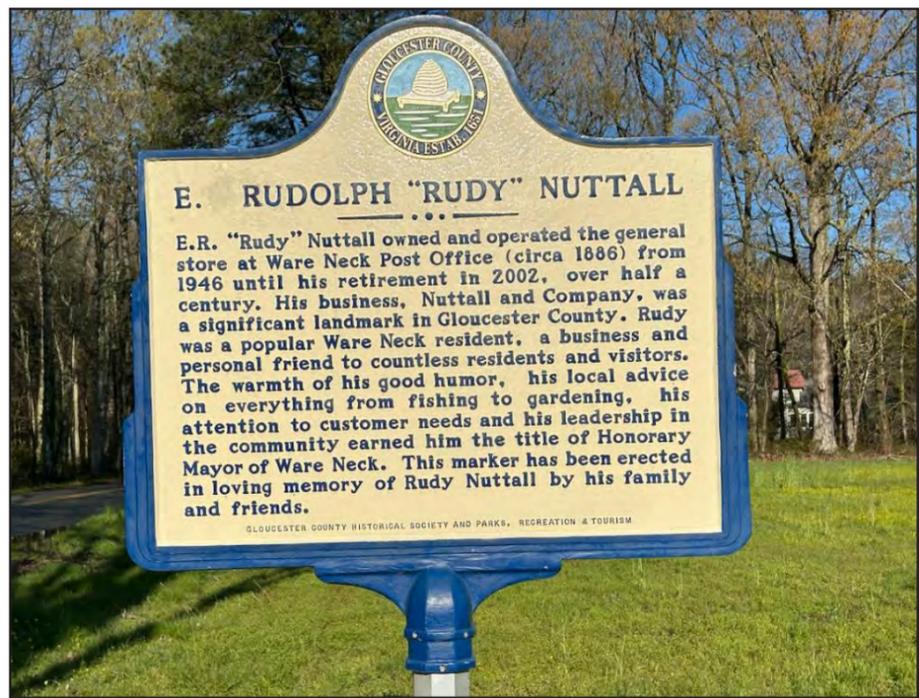
Excerpted from a Daily Press article, "Ware Neck Landmark: A Barnful of Memories," January 2007 about Dorothy Parker, Gloucester resident.

Now 87, Parker owns the Gloucester land where she grew up, including a barn that might be centuries old. The Middle Peninsula has its fair share of historical landmarks and buildings, and the Ware Neck area of Gloucester County is no exception.

One beloved landmark is an old tobacco barn that has stood for nearly three decades (editor's note - this must be a typo - probably should have been three centuries) on property owned by Dorothy Parker and her nephew, David Clements. This barn has been photographed and painted numerous times by local artists.

"I have many wonderful childhood memories of the barn and the surrounding farmlands," said Parker.

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Ware Neck is a unique community that is special to Gloucester. One fixture of Ware Neck is Nuttall's Store, named after owner Rudolph "Rudy" Nuttall.

A very special, unique community—Ware Neck

BY EMILY D. BOHANNON

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The three homes and the gardens that are on tour are all located in Ware Neck. Of

course, though, there are a number of other places

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family had three children, two sons and a daughter. The little girl died at a young age, and the brothers left Glen Roy to fight in the war. Upon their return, they soon realized that they could not maintain the farm and large plantation house, so they sold the mansion and surrounding acreage. They built themselves a smaller home near the tobacco barn.

"The 130 acres on which the brothers built their home was the original slave development for Glen Roy; the original plantation stretched from Flat Iron to Ware Neck Store," said Parker. "After the war, the Smith brothers allocated 8 acres of woodland on Glen Roy property for each of the plantation's freed slaves."

Parker's father bought the land surrounding the Smith brothers' newer home and the tobacco barn in 1922.

"At that time, one of the brothers died and the other moved to the old soldiers' home," she said. "They never married, because after the war neither had anything to offer a wife."

Parker, who was born at Airville in Gloucester, was three years old when her father bought the Smith property.

"At the time, there was a carriage house and a three-

horse stable by the barn; of course, those buildings are no longer there," she said. "When my father bought the land in 1922, he learned that the tobacco barn was over 200 years old then."

Parker has wonderful memories of playing in the barn and growing up around Glen Roy.

"A Dr. Yeager bought the plantation house as a weekend home, but he gave my brothers, sisters and I free range of the place," she said.

"We caught oysters on the riverbank, and we picked apples from the trees; we went around the shores picking wild asparagus as well; it was so delicious."

Parker and her siblings also made the tobacco barn their playground. The high rafters, originally designed for hanging drying tobacco, became swing sets.

"Daddy grew wheat then and stored it in the barn—few people in the area grew tobacco anymore," she said. "We used to always play in Daddy's wheat; he never caught us, though."

Aside from swinging from the rafters, the children also enjoyed daring each other to jump out of the hayloft door. Parker reports that no one was seriously injured during any of these stunts.

The tobacco barn has stood through the Ash Wednesday storm of 1962

and hurricanes such as Hazel in 1954 and Isabel in 2003. Some of the winds from the storm Ernesto in the fall of 2006 did some roof damage. Parker's nephew, David Clements, is working to restore the barn.

"There was a photograph of the barn in the Daily Press in 1981, when it was still intact," she said. "It has been going downhill a bit since then, but David is working on it, trying hard to keep it up while the design of it is still visible."

Parker's love for her family farm was so great that she and her late husband, Derwood Parker, moved back to Gloucester after his military retirement rather than return to his Texas hometown.

"I have a lot of memories of that barn and the land around it," she said. "It's a landmark that's really an important part of the community."

The Leigh House

The Leigh home, situated on the North River side of Ware Neck very near Ware Point, is all about the view. Every room in the house has a sweeping vista of Mobjack Bay, and a porch outside the window to sit and take it in.

Built in 2020, the home has a very open and airy feeling which is punctuated with appealing works of art, often with a nautical theme. A 12-foot antique Chinese tapestry dominates the dining room. In the nearby kitchen there is an arresting chandelier and very interesting tilework on the backsplash. Be sure to check out the New York baseball batter on the counter. The first-floor master bedroom is fully handicap accessible. On the second-floor landing, there are a few Civil War relics on display. From the Leigh House you can see the house where scenes in Tom Cruise's film "Minority Report" were shot.

A lap pool, putting green, dock and beautiful landscaping call you outside. There you will also find a barn (1993), a potting shed (1995), and a garage (1997). An original house on the property was built in the 1920s, and the Leighs used its footprint to site the new house.

Catherine and Timothy Leigh, owners

The Lighthouse

The Lighthouse was built in 2017 and was designed to "enhance the coastal experience while ... offering protection from ... the harshest of coastal weather." It features a fully fiber-glassed, epoxy exterior for protec-



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Above, Chef Win Goodier at the swooped-in bar. Below is store manager Deanna Murphy.



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of interest associated with Ware Neck that home folks and visitors alike should seek out and enjoy. Some of these are highlighted below.

Brownie James Bartley grew up in Ware Neck. She reminisces, "It wasn't until I had grown up, moved away, and then moved back that I fully realized what a sweet, sweet caring community I had grown up in. Ware Neck is an ideal little neighborhood." Brownie mentioned how a young girl of 11, rides her bike regularly "around the circle." She said today there are so many activities to do on the water, water views from all directions, and being able to ride a bike around the neighborhood.

Brownie speaks of Ware Neck as being very social. There is the Ware Neck Yacht Club that has become very popular. "It is a beautiful setting for lots of

weddings, and the sailing program there has become vibrant and strong." When asked about the famed Nuttall's Store, Brownie said, "It has always been and is today a focal point of the community."

There are two post offices in the Ware Neck area: Schley (pronounced Schli) and Ware Neck.

Online information indicates that the name Schley is of German origin, and there are similar names and spellings. Schley P.O. has a handicapped ramp and is open 24-7. There is a Schley Lane across the road, and there used to be a store affiliated with the post office, but that building is now used only for storage. Schley P.O. is more than 100 years old. Ware Neck P.O. is the larger of the two. Both of these facilities continue to serve the community.

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The deli counter at Nuttall's Store has a wide variety of lunch options. Below, is a seating area at the store.



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Nuttall's Store

As its website states, "Nuttall Store serves as the social center of Ware Neck." It houses Ware Neck Post Office, a grocery with many specialty products, a chef's kitchen complete with its own chef wherein deli sandwiches (hot if preferred at its very busy lunch time and cold sandwiches anytime), as well as takeout meals, meats cut to order onsite, wines and wine tastings, and souvenirs all abound.

Before one enters the store, the look of the past is evident. Signage over the

front door and old, rusting mail boxes no longer in use invite the visitor to enter a unique part of Gloucester and Ware Neck. The store was originally named the "Arthur Tabb Store" for its first owner (1877). Other owners have included brothers Richard and H.E. Taliaferro who added the post office in the mid-1880s, which was called Ware Neck P.O. They also added the two wings and living quarters onto the back of the two-story building in the 1890s. In the early days of this important rural store, Hockley's Wharf was nearby which made it convenient as steamships trav-

eled up/down the river to Norfolk and Baltimore with supplies which often were essential for farming and for living in a small community. People in that time had to walk, ride on horseback, or more often take a boat to wherever they needed to go. In the devastating August 1933 storm, Hockley's Wharf was destroyed, and thus began the onset of other modes of transportation. Cars came on scene.

Enter Rudy Nuttall, a man who grew up in Ware Neck, served in WWII, then returned home and bought the store that was renamed for him. E.R. "Rudy" Nuttall was lovingly identified as "Honorary Mayor of Ware Neck," which is on the sign/marker outside the store by the roadside. It is a wonderful memorial to Mr. Nuttall's guidance and genuine caring for this little community. The marker notes his good humor, his advice on gardening and fishing, as well as his leadership in the community and his attention to customer needs. His

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tion against the elements and a lookout room offering scenic views of the North River. The building is the eight-sided, red-roofed type of lighthouse prevalent on Chesapeake Bay, and stands on galvanized steel pilings so that rising water can sweep underneath and wash back out to sea. The wrap-around windowed living room has a feeling of wide-open spaces and overlooks 400 feet of frontage on the North River and Mobjack Bay. Don't miss the large inlaid compass rose in the floor of the living room.

The house is full of artwork featuring sailboats, fish and fanciful critters as

well as a pair of sculptured butlers standing by to serve. A four-stop elevator through the center of the house goes from the ground level all the way to the lookout room 40 feet above the ground (the two-person elevator will not be available for four day). On the top level there is a wrap-around deck affording 360-degree views.

Please note this property involves steps, has stairs-only entry to the first and second floor, and is not accessible to those with disabilities.

Paul W. Howle III, owner
The Gardens at Belle Terre
The Gardens at Belle Terre are made up of about seven magnificent acres on

Belle Ville Creek. The graciously landscaped green-sward is dotted with special areas such as "Lily of the Valley Way" and the "Woodland Walk."

Owner Sue Perrin, with an advanced certificate from the New York Botanical Garden, is interested in form and texture, and it shows in the massing of plants in groves and shrub borders. Maps will be provided that show the visitor a route through the garden, and docents will be scattered throughout. In the pool area, don't miss the sculpture, "Frog Baby" by Edith Parsons. The original of this work is in the Brook Green

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Above is the barn at Glen Roy. In two bottom photos are Leigh House.



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Gardens on Pawleys Island, South Carolina. From the dog cemetery on the point, visitors will get a view of the North River.

Refreshments will be served in the gardens between 2 and 4 p.m.

Susan and William K. Perin, owners

Ware Episcopal Church, Headquarters, 7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester.

Ware Parish was originally founded about 1652 at another location; the current building dates from about 1718 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. It is one of Gloucester's four original parishes and one of Virginia's earliest churches. Of the school of Sir Christopher Wren, the church is oriented to the sun instead of the more typical four points of the compass.

The walls of Flemish bond with glazed headers are three feet thick. The present pews date from 1854, the electric lights from 1926 and it holds about 180 people. Much Gloucester history has occurred at the church and there have been about 1,000 burials since the first in 1723. The graves

of Gen. William Booth Taliferro and other Confederate soldiers occupy an historic cemetery. Today, this ancient burying place is a leafy haven imbued with beauty and serenity. Docent-led tours of the church and a brochure of historic trees on the grounds will be available on tour day.

A free musical concert, performed by musicians, "Strings & Things," will be presented from 1 to 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Info: 804-693-3821 or warechurch.org.

Singleton United Methodist Church, 5869 Ware Neck Road, Gloucester, Va. 23061. Singleton is a classic, beautiful white church typical of the late 1800s. On July 14, 1875, the cornerstone for the present building was laid and sometime later a steeple and vestibule were added and the doors changed.

In 1933, the church was given another church building in town. This structure was taken down and the materials were used to construct a church school annex "for the growing congregation at Singleton," which was completed in 1949. In 1954, the sanctuary was remodeled with stained-glass windows, a memorial win-

dow above the pulpit, and a new chancel rail. Chimes were added in 1965. In 1971 the Educational Building was begun and completed in 1972.

In 1975, Singleton held a special 100th anniversary celebration and opened the 1875 cornerstone. Only four coins had survived while all other contents of the original metal box had disintegrated. These coins were added to other mementos of the current day and placed in a glass tube sealed within a copper box to be replaced in the cornerstone. The cornerstone was reset with the hope it will be reopened in the year 2075.

Descendants of the Singleton family are buried on the west side of the present chapel. In the cemetery you will find graves of veterans from the Civil War through the World War II. There are many gravestones and monuments with many interesting epitaphs.

Tour details

Headquarters will be at Ware Episcopal Church, 7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester, Va. 23061

Tickets are available for either a morning or afternoon tour. Tickets are \$50 and available here: Purchase Tickets. Tickets will not be sold at headquarters or at individual homes.

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family and friends chose to honor him as a longtime mentor to many. Lasting 56 years, his "reign" began in 1946 continuing until his 2002 retirement.

People come into the store from everywhere—and often they ask, "What is the name of this place?" Is it Nuttall Store, Nuttall's Country Store, Ware Neck Store, etc. Some folks even today who knew him just call it "Rudy's."

Deanna Murphy has worked at the store for 13 years, and as store manager who oversees all on

a day-to-day basis, said, "Most any name is fine. We all chuckle at the various names we hear. And they all fit, especially since the P.O. has kept all going through the years."

She seems a truly happy, vivacious lady whose job is fun for her. During the pandemic, she said, "We never closed! We kept it open even when other small stores closed their doors." Deanna is proud of this ongoing piece of Ware Neck history and applauds those who have helped keep it going through the years.

Folks know about Nuttall's now especially due to

the internet. Chef Winslow Goodier (or as he is fondly called Chef Win) says, "People from Richmond, Williamsburg, and all over seek us out, and even some folks from Warrenton came for a day trip to the store." Chef Win has many duties. With his exceptional cooking expertise and stocking the store with the freshest and best products from the abundant seafood available locally, from individual farms producing beef, pork, and lamb, he also manages the store's social media accounts—Facebook and Instagram. In checking his

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A free lending library (top photo), complete with comfy chairs for reading, is available to the community at Nuttall's Store. For those wondering exactly where they are, this sign gives the latitude and longitude for Ware Neck.

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Both Ware Episcopal Church (left) and Singleton United Methodist Church (right) will open their doors to visitors during Garden Week.

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Day-of-tour tickets will also be available online for \$60.

This is a shuttle-only tour. Glen Roy Plantation shuttles begin and end at Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester. Glen Roy is located within five minutes of the parking lot via shuttle.

The Lighthouse, the Leigh House, and the Gardens at Belle Terre shuttles begin and end at the Ware River Yacht Club, 5992 Ware Point Road, Ware Neck parking lot. The properties are located within five minutes of each other from the parking lot. Last pick-up from shuttle lot is 4 p.m.

Lunch options

Nuttall's Country Store is offering a box lunch that must be preordered and

prepaid in advance for \$18. Pre-order by contacting 804-693-3067 or nuttallstore@gmail.com by Friday, April 7. Box lunches available for pick-up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Ware River Yacht Club.

The Chesapeake Bay Room at Brent and Becky's Bulbs will be available for guests eating on the premise for a picnic lunch.

Singleton United Methodist Church has an outdoor pavilion for guests eating a picnic lunch.

Ware River Yacht Club has picnic tables outdoors and indoor for guests eating boxed lunches or picnic lunches.

Complimentary refreshments will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gardens at Belle Terre.

Special activities

Ware Episcopal Church, 7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester

A Musical Concert will be performed by Strings & Things from 1 to 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of Ware Episcopal Church. Music will include classical and popular selections inspired by the beauty of flowers and gardens. Strings & Things is a network of professionally trained musicians in the rural, coastal Virginia area.

Docents will be available for tours of Ware Episcopal Church throughout the day. A map of historic trees on the grounds will be available.

Master Gardeners of Gloucester will be available for guided tours of Brent and Becky's Bulbs, Chesapeake Bay-friendly gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester, 804-693-3966 or brentandbeckysbulbs.com.

Dan Lonergan, Arborist from Bartlett Tree Experts, will be available at the Gardens at Belle Terre from 10:30 to 2 p.m. Free tree seedlings will be distributed.

For more information, please visit Gloucester Tour or email Leslie Belvin, Tour Chairman, at gloucester@vagardenweek.org.

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"followers" for the store, he saw 6,300, up from last month's 6,000, he noted. He checks twice daily as he updates his menu, shares tidbits about the store, sometimes simply taking pictures. Chef Win spoke humbly but sincerely about the work which he loves. He told of obtaining all products mainly in the areas in/around Virginia, with some coming from North Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland. Their sea salt is from Eastern Shore where Chef used to live and local Mobjack Bay coffee is sold and brewed by the cup in store. Woodson's Mill is the last mill in Virginia that still has the old-fashioned water wheel turning to grind the corn meal which is on shelves at Nuttall's. A Highland County farm is now



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Chef Winslow "Win" Goodier has added his culinary flair to Nuttall's Store.

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BY LESLIE BELVIN, 2023 TOUR CHAIR AND
MARGARET SINGLETON, 2023 CO-CHAIR

"A Light Exists in Spring," a poem by Emily Dickinson, appropriately suggests spring is the most beautiful of the four seasons, with its new life, warmer weather, and flowers and trees coming into leaf. What better way to see spring in all its splendor than Virginia's world-famous Historic Garden tour? This year's garden tour lets you explore, enjoy, and experience spring's finest gardens and flowers, right here in our hometown of Gloucester, Virginia. The 2023 Historic Garden tour will truly showcase "The land of the life worth living" by opening three beautiful homes, one expansive garden, and two historic churches to see what surprises spring offers those who seek.



Margaret Singleton, left, is co-chair of this year's Garden Tour, serving with chair Leslie Belvin.

Tour Chair Leslie Belvin, and Co-Chair Margaret Singleton of the Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews, welcome you to our 2023 Historic Garden tour! Since 1929, the Garden Club of Virginia, of which the Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews is a member club, has hosted weeklong garden tours across the state of Virginia (only missing a few years during WWII and the recent pandemic). This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary with a magnificent tour called "Ware We Live."

to make our lives so rich in beauty.

The 2023 tour, "Ware We Live," will highlight properties in the Ware Neck area of Gloucester, a narrow body of land bordered on one side by the Ware River and on the other side by the North River making it particularly scenic. Glen Roy, an antebellum mansion, is one of the most elegant historic properties in Gloucester. The Lighthouse is an eight-sided, red-roofed home which replicates the unique architecture of a Chesapeake Bay lighthouse. The Leigh House, a more contemporary, open and airy home, has sweeping views of the Mobjack Bay. The Gardens of Belle Terre span seven beautiful acres and will have Master Gardeners and docents available for visitors with questions about garden design and plant material.

In addition, there will be docents available for tours of two historic churches, Ware Episcopal Church (tour headquarters) and Singleton United Methodist Church. All properties will be adorned with amazing floral arrangements created by talented floral designers inspired by the unique character of each property and home. You won't want to miss this tour!

Tickets to this year's tour provide admission to three private homes, one expansive seven-acre garden and two historic churches with unique and varied architecture and spectacular river views in this quaint Ware Neck community. Tickets are sold ONLY online for morning or afternoon tours at VAGardenWeek.org. They are \$50 online in advance and \$60 online day of tour. Please be aware, NO TICKETS will be sold at the headquarters, shuttle check-in locations, or featured tour properties this year.

Guidebooks and brochures are currently available at local businesses and on tour day at tour headquarters, Ware Episcopal Church, and shuttle check-in locations.

Ware Episcopal Church, Headquarters
Ware Parish was original-

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Brent and Becky's Bulbs, located at 7900 Daffodil Lane, is a fixture of Ware Neck with a goal of leaving the planet in a better place.

Brent and Becky's Bulbs: Leaving the earth better than they found it

BY EMILY D. BOHANNON
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Certainly, a highlight of Garden Week in Gloucester is the now world-famous "Brent and Becky's Bulbs" at 7900 Daffodil Lane. This 28-acre property is located just off Route 14 as one enters the Ware Neck area. Brent and Becky Heath are the largest bulb growers in the world ... and they are right here in Gloucester County.

Brent Heath and his wife Becky graciously welcome

visitors from everywhere. Brent has traveled the world but especially appreciates Holland with its myriad of bulbs and New Zealand with its exceptionally diverse climate, growing seasons and beauty. "Everybody recognizes Brent, in airports, or wherever, but I am incognito; no one knows who I am, even when I'm with him," Becky said. She prefers to stay at home and oversee the shipping and day-to-day operations.

"It all began with Brent's grandfather, a lover of

daffodils, who moved to Gloucester to start his farm," their website states. "Since then, the family business has grown, evolved and now offers high quality bulbs of all kinds, including tropicals, perennials, annuals, supplements, books and gifts. The Bulb Shoppe is the first stop visitors notice with its welcome sign and flowers adorning the entrance. At this time of year, the daffodils are still blooming along with tulips, and many other beautiful

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providing all the lamb for the store. Chef said crabbing and fishing supplies are available, and Nuttall's is still an official weigh station where fishermen can weigh and record their catches.

This little country store is fortunate to have the remarkable Chef Win who has earned multiple degrees/distinctions. On his white chef's attire is his name with CEC (Certified Executive Chef—29 years) and AAC (American Academy of Chefs, a 28-year honor). He had 30+ years' experience in the culinary field when he began at Nuttall's.

Previously Chef Win worked at the Tobacco Company (Richmond), the Chamberlin Hotel (Hamp-ton), and Colonial Williamsburg. His wife is a federal contractor who owns her own company, Ware River Consulting, a Native American female-owned small business. She has an office upstairs in the building. The couple has lived in Ware Neck eight years and have worked at Nuttall's four years in June. Before that Chef Win declared that

his parents owned Roaring Springs, thus the Gloucester connection. Chef said they both love it here.

Chef and Deanna both realized the small kitchen in

the store really needed expansion, so in 2019 a chef's kitchen and deli were added. Then came Chef Win.

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Old U.S. Postal Service boxes can be seen outside at Nuttall's Store.

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Chef related how he had to relearn to cut meats the old-fashioned way with a rusted, greasy saw he found that had belonged to Rudy. He smiled as he spoke of cleaning it, then putting the old saw to use. He now uses

that for all his meat cutting. He wanted to preserve this part of the past.

When asked about surviving during the pandemic, Deanna said their customer base actually grew. Many

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ly founded about 1652 at another location. The current building dates from about 1718 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. It is one of Gloucester's four original parishes and one of Virginia's earliest churches. Of the school of Sir Christopher Wren, the church is oriented to the sun instead of the more typical four points of the compass.

The walls of Flemish bond with glazed headers are three feet thick. The present pews date from 1854, the electric lights from 1926 and it holds about 180 people. Much Gloucester history has occurred at the church and there have been about 1,000 burials since the first in 1723. The graves of General William Booth Taliaferro and other Confederate soldiers occupy an historic cemetery. Today, this ancient burying place is a leafy haven imbued with beauty and serenity. Docent-led tours of the church and a brochure of historic trees on the grounds will be available on tour day.

A free musical concert, performed by musicians, "Strings & Things," will be presented from 1-2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Singleton United Methodist Church

Singleton is a classic, beautiful church typical of the late 1800s. On July 14, 1875, the cornerstone for the present building

was laid and sometime later a steeple and vestibule were added, and the doors changed.

In 1933, the church was given another church building in town. This structure was taken down and the materials were used to construct a church school annex "for the growing congregation at Singleton" which was completed in 1949. In 1954, the sanctuary was remodeled with stained-glass windows, a memorial window above the pulpit, and a new chancel rail. Chimes were added in 1965. In 1971 the Educational Building was begun and completed in 1972.

In 1975, Singleton held a special 100th anniversary celebration and opened the 1875 cornerstone. Only four coins had survived while all other contents of the original metal box had disintegrated. These coins were added to other mementos of the current day and placed in a glass tube sealed within a copper box to be replaced in the cornerstone. The cornerstone was reset with the hope it will be reopened in the year 2075.

Descendants of the Singleton family are buried on the west side of the present chapel. In the cemetery you will find graves of veterans from the Civil War through World War II and many gravestones and monuments with interesting epitaphs.

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Approximately 26,000 visitors come from far and wide to visit Virginia and we hope that you will be among them to tour and enjoy the beauty of "Ware We Live" on April 15!

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plants. Many folks come to B&Bs including bulb suppliers, garden writers, photographers, lecturers, consultants, and educators. Eight (8+) acres are devoted to educational gardens where visitors can learn more about sustainable gardening."

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Brent bought the farm from his mother in 1972. In 1979, he met Becky and they soon married. They have now been married 44 years. At first there were only three employees: Brent's mom, Brent and Becky. Brent spoke of going to a nature camp as a child, then eventually becoming director of that camp as an adult. That was the beginning of his love of flowers, especially daffodils.

Becky began to think of folks having daffodils and other flowers in their home gardens, not just in shows. They then naturally branched out into growing other flowers and bulbs. Becky said she's the "enabler," but in a good way. Brent agrees.

The two of them truly complement each other. Brent showed his two fists with his hands, as though in fighting mode. He said, "We can be like this." Then he put his hands together with interlocking fingers as though praying together. Then he said, "But when we're like this, we're better."

Brent gives tours, lectures and loves people. He said he probably gets 1,000 phone calls/messages on Facebook. He receives multiple calls on his cell phone with people asking ques-



Heath own and operate Brent and Becky's Bulbs.

tions, and he said he doesn't mind. He loves talking to people and helping them with gardening questions. Recently he said folks were calling and asking if there would still be any daffodils. He indicated, yes, as there were three different timings for daffodils. When one was waning, another would be coming along, and then a third. He and Becky also gave advice as to planting daylilies alongside daffodils, so when the daffodils became scraggly-looking and brown, the daylilies would be forthcoming and hide the unsightly foliage of the dying daffodils. He verified that no one should cut down/mow the brown leaves of daffodils as they are getting the sustenance they need for next year's growing season, so although tempted, do not cut until all the foliage is really dead.

The team, led by Brent and Becky, are passionate about preserving the Chesapeake Bay, and they use these gardens to demon-

strate sustainable, chemical-free growing practices. Their mission is to create an educational foundation for school groups, Master Gardeners, and the public.

Brent said when he traveled he did not want to stay in hotels but in homes where he could meet and get to know the people and see their gardening practices, and what worked and what did not. He said, "never plant a new plant exactly where an old one has died." He checks the soil, water, the climate, all the things are conducive to growing a certain type of plant feasible. Brent's travels have taken him to every state in the U.S. except North Dakota and Hawaii.

Brent said he is not so tech-savvy; Becky prints out his emails for him. However, with Becky's son Jay and his wife Denise, they keep up-to-date on the internet. They take care of their website, online orders, and have a delightful voicemail message when

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worked from home during that time, and folks came from the Washington, D.C. area and Maryland especially; and since they did not want to go into the larger grocery stores to shop, they did all their shopping in the one store in Ware Neck.

Deanna also spoke of how two groups of Ware Neck locals formed two different boards to help the store survive. Friends of Ware Neck (FOWN) was established as a nonprofit which owns and supports the building and land. This group has also helped the store acquire its status on the National Register of Historic Places, and there is a

Board of Directors which also was established to help keep the store viable.

Deanna had asked folks, "How are we going to keep this place going? Can it survive?" So, when the store needed renovation and people in the community did not want to see it close as others had, they pitched in and volunteered their time. She said they did not want recognition for themselves; they just wanted to help the store continue. Thus, the two boards were formed.

Basic needs were assessed and a new septic system installed. Two new bathrooms were added and renovations completed with antique furniture and memorabilia from days

gone by. The rooms teem with old tins and other knick-knacks. An unusually large antique bar that "swoops inward" (as Deanna describes it) to accommodate the ladies' large dresses with petticoats of the past is still in use. In the back rooms a free lending library has been added and a conference table and chairs to accommodate a small group gathering for meetings and perhaps for lunch. Deanna is excited to talk about the work that has been accomplished. She says wedding parties sometimes gather there and have their wine tastings in this area. When asked what she'd particularly like readers to know, she smilingly states, "We're here!" And Chef declares, "The quality of our ingredients brings people." He mentioned, for example, that his beef is aged 21 days before he gets it. "It keeps people coming back," but he also adds, "The social aspect is so important. People want this connection. Ware Neck is a close-knit, very special community." As one local customer Sue Perrin enters the store, she greets Deanna and says, "This store is the center of the universe!" Her gardens will be on display for Garden Week April 15.

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calls come in. As with many businesses, during the pandemic Brent conducted lots of Zoom meetings, which became tricky when doing this with folks abroad, as the time zones would often catch them discussing business at 3 a.m. Both Brent and Becky praised Neal Steele, local radio disc jockey, for his promotions and fun weekly talks with Brent about upcoming events.

Becky wrote a book and Brent took pictures for GardenCom International Communicators. Becky and Brent have been members of this organization for years. Becky is in the group's Hall of Fame. Becky also began a small garden in median strip in Gloucester C.H. on Justice Drive.

"Goodness can breed goodness," she said, in speaking of honoring the early beginnings of the daffodil industry in Gloucester and Brent's grandfather. Becky said they have three gardens currently. Becky has fun objects in her gardens, which include toilets and old tires. She has an "Observation Beehive" and a free Kids' Garden. These are fun and educational for children and adults alike. Both Brent and Becky are earnest and passionate about their work. They speak of "playing" in their gardens. Brent said, "You may play golf, or play tennis, but people speak of



Beautiful daffodils blooming everywhere at Brent and Becky's Bulbs this spring.

'working' in their gardens. Gardening helps us to be part of God's creation. Gardening helps us leave the earth better than we found it." It's not work for them. Becky declares people should have fun digging in the dirt.

Interestingly, she also relates that each and every box that is shipped from their business includes, as part of their packing material, old copies of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal. So, our local newspaper goes nationwide.

Becky told a very touch-

ing story of a lady who was caregiver for her husband who had dementia. This lady would come every Wednesday to one particular garden area and sit with her peanut butter and jelly sandwich at lunch time and mediate to rejuvenate and gather her thoughts, sometimes perhaps pray, and just sit quietly by herself. This was her moment of an obviously busy week.

Becky said she never knew this woman's name and she did not come into the bulb shop or chat, but that short period in the garden was what she needed.



Brent and Becky's Bulbs have an impressive assortment of daffodils.

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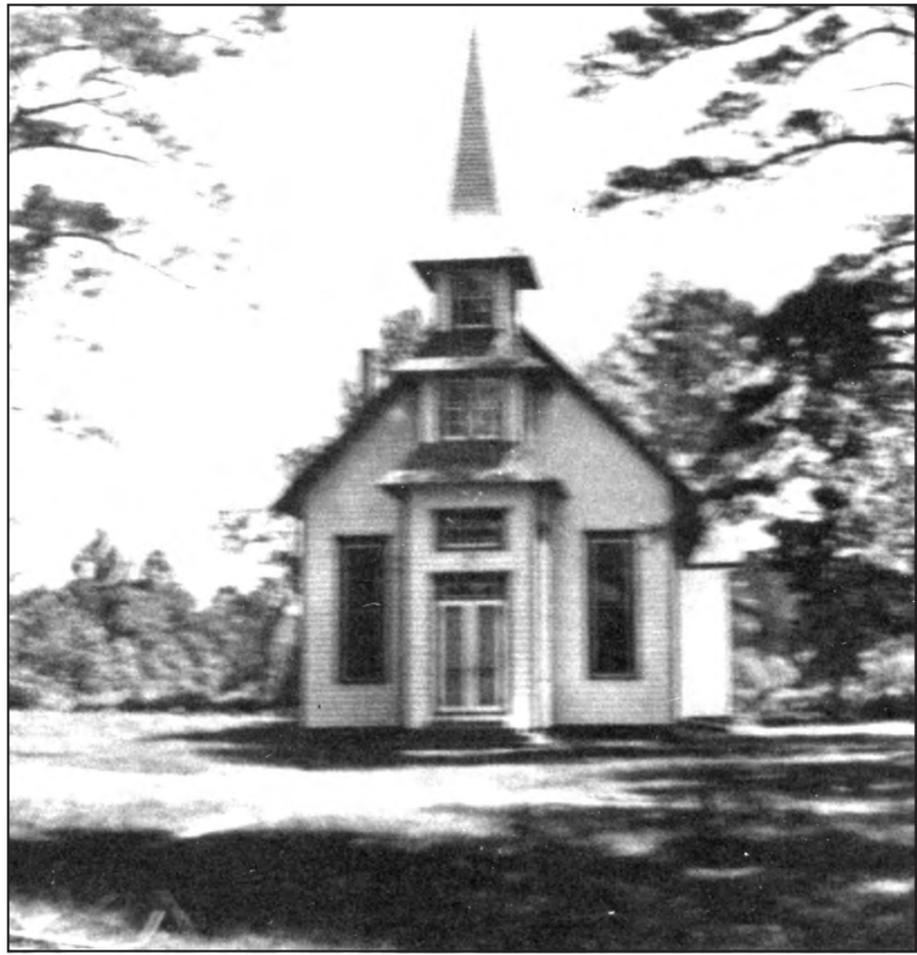
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Congregants enter Beulah Baptist Church in Ware Neck

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Singleton United Methodist Church as it appeared in 1938.

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The churches of Ware Neck

BY EMILY D. BOHANNON

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Driving down the main road (Route 623) through the peninsula of Ware Neck, one will see a total of three churches: Union Zion Baptist, Beulah Baptist, and Singleton United Methodist.

Union Zion

Union Zion is an African-American church established in 1867, more than 155 years ago by 17 persons, ranging in age from 15-40. The youngest was Isaac Thornton who lived on the property of the Mumford Plantation in Gloucester where he had been a slave. Those 17 "raised \$17" to help construction of their first building, a "shack," as church secretary and clerk Mary Gordon described it.

According to Gordon, who wrote a brief history of the church, today's building is the third one, as the other previous wooden buildings burned years ago. Mary stated that Pole Bridge Road had a cemetery on the dirt road with the original building. She told how church and family members would gather yearly to tend the cemetery and clean up each plot, but now it is difficult to even see the property.

She stated a Gardner family reunion took place at Union Zion in 2022; and each year since 1943, the church has had a homecoming to welcome families

and friends in November to commemorate when the church was established. However, the pandemic took its toll on the church as it remained closed for a lengthy period. Currently, the pastor of Union Zion is Willie Dickerson of Hampton, installed in March 2003. The church has had a total of 12 pastors through the years.

"Originally everybody used to know everybody in Ware Neck, so folks would go up the road or down the road a little farther to marry," Gordon said. Obviously, that is different now. She said her grandmother was a Gardner, and in 2006 a monument was erected on Gloucester's Court Green honoring family member James Daniel Gardner (also Gardiner) who fought for the Union Army and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery helping his fellow soldiers during a Civil War battle that occurred in Richmond.

Beulah Baptist

Beulah Baptist is a small community church, but a loving and growing one, according to longtime member Vestella Fulk. She spoke of a service recently where chairs had to be brought into the sanctuary for extra seating as the children's choir performed their musical selections.

"You know aunts and uncles and cousins all have to come hear those little ones," Fulk related proudly.

Another member, Christie Hurst, has spoken lovingly of her church numerous times, and even though she is in the process of moving to Mathews, she said she will continue to be a part of her beloved Beulah, where she grew up. Pastor Tom Cohick seems genuinely excited that Beulah is doing well. He confirms that the church was built in 1875.

Cohick passed along a comment from one congregant of his church, who has been attending Beulah since 1967. "My children were brought up there. Beulah is a friendly, welcoming, caring, close-knit family. I love the church at the bend in the road in Ware Neck."

Singleton UMC

Singleton is the only Methodist church in Ware Neck and its pastor is Calvin Griffin who has been there since 2010. In Mary Wiatt Gray's 1936 book she wrote on Gloucester, she states, "Singleton's Church decided to build in 1844, as an outgrowth of Bellamy's." As another church named Memorial closed in 1928, a portion of that congregation went to Singleton and a portion went to Bellamy. Singleton has approximately 142 members. A brief history is on its website. Previously, Mrs. Josephine Brown James (now deceased) was a faithful church member and mother of Brownie James Bartley, who wrote the original history/story of Singleton UMC with Lester Sterling writing an update.

Singleton's Brownie Bartley speaks fondly of Beulah and Singleton churches coming together at Soles Beach for Easter sunrise services each year. There they share coffee and fellowship. The churches alternate yearly with these Easter services. What a beautiful way to celebrate.



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Union Zion Baptist Church is one of three churches serving the Ware Neck community.

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Hometown hospitality: Putting together a tour takes many dedicated volunteers

BY LESLIE BELVIN

This year's 2023 historic garden tour, "Ware We Live," features beautiful homes and gardens in the Ware Neck area of Gloucester. The tour would not be possible without assistance from many of our hometown folks, specifically garden club and community members, who serve as hostesses, hosts, floral designers and parking attendants each year. The Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews extends a thank-you to each of them for welcoming our visitors in grand style to "Ware We Live!"

Leslie Belvin, Tour Chair, Margaret Singleton, Tour Co-chair, and Durfee Betts, GCGM President

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This year's Committee Chairs are: Floral Co-chairs, Becky Meeker, Tina McManus; Head of Hostess Chair, Marianne Bowles; Advertising team, Leslie Belvin, Beth Richardson, Margaret Singleton; Sponsorship team, Leslie Belvin, Pam Driggs, Beth Gibson, Sue Hewitt, Margaret Singleton; Local Brochure Design, Annie Rex; Writer, Letitia Grant; Publicity, Durfee Betts; Social Media, Betsy Poulsen; Photography, Becky Meeker, Linda Tjossem; Hospitality Co-chairs, Pam Driggs, Darlene Talbot; Transportation Co-chairs, Suzanne Hudson, Ginger James.

Ware Episcopal Church/Tour Headquarters and Singleton Church

Visitors will be greeted at Tour Headquarters, Ware Episcopal Church, by Headquarters Chair Jane Smith,

assisted by Mary Helen Birdsell. A special thank-you is extended to Ware Church and docent, Newton Deshazo.

At Singleton United Methodist Church, Hostess chairs Brownie Bartley and Julie Stone, along with Judy Freshman, will welcome visitors.

Glen Roy Plantation

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The Lighthouse

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The Leigh House

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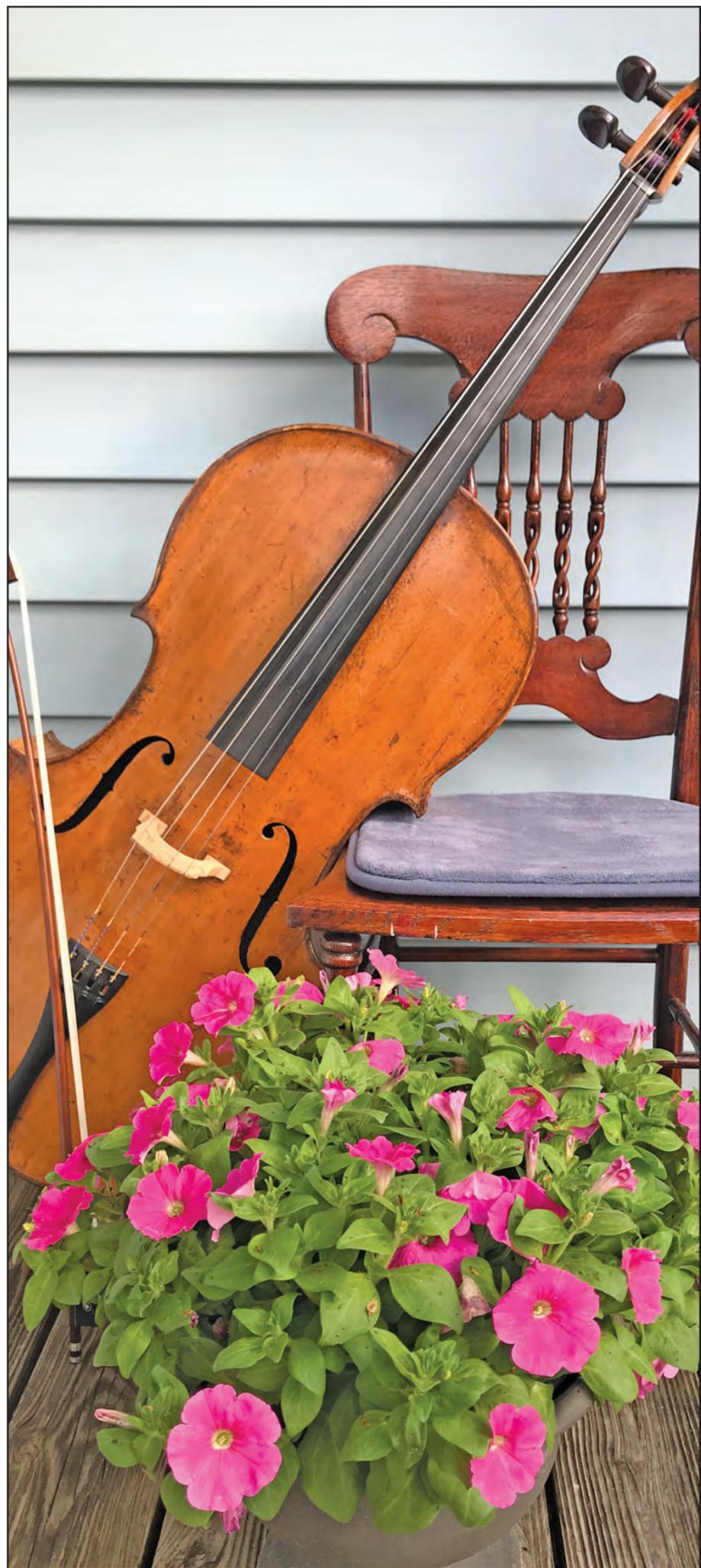
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Shuttle Check-in/Parking Attendants

Visitors will be assisted by shuttle parking and check-in attendants, Pat Carlton, Jaye DuPaul, Sarah Finney, Buzz Geiger, Tish Grant, Helen Haley, Chip Hornsby, Rick Hylton, Clayton James, Catesby Jones, Kathy Klein, David Meeker, Miranda McClintic, Cara Randolph, John Singleton, Kirby Smith, and Peter Worthington.



Flowers and music will be presented Saturday afternoon in a concert at Ware Episcopal Church.

Music inspired by flowers theme of Ware concert

An informal concert of music inspired by the beauty of flowers will be performed by Strings & Things quartet in honor of Garden Week. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 1-2 p.m. Ware Episcopal Church and will include both classical and popular selections.

Strings & Things is a network of professionally trained musicians in the rural, coastal Virginia area. Members of the Garden Week quartet are Peggy

Watson, violin, from Newport News; Lauren Bristow, violin, from Williamsburg; Christina Johnson, viola, from Gloucester, and Nina Buzby, cello, from Mathews.

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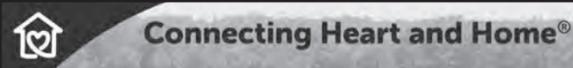
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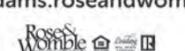
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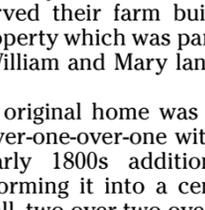
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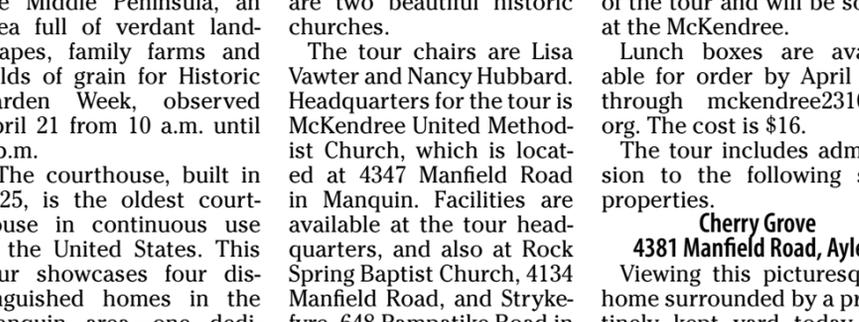
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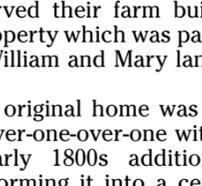


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The owners, Bonnie L. Stokes, Laura S. Harris and Brandon Stokes, love of flowers creates a welcoming entrance of multiple beds surrounding the house. By summer they will overflow with blossoms, and complement the pots planted with seasonal foliage.

The home, filled with the same pastel colors from

the gardens outside, also reflects their love of collecting. There are O-gauge model trains, decoys and taxidermy representing the local wildlife, as well as floral bone China tea cups, McCoy pottery and Wedgwood Jasperware.

The owners bought the 406-acre property to create a home for themselves and for wildlife. They added a pond, an impoundment, and a green-tree reservoir. All are maintained seasonally to create a habitat for

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Hollyfield Manor
289 Hollyfield Lane,
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The stately Greek Revival manor that now dominates the farmland is not the original home on this site. The original was a frame house built c. 1750.

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TOUR HEADQUARTERS
McKendree United Methodist Church
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Rock Spring Baptist Church
4134 Manfield Road, Aylett

Rock Spring was organized in March 1877 when members began worshipping in a log cabin. In 1905 a church was constructed on the present site. Over the years many upgrades have taken place, including the addition of the stained-glass windows and the 2006 addition of a fellowship hall.

PLACE OF INTEREST
Christ Church Parish
26 Christ Church Lane,
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Founded in 1666 and

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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MIDDLE PENINSULA

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to the Indians who once lived there.

The owners, Bonnie L. Stokes, Laura S. Harris and Brandon Stokes, love of flowers creates a welcoming entrance of multiple beds surrounding the house. By summer they will overflow with blossoms, and complement the pots planted with seasonal foliage.

The home, filled with the same pastel colors from

the gardens outside, also reflects their love of collecting. There are O-gauge model trains, decoys and taxidermy representing the local wildlife, as well as floral bone China tea cups, McCoy pottery and Wedgwood Jasperware.

The owners bought the 406-acre property to create a home for themselves and for wildlife. They added a pond, an impoundment, and a green-tree reservoir. All are maintained seasonally to create a habitat for

both waterfowl and wildlife. Docents will offer explanations of how the systems work throughout the day.

Hollyfield Manor
289 Hollyfield Lane,
Manquin

The stately Greek Revival manor that now dominates the farmland is not the original home on this site. The original was a frame house built c. 1750.

In the late 1700s, the Honorable Burwell Bassett, the brother-in-law and close friend of George Washington, owned the property and named it Bassettaire. A fire destroyed the frame home and in the early 1800s a brick Georgian home was built.

The present-day manor house was the vision of John L. Clark and his wife Elvira in 1935. He bought, remodeled and added to the old brick Georgian home that had stood vacant for many years, doubling its size to accommodate his many guests.

Today, the house Clark renamed Hollyfield is surrounded by lush greenery and vignettes for relaxation. A large patio overlooking a 28-acre lake is the site of weddings, reunions

and other family gatherings. The house is owned by Susie and Frankie Barham.

TOUR HEADQUARTERS
McKendree United
Methodist Church
4347 Manfield Road,
Manquin

McKendree began at Chestnut Grove, a nearby house, in 1886 when a small group gathered to discuss building a church closer to their homes. The little white country church was built in 1890 not far from the birthplace of Bishop McKendree, the first American-born Methodist bishop. Additions were built in 1953, 1973 and 2013.

Rock Spring Baptist Church
4134 Manfield Road, Aylett

Rock Spring was organized in March 1877 when members began worshipping in a log cabin. In 1905 a church was constructed on the present site. Over the years many upgrades have taken place, including the addition of the stained-glass windows and the 2006 addition of a fellowship hall.

PLACE OF INTEREST
Christ Church Parish
26 Christ Church Lane,
Saluda

Founded in 1666 and

listed on both the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places, the churchyard is surrounded on three sides by a brick wall donated by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1943 with proceeds from Historic Garden Week.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The "Flower & Garden Must-Haves" Market will be held at tour headquarters with signed books on

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There will be a dessert bar, "History 101" and a gospel sing-along at Rock Spring Baptist from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. A brief lecture on local history will take place in this historic African American church at 11 a.m. Enjoy "Come Sing With Us" with the church choir at 1 p.m.

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