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2019 DGC  
Wreath  
Workshop



*Until we meet again!*  
*Memories from our 2019 Holiday Gatherings*



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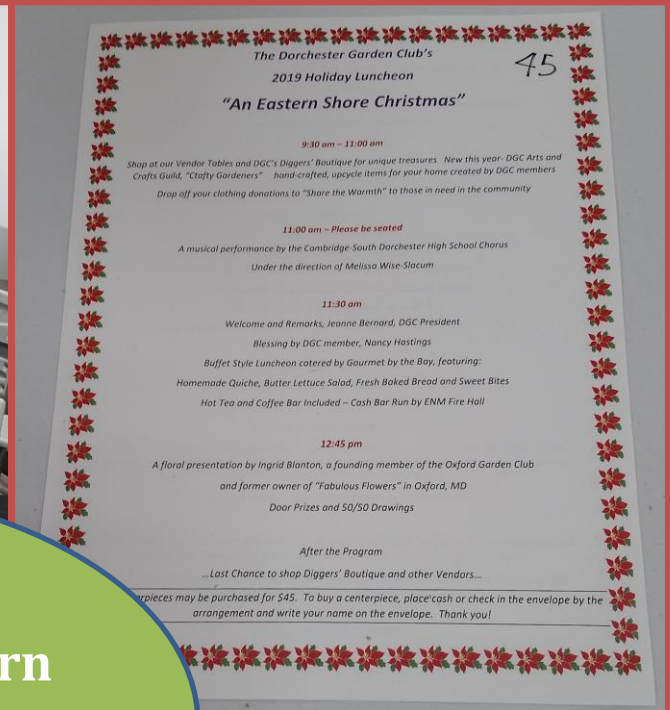




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## 2019 Holiday Luncheon "An Eastern Shore Christmas"

Hostesses Fran Collins and Cheryl Willey welcomed DGC members and guests



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Buffet Luncheon Catered by "Gourmet by the Bay"





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DGC President Jeanne Bernard  
welcomed attendees and  
introduced guest speaker,  
Ingrid Blanton



Floral  
presentation by  
Ingrid Blanton





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## From DGC President, Jeanne Bernard...

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year my dear friends,

I miss you all so much! I hope everyone is currently healthy and continues to be vigilant about taking protective measures from Covid-19. Thankfully, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but I believe the tunnel is long and dark, at least for the near future. We are making no plans at present to resume in-person meetings, but will stay on top of the situation and try to reconvene as soon as it is safe.

*The Well-Gardened Mind, The Restorative Power of Nature* is a very interesting read (a bit heavy on the clinical, but very insightful) by Sue Stuart-Smith. Start-Smith is a prominent English Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist who, together with her celebrated landscape designer husband, Tom, spent 30 years creating the beautiful Barn Garden in Hertfordshire, England (Google it—the images are breathtaking and you can take a virtual tour!). In this fascinating book, a Christmas gift for my VA Psychologist daughter, Rebecca (yes I took a peek before wrapping), Stuart-Smith shares these wise words about gardening:

“Gardens have been recognized as restorative since ancient times. Today, gardening consistently features as one of the top ten most popular hobbies in a range of countries around the world. Quintessentially, caring for a garden is a nurturing activity, and for many people, along with having children and raising a family, the process of tending a plot is one of the most significant things in their lives.”

A garden gives you a protected physical space, which helps increase your sense of mental space, and it gives you quiet, so you can hear your own thoughts. The more you immerse yourself in working with your hands, the more free you are internally to sort things out and work them through. These days, I turn to gardening as a way of calming and decompressing my mind. Somehow, the jangle of competing thoughts inside my head clears and settles as the weed bucket fills up. Ideas that have been lying dormant come to the surface, and thoughts that are barely formed sometimes come together and unexpectedly take shape. At times like these. It feels as if alongside all the physical activity, I am also gardening my mind.”

Hope you enjoy this wonderful issue of Diggers our dear Ellen has put together—a trip down memory lane, if you will. Please continue to check in with our Weekly Buzz as we share so many good opportunities, beautiful photos and tips for gardening and design. Your contributions to the Buzz are encouraged and most welcomed. Again, have a wonderful holiday season, if not in person with your loved ones, then together in spirit (and on a video app!). Take care, be well, and see you soon.

*Mask On Maryland!*



Love, Jeanne





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## **In case you missed it... wonderful showcase of DGC artists Patti Hopkins, Carla Huber and Anne Allbeury-Hock at DCA**

In case you were not able to make it, here are some photos from the show "Close to Home. Reflections of the Shore" that was featured at the Dorchester Center for the Arts in October.

### **Patti Hopkins**





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## Carla Huber



Carla Huber  
Shore Morning  
Oil  
\$600

After a career in commercial and wildlife art, Carla Huber settled on the water outside of Cambridge. There she is inspired by the local scenery as well as the unique light. Working primarily in oils, Carla particularly enjoys painting boats, marshes and farmland. While still occasionally incorporating geese and other waterfowl in her paintings, she tends to focus on their environment rather than

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Carla Huber  
Back Bay Marsh  
Oil  
\$400



Carla Huber  
The Marsh Path  
Oil  
\$200



Carla Huber  
Cows in the Field  
Oil  
\$200



Carla Huber  
Red Building  
Oil  
\$200



Carla Huber  
Path in the Field  
Oil  
\$200



Carla Huber  
Field with Red Building  
Oil  
\$200



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**Anne Allebury Hock**



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## **New Slate of Officers for 2021-23 Program Year**

As has been reported in the weekly "Buzz", here is the slate of Dorchester Garden Club Officers that will be inducted in March for the 2021-2023 program term. We are so lucky to have them! They have huge shoes to fill following Jeanne Bernard, Karen Cartwright, Sandy Lucas and the rest of their team but they have demonstrated that they are up for the job and will do great things for our club!!!!

David Adams, President  
Cheryl Willey, Vice President  
Dee Terry and Lynne Davis, Recording Secretary  
Barbara Massetti, Treasurer  
Linda Chandlee, Corresponding Secretary



Incoming DGC Vice President Cheryl Willey and President David Adams



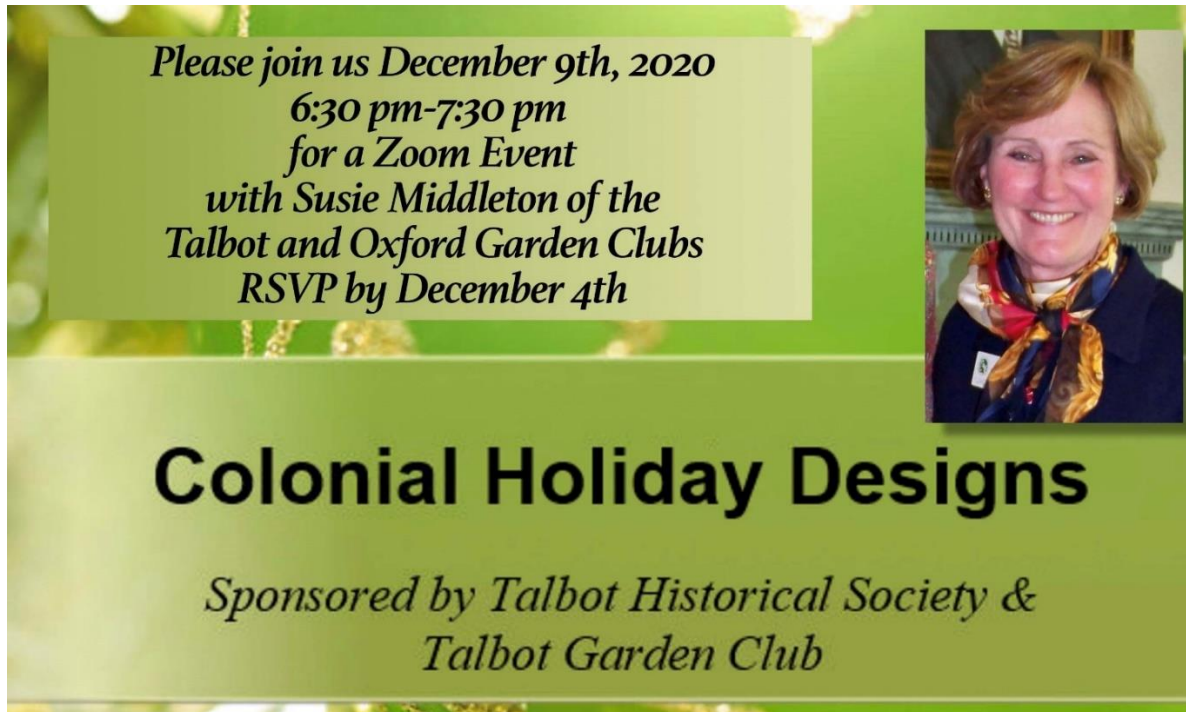
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## **Susie Middleton as always blew everyone away with her Colonial Garden Designs Zoom Presentation!**

Some of us had the privilege of participating in Susie's December 9<sup>th</sup> zoom presentation, hosted by the Talbot Historical Society and the Talbot Garden Club. You can see the presentation by visiting the Talbot Historical Society website [talbothistory.org](http://talbothistory.org) and click on "Events & Programs" and choose "past events" from the dropdown menu



*Please join us December 9th, 2020  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
for a Zoom Event  
with Susie Middleton of the  
Talbot and Oxford Garden Clubs  
RSVP by December 4th*



## **Colonial Holiday Designs**

*Sponsored by Talbot Historical Society &  
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And some lovely colonial style holiday décor photos from Susie's home...





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**And other wonderful Holiday Decoration photos and stories from DGC members that were shared in the weekly Buzz...**



## Sue Lachenmayer:

“My first visit to the Dorchester Garden Club was as a guest of the late Jenny Rideout at the Christmas luncheon. It was a wonderful event and I purchased 2 wrought iron deer (with white candles) for my ‘collection.’

This year, they are all on the dining room table – no chance of any family gathering for Christmas, but they cheer me up. I’m so thankful for that luncheon and all the wonderful times I’ve had with DGC members and confident we’ll all be together again!

And the photo to the left is of my “Porch Pot”



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**Jeanne Bernard**



"These candy trees on my kitchen countertop first graced our feature table at the holiday luncheon three years ago, before I brought them home.

They are still going strong and delight the grandchildren."

**David Adams**



David Adams shares these photos. First, upper left, is a Christmas Tablescape arrangement that David says is "in progress". The second, on the right, is a gorgeous David Austin "Claire Austin" rose, likely the last of the season.

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## Alison Buczek

Our dear DGC friend, Ali Buczek, is now residing in Marco Island, FL.

Ali remarked how much she misses going out in her Neck District yard to cut beautiful holly, magnolia, juniper and pine greens for holiday decorating. She has purchased some 'faux botanicals' (her door wreath), but also bought fresh greens from a local florist. Her only comment was \$\$\$\$\$!

Her table wreath was inspired by last year's DGC holiday luncheon centerpieces. Lovely!





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## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Stake

This week, club members will be receiving this lovely 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Stake as a gift from the Dorchester Garden Club. Check out the article and photos in this week's Dorchester Banner.

Many thanks to all who made this happen and particularly to Cheryl Willey who spearheaded the initiative!



## DGC Civic Improvement Spring Bulb Planting

Civic Improvement “Ivy Leaguers” planted over 400 spring bulbs -- daffodils, tulips, muscari, allium, and some “mystery bulbs” – at the Courthouse Bandstand, the Heron Garden and a few perennials at the WWII Memorial in early November



Pictured are Cookie Brohawn, David Adams, Kay Karminski, and Cheryl Willey.

Also participating but not pictured, Helen Saum, Susan Matthews, Mary Slacum and Lynn Davis.

Thanks to all who came out to help – and to Cookie for leading the charge to collect bulbs from members’ gardens and to all members who contributed bulbs!

It will be wonderful to check back in in the Spring 2021 to see these efforts in bloom!