



# HISTORIC VIRGINIA GARDEN WEEK APRIL 21-26, 2026

*A Tour for Garden Lovers!*



The  
Federated Garden Clubs  
of Connecticut, Inc.

RICHMOND  
HISTORIC VIRGINIA  
GARDEN WEEK  
TOURS

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CHADWICK ORCHIDS  
GREENHOUSE TOUR  
AND LUNCH

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FIVE NIGHTS!

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TWO DAYS WITH  
GARDEN EXPERT  
COLE BURRELL IN  
CHARLOTTESVILLE!

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SPRINGTIME IN  
BEAUTIFUL  
VIRGINIA!

QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT ME!

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Tour Limited to 25 Passengers  
April 21-26, 2026  
\$2528 Per Person Double Occupancy  
\$2918 Single Occupancy

Pricing based on minimum of 25 passengers; maximum number is 28

*Airfare is not included*

*Do not book air until our minimum has been met!  
You will be advised of preferred flights at that time.*

### Includes

5 Nights Hotel Accommodation  
3 Nights Richmond at Linden Row Inn  
2 Nights at Charlottesville Doubletree  
1 Dinner  
1 Wine & Hearty Hors d'Oeuvres Reception  
2 Box Lunches  
5 Hotel Breakfasts  
\$100 Donation to FGCCT  
All Gratuities  
Motorcoach transportation in Virginia  
Friendship Tours Escort

### Practicalities

If a passenger cancels from deposit to March 20, 2026 fee of \$300.00 pp; March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026 fee of \$1,800.00 pp; no refunds if canceled after April 21, 2026. The \$100 donation to The Federated garden Clubs of CT is non-refundable and included in the listed cancellation penalties.

Any questions please contact Kathy Lindroth at 860.836.3407 or [kathleen.lindroth@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.lindroth@gmail.com)

This is an active tour. If you have any concerns about the activity level and your ability to do this tour, please contact Kathy.

This tour has been custom designed by Friendship Tours for the Federated Garden Clubs of CT.



# Historic Virginia Garden Week and Charlottesville Gardens

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (D) Linden Row Hotel**



Arrive in Richmond, transfer to the quaint Linden Row Hotel.

Our welcome dinner will be at the popular Grapevine Restaurant featuring Italian, Greek and continental cuisine.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026 (B) Linden Row Hotel**

This morning, we have our first Historic Virginia Garden Week tour at the Church Hill location. Church Hill, Richmond's oldest neighborhood, is a vibrant testament to the city's rich history and architectural legacy. Steeped in Revolutionary War significance, it is home to St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech in 1775. As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday, Church Hill stands as a living monument to the nation's origins. The neighborhood is renowned for its well-preserved architecture, with historic homes and churches offering a glimpse into the past. Tourgoers will appreciate both the walking tour and the area's preservation efforts.

Our afternoon and evening are on our own.





## Thursday, April 23, 2026 (B) Linden Row Hotel

We will begin our tour of the Lewis Ginter Botanic Garden and enjoy a guided tour! After the tour there will be time for lunch on your own at the Garden Café.



Our second exciting Historic Virginia Garden Week tour will be of the Westhampton area:

In the late 1800s, Westhampton consisted of large parcels of land dotted with summer retreats, farmhouses, and hunting lodges. As the last stop on the City of Richmond's trolley line, the area was considered remote. Westhampton's sleepy, bucolic reputation began to change in the early 1900s, as schools like St. Catherine's and St. Christopher's opened, St. Stephens Church was built, and The Country Club of Virginia was founded. Families poured in to take advantage of these amenities, and Westhampton quickly became a sought-after address. Today, the area is as vibrant as ever, with numerous restaurants and retail shops complementing these institutional neighborhood anchors.

Enjoy dinner on your own in Richmond tonight.





Friday, April 24, 2026 (B, L, Reception)

Depart for **Chadwick and Son Orchids** Greenhouse, Powhatan, VA.



Arthur Chadwick founded Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc in 1989 with his father who had been growing orchids since 1943. Art addressed the FGCCT at our Annual Meeting in 2024. *The Classic Cattleyas* was written by Art and his father. Martha Stewart favorably reviewed the now-sold out book and had both Chadwicks on her TV Show. Art has the distinction of naming Cattleya hybrids after the wives of the last six U.S. Presidents and personally presenting the flowers to most of the honored recipients. He has spoken at two World Orchid Conferences. Chadwicks operates 11 greenhouses in rural Powhatan County, two retail stores in Richmond, and boards over 13,000 orchids for local clients. The company was recently featured in Southern Living magazine, The New York Times, the Washington Post, CBS Sunday Morning, and O Magazine. Art Chadwick himself will be one of our guides! A box lunch follows the tour.

Following our lunch, we will depart for Charlottesville where we arrive at the Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel to check in and refresh! Our motor coach will then take us to meet C. Colston Burrell -- an acclaimed lecturer, garden designer, award winning author and photographer. A certified chlorophyll addict, Cole is an avid and lifelong plantsman, gardener, and naturalist. Cole is a popular lecturer internationally on topics of design, plants and ecology



Our afternoon destination is **Bird Hill**, the garden of host **Cole Burrell and Bruce Ellsworth**, a 12-acre pastiche of woodland, meadow and garden inspired by the beauty of the regional landscape. Though natives make up the heart of the palette, plants from around the world blend together within the natural framework. Circular spaces are repeated throughout, inspired by landscape architect Jens Jensen. Shaded beds surrounding the house



are filled with sedges, ferns, bulbs, wildflowers, shrubs, and flowering trees. In sunnier areas, temperate and tropical plants blend for a season-long feast of foliage and flowers. Architectural salvage and re-purposed items are placed throughout the garden and potted plants abound. A ten-foot deer fence assures the safety of all the treasures gathered within. With wine in hand, tour the garden and enjoy delicious finger food provided by Chef Ellen English.





**Saturday, April 25, 2026 (B)**

PRIVATE GARDENS with Cole Burrell

**Gina and Gene Sullenberger's** spectacular garden is set against the dramatic backdrop of a 180 degree view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Gina is an accomplished plantswoman and designer who has developed the 5-acre property into a wonderland of formal gardens and woodland walks. The meticulously maintained potager provides a wealth of produce throughout the season. The garden contains a conservatory, stone-walled courtyard, pool garden, orchard and a charming playhouse perched above a fern-filled spring. The newest addition to this extraordinary property is a fenced rectilinear garden with a lively fountain centered in a verdant lawn bordered by lush shrub and perennial plantings.



Our next destination is the gardens of **Waterperry Farm**, owned by Katherine Kane. The extensive gardens surround an elegant 1810-style farmhouse. Katherine designed the expertly landscaped grounds. Garden rooms welcome the weary to cozy seats and flowerbeds filled with rosemary and other herbs. Blooming dogwoods, peonies, and hydrangeas anchor another of the garden



rooms and nearby an old bullpen is now home to a healthy array of roses. Impressive stone walls and softly manicured hedges help bring it all together. Garden paths lead to a secluded hammock, tennis courts, a pool and pool house and an attractive guesthouse. The newest additions are a lush stream-side garden and pond along the new entry drive and a greenhouse adjacent to the potager. Following our tour we enjoy a boxed lunch.



Our final garden is one of those special places - a verdant retreat nestled in meticulously tidy woods with pastoral and mountain views. At **Southfield**, Cathy Kramer has created a relaxing romp through meticulously crafted plant combinations. The journey draws visitors through a series of engaging spaces, each with a distinct personality. The paths lead you to a tropical wonderland embracing the lovely infinity edge pool with the mountains as borrowed scene

We return to our hotel for a farewell glass of wine before you depart for dinner on your own in Charlottesville.

### **Sunday, April 26, 2026 (B)**

Today is departure day from Charlottesville, so after breakfast we depart for one last garden.

An unfolding story is how Pam Sorensen describes her collaboration with landscape designer Cole Burrell. The property—nearly an acre and a quarter—is blessed with remarkable native trees and good bones. A journey through the garden reveals one lovely chapter after another of their 12-year collaboration. Brick walls define a series of terraces cascading downhill from the house, flanked by long perennial beds. Features include a patio and fountain, a boxwood parterre garden, and a rock garden with three interconnecting pools. The jungle-like rear section of the property is now a colorful pastiche of flowers and foliage beneath a towering canopy.





**Our driver will deliver us to the Richmond airport for your departure as we wave our fond farewell to Virginia!**

**Please do not book flights until you have been advised our minimum has been met.**

**Once the minimum has been met, you will be advised of suggested flights to book.**



# FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB OF CT., INC.

## Travel Health Recommendations & Protocol

The FGCCT is making the following recommendations and protocols to our members and their guests who embark on a FGCCT sponsored tour. These recommendations and protocols are subject to change based on governmental regulations, the unique tour destination, rates of infection for viral respiratory disease (including Covid) and other factors. Our goal is to do our utmost to protect our members and to work toward the anticipated experience for everyone on tour.

Before traveling to your FGCCT Tour please follow this protocol:

- Check your travel insurance policy for illness and accident protection. To minimize any costs involved with becoming ill, we highly recommend a comprehensive medical and evacuation insurance policy. Such a policy is mandatory for FGCCT international tours. If you need more information on suggested coverage, be sure to contact the FGCCT Tour Coordinator. Please bring your travel insurance documents with you on the tour.
- Mask with a KN 95 mask in airports and during air, bus, and train travel enroute to the tour to avoid exposure to respiratory viruses including but not limited to Covid 19.
- Familiarize yourself with the updated CDC recommendations for respiratory viruses.
- All guests traveling with FGCCT must sign the registration form which will indicate your acceptance of the FGCCT Travel Protocols.

**Listed below are the FGCCT health and wellness protocols. By signing the registration form for this tour all guests understand and agree to the following:**

- Obtain all CDC recommended COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for FGCCT group travel.
- Please be aware of the following protocols for everyone's health and well-being.
- Any guest who displays symptoms of *any* upper respiratory illness such as persistent cough, sneezing, sore throat, will be asked to wear an N95 mask, from the supply that **you bring**. Any passenger showing the above symptoms will be placed in the rear of the coach and separated from other guests both indoors and outside. You will be asked to socially distance whenever possible, such as during meals, to minimize the risk to others.
- Any guest who is running a fever will be asked to take a rest day at our hotel (if we are returning to the same hotel that evening) to allow for isolation. Should the fever last more than 24 hours or should we be in transit that day, the guests will be asked to remain at that hotel until they have recovered from their fever without using fever-reducing medication, and then make their way, at their own expense, to rejoin the group. We will assist as much as possible in making necessary arrangements. As mentioned above, medical and evacuation insurance is mandatory for overseas tours.

By following the suggested recommendations and protocols, we are far more likely to remain healthy. We wish you a delightful and healthy tour with us!

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By signing this registration form and submitting your deposit with this form, you confirm you have read and accept the Terms and Conditions, Health Protocols, and physical requirements for this tour.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please *legibly* complete one form for each person traveling

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

First name for nametag \_\_\_\_\_ Your Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies Must be In Writing At Time of Registration. (sorry, we cannot cater to dietary preferences for group meals) \_\_\_\_\_

This is a non-smoking tour

Physical Requirements: This is an active tour requiring the ability to get in and out of vehicles without assistance, walk on uneven terrain and stand unassisted. Any physical limitations or conditions must be detailed here:

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My Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Per Person sharing a room \$2528

Single \$2948

Non Member Surcharge, excluding spouse \$100

**\$500 Deposit Required Per Person Upon Registration. Pricing is based on 25 passengers**

Paying by check: Please send this completed form (one per traveler, with your \$500 per person deposit check made to Friendship Tours. Mail form with payment info to

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If paying by credit card, please call Friendship Tours at 860.243.1630 to register and make your payment; there is no credit card surcharge. I do need your registration form and you may scan it to my email if paying by credit card or mail to address above.

Your registration is not confirmed until you have sent your registration form to Kathy Lindroth.

Any Questions: Please contact Kathy Lindroth at [Kathleen.Lindroth@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.Lindroth@gmail.com)