

## So Long Summer!

Summer started very differently this year given how the coronavirus pandemic prevented our volunteers from helping us in the gardens. In their absence, landscape staff took on their responsibilities in the gardens and at our production nursery. Needless to say we were DELIGHTED when they returned.



Helping Hands (clockwise): Administrative Assistant, **Racnet DaCosta**, potted up plants at the Landscape Production Nursery. Landscape Director and Landscape Manager, **Laura Viancour** and **Joanne Chapman**, respectively, delivered plants to the Grove Community Garden which were initially grown for Colonial Williamsburg's Garden Symposium, but was canceled. Laura and Joanne kept limber harvesting vegetables and herbs in the gardens weekly. Typically harvested for the Historic Area's Foodways Staff to use, they were instead delivered to local food banks during our closure.



Karen Pfeifer and Su Carlile got right to work weeding and pruning in the Reid garden.



Rick Brown waters vegetables during a rare dry spell.

## The Volunteers Return!

We are not sure who was happier to have the volunteers return – the landscape department or the volunteers themselves! They didn't skip a beat picking up where they left off.



Su Carlile, Charlotte Klammer and Wilma Sharp got out early in the morning to prune the herbs in Wetherburn's Tavern.



Arboretum volunteers, Stacey DeMeo, Bill Dichtel and Mike Whitfield, went to town pruning trees in the gardens.

## Garden Interns

Gifts from **Mrs. Barbara Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cobb** and **The Herb Society of America Colonial Triangle Unit** allowed Colonial Williamsburg's Landscape team to hire four garden interns this summer. During their 10-week internships, they completed several projects and helped staff accomplish many tasks in the gardens and Arboretum.



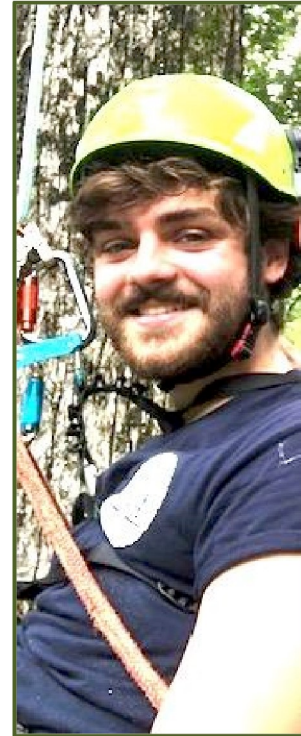
Our 2020 interns: **Will Olson** from Mary Washington University and Virginia Tech students (L-R) **Carrie Chapin, Liza Washington, and Kelly Winklepleck.**



The interns listen to **Sharon Cotner** from Colonial Williamsburg's Apothecary Shop as she discusses how herbs were used in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

## Active in the Arboretum

The interns were exposed to a variety of arboriculture tasks as they assisted the Foundation arborist maintain our Level II Arboretum.



Before, during, and after ascent. Will's smile shows how much he enjoyed his time maintaining our Arboretum. Below, Carrie learns how to drive the Dingo to move poles while Kelly learns how to safely operate a chain saw.



## Horticulture Apprenticeship

In addition to our interns, this summer we welcomed our first horticultural apprentice, **Goldie Daniels**, a horticulture graduate from Virginia Tech. Funding for this year-long position is from grant money received from **The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust** and a gift from **The McCune Charitable Trust**.



As part of her apprenticeship, Goldie is responsible for procuring and propagating the plants at our production nursery that will be used in the Governor's Palace beds.



Goldie's focus is the renovation of the Governor's Palace perennial beds to increase the display of color from spring through fall. Through research and the experience of her co-workers, Goldie and landscape manager, **Joanne Chapman**, will select historically accurate plants to create a design reflective of the Governor's status. Renovation of the beds begins this fall starting with amending the soil. We hope that by the end the renovation next year, visitors to the Palace gardens will gain an appreciation and enthusiasm for ornamental horticulture in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.



Intern Kelly (foreground) and the Palace Hort Team plant the summer annuals. The renovation will add much more color to the perennial side beds.



Apprentice Goldie "divides and conquers" plants in the perennial beds.

## The Streetscape

Phase 4 of the Streetscape was completed which included the Capitol Circle and the section of Duke of Gloucester Street between the Palace Green and Merchant Square. Thank you to the many donors that made this huge project possible. As done on the east end of town, new curbing, sod and an automatic irrigation were installed to benefit the trees and pedestrian traffic. The steeple and brick wall of Bruton Parish Church can be seen in the before and after photos below.



Staff replenished shell and bankrun to spruce up the Duke of Gloucester Street. Our horticulture team (**Johnnie Stafford** and **Jake Eisenhart** shown in photo) needed to level and prepare several areas before shell could be added.

