

JRGC Membership Proposal 2026

Name: Darden Callaway Cave
5401 Ditchley Road
Richmond, VA 23226

Proposer: Katherine Hill
Seconded: Susie Rawles

Age: 33

Length of Residence in Richmond: 7 years

Education: Davidson College; Kenan Flagler Business School

Employment:

Present: Full time mom of a five and three year old; volunteer

Past: Manager, Web Strategy, Car Max (2020-2024); Red Ventures LLC, Senior Associate, Financial Services (2019-2020); Wells Fargo Securities, Investment Banking (2017-2019)

Volunteer Experience:

Volunteer at Little Hands VA; JRGC - volunteered this year at JRGC Garden Week; Glenburnie Neighborhood Social Committee and Book club; Colonial Dames

Interests and Skills:

Home Gardening _____ Horticulture _____ Conservation _____

Flower Arranging/Floral Design ___x___ Photography _____

Social Media/Marketing ___x___ Computer Skills/Web Design ___x___

Writing/Communications ___x___ Lobbying _____ Accounting ___x___

Finance ___x___ Development/Fundraising ___x___ Community Outreach ___x___

Family Members in JRGC: None

Previously Proposed: Yes

Proposer's Comments:

It is with great enthusiasm that we propose Darden Callaway Cave for membership in the James River Garden club. My husband has known Darden's family since childhood in Raleigh NC and I have known her since she moved to Richmond with her husband seven years ago.

Darden is a native of Raleigh, NC, attended Davidson College and UNC Flagler business school. Darden was the recipient of the John M Belk Scholarship at Davidson, their top academic award as a full four year tuition. After college, Darden moved to NYC and worked for RBC in investment banking. She then moved to Charlotte, NC and worked in finance for several years and married her husband, Elliott Cave. In Richmond, she worked for Car Max for 4 years and started her family. She and Elliot have two children, Penn (6) and Eva (3). Darden is a complete joy to work with and a "doer" in every sense of the word. This year she happily volunteered at JRGC during Garden Week assisting our flower team at Janie Molster's house. Darden enjoyed attending both the Kokedama workshop and being a guest at our meeting at McKinnon and Harris. Always the first to volunteer, she brings enthusiasm and energy to every task she takes on. She possesses a strong work ethic and brings fresh ideas to all she undertakes. Darden is genuinely excited at the prospect of being a member of the JRGC and would be a valuable and integral member. As a member of JRGC Darden would be an active participant and willing volunteer. She will jump in when needed. With her strong business acumen and work experience she would be a natural in any roles involving computer skills, marketing, accounting or finance. She is interested in conservation and gardening and would bring new ideas to the table. Other interests include tennis and reading. The JRGC would be extremely fortunate to have Darden Callaway as a new member. We hope you give strong consideration to her candidacy.