

## JRGC Membership Proposal 2026

**Name:** Katherine Tanner Smith Pilcher (Tanner)  
128 Brookschase Lane  
Richmond, VA 23225

**Proposer:** Laura Kottkamp  
**Seconded:** Andrea Erda

**Age:** 52

**Length of Residence in Richmond:** 23 years

**Education:** UVA School of Nursing, BSN '96 ; UNC Chapel Hill School of Law, JD '03

### **Employment:**

Present: Self - Tanner Pilcher Law PLLC, Attorney, GAL, SJ

Past: Duke Hospital, LeClair Ryan, Troutman, Herbert Satterwhite

### **Volunteer Experience:**

St. Christopher's School Ambassador (current), St. Christopher's School Room Parent, St. Christopher's Fund Grade Rep for 4 years, Richmond Public Library Foundation Board, 10 years (past), Lewis Ginter Junior Board (past), SCAN Supporter (past), WPP Sponsor (past), Red Cross (past)

### **Interests and Skills:**

Home Gardening \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Horticulture \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_x\_\_\_  
Flower Arranging/Floral Design \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Photography \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Media/Marketing \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Skills/Web Design \_\_\_\_\_  
Writing/Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Lobbying \_\_\_\_\_ Accounting \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Development/Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_x\_\_\_

**Family Members in JRGC:** None

**Previously Proposed:** Yes

### **Proposer's Comments:**

We recommend Tanner with the greatest excitement. We have known Tanner for nearly 40 years, attending St. Catherine's with her and then remaining in touch while she was in college and finding ourselves in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill triangle each for graduate school. She, like our friendship, has evolved in her relationship with gardens

and flowers. Her parent's house was often on Petersburg garden and home tours - her mother is an encyclopedic Zone 7 gardener - and Tanner was often responsible for setting out cut flowers in tablescares. She now, like her mother, has bought a house with a large, unruly yard solely for the sake of culling the healthy planting and redesigning the back - using natives. Tanner attended the Kokedama workshop and enjoyed meeting JRGC members. She will be an enthusiastic member, and her professional work has great flexibility (she represents impoverished clients in court and acts as a substitute judge in certain jurisdictions) in terms of attending meetings regularly. We would be lucky to have her and her passion for returning landscapes to their Virginia roots.