

Guest Speakers List

Council of Garden Clubs
of
Virginia Beach

2005- 2007

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Suggested Programs and Speakers for 2005-2007

Note to Program Chairman:

Please be assured that we have attempted to provide a list of quality program suggestions for you; however, it would be advantageous for your club to discuss program selections with other program chairmen.

It remains your responsibility to get the details of the speaker's program, all fee amounts, date, time, place, length of program, and any special "set-up" requirements.

Discuss the speakers' credentials with them, so that you may make a proper introduction at your meeting. Please report any sub-standard programs to the *Council Speakers Bureau*.

Club Installations

Mari Hall: 481-3970 No fee.

Reba McClanan: 340-8835

Glenda Knowles: 340-8889

Floral Designs

Herbert Pettway: Telephone - 426-1438 (cell 651-0653). *Everlasting Designs from the Garden.*

Known for his uniqueness, creativity and artistic flair as well as his design principle of "less is more" and "simple is elegant." His most popular program continues to be "Holidays Decorations from Colonial Williamsburg." Offers a variety of demonstrations and lectures and is flexible with specific program requests and speaker's fee. Fee.

Cynthia O'Hara: Telephone 461-4603

A girl just wants to have fun! We will discuss all different types of topics – your choice. We can even do it hands on as we explore the mysterious world of Floral Design. We will throw a little nature, art, people and merriment together to simply enjoy a flower experience. Fee depends on type of class or speaking engagement.

Helga Macko: Telephone - (757) 340-7576, Fax - (757) 426-3668.

Helga Macko Flowers located at the Chambord Commons, 332 N. Great Neck Rd, Suite 108, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Closed Sunday & Monday. In tracing the floral trends that reflect the spirit of the time we live in, her design approach is always fresh, new, and surprising. Specializes in hand-tied arrangements. Fee.

Charles W. Dougherty (Bill): Telephone - (757) 631-0783

Proprietor/Designer for *The Flower Studio*. Distinctive floral design. Light-hearted and unusual programs ranging from the very traditional to the outlandish. Floral demonstrations and/or workshops in eclectic styles and themes. Some programs oriented toward seasonal floral and home decorating. Available to speak to clubs at anytime; call to make arrangements. Please schedule early. Fee.

Marie M. Butler: Telephone - (757) 548-2602, e-mail - kfbutler@erols.com
1013 Woodwind Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

Ikebana Demonstrations:

- ❖ Seasonal Arrangements
- ❖ Arrangements by Specific plant, form or line
- ❖ Arrangements by Container (ex. Baskets)

Workshops:

- ❖ Upright form Ikebana (Beginner class)
- ❖ Tussie Mussies: Bouquets in the Victorian language of flowers demonstrated and Nosegays assembled by participants.
- ❖ Centerpiece Ikebana (Beginner class)

Other programs possible on request. Fee.

Frances Thrash: Telephone - 481-3484

Available to speak most evenings to groups, but has limited availability at this time for daytime speaking.

- ❖ *“Design Basics”* - 30 minutes to 1 hour (dependent upon the needs of the organization requesting speaker) which will include the basics of design including selection of containers and tools necessary, introduction to the principals and elements of design, mechanics of construction of design, and explanation of organization of the design. Cost - \$25 plus cost of materials.
- ❖ *“Design Program”* - 30 minutes to 1 hour (dependent upon the needs of the organization requesting speaker) which will include the basics of design, selection of containers and tools necessary, concentration upon a certain principal or element of design, and explanation of organization of the design. Cost - \$25 plus cost of materials.

Mari Hall: Telephone - 481-3970

Corsages, silk and fresh flower workshops. Traditional and Contemporary designs. Fee.

Will also perform Club Installations, no fee.

Roberta Grater: Telephone – 486-4982
209 Great Meadows Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

- ❖ *“Basic Floral Design”* – Learn how to do simple floral designs in this hands-on workshop. Round, oval, triangle, vertical or horizontal arrangement.
- ❖ *“Decorating with Herbs and Flowers”* – Simple ways to incorporate herbs with flowers for entertaining and everyday life.

Judy Chapman (AAF, AIFD): Telephone – 340-1570 (H), 427-0205 (Chapman’s Florist)

Fee. Any floral demonstration or workshop (extra fee for workshop materials).

Council Library (Ann Brown’s home): Telephone – 490-2229

A new VCR tape is available for a program to demonstrate creative mass designs, entitled, *“Flower Arranging for Everyone.”* The tape runs about 30-40 minutes. Other VCR tapes are also available.

Patty Adkins: Cell: 757-679-6822

Fee. Horticulturist, Certified Arborist, Nursery Manager. Very flexible subjects to suit each garden club. Will discuss soils to plant care and pruning. Evenings.

Community and Civic Improvements in Virginia Beach

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Christy Everett 622-1964 or ceverett@cbf.org

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation slide show presentation is about the current state of the Chesapeake Bay. The state of the bay is a measurement of fisheries, habitat and pollution affecting the Bay and its tributaries. We will focus on nutrient (nitrogen) pollution to the Bay and what is needed to limit this harmful type of pollution. There is no fee for this presentation. Garden club members may sign up for Chesapeake Bay Foundation membership or volunteer opportunities.

Clean Community Commission

Debbie Devine (Recycling Coordinator): 430-2450

"How Recycling Works in Virginia Beach"

"Green Consumerism - Precycling"

Soil Conservation Service

Kathleen Hickman (Education Administrative Coordinator) 427-4775

Backyard Conservation Program and other environmental concerns.

Parks and Recreation

Mary Cole (Recreation Administrator): 563-1100

Ray Emerson (Parks Administrator)

Dick Nutter (Golf Course Administrator)

Will set up programs on such topics as:

"Adult and Senior Citizen Activities"

"Youth Activities"

"Therapeutic Recreation for the Disabled"

"All About the Department of Parks and Recreation"

"Parks"

"Golf Courses"

Public Utilities

Supriya Christopher: 427-4171

"Water Conservation and Water Saving Tips"

Virginia Beach Volunteer Council

Mary Russo: 427-4722

"The City's Volunteer Job Bank and Volunteer Program" -

What opportunities are available and how the program works.

Horticulture

Call **427-8156** during gardening season. Master Gardeners will be manning the phones to answer your questions. Many of our horticulture speakers are Master Gardeners and as such, have a wide range of knowledge. Some of them have expressed a willingness to prepare a presentation on a subject to suit your needs. Starred (*) members of the Master Gardener Program are asking that a Donation be made to the **MASTER GARDENER LIBRARY FUND**. Checks should be made payable to: Master Gardeners, Virginia Beach. Susan French is the Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent.

Ms. Gill Slippy: 486-0799

The Magical Lotus - An Exotic Garden Plant. Covering the care and propagation of growing Lotus in the Hampton Roads area. Slides on PowerPoint, 60 minutes.

Water Lilies - The Ancient Flower of the Kings - Encompassing hardy and tropical water lily varieties, their care and propagation. Slides on PowerPoint, 60 minutes.

Dr. T. Winston Gouldin: 857-0350

Fee: \$20 - which gives you a 1-year membership in the Camellia Society. "Camellias" - Past President of the Virginia Camellia Society, active volunteer with the Botanical Gardens.

Ron Baum: 427-1973

"Bonsai" - tool set demonstrated, variety of materials used, some trees will be brought to be shown. Has exclusive Bonsai nursery, gives classes, lectures, demonstrations. History and origin of the art, care, variety, cardinal rules of indoors and outdoors trees. Teaches maintenance, wiring and potting. President of the Virginia Bonsai Society.

Carl and Demeris Anderson: 490-5425

Virginia Hydroponics Inc.

Program on Hydroponics: *"How to Grow Fresh Vegetables Year-Round with No Weeds and Few Pests in Two-Thirds Time"*.

***Barbra Brawley:** 481-2041

Donation. *"Selection, Care and Use of Common Herbs"*. Hands-on workshop using herbs.

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation -1-220-7094

Landscape Division

Fee + mileage. Call for speakers on such topics as:

- ❖ *"The 18th Century Use of Herbs"*
- ❖ *"Garden Maintenance"*.

Lauren Gehman: 627-5473

Retired from the City of Portsmouth Landscape Services

Fee: Minimal. Lectures on Horticulture.

- ❖ *"Herbs"*
- ❖ *"Bulbs"*
- ❖ *"Growing Annuals, Perennials, etc."*
- ❖ *"Colonial Williamsburg Christmas Decorating"*.

***Dr. Duane Harding:** 479-3297

Donation. Programs:

- ❖ *"The Gardener and the Weather"* - develop an understanding of weather conditions and how they affect gardening activities.
- ❖ *"Lightning"*
- ❖ *"Rainbows"*
- ❖ Slide presentation also available.

Roger Huff: 427-4461

No fee. *"Urban Forestry"* - care of trees in the urban environment.

Barbara Lott: 464-6330

- ❖ Fee: Donation to Master Gardeners Program. *"Do's and Don'ts of Composting Landscape Wastes," "Small Space Gardening"* - how to use raised beds, vertical gardening, double digging and crop rotations.
- ❖ Fee: \$25 donation to Master Gardeners Program. *"Container Gardening" & "Drip Irrigation."*

Jim Selby: 340-0352

Fee: Donation to Rose Society. Accredited Rose Judge with 35 years experience. Member of Rose Society. Day or evening. Please call to arrange time. All Roses are his specialty. Will speak on other subjects as well including plant propagation.

Norfolk Botanical Gardens: 441-5830

Sue Thrash -Public Relations Coordinator-ext. 346

Myra Wood-ext. 312

Fee: Depends on rental space chosen. Clubs need to come to the Gardens.

Will set up speakers on many different garden related topics, such as *"Care of Roses"*, etc.

***Floyd Watkins:** 429-3134

Fee: Donation. *"Honey Bees: Plant Pollinators"* – learn why bees are important insects to have around your garden and how you can encourage them to visit your garden. See honeybees at work (behind glass), see a display and learn about other stinging insects.

Marie Mims Butler: 548-2602

A graduate of North Carolina State University with both academic and practical experience in horticulture. While living in Japan, she earned her teaching credentials in Ikebana and Japanese flower arranging. Marie is currently a member of the horticultural staff of the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk, and is an active Chesapeake Master Gardener. The following slide programs are available:

- ❖ *"Annuals and Perennials: A Year in Bloom"*
- ❖ *"Butterfly Gardening"*
- ❖ *"Fall Gardening in Tidewater"*
- ❖ *"Herb Gardening" (with fresh material samples, when possible)*
- ❖ *"Organic Gardening"*
- ❖ *"Spring Gardening in Tidewater"*
- ❖ *"Vegetable Gardening"*
- ❖ *"Where the Wild Things Grow: Plants of the Virginia Zoo"*

Francis Thrash: 481-3484

Fee. *"Growing Iris in the Tidewater Area"* – 30 minutes to 1 hour (dependent upon the needs of the organization requesting speaker) which will include selection of iris types, growth habits, soil preparation, climate requirements, division requirements, and sources.

Karen Green: 486-0230

Donation.

Beneficial Insects – A slide presentation of the good bugs for your garden.

Organic Gardening Concepts – An overview of methods you can use to minimize or totally stop using chemical pesticides in your garden and still have good vegetables and lovely flowers.

Karen Renda: 495-2454

Right Trees, Right Place – Trees are an asset to the landscape and the community. Choosing the right tree for your landscape will minimize future problems.

General Interest

Free Gardening Newsletters:

Greenleaves News: 5-6 issues yearly. Send list of your club members with addresses and zip codes to:

McDonald Garden Center
Attn: Pat Overton
1139 W. Pembroke Avenue
Hampton, VA 23661

Hampton Roads Gardening: 11 issues a year by the Daily Press, Inc. Free subscriptions available, mail your name and address to:

HRG
c/o Daily Press
Newport News, VA 23607

Belinda Nash: 490-2504

Fee. (Donation to Ferry Plantation House) *"The Legend of Grace Sherwood – The Infamous Witch of Pungo."* Ms. Nash of Ferry Plantation House will tell the story of the life of Grace, from 1660 to 1740, in full period costume. You will also see the replica of the house on the Sherwood property. She will talk about old remedies used by Grace, such as rosemary plant and others. She will come to your meeting place or you may meet at Ferry Plantation House. For more information call Belinda.

Samantha Weaver: 587-8704

Fee. Garden Historian and Interpreter for the Chrysler Museum of Art. Unique presentation: Ancient remedies, plantlore and 16th and 17th century herbal mysteries; Native American influence of local plants; green myths; folk magic. No slides – THE REAL THING! Speaker supplies all visuals in the form of roots (some over 100 years old), leaves and concoctions. One of the last surviving wise women from a by-gone era. The Southern "rootworker's" secrets revealed.

Janet Balestino: 312-8451

No fee. **Weekenders Clothing for Women.** The Weekenders Wardrobing Concept demonstrates that you can build your wardrobe with classic pieces and add a few fashion pieces each season to stretch your wardrobe dollar. Janet helps you raise funds for your club. Call her to find out how!

Jane Kaminski: 463-4649

The Passionate Herbal

Fee. Aroma therapy, crafts and culinary products and classes.

Ann Parsons: 441-5838

Education Director for Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

Fee: Donation to Education Department *"Introduction/Update Slide Tour of the Botanical Gardens"*. Horticulture also available.

Laurie Zittrain Jones: 498-6242

Senior Vice President/Investment Officer for Wachovia Securities, Virginia Beach. Learn the steps to help you achieve financial security and fund your dreams, *"Smart Women Finish Rich."* The presentation is about 30-40 minutes long. Ms Jones teaches educational workshops on a variety of financial topics. She is well prepared to fill in for groups who have a last minute cancellation with a scheduled speaker.

Life-Saving Museum of Virginia: 422-1587

No Fee. Contacts: Fielding Tyler, Executive Director; LeMoine Jones, Programs and Educational Director, or Julie Pouliot, Administrator.

- ❖ *"Pirates"*
- ❖ *"Shipwrecks"*
- ❖ *"Virginia Beach History"*

April Miller: 1 – 804-432-4223

Fee. New address: Brightwood, Route 1, Box 22A, Chatham, VA 24531-9761. Slide presentation and lecture on Historic Southern Plantations – a six part series.

ODU Speakers: Lytton J. Musselman – 683-3595.

No fee. Programs:

- ❖ *"Plants of the Bible" and a wide variety of other topics are available.*

A wide variety of other topics are also offered.

Mary Frank, Public Relations Director: Tidewater Builders Association – 420-2434

No fee. Wide variety of topics concerning the building industry, such as:

- ❖ *"Landscaping"*
- ❖ *"Tree Planting and Care"*
- ❖ *"Smart Growth" – creating communities with open space and efficient use of municipal services.*

Linda Pugh: 481-7459

No fee. Lady Remington Jewelry *“Wardrobe Stretching with Accessory and Scarf Ideas”*.

Karen Renda: 495-2454

Fee: Donation to Master Gardeners. *“Francis Land House and Gardens.”* Program includes handouts. Victorian program is also available.

Roberta Grater: 463-4982

The following programs are available for presentation to local Garden Clubs:

- ❖ *“Castles, Lochs and Gardens of Scotland”* – a travel visit from the East Coast to the West Coast of Scotland. (Slide Show)
- ❖ *“Charleston”* – A tour of the city and surrounding gardens. (Slide Show)
- ❖ *“Arizona, the Biosphere and Desert”* – A look at life inside the biosphere near Tucson as well as desert vegetation. (Slide Show)
- ❖ *“Preservation of Flowers”* – Various methods of preserving flowers and herbs are described in detail, along with a look at the materials and mechanics.
- ❖ *“Herbs of the Bible”* – A show and tell presentation of the variety of herbs used in biblical times. Fresh herbs will be on hand during the months of March, April, May, September, and October.
- ❖ *“Victorian Tea.”* How to do a Victorian tea.

Arlette Spane: 436-6581

Fabric Galleria in Chesapeake

No fee. Demonstrates latest in “no-sew/self-hang” window treatments and other custom work. Will bring all the “latest and greatest” fabric samples.

Garden Societies of Hampton Roads – 2005 - 2007

Tidewater African Violet Society

Ms. Dessie Hartlove
The African Violet Society
1528 Fawnwood Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
464-1153 dhart10140@cox.net

Daylily Society

Ms. Janet Hong
Tidewater Daylily Society
2605 Pine Forrest Lane
Chesapeake, VA 23322
421-0097 prpdaylily@juno.com

Audubon Society

Mr. Terry Jenkins
Virginia Beach Audubon Society
2217 Chicks Beach Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
363-9177
trjenkins@vbschools.com

Herb Society

Ms. Pat Terry
Herb Society of America –
Tidewater Unit
PO Box 61442
Virginia Beach, VA 23466
pterry1@prodegy.net

Tidewater Beekeepers Association

Mr. Floyd Watkins
121 Wade Cove Lane
Knotts Island, NC 27950-9616
563-2275
beewaspflw@aol.com

Hampton Roads Iris Society

Ms. Frances Thrash
Hampton Roads Iris Society
2109 Cocoa Circle
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
481-3484 francesethrash@cox.net

Virginia Bonsai Society

Mr. Ronnie Baum, President
Virginia Bonsai Society
2708 North Landing Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
427-1973
weetwee@infionline.net

Virginia Native Plant Society

Ms. Kit Hayden
Virginia Native Plant Society
P.O. Box 3026
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
481-7288 billhayden@earthlink.net

Butterfly Society of Virginia

Mr. Don Snipes
Butterfly Society of Virginia
1300 De Bree Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23517-2127
625-7143 drsnipes@cox.net
Available speakers:
Ruth Burch 499-6789
Nadine Scott 421-9253

Tidewater Orchid Society

David Wheatley
Tidewater Orchid Society
5637 Sedgemoor Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
467-0760 jbryan@vbgov.com

Tidewater Rose Society

Mr. Glenn Millard, President
Tidewater Rose Society
4917 Manning Court
Chesapeake, VA 23321
488-2171 gmillard@cox.net

Camellia Society

Ms. Sally Simon
Virginia Camellia Society
508 Fairfax Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23507
625-0374 simon2ofus@aol.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Central Library Reference and Information	431-3001
City of Virginia Beach – Speaker’s List	427-4111
VPI Extension Service: Contact	427-4769
London Bridge Nursery	463-0685
McDonald Garden Center	464-5564

TOURS

HAMPTON

Magnolia House	722-6881
232 S. Armistead Avenue, 23669	Fax: 723-6821

NORFOLK

Chrysler Museum	664-6200
The Hermitage Foundation	423-2052
Moses Myers and/or Willoughby-Baylor House	
Contact: Debbie Biller	664-6283
Botanical Gardens	
General Information	441-5830
Tours	441-5932
Garden House Café	855-3176

RICHMOND

Agecroft Hall and Gardens	353-4241
4305 Sulgrave Road, Windsor Farms Richmond, VA (15 th century Tudor manor house museum, with furnishings from 17 th century England. On James River – 23 acres of landscaped grounds, tour length 45 minutes) Open Tues. – Sat. 10-4, Sun. 12:30-5	
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden	
1800 Lakeside Avenue	262-9887
Open Mon.-Sat. 9:30-4, Sun. 1-4	

VIRGINIA BEACH

Adam Thoroughgood House	460-0007
Ferry Plantation House	473-5626
Francis Land House & Historic Park & Trail	340-1732
Life-Saving Museum of Virginia	422-1587
Lynnhaven House	460-1688
Virginia Beach Marine Science Museum	425-3474

WILLIAMSBURG

Berkley Plantation	795-2453
Carters Grove	299-1000
Shirley Plantation	829-5121