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“Beyond the First 50 Years”

September, 2001

Cheryll Klobuchar, President

Board Meeting: 10:00 A.M ---Francis Land House
Wednesday, September 5, 2001

General Meeting: Thalia United Methodist Church
Wednesday, September 12, 2001 9:30 A.M.-Registration
10:00 A.M. “Hands Programs Past & Present”

From the President:

I hope everyone has had a fun-filled, relaxing summer. We have an exciting year ahead of us filled with educational programs, floral design and a morning of Laughter, just to name a few. My theme for the next two years is, “Let’s continue to have fun while we take advantage of new technology.” Ginger Anderson will be updating our web page and I hope you all have a chance to look at it, she is doing a wonderful job and we are looking into getting a domain name for the Council on the Web.

I’d like to thank Marjorie Svede for all her hard work involving the Council Awards Luncheon. I could not have done it without her. A big thank you to Ruth Geel and her committee for a great job with the seating arrangements for our 150+ members. Johnnie Miller presented Helen Anderson with an “Award of Dedication” from Council for her involvement with Council, the community and various state projects throughout the year.

Betty Villers has been working extremely hard on our programs for the coming year. She has lined up a diverse and exciting schedule of programs that you won’t want to miss. Please note our September meeting will be held at the Thalia United Methodist Church due to a scheduling conflict with the Central Library.

Sam Halvorsen has been busy this summer compiling our Yearbook. I’d like to thank those members who sold and/or placed ads in our Yearbook. Sam will have the Yearbooks at our September meeting; don’t forget to pick them up.

Our only Fundraiser for the year will be on October 17th, with Humorist Hope Mihalap. Get your reservations and checks in as soon as possible as only 225 tickets will be sold. See Suzie Duckworth’s report in this issue for more information. Council needs your support for this Fundraiser if we are to continue to be able to be involved in the community projects as we have in the past.

I am looking forward to seeing all my old friends and meeting new friends in the coming year. Being a member of Council is a group effort. I can’t do my job without the help and support of all of you. Hope to see you in September.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September 12th program at Thalia United Methodist Church will feature a visual and informative compilation of the HANDS projects from

from Past to Present with the desire to educate and inspire each and every club, large and small, to plan and execute their own HANDS projects for 2001-2002.
Jeanette Willenbrink, former

HANDS Chairman and Suzie Duckworth, the current Chairman, will lead us on this journey



E-Mail is at: GardenClubCouncil@email.com

From the Treasurer:

Dues are due and payable

in October and no later than December 1, for year 2001 and 2002.

Dues are as follows:

Club members 1-15...	\$10.00
Club members 16-40... ..	15.00
Club members over 40... ..	20.00

Please make checks payable to COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VA. BEACH, Inc. and mail to:

Ruth A. Geel
1100 Chancellor Walk Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Please attach a note to your check with the following information:

Club Name _____
Number of Club Members _____
Amount of Check _____ \$ _____
Club Treasurer _____

Thanks,

Ruth—

e-mail address: jonterbarb@cs.com

MONEY NEEDED FOR COUNCIL HANDS PROJECT

Just a reminder when doing your budget: Please remember to add money for the Council Hands Project. The Council voted to pledge \$2,500 to Francis Land House for their new outbuildings, such as a kitchen, barn or slave quarters which will help to improve their interpretation of plantation life in Virginia Beach

. VFGC, Tidewater District Meeting

October 2, 2001

The fall Tidewater District Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at the James River Country Club, Newport News, Va. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M., and the Business Meeting at 10 A.M. The program, featuring floral designer Robert Henkel, will begin at 11:15 A.M. Lunch will be \$18.00. The theme of the meeting will be "*Animal Prints*." Everyone who attends wearing some kind of animal print will have a chance for a prize. Join us for a wonderful and fun day at this gracious and beautiful site on the James.

Call Glenda Knowles at 412-0240 to register and for directions.

Our Only Fund Raiser For This Year

Our only Fund Raiser for this year will be the Program we were unable to have in May, featuring Humorist Hope Mihalap. The date is set for Wednesday, October 17th at the Central Library at 10:00 A.M. Ms Mihalap will present one of her popular speeches entitled, "*BEAN BY BEAN-FILL UP THE SACK*." This is based on a proverb, which suggests that every small moment or "Bean" of life fills up a lifetime sack of experience and reminiscences. In Mihalap's case, these will be primarily humorous experiences embellished with appropriate accents and satirical observations.

It is extremely important we fill the Library and sell all 225 seats. Since this is open to the public please ask your family, neighbors, church members, best friends and anyone else you can sell a ticket too. Tickets will cost \$10.00 and will be available for purchase at our September meeting. Remember, men love laughter too and are welcomed to join us. A reception will follow the program at which time Hope will be selling her books and tapes.

Support your Council and help make our Fund Raiser a big success. We all need a little laughter in our life.

JOIN THE VIRGINIABEACH BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

-From the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission, Glenda Knowles, Publicity Chairman.

The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission appreciates the support of many garden clubs. If your club has never been a member, please join the efforts of the organization that spearheads the spectacular color projects at the many entrances to our City.

Membership for garden clubs is \$20.00 per year. Membership forms will be available at the September meeting from Doris Seymour. Dues are payable annually. Mail your dues to: VBBC, P. O. Box 1052, Sea Pines Station, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Landscape Design Awards will be given to residential, commercial and one institution in the **PRINCESS ANNE DISTRICT** by the VBBC in the spring of 2002. The VBBC would appreciate the Council's help with nominations for these awards next spring.

As clubs are planning their major projects for 2001-02, don't forget about the Street Tree Award, sponsored by the (See the Council Yearbook for details.)

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Some of our members have been feeling under the weather. Since it's not always possible to make the Council meetings we have decided this would be a good way to keep you informed. If you know of an active member of Council who is under the weather, is having surgery, has lost a loved one or just needs a pick me up by way of a card, phone call or visit please contact the Chaplain – Marion Froehler at 340-7743.

Please keep our friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Louise Gable of the Gardener's Guild passed away on August 24th

Tidewater District Holiday Brunch & Fashion Show

Preparations are well under way for the upcoming Holiday Brunch & Fashion Show. This fabulous event will take place at Oceana Officer's Club in Virginia Beach on Saturday, at 11:00 A.M. December 8th, 2001.

- ❖ Paige is returning to play with us once again. Paige will be showing us all the latest Holiday Fashions. She is as sensational, funny, terrific and outrageous as you remember her.

We need articles for the "Tea Cup" auction. Any item worth at least \$15.00 or something home made that could be used during the Holiday's, as a gift would be greatly appreciated. A wonderful bottle of wine, some good cheeses, homemade jellies, pickles, etc. A beautiful wreath, centerpiece, even some lovely paper napkins or plates; a cake or fudge, or a silk arrangement. Any gift that you would like to receive yourself. You might even convince a business to donate some thing wonderful and expensive for a raffle.

We are inviting you to wear a Holiday hat. Be as elegant or as ridiculous as you dare. It can be any holiday, Christmas, Kentucky Derby, Thanksgiving, Ground Hog Day, etc. Everyone who wears a hat will be eligible for a prize. Make it yourself!!!

Our menu will include salad, quiche and fruit cup, as well as coffee and tea. The cost is \$18.50, all-inclusive. A Cash Bar will be available for those who so desire.

COME PLAY WITH US!!!

Johnnie Miller	Tea Cup Auction	467-1549
Carolyn Dennis	Tea Cup Auction	340-2596
Esther Hobbs	Tickets	495-3205

Please bring your Non-Perishable items to the September meeting.

The Pembroke Meadows Garden Club & Pembroke Civic League in Association with Ferry Plantation House

Presents:

An Afternoon Royal Tea Party

Place: Ferry Plantation House

Date: September 29, 2001

Time: 2- 4 p. m.

Enjoy and English-style tea with savories, scones, biscuits, truffles, fruit and ending with sherry and dessert.

See Ferry Plantation House in the process of restoration. Meet the Witch of Pungo, Grace Sherwood and talk to her about the history of the house.

Thank you for joining us for the Tea Party – We hope you will enjoy a step back in time to a more gracious, civil era and take with you the essence of it all.

If you weren't able to attend this year's "Royal Afternoon Tea Party" call Connie Lue at 473-0144 and get your name on the list for June 8th, 2002.

Connie is also conducting a class in "Let's Have A Tea Party" at the Adult Learning Center (ALC). For details call ALC at 473-5091 and ask about course: "2710." (The class is listed in the ALC Catalogue distributed with the Virginian Pilot on Saturday, August 25th.)

FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Anne Herrick

The next TAPROOT will be in the mail the last week in October to be available for club members before the November meeting. Please submit any information you wish published to me **prior to October 25th**. You can use regular mail or e-mail me at cherrick99@earthlink.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COMMUNITY GARDENING FESTIVAL

The Master Gardeners present the Community Gardening Festival featuring speakers, exhibits, demonstrations and tours, food and fun.

The Gardening Festival will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 10 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach. Admission is free and open to the public.

Events will include the Author's Corner, featuring locally and nationally known authors Robert Stiffler, Pamela Harper and Bonnie Appleton. These authors will be available to meet the public, answer questions, sell and autograph their books.

A Silent Auction will also be included in the list of events, as well as sales and demonstrations related to all aspects of gardening. There will be contests and prizes, exhibit booths, a plant sale, bake sale and lunch vendors.

This festival also marks the grand opening of the handicapped-accessible Enabling Garden, allowing wheelchair-bound, sight-impaired and other disabled persons to enjoy a paved pathway, raised beds and textured and fragrance plantings.

For more information or a schedule of events, please call the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Virginia Beach office at 427-4769.

Annual Fall Pansy Sale

King's Grant Garden Club
Annual Pansy Sale

Saturday, October 13th
9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
Rain Date October 20th

King's Grant Presbyterian Church
Corner Little Neck & King's Grant Road

Log on to your Council Web Site. It has a wealth of information about our Club activities and a lot more of interest to gardeners.

You can also contact us at our e-mail address.

The Web Site address is in the Taproot "Header" on page 1 of this Newsletter. Our e-mail address is on the bottom of that page..