



# TAPROOT

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## “BEYOND FIFTY YEARS” Cheryll Klobuchar – President

Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2001	10:00 A.M. – Francis Land House
General Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2001	Virginia Beach Central Library 9:30 A.M. – Registration 10:00 A.M. – “Holiday Decorations” by Sandra Baylor

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### Report from the President: Cheryll Klobuchar

Autumn weather is just around the bend, the leaves are changing color and glow in the sunlight showing us the beauty of nature. Soon we will be raking all those leaves and planting perky pansies to brighten up the winter landscape.

The Pavilion was indeed transformed into the Misty Isles with the beautiful arrangements that you ladies created for the **Neptune Senior Gala**. A huge thank you to **Betty Galway** who was in charge of this event. Her design for the table arrangements and head table were lovely. I also want to thank all those ladies who came down to the Pavilion with their greens and helped create these masterpieces. With your help, you turned the Pavilion into a grand ballroom which I'm sure the Seniors took great delight in. You all deserve a big hand of applause for a job well done.

Our October fund-raiser featuring **Pat Vivo** was a morning of laughter, tears and the more laughter. It was an event that people are still talking about. I'd like to thank everyone who bought a ticket; your support of Council is something we need more of. Unfortunately, we only sold half of the available seats. We had hoped for a full house for this special event. For Council to continue to offer quality programs, to hand out monetary awards at the end of each year, and to contribute to projects in our fair city, we need to have the full support of our members for our fundraisers. I am open to any and all suggestions on what can be done to get your increased support. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at 463-4885 or e-mail me at [c-klobuchar@home.com](mailto:c-klobuchar@home.com).

I would like to give a heart-felt thank you to **Suzie Duckworth** for all the time and effort she put into this event. **Darlene Nelson, Ruth Geel, Sam Halvorsen and Susan Driskel**, to all of you a Big Thank You, without your help we couldn't have put on this event. And last but not least, I want to thank all my board members who made the delicious culinary treats for the reception that was held after Pat's program. I truly can't thank you enough. Like I said, it was an event that people are still talking about.

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**On to November!!** **Betty Villers** has arranged for a wonderful floral demonstration by Sandra Baylor for our November meeting. I know that this is one meeting that you won't want to miss. I look forward to seeing all of you there for a program that will get everyone in the holiday mood.

Since this will be our last *Taproot* until the New Year, I'd like to remind everyone about our decorating of the Francis Land House on **December 1<sup>st</sup>** and the wreath-making workshop on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. I hope to see lots of your smiling faces at these events which help to make our city a festive place for the holidays. Read more about these in **Mari Hall** and **Midge Berry's** reports in this issue of the *Taproot*.

ATTENTION: Board Meeting Attendees

There seems to be some confusion as to who can attend the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach board meetings. I hope this short message will clear up any misunderstandings on this issue. **The board meetings are open to those members on the Executive Board, all Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen and Past Presidents ONLY.** I hope this clears up any uncertainty that some may have.

If anyone has a question pertaining to this, please call me at 463-4885 or e-mail me at: [c-klobuchar@home.com](mailto:c-klobuchar@home.com).

PAST PRESIDENT... Suzie Duckworth (363-1050)

Sept. 23, 2001

To The Council of Garden Clubs of V.B.,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful hand painted garden scene you gave me at the Awards Luncheon. It reflects the things I truly enjoy doing, "gardening." Its special place in my kitchen will be a constant reminder of my wonderful experience as your President for the past two years. I have made many many new friends, which I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I look forward to continue working with the Council and your new President, Cheryl

Your friend,  
Suzie Duckworth

## **WHAT BEING A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MEANS TO ME**

**Joey Himmelwright**

*Country Gardeners Guild*

*I joined my first and only garden club at the age of 39. It was with a group of ladies who were experienced garden club members. They were from various neighborhoods and background but with a common goal – to be a good garden club member. I thought I knew a lot about gardening at the time. Yet over the past 13 years my gardening skills have improved and my life has been enriched.*

*A garden club is a place to find wonderful friends. The members of my club have filled my life with laughter, shared the rough times and given me a place to feel at home and loved.*

*Our garden club has taken trips, eaten lunches and dinners together. We've worked on projects and programs that help improve our community. I've learned about plants, soil, flower arranging and how to give back some of what I've been given. Being a garden club member has made me appreciate each day and the simple beauty that is around me. Most of all being a garden club member has given me the best gift of all – friends that will last a lifetime.*

## **APOLOGIES.... APOLOGIES from Mari Hall (481-3970)**

My sincere apologies to the members of the COUNTRY GARDENERS GUILD GARDEN CLUB for the omission from the Council Yearbook of their Award winning article "*WHAT BEING A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MEANS TO ME*." The article should have been published in the Council Yearbook instead of the "GARDENERS GUILD." MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR THIS ERROR. Mari Hall



**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE...Debbie Woodard, Cochairman (463-1958).** Judy Bari, Hospitality Cochairman, recently resigned her position. If there is any one interested in taking her place on the Hospitality Committee, *please* call me. We are responsible for setting up the tables, beverages, and the refreshments (provided by member garden clubs) for the Council General Meetings

Note: The Hospitality Committee needs refreshments and a centerpiece for the refreshment table for the November 14 General Meeting. There are many garden clubs that have not provided refreshments during the past several years, and we really need each club to "take a turn" on a rotating basis. Please call me if your garden club can provide finger-food type items for the November 14 meeting. (The centerpiece and food need to be brought to the meeting by 9:25 A.M., as members begin to arrive by 9:30 A.M for registration and coffee.)

A special "thank you" to Judy Bari and the King's Grant Garden Club for the delightful goodies they provided for our September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, I wanted to thank Ann Brown for the beautiful and bountiful arrangements she created for our tables that day!

Reminder: The Princess Anne and Virginia Beach Garden Clubs have signed up for the January 9 meeting. Thank You!

## **FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN ...Suzie Duckworth (363-1050)**

A big THANK YOU goes to the 26 clubs who participated by selling tickets for Humorist PAT VIVO who spoke to us at the Library on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. I was indeed very disappointed we sold only 117 tickets. Nineteen clubs with a membership of over 600 did not participate which could have helped us fill the Library. Our fundraiser was a success because Hope Mihalap helped pay for our speaker since we did not sell all our tickets. This was truly embarrassing with a membership of approximately 1500 we could not sell 225 tickets.

PAT VIVO was an outstanding speaker who indeed had us on a "roller coaster" ride of emotions, laughing one minute and crying the next. Her speech on "Lessons In Living" is one we shall never forget. I am happy to report she sold over 75 of her books, "*Turn Right At The Next Corner,*" which definitely made a statement of how much she was enjoyed by all who attended. If you would like to order one of her books please call me at 363-1050 and I will give you the information.

Many of you have expressed an interest in bringing Pat back to talk with us. This would be impossible unless we could sell all 225 seats. I did talk with Pat and she would consider coming, possibly a date in May. I need to hear from you as to how I can sell these tickets in advance. I am certainly opened for any suggestions.

I would also like to thank Cheryll's Board Members and Committee Chairmen for the wonderful reception given for Pat after her speech. The food was delicious as usual.

I will be selling our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ornaments for \$12.00 at our November program. These make beautiful bookmarks and a great love gift for a special friend at Christmas. It would also make a thoughtful gift of a speaker or a going away gift for a member. The Council was pleased to give Pat one as a bookmark and she was thrilled. Thanks for all your help.

## **PROGRAM CHAIRMAN AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT...Betty Villers (481-6398)**

Join us on November 14<sup>th</sup> as one of our own, Sandra Baylor, prepares us for the holidays with new ideas to decorate our home. She will create arrangements for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Maybe you will be one of the lucky ones to win one of her creations to take home.

## **GARDEN THERAPY CHAIRMAN ... Betty Ann Galway (463-4255)**

### **Ceramic Design Associations Fifth Annual Charity Fund Raiser**

Again this year the Council has been asked to do the flower arrangements for CDA (Ceramic Design Associations) Fifth Annual Charity Fund Raiser. All proceeds of this dinner go directly to the local food banks. Last year the CDA raised over \$13,000. The date is set for March 8, 2002 at Virginia Wesleyan. We will be arranging in the Fine Arts Building again this year from 1:00 to 3:00PM. (More detailed info in the following months.) It's a good time to start saving large soup cans with their labels left on them. We will use these again this year to arrange in for our Spring – Hands Council Project – “EMPTY BOWLS.” Bring them to each Council meeting to be collected.

### **Neptune Festival Senior Ball**

I'd like to personally thank everyone who helped with the Neptune Festival Senior Ball. We had a wonderful turnout. The arrangements were all uniquely lovely! Thanks again for your support.

**WHAT A GREAT TURNOUT** for making the table arrangements for the Senior Citizens Ball at the Pavilion. Thirty-five (35) of the Garden Clubs floral designers came out and did their wonderful arrangements. Thank you for your support and know you made many people very happy on September 27<sup>th</sup>. **YOU WERE GREAT...you made 81 table arrangements and three for the head table... FANTABULOUS!**

## **CHRISTMAS WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP... Mari Hall (481-3970)**

### **IT'S TIME TO DECK THE HALLS...THE MUNICIPAL CENTER HALLS THAT IS:**



Once again, we **NEED** and **VALUE** your expertise in making Christmas Floral Boards in the Williamsburg Manner. We will again meet at the **LANDSCAPE SERVICES BUILDING, #5, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** from 9:00AM to 12:00AM. The City will supply fresh greens and fruit. Please bring your staple gun, clippers, wire cutters and gloves if you wish.

The **COFFEE** and **DONUTS** will be ready. If you have any questions please call me at 481-3970. **SANTA** will be waiting for **YOU!**

**(Note: There is a correction on page 26 of the Council Yearbook. For your convenience the correction is printed at the bottom of page 6 so you can cut it out and paste it in your copy of the Yearbook.)**

**FRANCIS LAND HOUSE FLORAL DECORATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN...Midge Berry (463-1784)** – Ladies, a sheet will be passed around November 14<sup>th</sup> at the General Council Meeting at the Central Library. Please sign up to help decorate the Francis Land House for the holiday's - December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. If you are unable to attend the Council meeting to sign the sheet please call me at 463-1784 to get on the list. I would appreciate all the help to make Francis Land House special and festive for the holidays. Thank you. Midge Berry



**HANDS CHAIRMAN...Suzie Duckworth (363-1050)** – Just a reminder the HANDS INTENT forms are not due till March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pick up the forms at the January meeting. Hopefully this will give more Clubs time to consider a new project. There are many areas around our city that could use a little help. You will have till May 10<sup>th</sup> to complete your project, at which time your Books of Evidence are due.



**COUNCIL WEBMASTER...Virginia S. Anderson (496-8086)**

For Club Members who have access to the Internet Council's Website (<http://groups.hrtide.com/gardenclubcouncil>) now has an interactive calendar where member clubs can post their events – FREE OF CHARGE! It's simple to use and very flexible. You can even include a link to your events website. Any member club having a website or a contact e-mail address please e-mail the Council at [GardenClubCouncil@email.com](mailto:GardenClubCouncil@email.com) so we can include those links on the Website!

Do you have a favorite gardening Website? E-mail the Council and let us know so we can all share the link.

You can download copies of the "Taproot" from the Council's Website. Beginning with the September 2001 issue. The "Taproot" can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format for reading and printing. Just call me at 496-8086 if you have questions about our Website or how to use it.

**CHAPLAIN... Marion Froehler... (340-7743)**

Louise Zable – Gardner's Guild of Virginia Beach passed away.

Julia Dunaja is in Bayside Health Center, 1004 Independence Blvd, Room 28.

She can have visitors and receive cards.

Gerrie Igo fell. Send her cards.

Ellie Kreassig was hospitalized with an asthma attack. She is now home from the hospital.

Betty Bloxom's husband is very ill. Her brother passed away September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... Anne Herrick (340-3525)** – The next edition of the TAPROOT will be the January issue. With all of the planning and preparation for the Holidays, December will be a very busy time for all of us. To avoid last minute hassle please get any information you want in the January issue to me **not later than DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**. You can e-mail your input to me at [cherrick99@earthlink.net](mailto:cherrick99@earthlink.net) or send it by mail to 921 Prince Phillip Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3929

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRINCESS ANNE GARDEN CLUB GREENS SALE AND BAZAAR**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2001**

**Linkhorn Annex**

(The Old Linkhorn Park Elementary School)

1413 Laskin Road

Virginia Beach, VA



Boxwood and Noble Fir Wreaths in a Range of  
Sizes with a BIG Red Bow  
Boxwood Trees and Hand Made Topiaries  
Custom Decorated Wreaths

A First Quality Bake Sale  
Poinsettias and Amaryllis Bulbs  
A Silent Auction of First Class Gifts and  
Collectibles  
More Than 15 Specialty Vendors Selected  
For Their Quality, Originality and Craftsmanship  
Book Signings by Stephen Mansfield and Libby Oliver

**For More Information Contact: SUSAN WIGHT (428-0613)**



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### **TIDEWATER DISTRICT NEWS ... Glenda Knowles, President (412-0240)**

November 1, 2001. Tidewater District will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker at the Hampton Veterans' Hospital on Thursday, November 1, 2001 at 10:30A.M. This is the first Blue Star Marker to be placed in Tidewater. Hampton's Mayor Locke, Delegate Alan Diamonstein and many military personnel will be featured on the program. Please come to Hampton on November 1 to show your support of our great veterans. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**TIDEWATER DISTRICT HOLIDAY BRUNCH AND FASHION SHOW. Carolyn Dennis – Fundraising Chairman (340-2596)** – Ladies, don't forget the Holiday Brunch and Fashion Show sponsored by the Tidewater District. This is our only big fundraiser for the two-year tenure of this administration. We need your support.

Ester Hobbs will have tickets at our November meeting. Johnnie Miller and Carolyn Dennis will be available to take your "Tea Cup" auction donations.

Remember your Holiday Hat...It can be any holiday, Christmas, Easter, Valentine Day, Kentucky Derby, etc., etc. There will be a \$25.00 gift certificate to purchase something from Paige for the most wonderful hat.

See you at Oceana Officer's Club on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Come promptly at 11:00 A.M. and browse...The "Tea Cup" auction will be ready, as will the belts, scarves, and jewelry... all the wonderful accessories Paige will bring from Richmond. You might even be lucky enough to win the door prize!!!! Come play with us!!!!

**Council Yearbook Correction:** Make the following correction on page 26 of the Yearbook (Use this to "cut and paste" the correction.)

**5. MARI HALL, SENIOR CITIZENS BALL WORKSHOP (2001-2002)**

To the Club with the best participation of club members attending the floral workshop for the Neptune Festival Ball.

No binder is necessary. The Award to be submitted to the Award's Chairman by the Committee Chairman

AWARD: First - \$10.00 SECOND - \$5.00