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Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 6 th , 2002	10:00a.m. Francis Land House
General Meeting: Wednesday, March 13 th , 2002	Virginia Beach Central Library 9:30a.m. Coffee and Registration 10:00a.m. "Correct Spring Pruning" by Houston Shirk

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Cheryll Klobuchar*

What a crazy winter we've had, one day it's in the 70's and another day we have 9 inches of snow. Trees are budding and daffodils are in bloom., Spring, hopefully, is just around the corner. We have a busy month ahead of us. March 8th will find us making table arrangements for the **Empty Bowls Charity Dinner** and at the end of the month we will be wrapping pine seedlings for all the third graders in Virginia Beach. We need all the help we can get for both of these projects. Check out the Chairman's reports in this month's Taproot.

Our **proposed by-law changes** are included in this issue of the Taproot as **Enclosure 1**. Helen Anderson, a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (not to mention a past Council president,) was instrumental in helping us review our by-laws. Please take time to read them over. We will vote on them at our April meeting.

I'd like to thank Sam Halvorsen for conducting the January meeting for me when I was unable to attend.

Wow, what a wonderful program. If you were unable to attend our Special Education Program with Helga Macko you missed a great morning. The day was lovely, not only great weather but also a beautiful spring floral demonstration by Helga Betty Villers has been work-

March Meeting: - **Betty Villers, Program Chairman**

Join us on March 13th to learn shrubs in this area for you to take when and how to prune woody home for reference.

ornamentals and trees. You will gain confidence to prune in your own landscape and learn when to call in the experts. Houston Shirk, owner of Advanced Arboral Care, will demonstrate the proper tools and methods with real plant material. He is a Virginia Certified Nurseryman and a Certified Arborist. We will have available Virginia Cooperative Extension pamphlets with time schedules to prune trees and

April Meeting:

Mark your calendars for April 10th when Billi Parus joins us in the Herb Garden and then moves us into the kitchen where she will inspire us to make herbal condiments. This will be a demonstration and sampling class plus recipes. More details will follow in the April Taproot.

Special Thanks - Betty Villers, Program Chairman

Special thanks to Aragona Garden Club, Little Neck Garden Club, Pembroke Meadows Garden Club and Thalia Garden Club for the delicious goodies and punch they provided for the reception following our Education Program featuring Helga Macko. Thanks.

Hands Chairman, Suzie Duckworth

Hands Intent Forms

Just a reminder your Hands Intent Forms were due on March 1st. All Garden Clubs who have applied for Hands awards should have their representative Hands Chairman or President Pick up their folders for the "Book of Evidence" (BOE) at the April meeting. This is very important. The Book of Evidence is due May 10th.

If you have any questions regarding "Hands" please feel free to call me at 363-1050 and I will do my best to help you.

Donations:

Please remember donations are being accepted for the Council Hands Project, which is our pledge of \$2,500 to the Francis Land House outbuildings they plan to build in the near future. Please send your check to me, or our Treasurer, Ruth Geel, so your club can be acknowledged at the Annual Awards Luncheon. No contribution is too small. We appreciate all the help we can get.

Fifth Annual CDA Empty Bowls Charity Dinner – Betty Ann Galway, Chairman

Again this year the Council of Garden Clubs will be doing the table arrangements for the **Fifth Annual CDS (Ceramic Design Association) Empty Bowls Charity Dinner**. Last year \$12,000 was donated to four charities and an additional \$500 was directed to Virginia Wesleyan College to support a "potato drop event" which will in turn benefit these same four charities by directing unlimited quantities of bagged potatoes to their kitchens. This year all profits will be distributed to: The H.E.R. Shelter, Judeo Christian Outreach Center, Oasis Social Ministry and the Union Mission to supplement their individual food kitchens. The dinner is Friday, March 8th from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Virginia Wesleyan College in their dining room

We need volunteers to meet in Virginia Wesleyan' Hofheimer Building on March 8th at 12:30 P.M. When you enter Virginia Wesleyan from Wesleyan Drive go up to the front gate house and take a right, park in the first parking lot on your left and the Hofheimer Building will be the first building up the sidewalk. We will be meeting in the large drawing room on the first floor. Please bring with you clippers and cleaned greens (camellia, acuba and Chinese privet work

well), also any flowers that are in bloom that you'd like to share. The Council is purchasing cut flowers as well. Last year we finished with over sixty table arrangements in less than two hours. I hope we get as many helping hands this year to make light work of this worthwhile project. Hope to see you there on March 8th at 12:30.

Tickets for the evenings soup dinner, entertainment and a could be made payable to the Ceramic Design Association (CDA.) Call Johan Lebud – Ticket Chairman – at 538-8369 and she will mail the tickets to you.

Once again, Thank You for your time and talent in making this a beautifully festive evening; as we know nothing cheers a room like flowers.

Please call me with any questions at 464-4255, Betty Ann Galway – Empty Bowl Flower Chairman.



50th Celebration Ornaments for Sale – Suzie Duckworth, Fund Raiser Chairman

I will be selling our 50th Celebration Ornaments at our March and April Meetings. The cost is \$12.00. This will be an ongoing project for the Council. They make beautiful bookmarks. Please consider purchasing several for you club to have on hand for special occasions or even speakers. Thank you for supporting your Council.

Hospitality Committee - Debbie Woodard (463-1958), Chairman

Special Thanks

I would like to thank several Garden Clubs for the delightful refreshments and lovely centerpieces we were treated to at our November and January General Meetings. **Lucky us!**

In November Chesapeake Colony provided our lovely floral arrangement and helped Larkspur, Princess Anne Plaza and Great Neck Point Garden Club with all of the refreshments.

In January Princess Anne Garden Club provided the beautiful floral centerpiece and many refreshments along with the Stratford Chase Garden Club members (and we are still hoping for a few of the recipes from these ladies!)

Reminders for the March 13th & April 10th Meetings

We would love to have another Garden Club or two help with the refreshments for the March 13 meeting. Let me know if your club can help.

March 13th Meeting

Aragona and Princess Anne Plaza Garden Clubs have signed up to provide refreshments for the meeting. Please let me know if your Garden Club members will be providing a centerpiece and/or your own tablecloths.

April 10th Meeting

Church Point, Fairfield Farm and Lake Smith Terrace Garden Clubs have signed up for the April 10th meeting. Once again, please let me know if you will be providing a centerpiece and/or your own tablecloths.

General Information

The centerpieces and refreshments (finger-food items) need to be brought to the meeting by 9:30a.m. It is helpful if the food items are ready to serve and names are labeled on the bottom of the plates or baskets.

Awards of Merit Report: Cheryll Klobuchar

It's that time of the year again when Council asks all of you to submit names of businesses that do an exemplary job of landscaping and maintaining their properties. Due to the length of this month's Taproot the Form to submit these names has been omitted. The Form will be in the April Taproot. Meanwhile, while you're out please take time to make a note of those.

businesses you would like to receive certificates. This certificate is our way of letting businesses know we not only notice, but also appreciate the time and effort they take to make their site appealing. If you have any questions, please contact me, Cheryll Klobuchar, either by phone at 463-4885, or e-mail: c-klobuchar@cox.net.

Arbor Day: Johnnie Miller, Arbor Day Committee Chairman

Arbor Day will be observed in the City of Virginia Beach on Thursday, April 11th, 2002 at 10:00a.m. at the Francis Land House. Each year the Council of Garden Clubs partners with the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission and the City of Virginia Beach to promote the importance of trees. Each group plays an important part in this event. The Arbor Day Chairman will be working with Malibu Elementary School third graders and their Arbor Day Art Contest. The Council of Garden Clubs will be the hostess for the celebration. We will need lots of cookies for the occasion. A "Sign Up" sheet will be passed at the March meeting so you can indicate what kind and how many cookies you can make to help us. Please help make this year as special as all other years have been or even **MORE SPECIAL**. And remember all Garden Club members are invited to attend this event during which the City of Virginia Beach will again receive the "TREE CITY AWARD." This award is a result of the Council and VBBC participation.

Thanks, Johnnie



Pine Seedlings: Phyllis Elms, Pine Seedling Distribution Chairman

The Council will wrap pine tree seedlings on Monday, March 18th. We will meet at the Landscape Services Building in the Municipal Center from 9:00a.m. until Noon. Some equipment you might bring; newspaper sleeves, newspapers, hand staplers and a bucket.

A "Sign Up" sheet will be passed at the March Council meeting. If you have any questions please call Phyllis Elms at 486-6506.

Scrapbook Pages Available: Awards Chairman, Susan Driskell

Scrapbook pages will be available for pick up at the March General Meeting.

Postage Increase and the Increasing Cost of Publishing the Taproot

This is a request for e-mail addresses from all Garden Club Presidents and Council Representatives.

send us your e-mail address.

Send your addresses to:

Anne Herrick, Taproot Editor at:

cherrick99@earthlink.net

And to me at: c-klobuchar@cox.net

Due to the high cost of printing and mailing the Taproot I would like to start sending it electronically to all those who have e-mail. As you know postage rates will increase 3 cents in the near future which makes it increasingly costly to mail the Taproot. To help keep costs to a minimum I would like to e-mail copies to everyone we can. If you do not have e-mail, not to worry. We will continue to send your copy by mail. So please help and

Thanks for your cooperation.

Cheryll Klobuchar

Editor's Note: On a trial basis a copy of this issue of the Taproot has been e-mailed to all members for whom we have an address. You will also receive a copy by mail.

April Taproot Input Deadline: Anne Herrick, Corresponding Secretary

The deadline for input into the April Taproot is ***Friday, March 22nd***.

I really appreciate the cooperation I've been getting from everyone for the timely manner in which you have been submitting your inputs to the Taproot. Your promptness goes a long way in helping me put the Newsletter together and posting it enough in advance of the Council Board and General Meetings to be of use to our members.

For "Snail Mail" my address is: 921 Prince Phillip Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3929. Send your e-mail to: cherrick99@earthlink.net

Thanks to everyone,

Anne



Announcements

Cavalier Garden Club Auction & Luncheon

The Cavalier Garden Club will hold their **Annual Auction and Luncheon** beginning at 10:30a.m. Wednesday, March 27th at the Cavalier on the Hill.

For tickets (\$20.00) call Charlene Riley at 491-3307 or Betty Nimitz at 428-8590 before March 24th. Lunch will be served.



Notice from the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission:

Each year the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission (VBBC) selects one of the city's districts to recognize landscaping efforts by those who live or work in the district. This year Princess Anne District has been chosen for judging. Categories are:

- 1) Residential
- 2) Commercial
- 3) Institutional

Help the VBBC with nominations for these awards.

Send your nominations for any properties you feel deserve this recognition award to:

VBBC Landscape Recognition Awards
Chairman
P. O. Box 1052
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Or, telephone Marie Dills, 363-3900 or
e-mail: mdills@vt.edu

Deadline for nominations is April 15th. Judging will take place by the end of April. The awards will be presented to the winners at the annual VBBC dinner held in May.

An Invitation- -TIDEWATER WANTS YOU!

This is an invitation to all non-federated clubs within the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach to consider joining the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Federated means "to belong to the Virginia **Federation** of Garden Clubs.")

Federated clubs automatically become members of the Tidewater District, South Atlantic Region and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. There are many benefits for members of federated clubs. What are some of these benefits: receive the *Old Donation Gardener*, *The National Gardener*; apply for district, state, regional and national awards. Only federated clubs can sponsor Standard Flower Shows. The annual Tidewater District Standard Flower Show held in January at the Pavilion offers an opportunity for everyone in the Council to

enter horticulture and designs. However, only members of federated clubs can serve as chairmen on the committee.

We need many more clubs to become involved in the Tidewater District. Please call Glenda Knowles, President, Tidewater District, 412-0240, for more information.

P. S. The Spring Tidewater District meeting will be held in the Rose Garden Room, Norfolk Botanical Garden, Tuesday., April 2nd, 9:30a.m. Registration. Speaker: Mark Weathington, Supervising Horticulturist for the NBG. If you are not in a federated club and would like to attend, call Glenda

Tidewater District
V.F.G.C.

Cordially Invites You to It's Easter Parade of Flowers & Fashions

1:15 to 3:30p.m., Saturday, March 23rd, 2002
Virginia Beach Central Library

Floral Demonstrations----- Gene Schull, Floral Events
Refreshments----- Ladies of the District
Fashion Show----- Stein Mart
Drawings
Door Prizes
Donation-----\$10.00

Gene is a creative genius who would refer to himself as clever rather than creative. Those of you who have attended one of his demonstrations already know how sensational, captivating and memorable his programs are. The rest of you will not be disappointed

You will also be impressed and delighted with the terrific Spring Fashions from Stein Mart.

Where else on this earth can you spend \$10.00 for such a lovely afternoon? Come treat yourself and bring a friend or neighbor.

P. S. Ladies, I need volunteers to help with the refreshments. If no one in your club can attend, please return the tickets and make a donation. We need your support. For additional tickets call Carolyn Dennis, 340-2596

Carolyn Dennis



RECIPES FROM THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Many of you have asked me for the recipes for the PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL and VEGETARIAN PIZZA served at the January Council Meeting. I am only too glad to share these with you.

Marion Wall
Stratford Chase Garden Club



PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL

Marion Wall, Stratford Chase Garden Club

Makes about 25 servings

- **2 8-ounce packages cream cheese**
- **1 8-ounce can crushed pineapple**
- **1 cup pecans, chopped**
- **¼ cup green pepper, chopped**
- **2 tablespoons onion, chopped**
- **1 8-ounce jar maraschino cherries, halved**
- **Club Crackers**

1. Soften cream cheese and stir in all remaining ingredients, except cherries and crackers. Mix well.
2. Refrigerate overnight
3. Remove cheese mixture from refrigerator and make into a ball.
4. Place cherries on cheese ball to cover and serve with Club Crackers

Calories per 1 tablespoon serving 109; Protein 2g; Carbohydrate 6g; Total Fat 9g (Saturated 4g, Mono 4g, Poly 1g); Cholesterol 6mg; Dietary Fiber 1g; Sodium 58mg; Potassium 65mg; Calcium



VEGETARIAN PIZZA



Marion Wall, Stratford Chase Garden Club

Makes about 80 pieces

- **2 packages crescent rolls**
- **2 8-ounce packages cream cheese**
- **1 cup mayonnaise**
- **1 1-ounce package Ranch Party Dip**
- **1 large fresh tomato, finely chopped**
- **1 green bell pepper, seeds, white membrane removed, finely chopped**
- **1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, finely chopped**

1. On a large 15 x 12-inch cookie sheet, press crescent rolls out flat to cover. Bake at 375 degrees until brown, about 5-10 minutes, watching closely. Remove from oven and cool.
2. Mix together cream cheese, mayonnaise and Party Dip. Spread cheese mixture on cooled crust and garnish with vegetables. Cover and refrigerate over night.
3. Cut into pieces about 1 ½ inch square and serve

Calories each piece 41; Protein 1g; Carbohydrate 02g; Total Fat 4g (Saturated 2g, Mono 1g, Poly 1g); Cholesterol 19mg; Dietary Fiber 0g; Sodium 33mg; Potassium 19mg; Calcium 6mg; Iron 0mg.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Suzie Duckworth, Chairman

The By-law Committee consisting of Suzie Duckworth (Chairman), Helen Anderson, Cheryl Klobuchar and Johnnie Miller met and reviewed the By-laws. It became evident that the By-laws needed to be updated and put in proper order, It is impractical to list all of the word changes.

The revised By-laws are printed below. Please consult your Council Yearbook if necessary. The biggest change is in the dues and the addition of an Associate Club. Please read over the By-laws. We will vote on them at the April Council meeting.

**The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.
By-Laws**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc., hereinafter know as Council. No recommendation adopted by this Council shall in any way bind its constituent members but shall be advisory in character.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The objects of the Council shall be

1. To coordinate the interests of the garden clubs of Virginia Beach and to bring them into close relations of mutual helpfulness by association, conferences and correspondence; to aid in the protection and conservation of our national beautification; to study the fine arts of gardening in all its aspects; and to encourage the study of horticulture;
2. The Council shall serve as a liaison for the local clubs and cooperate with other organizations doing similar work.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Definition

- a. Active membership shall consist of garden clubs in the city of Virginia Beach.
- b. Associate membership of garden clubs of Virginia Beach who choose to be associated but not as active members.
- c. Honorary membership shall be all past presidents of Council.

Section 2. Qualifications

Applications for membership shall be presented to the Council Membership Chairman who, in turn, shall present this application to the Board of Directors of Council for their approval. Registration and reinstatement requests shall be submitted to the Membership Chairman who shall pass this information to the Board of Directors. Clubs accepted shall be notified in writing by the Membership Chairman and then be presented at the next meeting of Council. Membership dues shall accompany applications as well as a list of the club's officers and a copy of the club's by-laws.

Section 3. Dues

- a. Dues are payable in October and no later than December 1. Dues paid after December 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.
- b. Clubs with membership of 1-15 - \$10.00; 16-35 - \$20.00; 36 and over \$30.00; Associate - \$50.00; Honorary shall pay no dues.
- c. New clubs joining Council after January 1 shall pay one-half of the annual dues applicable to the club.

Section 4. Rights

- a. Active member shall consist of garden clubs in the City of Virginia Beach and shall be represented at meetings of Council by the club president, or her appointee, and two other members designated by the club.
- b. Associate members may attend Council but have no voting privileges.
- c. Honorary members may attend Council.

ARTICLES IV. OFFICERS

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed in these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by Council.

Section 1. The officers shall be: a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Directors, as defined in Article VI

Section 2. Eligibility

- a. All Officers shall be members of an active club of Council.
- b. No member shall serve in more than one office at one time.

Section 3. Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of Council, Executive Committee and Board of Directors, may appoint a Parliamentarian, and shall appoint all Committee Chairmen. In June the President shall appoint a committee of three (3) to serve as auditors, who shall report at the September Council meeting.
- b. The President may appoint an Advisory Committee when deemed necessary. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The Chaplain and Historian shall be appointed by the President.
- c. The First Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office, and should of the President become vacant she shall assume the office of President. She shall serve as Yearbook Chairman, with the assistance of the members of the Board of Directors.
- d. The Second Vice-President, in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President, shall perform the duties of that office. She shall serve as Program Chairman.
- e. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Council, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to the President as promptly as possible.
- f. The Corresponding Secretary shall send notice of meetings and shall conduct the general correspondence of Council, when requested by the President. This secretary shall perform other duties as directed by the President or the Board of Directors.
- g. The Treasurer shall handle all the monies of Council, shall pay all bills according to the approved budget. She shall give a detailed report at all Board and regular meetings, or when requested to do so. She shall submit all records to the audit committee in July.

h. Section 4. Nominations of Officers

- a. Nominating Committee – A nominating committee of five (5) members shall be elected at the January Council meeting, in election years, to present a slate of officers at the following March meeting.
- b. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the March meeting. Any person so nominated must have expressed in writing, willingness to serve if elected.

Section 5. Election of Officers

- a. Election of officers other than Directors shall be held every two (2) years at the April meeting of odd numbered years.
- b. If there is more than one nominee for an office, a ballot vote shall be cast for that office.

Section 6. Term of Office

- a. The term of each officer shall be two (2) years or until the successor is elected.
- b. No officer except Directors may succeed himself in the same office.
- c. Officers shall assume duties at the close of the Installation and Awards Luncheon.

Section 7. Vacancies in office other than that of the President shall be filled for the unexpired term of the vacancy by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 1. Council meeting

Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee, regular meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of September, November, January, March, and April.

Section 2. Annual meeting

The April meeting shall be called the Annual meeting. At this meeting, the annual reports of Officers and Directors shall be given and the elections shall be held in the odd numbered years.

Section 3. Annual Awards Luncheon

The date shall be set by the Luncheon Chairman, Awards shall be presented, and the Historian’s report shall be given and made a permanent part of the records.

Section 4. Special meeting

Special meetings may be called by the President or within two weeks upon receiving a written request, signed by three member clubs.

Section 5. Quorum

The quorum of Council shall be twenty (20) representatives.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers and Chairmen of all Standing Committees.

Section 2. Duties

The Board of Directors shall conduct business of Council between regular meetings and shall take any action requiring immediate attention. The quorum shall be six (6) members.

Section 3. Meetings

Meetings shall be held at the call of the President or upon written request of at least three Board members.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee, composed of the elected Officers, shall meet upon call of the President. The quorum shall be four (4) members

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as specified in these by-laws.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select a responsible citizen of Virginia Beach to serve as a registered agent for Council.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall report all actions taken to the Board of Directors at the following meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committee

- a. The Standing Committees shall include Arbor Month, Awards, Awards of Merit, Club Extension/Membership, Conservation/Ecology/Litter Control, Flower Show, Francis Land House, Fundraising, Garden Therapy, HANDS, Historic Preservation, Hospitality, Judging, Library, Luncheon, Newsletter, Photographer, Publicity, Registration, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Speaker's List, Telephone, Tours, Yearbook/Yearbook Advertising, and others as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- b. Each Standing Committee Chairman shall submit a written report to the President, Recording Secretary, and a report shall be kept in the Committee file.

Section 2. Special Committees

Special committees may be appointed by the President to accomplish the objectives of Council.

Section 3. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee, composed of the President, immediate past President and Treasurer shall prepare and present, for adoption, a budget for the following year. The adoption of this budget by Council shall be the authorization for the expenditure of funds listed therein. Funds not included in this adopted budget must be approved by the Board of Directors and ratified at the next regular meeting. Special event projects require operational budget approval by the Board of Directors and ratification at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In case of the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be transferred to a non-profit organization and none of the funds shall inure to the benefit of any individual member.

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XI AMENDING BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, provided the proposed amendments have been mailed to the Board of Directors and each member club at least one month prior to the date of the meeting.

**STANDING RULES
FOR THE
COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.**

1. At stated meeting of The Council, a member may serve and register as a representative of ONLY ONE garden club.
2. The date and place of the Annual Luncheon shall be determined by the Luncheon Chairman with approval of the Executive Committee.
3. Garden Clubs invited to join The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc., should have their membership predominately in Virginia Beach.
4. Funds for awards shall be submitted to the Treasurer prior to August 15, otherwise the award shall be eliminated.