



# TAPROOT

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## Board Meeting:

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

## General Meeting:

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

**10:00 A.M. Francis Land House**

## Thalia United Methodist Church

4321 Virginia Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA.

**9:30 A.M. Coffee & Registration**

**10:00 A.M. Workshop**

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## From the President: *Cheryll Klobuchar*

**W**elcome back!! I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for a fantastic Council Year. The Board members have been busy over the summer working hard to make this an exciting and profitable year.

Our September meeting will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Although this is the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country I hope to see all of you there. This meeting is designed with all of you in mind. Please attend and find the answers to questions you have had but didn't know who to ask. Betty will have more in her report.

Our Special Education program will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> with the one and only Wayne Jones. Tickets are on sale now at \$5.00 each. Pick one up for yourself and a friend. Wayne will be giving us a demonstration on "Fall 'Found' Flowers...etc." Don't miss this wonderful program. See *Betty Viller's* report for more information. Betty has been arranging new and exciting programs for the upcoming year. You loved her programs last year. Wait and see what she has in store for us this year. You won't want to miss a single one. Take advantage of the Council's free programs.

Our Awards Luncheon was again a big success thanks to *Cathy Cole*. I am happy to report we had reservations for over 150 members. Our reserved seating was a lot of work for *Ruth Geel and her committee*, who did an outstanding job as usual. Their efforts were much appreciated by all who attended. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this a wonderful event. And CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Award winners.

*Sam Halvorsen* has been working hard all summer collecting information from garden clubs, selling ads and compiling our Yearbook. She will be distributing these books at our September meeting. See Sam's report in this issue.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** (Continued from page 1.)

**Council now has a DOMAIN NAME!!** Thanks to *Ginger Anderson*, our Webmaster, and a lot of hard work on her part, you can now reach our website by going to [www.vbgardenclubs.org](http://www.vbgardenclubs.org). Check out our website. Everything you can imagine is on it from the Club Officers to the current and past issues of the Taproot. We have entered the “electronic age.” So check us out.

Congratulation to the **Garden Club of Greater Kempsville**, winner of the Domain Name Contest.

We have a wonderful year planned. I look forward to seeing all my old friends and making new ones in the coming year. See you in September. (Wasn't that a song?)

### **Yearbook Information**

Yearbook/Yearbook Advertising – “Sam” Halvorsen, 490-4529

I hope everyone has had a healthy, happy summer. I've been busy on our Yearbook. I will have each club's book ready for pick-up at our first General Meeting, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Thalia United Methodist Church. Please collect your copy then.

Thanks  
Sam Halvorsen.

### **Programs for September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Program Chairman – Betty Villers, 481-6398

#### **September 11<sup>th</sup>, Workshops for Officers and Committee Chairmen**

The September 11<sup>th</sup> program at Thalia United Methodist Church will feature workshops for officers and committee chairmen. Start your club year with information about club officers' responsibilities and how your club can participate in HANDS projects, how to apply for and win club awards. Learn more about interclub judging. We will break into five workshops after the business part of the meeting. Presidents will hear from Cheryl Klobuchar. Awards

Chairmen workshop will be lead by Susan Driskel. Hands Chairmen will learn from Suzie Duckworth and those who are interested in Interclub Judging will meet with Frances Thrash. Johnnie Miller will meet with those who desire more information on Parliamentary procedure.

If your club has wanted to get more involved but didn't know how, come hear what you can do and how to do it.

#### **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Special Education Program” Fall ‘Found’ Flowers...etc.” By Wayne Jones**

**10:00 A.M. VIRGINIA BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY**



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for our SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. Wayne Jones will be joining us for a morning of flower arranging for fall. His fall floral creations will carry us through the season of football, the glow of the fireplace, pumpkins on the vine and the fading blooms in the garden.

Wayne has been selling flowers since he was 10 years old beginning in his roadside garden in North Carolina. His work has appeared in local, national and international magazines, as well as the White House in Washington, D. C. He and his wife Louinda own Flowers-Wayne Jones, which will celebrate its thirty-year business anniversary on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

**TICKETS FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATON PROGRAM ARE \$5.00 EACH**

**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OR BY CONTACTING BETTY VILLERS AT 481-6398. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE PROGRAM. REMEMBER – THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, JUST OUR SPECIAL PROGRAM...BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**

(See page 5 for full details)

Coming Soon

### **Gourmet Basket**

Dom Perignon Champagne is just one of the many items in this one of a kind Basket

Watch for more information concerning this unique item

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00 each

Information about 2002/2003 annual dues is on page 7. There is a form on that page for use in mailing your dues. Dues are due in October and **not later than December 1st.**

**Award Winners Announced in Virginia Beach Beacon**  
Publicity Chairman: Esther Hobbs, 495-3205

We finally got our awards winners in the Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Virginia Beach *Beacon*. The article also mentioned some of the things I told them about what the club does; such as pine seedlings, making Christmas wreaths for city buildings

and the Neptune Festival Senior's Ball. Even though the article did not mention all of our projects I was very pleased the *Beacon* gave us the recognition it did.

**Volunteers Needed for Francis Land House Flower Arrangements**  
Francis Land House Chairman - Midge Berry, 463-1784

Fellow Garden Clubbers: Once again I'm asking for volunteers for weekly flower arrangements at the Francis Land House. This is an opportunity to represent your garden club and get a certificate of appreciation. The arrangements do not have to be elaborate; in fact they can reflect what Mrs. Land might have found in her garden in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Please help me as well as your club. I will be sending a sign-up sheet at the first meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, or you can call me. And it's not too early to think about what you might want to sign up to do when we decorate for the Christmas Holiday. I hope for a big response. Thank you. Midge Berry.

**. Help Needed for Arrangements and "Goodies" for our 2002-2003 Club Meetings**  
Hospitality Committee Co-Chairpersons – Debbie Woodard, 463-1958 and Debra Nicholson, 499-0176

A very special welcome and thank you to Debra Nicholson for agreeing to help co-chair the Hospitality Committee. As we all know, work shared is twice as much fun!

Ladies, we had such delightful refreshments and beautiful floral arrangements for all of our meetings last year, and we are looking forward to this year's meetings and refreshments. Thank you to all of the garden clubs that helped make our past year so much fun!

We need each garden club to participate in providing the arrangements and "goodies" for our meetings. Please call either Debbie or Debra to volunteer your club to provide refreshments/arrangements for the September, November, January, March or April

meetings. In addition we have need for refreshments for the October 9<sup>th</sup> Special Demonstration Meeting.

**Special Notice: Help!!** Ladies, during this past year, a garden club member contacted me about the desire for her garden club to hostess a "tea" for one of our meetings. *Unfortunately*, I have misplaced her name. We would love to have a "tea" for our January meeting, as Betty has arranged for a delightful program; "*Charleston – A tour of the city and surrounding gardens*" by Roberta Grater. It is my hope that the garden club member will contact me and that we will indeed be treated to a "tea" in January!

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Below is a list of those people/clubs that have signed up thus far for the September, October and November meetings. Please let me know if there are any changes or mistakes. As you can see, we need several more garden clubs to help at each of these meetings.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

*Centerpiece(s) Provided By:*

Brittany Points Garden Club – Mari Hall

*Refreshments Provided By:*

Thalia Garden Club-Maryann Pate, Ellie Kreassig

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

*Centerpieces Provided By:*

*Refreshments Provided By:*

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

*Centerpiece(s) Provided By:*

Aragona Garden Club – Sam Halvorsen

*Refreshments Provided By:*

Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club – Dot Hamilton

**Report from the Awards Chairman**

Susan Driskel, 463-5239

Susan Driskel requests all recipients of awards at the June Luncheon please bring the awards to the September Meeting. This will be an opportunity for the clubs to see the awards. A discussion about the

awards and changes made will be part of the program. If you cannot attend the meeting please be sure to check your Yearbook for the awards information

**NEW TAPROOT E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

Our “experiment” last year of e-mailing the Taproot to members was quite successful. Your response during the summer in giving us more e-mail addresses has been terrific. We now have an e-mail address for at least one person in each of our member clubs except one.

Beginning with this issue of TAPROOT printed (“hard”) copies of the Newsletter will be not be mailed to any club having a member with an e-mail address. If you are the person in your club receiving the e-mail copy and are not the president or council representative please make arrange-

ments to get a copy of the Newsletter to those officers in your club.

Printed copies of the Newsletter will be mailed to Council Members, the Advisory Board and Past Presidents who do not have an e-mail address. A printed copy of the Newsletter will also be mailed to the president of any member club having no member with an e-mail address.

Using this procedure to distribute the TAPROOT will greatly reduce one of the Council’s major administrative expenses allowing that money to be used for other worthwhile projects

**November 2002 Taproot**

Taproot Editor and Corresponding Secretary – Anne Herrick, 340-3525

The next issue of TAPROOT is due in November. To be sure the newsletter is delivered to members in a timely fashion I will need **your information no later than Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**. You can e-mail the information to me at [anneher@earthlink.net](mailto:anneher@earthlink.net) or send it by regular mail addressed to:

Anne Herrick  
921 Prince Phillip Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3929



## The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach Presents

*“Fall ‘Found’ Flowers....etc.”*

Special Education Program with Wayne Jones

**The date: Wednesday, October 9th**

**The place: Virginia Beach Central Library**

**The time: 10:00 A.M.**

**The cost: \$5.00**

**Reception follows the program.**

Wayne Jones will be showing us how to design beautiful arrangements for our homes this fall. If you are one of the lucky raffle winners, you can take home one of his creations.

Wayne has been selling flowers since he was 10 years old beginning in his roadside garden in North Carolina. His love of flowers has taken him many places. His work has appeared in local, national, and international magazines, as well as the White House in Washington, D.C., and the Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain.

He is a graduate of the Maastricht School of Design, Maastricht, Holland and the Design School, Monte Catini, Italy. He is the world trophy winner for the International Silk Flower and Accessories Show, 1990, Las Vegas.

Wayne serves on the boards of the Judeo Christian Outreach Center, the Allied Florists, and the Virginia Professional Florists Association. He also has served as world President of the Professional Floral Communicators International.



He and his wife Louinda own Flowers - Wayne Jones which will celebrate its thirty-year business anniversary on December 1st, 2002.

Join us on October 9th as Wayne Jones brings his creative style to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach.

*If you need tickets please contact Betty Villers, Program Chairman, at 481-6398.*

**Council Now Has an Internet Domain Name all of Our Own!**

[www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org)

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**Master Gardeners  
Community Gardening  
Festival 2002**

Saturday, September 21, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.  
Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center  
1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach

***Schedule of Events***

**10:00-2:00 Speakers**

- 10:00 101 Answers to all your Flower Bulb Questions and Problems-] *Brent Heath*
- 11:00 Grass Facts – *Randy Jackson*
- 12:00 Gardening for Wildlife – *Jeanne Pettersen and Connie Sale*
- 1:00 Winterizing Aquatic Plants – *Laurie Fox*
- 2:00 Introduction to the Art of Bonsai – *Ronnie Baun*

**10:00-3:00 Author's Corner/Book Sale**

*Bonnie Appleton*  
*Brent Heath*  
*Jeanne Pettersen and Connie Sale*

**10:00 – 3:30 Continual Demonstrations** all day

Fruit Tree Espalier  
How Tall is your Tree, How to measure  
Tree Wind Chime Workshop  
Composting

**10:00– 4:00 Bake Sale**

Plant Sale

Children's Activities

Gardening Society and Information Booths

**Including:** *Virginia Bonsai Society, Butterfly Society of Virginia, Tidewater Daylily Society, Hampton Roads Iris Society, Tidewater Beekeepers Association, Nuts about Peanuts, Green Gurus, Plant Doctor, Tree Stewards, Backyard Conservation Program Weed Display*

**11:00-3:00 Guided Garden Tours of the Display Gardens and Tidewater Arboretum**

Silent Auction

**11:30-2:00 Demonstrations**

- 11:30 Building a Trough Garden
- 12:00 Pruning Techniques
- 12:30 Harvest Floral Arrangements
- 1:00 Proper Tree Planting
- 1:30 Propagation Methods
- 2:00 Pruning Techniques

**For more information contact: Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Beach Office  
Phone: 757-427-4769 or visit our web site: [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org)**

[www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org)

There were nine submissions of domain names from five member garden clubs in the "Pick a Domain Name" Contest (Cavalier, Greater Kempsville, Great Neck Point, King's Grant and Little Neck.

One domain name was suggest three times and was considered a definite favorite. The domain names entered were:

- botanicalbeach.org
- gardeningbythesea.org
- vb councilgardenclubs.org
- vbgardenclubs.com
- vbgardenclubs.net
- vbgardenclubs.org (3 entries)
- vbvagardenclubs.org

Where duplicate names were submitted the first received, based on email date and time, was considered and the duplicates eliminated.

The winning domain name is vbgardenclubs.org, submitted by Debra Nicholson of the Garden Club of Greater Kempsville. Debra has won free website design for the Greater Kempsville Garden Club from Ginger Anderson, owner of VSA Publishing and Council's Webmaster.

Spread the word! The easy-to-remember Council website address is now [www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org) and the new email address is [VBGardenClubs@hotmail.com](mailto:VBGardenClubs@hotmail.com)

**From the Treasurer: Ruth Geel, 496-4017**

Dues are **due in October** and **not later than December 1<sup>st</sup>** for the year 2002-2003

Dues are as follows: **NOTE SOME CHANGES**

Club members	<b>1-15</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
	<b>16-40</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
	<b>41-100</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
	<b>Associate</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**Please make your check payable to:  
Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.  
and mail to"**

**Ruth Geel  
1100 Chancellor Walk  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454**

^^^Tear Off Here and Attach to Your Check Before Mailing^^^

**Club Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Club Members**\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Check-----\$**\_\_\_\_\_