

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

General Meeting:

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

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

Virginia Beach Central Library Auditorium

9:30 A.M. Coffee and Registration

10:00 A.M. **"The Good Bugs"** by Karen Green

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Message from the President: *Cheryll Klobuchar*

As I write this report our military men and women are over in Iraq fighting to bring freedom to the Iraqi people. May we remember these brave individuals in our prayers and hope for their safe return.

HAPPY SPRING!! To all those members who got the Spring Fever and didn't come to the March meeting you missed a fabulous program on spring gardening in Tidewater by Marie Butler. Marie had us laughing about some of the antics of the zoo animals, not to mention her own cats, and 'ahhing' over slides of some beautiful plants that we can add to our gardens. Don't miss out on our April program, **"The Good Bugs."** This will be our last program till September so I hope you will make a big effort to attend.

I would like to personally thank all the ladies who came out to help us with the **Empty Bowls Dinner** workshop. We had a wonderful time, created some truly amazing arrangements in soup cans and jars and were finished in about an hour. Thanks again for making this a big success. We look forward to doing this again next year.

April will certainly keep us busy with numerous council projects. Please continue to support your Council and mark your calendars with the upcoming events beginning with the wrapping and delivering of Pine Seedlings, the Arbor Day Celebration and finishing up with the decorating the Francis Land House for Historic Garden Week. Read the Chairman's Reports for these special upcoming events.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting. In the meantime, enjoy your gardens whenever the weather allows.

Program for Wednesday, April 9th, 2003
Program Chairman – Betty Villers, 481-6398

“THE GOOD BUGS”



Put Wednesday, April 9th on your calendar as **Karen Green** takes us on a walk through the garden from a bugs eye view, “**The Good Bugs**” that is. Karen

will introduce you to the good bugs in your garden and help you recognize them. They are our partners when gardening and we need to take care of our friends.



ARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 11th
Arbor Chairman – Johnnie Miller, 467-1549

Friday, April 11th should be circled on your calendar. It’s **ARBOR DAY in Virginia Beach**. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 A.M. at the Research Station on Diamond Springs Road.

Mayor Oberndorf will receive the “Tree City USA” award for the 23rd year from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Awards will be presented to the Bayside Elementary Third Grade winners for their Arbor Day projects. These projects will be on display.

Our president, Cheryl Klobuchar, will be a featured speaker. Mayor Oberndorf will plant the Arbor Day tree which will be an “Allee Elm” donated by the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. Janet Werndli, immediate past president of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission, will also speak. Aragona Garden Club will be hostess club. Refreshments will be provided by members of the Council of Garden Clubs.

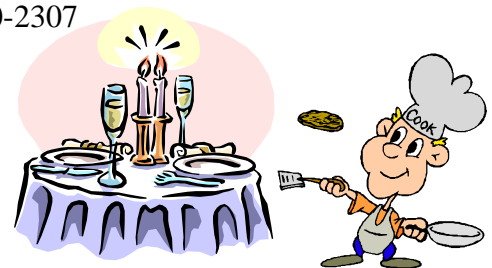
PINE SEEDLING DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH
Pine Seedlings Chairman – Phyllis Elms, 486-6506

The date for wrapping Pine Seedlings is Friday, April 4th from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. We will wrap at the Landscape Services Building at 3829 Elbow Road. Don’t forget your newspaper sleeves and

staplers. If your hands are sensitive bring disposable gloves. There is an award for the club with the most participation. Any questions, call Phyllis Elms, 486-6506

COUNCIL JUNE AWARDS LUNCHEON INFORMATION
Luncheon Chairperson – Cathy Cole, 460-2307

On the last page of this issue of the TAPROOT is detailed information about the Council Awards Luncheon on June 4th, 2003. **That page should be used to submit your club’s reservations for the luncheon.**



HANDS “*BOOK OF EVIDENCE*” DUE MAY 10th

Hands Chairman – Suzie Duckworth, 363-1050

The “*Books of Evidence*” are due on May 10th. These need to be dropped off at the home of Ellie Kreassig located at 433 Lynn Shores Drive. A box will be placed on Ellie’s porch on the 10th for you to place your club’s entries.

Check your Council Yearbook, pages 32-35 for instructions and information on the HANDS awards. Remember that I will not be handing out folders for your

HANDS projects this year. Check page 33 of the Council Yearbook for the appropriate color for your club’s HANDS projects.

If you have any questions regarding “HANDS”, please refer to the booklet “**Guide for HANDS Chairman,**” or you can call me, Suzie Duckworth at 363-1050 and I will do my best to answer your questions.

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR CLUB’S PROJECTS. DON’T BE INTIMIDATED BY THOSE BIG CLUBS.

Awards Chairman – Susan Driskel, 463-5239

For the annual Awards Luncheon each year it seems there are certain clubs who consistently apply for and win the Council awards. Last year only five clubs won the majority of our top prizes. All of our active clubs are involved in some wonderful projects and have outstanding members who should be recognized. We often read about these people and your club’s community projects in the *Beacon*., *Now is the time for those accomplishments to also be recognized by Council.*

I would like to encourage all of our member clubs to be involved in the Awards process. Please don’t be intimidated by clubs with large memberships. Remember, size doesn’t matter; it’s how you utilize your talents.

The deadline for submission of entries is May 10th. Your entry forms can be delivered to me at 1437 Five Hill Trail. I am at the end of Little Neck – Seabreeze Farm.

If you have any questions about the application or need clarification on any step, please do not hesitate to call me. Phone 463-5239.

I am hoping for a large number of entries for the committee to review. Good Luck!

At the April Council meeting I will have the scrapbook pages available. Previous years winners will also be there for you to look at and get some ideas. I will also be there to answer any questions.

DECORATING FRANCIS LAND HOUSE

Francis Land House Chairman – Midge Berry, 463-1784



Garden Club Ladies – For all of you who place weekly arrangements at the Francis Land House, let me thank you. **And** let you know of a

slight change. There is now a “**Sign-In**” book in the Gift Shoppe. Please enter your name in the book, your club’s name and the amount of time you spend making your arrangements.

Thanks again, in advance, for all of the arrangements.

Spring Garden Week

On another vein-----Remember ladies, Spring Garden Week is on the horizon. The date for decorating this year is **MONDAY, APRIL 21, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** If you have a preference for a room to decorate please call me. I will also pass around a “sign-up” sheet at the April Council meeting. Please help make the Francis Land House “shine” once again, as it did at Christmas. I appreciate all your help.

Thanks again. Midge Berry.

POT OF GOLD FLORAL ARRANGEMENT and DELICIOUS REFRESHMENT A HIT AT MARCH 12TH GENERAL MEETING

Hospitality Committee Co-Chairpersons

Debbie Woodard, 463-1958 and Debra Nicholson, 499-0176

We would like to thank Grace Schacter and the other Stratford Chase Garden Club members, King's Grant Garden Club members and the members of the Garden Club of Greater Kempsville for the delicious refreshments provided at the March 12th General Meeting. Also, a special thank you to Debra Nicholson for

the delightful "Pot of Gold" floral arrangement (St. Patrick's Day)

The following garden clubs have signed up for refreshments for our April 9th General Meeting\:

Centerpiece	Midge Berry	King's Grant Garden Club
Food	Anne Herrick	King's Grant Garden Club
Food	Sam Halverson	Aragona Garden Club
Food	Emma Boston	The Garden Club of Greater Kempsville.

Planning Ahead For the New 2003-2004 Club Year

We need additional help from our garden clubs to provide refreshments for the September 10th meeting.

Please ask your garden club members to help provide the refreshments for our first meeting of the new Club Year.

September 10, 2003

Centerpiece –

Food - Betsy Davis Linkhorn Park Garden Club

All foods should be finger-type foods, ready to serve. Please tape your name and phone number on the bottom of the plate/container for easy dish return.

“A COUNTRY DAY TOUR”

Tour Chairmen

Sam Halvorsen, 490-4529 and Betty Bloxom, 499-1929



The bus will leave from Pembroke Mall parking lot (Jeanne Street side) at 7:00a.m., on **Wednesday, May 7th**. Our first stop will be Hardee's at Patrick Henry Mall to pick up more passengers. Then we're off to **Shirley Plantation**, the oldest continuously owned business in the United States. It's been home to the Hill and Carter families since 1638. (Anne Hill Carter was the mother of Robert E. Lee). Shirley Plantation sits on a bluff overlooking the James River. The house is filled with antiques and family portraits. From Shirley we return along the James to **Evelynnton Plantation**, the home of Edmund Ruffin, remembered for firing

the first shot of the Civil War. The home has lovely antique furnishing; the grounds include an English boxwood garden and historic markers outlining Civil War skirmishes. Our next stop, lunch at the nearby **Indian Fields Tavern Restaurant**. It has porches, gardens and incredible food! On the way home we will stop at a nursery or two, time permitting. We will arrive back at the Mall between 6:00 and 6:30p.m. As always we will serve coffee and cookies on the way up and cheese and crackers with wine and sodas on the trip back.

The **cost is \$55.00 (ALL INCLUSIVE)**. **Deadline is April 9th**. The bus can only seat 55 so get your seat reservations early. Call Sam at 490-4529 or email me at bzynana@aol.com

MAY 2003 TAPROOT INFORMATION DEADLINE

Corresponding Secretary – Anne Herrick, 340-3525

If you have information you would like included in the May issue of the TAPROOT please get it to me not **later than Friday, April 25th, 2003**. You can e-mail the information to me at anneher@earthlink.net or send it by classic mail to:

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



IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Garden Club of Greater Kempsville is pleased to invite you to an Open Yard Event on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 5354 Sir Barton Drive, Virginia Beach.

Club members are offering Easter, Mother's Day and Gardening crafts. In addition, you can satisfy your planting needs with annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and saplings for a modest donation to the Club.

Foxy Lady Press has donated a copy of "Best Plants for Hampton Roads: A Landscape & Garden Companion" for raffle. Written by eight local authors, this is a practical no-nonsense plant selection guide for gardening enthusiasts at all levels. All proceeds from this raffle go to the "Celebrate Children Garden."

Come view this "in progress" garden and discuss successes and learning experiences with the owner. **For more information contact: Debra Nicholson, 499-0176**



Golden Gavel Unit National Association of Parliamentarians presents Elections and Finances

This informative workshop is a must if you are involved with any organization that uses Robert's Rules of Order as its parliamentary authority.

This year's topics are focused on two primary areas of concern for your organization. The first session focuses on elections and voting and the second session deals with finances.

Every member of every organization should know how nominations and elections should be conducted. This workshop will not only tell you how, but it will give you the opportunity to conduct one yourself! Included in this topic are voting methods. You will learn how and when each voting method is used.

The second half of the workshop will focus on an organization's financial side. In this area we will discuss budgets, financial reports, and auditing.

These important topics apply to your church, civic,

Date:

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Time:

9:00am - 4:00pm
Registration opens at 8:30am

Place:

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church ([Driving Map](#))
4392 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(3/4 mile east of Pembroke Mall,
next to Princess Anne High School)

Fees:

\$35.00 Non-Members
\$15.00 Students (full-time with ID)
\$15.00 Unit Members
Includes materials and lunch

Deadlines:

Registration - March 28, 2003
Cancellation - April 5, 2003

More Info:

Email workshop@goldengavel.org
or call (757) 244-5218

non-profit or condominium organizations. Don't miss out on this great learning

Parliamentary materials will be available for purchase during the workshop!

We hope to see you there!



TIDEWATER DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

April 1, 2003

Norfolk Botanical Garden

Rose Garden Room

Norfolk, VA

Registration: 9:15 am - Business Meeting: 10:00 am

Floral Demonstration: Annie Black of Evelynton Plantation

Attire theme: Birds

District Awards, Election of Officers

Box Lunch \$12.50

Deadline to Register: March 25, 2003

Call Glenda Knowles – 412-0240 to register

COUNCIL AWARDS LUNCHEON INFORMATION

DATE: Wednesday, June 4th, 2003
PLACE: Holiday Inn Executive Center
5655 Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, VA. 23462

SCHEDULE: Registration - 10:00 – 10:30am
Business - 10:30 – 12:00pm
Cash Bar - 12:00 – 12:30pm

Luncheon - 12:30pm –

PRICE: \$15.50 (inclusive per person)

MENU

Tossed Garden Salad
Grilled Chicken Breast w/
a Lemon Herb Sauce
Rice Pilaf
Italian Vegetable Medley
Rolls and Butter
New Style Cheesecake with Fresh
Strawberries
Coffee, tea, decaf
OR ****Vegetarian Meal****
Entrée: Rotini Pasta with fresh
Steamed seasoned vegetables, plus
Salad, rolls, dessert and beverage

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 30st, 2003

Please send **one** check per garden club. Make checks payable to **Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.** (Sending individual checks adds to the treasurer's bookwork) Mail your clubs' reservations, names and club check to:

Mrs. Ruth Geel
1100 Chancellor Walk
Virginia Beach, Va. 23454

We are asking the clubs to furnish floral centerpieces for 25 tables. Centerpieces **should be no larger than 12" in diameter/height**. The centerpieces will be given away as table prizes, so please use a container that you do not wish to have back. **Table linens will be white with dusty rose napkins**. A sign up sheet will be passed around at our April meeting for clubs wanting to participate in helping with the centerpieces.

Luncheon Chairperson: Cathy Cole – 460-2307

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 4th, 2003

CLUB NAME: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$15.50 EACH _____
(Please note vegetarian meal (**) near name)

NAMES: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____