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## Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2003  
10:00AM  
Francis Land House  
3131 Virginia Beach Blvd.

## General Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2003  
Registration – 9:30AM  
Program – 10:00AM  
Virginia Beach Central Library  
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Paul Doyle: Flowers for the Holidays

## 2003-2005 Officers

President	Sam Halvorsen
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## President's Message

Sam Halvorsen, [byznana@aol.com](mailto:byznana@aol.com), 490-4529

Most of us have finally cleaned up (somewhat) from Isabel. I for one am ready to put her behind me.

When the leaves are changing so beautifully, as they are now, it seems odd to think of the Holidays, but they will be here before we know it: a time for rejoicing and decorating. Please put the Wreath Making Workshop and the Francis Land House on your calendars now.

Our October Special Education Program was incredible! Frances Thrash brought us Bill Dougherty. He never fails to put on a wonderful show. His "Floral Fusion: Arrangements to be used Singly or Collectively" was no exception. He showed us how to make several small arrangements or fuse them to-

gether for one striking centerpiece, all with a hysterical sense of humor. I plan to use this style on my Thanksgiving table. Thanks Bill.

A big thanks to Midge Berry, her helpers, and the Garden Club volunteers for September. The food and floral arrangements are always outstanding and very much appreciated.

Our November meeting will be wonderful. We have Paul Doyle with "Flowers for the Holidays." I hope to see everyone there; I'm sure we'll get many ideas.

This is the last *TAPROOT* until January, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who read this (Officers, Board Members, Committee, Garden Club Members), and everyone who participates in Council, for your hard work and support . . . *Sam*

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## Yearbook

Anne Herrick, [anneher@earthlink.net](mailto:anneher@earthlink.net), 340-3525

If you have not already, please pick-up your 2003-2004 Council Yearbook(s) on November 12.



Share your Club achievements *ONLINE!* Send your photos to [Photos@VBGardenClubs.org!](mailto:Photos@VBGardenClubs.org)

## Council's ABC Project

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

As most of you already know, the Council's ABC Project (formerly Hands) again this year is donations for the "Celebrate Children Garden."

I would like to thank Kings Forest Garden Club for their donation in October. This brings our total of Clubs participating to 21, from a Club membership of 47. The Council of Garden Clubs needs to raise \$2,064.90 to become a Platinum Donor of \$10,000. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO MAKE PERSONAL DONATIONS ALONG WITH YOUR CLUB. This is definitely the best project the Council has been involved with in over 50 years.

If you collect \$1.00 from each Member at your Club's November, December, and January meetings, you can certainly help reach our participation goal of 100% without asking too much from your Members.

We need this money by February. Make checks payable to the Council of Garden Clubs and mail them to me at 1704 Jordans Parish Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-70334. Help me put the Council of Garden Clubs on the permanent stone as a reminder that we gave \$10,000 for the children's statues. This will definitely show the importance of Council to the people of Virginia Beach.

If you would like me to come to your Club and talk to you about this project please contact me and I will be happy to come. Thanks, Suzie



Add your club events to the Council Calendar! Send your event info to [Events@VBGardenClubs.org!](mailto:Events@VBGardenClubs.org)

## Annual Wreath Making

Mari Hall, [MAROGHALL@aol.com](mailto:MAROGHALL@aol.com), 481-3970

The "jingle" bells are ringing for you and me. Once again, the talents of our wreath-makers are requested for the Annual Wreath Making for City Buildings on Wednesday, December 10, from 9:00AM to 12:00.

We will be at the new Landscape Services Building at 3829 Elbow Road. The talents of our designers were noted last year by the City Manager in the City newsletter. Have we arrived or what? Hope to see you all there, and do not forget your clippers, wire, and staple guns. Coffee and donuts will be waiting.

## Francis Land House



Pam Grover, 497-6904  
Erica Collins, 497-6521  
Francis Land House Committee

We thank the Garden Club Members who volunteered to do the weekly flower arrangements for the Francis Land House.

We will be decorating for the Christmas season on December 8 from 10AM to 2PM. Bring greens, holly, and so forth. Fruit will be provided. We have been asked not to decorate extensively inside the fireplaces, but pinecones and a small amount of holly may be used.

We will pass around a sign-up sheet for the holiday decorating at the November meeting. Thanks again for your participation.

## Hospitality

Midge Berry, [kattia65@aol.com](mailto:kattia65@aol.com), 463-1784  
 Josephine Maguder, [IMRMAGU@aol.com](mailto:IMRMAGU@aol.com), 486-0249  
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Many thanks to Betsy Davis (Linkhorn Park Garden Club), Suzie Duckworth (Church Point Garden

Club), Ellie Kreassig and Mary Ann Pate (Thalia Garden Club), and Laurette Riccio (Bay Colony Garden Club), for providing refreshments for the October meeting.

To volunteer for an upcoming meeting, contact a Hospitality Committee member.

### Hospitality Volunteers – November 12, 2003

Garden Club of Greater Kempsville	Emma Boston, Debra Nicholson
Cavalier Garden Club	Peg Ward
Pembroke Meadows Garden Club	
Lynnhaven Colony Garden Club	
Larkspur Garden Club	

### Hospitality Volunteers – January 7, 2003

**Note:** *We need your Garden Club to help with refreshments and a Centerpiece.*

## Fund-Raiser

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

Our first fund-raiser will be 10:00AM on February 18 2004 at the Central Library Auditorium. Those who attended our first meeting will remember that the speaker is my sister, Mary Karr Handley from Dallas, Texas. She is a professional speaker like Pat Vivo who entertained us a couple of years ago. I will sell tickets at our November meeting, since we will not meet in December.

Please help fill the library for a morning of laughter and fun while she presents “Making Everyday a Great Day, It's all about Attitude.” The cost is only \$5.00 and refreshments will be served following the program.

This program will be open to the public and I plan to sell all 225 seats. Get your tickets early. Forget your winter blues and Christmas bills, come support your Council and have a great day.

## Paul Doyle, “Flowers for the Holidays”

Frances Thrash, [frances@i-thrash.net](mailto:frances@i-thrash.net), 481-3484

Our speaker for November 12 is Paul Doyle of Farm Fresh. Paul is responsible for coordinating events for the bakery, deli, catering, and floral. Paul was a bridal gown Buyer and Merchandiser with Lantern Bridal, where he designed over 200 gowns. He worked with the Blue Willow Floral Company in DC to decorate the Willard Hotel for Christmas and other

special events, and was Staff Designer for Union Station. He then moved to the Vinnings Club of Atlanta, GA where he worked with celebrities such as Ted Turner, Jane Fonda, Patti Labelle and Gloria Estephan and was Staff Designer for the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta.

After returning home to Virginia Beach, he has worked with Wayne Jones. On November 12, he will show us easy holiday ideas for our homes.

## Taproot

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Deadline for the January *TAPROOT* is December 22, 2003. Send and Club Council information, events,

and activities to me by e-mail or mail at: 5354 Sir Barton Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

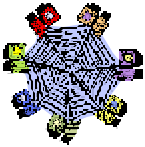
### **Update on Live Oak Trees**

Jeanette Willenbrink, Conservation Chairman  
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As many of you are aware by now, the larger of the two live oak trees at the Dinwiddie Project on Shore Drive has been severely dismembered by the developer. (Though the trees are not as old as had previously been estimated, they certainly are trees of great significance and beauty.) This severe type of pruning was a shock and a great disappointment to

all who had great hope for the preservation of both trees at this site.

Since City Council voted to revisit their August 12 approval at their October 28 meeting, we never considered the developer would take any pruning action before the revisit. There will be a further update at the November meeting. Thanks to all for your input and support in this effort. Special thanks to Deb Nicholson for providing pictures of the cut trees at the October 8 program.



Have a gardening question that needs answering? Visit the Gardening Q&A Discussion Board on the Council website ([www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org))!

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