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Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
9:00AM

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Room A

General Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
Registration – 9:30AM
Program – 10:00AM

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Bill Smoot: "Adding a Water Feature
to Your Garden"

2003-2005 Officers

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President's Message

Sam Halvorsen, bzynana@aol.com, 490-4529

Happy New Year Everyone! It is hard to believe Christmas, my favorite time of the year, has passed. I hope you had a wonderful holiday! I know so many of you helped make our city more beautiful.

The Francis Land House looks wonderful. Pam Groover and Erica Collins have done a fantastic job. It is amazing how the house is transformed every year. The wreath workshop run by our Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Mari Hall, was a total success. Mari says (and I agree) they are the best ever. I give a heartfelt thank-you for all who gave of their valuable time in this busy season. It is appreciated very much.

Our November Program was wonderful! I enjoyed Paul Doyle and his "Flowers for the Holidays" program. Francis Thrash has much more in store, such as Bill Smoot with "Adding a Water Feature to Your

Garden." At our January 7 program Bill will give us inspiration.

Our big Fundraiser is the February program. Mary Karr Handley, a professional speaker, will present "Making Everyday a Great Day, It's All About Attitude." I would love to see every seat filled for several reasons:

It is our only fundraiser of the year
Mary Karr Handley, Suzie Duckworth's sister, is coming from Texas to give us a memorable time

Tickets are a mere \$5.00
Refreshments are included

Sell your tickets Ladies, and enjoy the morning!

Meantime, remember the spirit of the holidays. Perform a random act of kindness . . . tell someone how much they mean to you. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sam

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Yearbook

Anne Herrick, anneher@earthlink.net, 340-3525

Please pick up your Club's copies of the 2003-2004 Council Yearbook(s) at the meeting on January 7.

Council's ABC Project

Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

It is not too late to donate to our ABC Project "Celebrate Children Garden" and help make my goal of \$10,000 and 100% participation. Twenty-seven Clubs have donated, leaving eighteen yet to make a donation.

Seven Clubs have donated \$1,000. A big thank-you to Thalia Garden Club Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club and May Farm Garden Club for their \$1,000 donations. The following Clubs have made donations since September 2003:

- Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club
- Aragona Garden Club
- Broad Bay Point Greens
- Cavalier Garden Club
- Church Point Garden Club
- "C.O.L.T." Garden Club

- Country Gardeners Guild
- Fox Run Garden Club
- Garden Club of Greater Kempsville
- King's Forest Garden Club
- Larkspur Garden Club
- Linkhorn Park Garden Club
- Lynnhaven Colony Garden Club
- Lynnhaven River Garden Club
- May Farm Garden Club
- Pembroke Meadows Garden Club
- Princess Anne Hills Garden Club
- Stratford Chase Garden Club

Thanks for your help and for being part of Council's project. Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

Suzie



Add your Club events to the Council Calendar! Send your event info to Events@VBGardenClubs.org!

Annual Wreath-Making

Mari Hall, MAROGHALL@aol.com, 481-3970

In a word – "iMagnifico!"

That's what you all were! The wreath-making workshop at Landscape Services this year was spectacular! The wreaths "ala Williamsburg style" were truly works of art. There are not enough words to thank all of you for your creativeness and dedication. Ed Barnes' praise was well deserved and appreciated.

The 48 Members present made 44 "boards." Heartfelt thanks to the Garden Clubs that supported this Council project:

- Aragona Garden Club

- Brittany Points Garden Club
- Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club
- Cavalier Garden Club
- Church Point Garden Club
- "C.O.L.T." Garden Club
- Fox Run Garden Club
- King's Grant Garden Club
- Little Neck Garden Club
- May Farm of Kingston Garden Club
- Pembroke Meadows Garden Club
- Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club
- Thalia Garden Club
- Thoroughgood Garden Club

Many thanks to all - *Mari Hall*



Share your Club achievements *ONLINE!* Send your photos to Photos@VBGardenClubs.org!

Francis Land House



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

On December 8, more than
40 talented Virginia Beach

Garden Club Members met at the Francis Land House to decorate the historic home for the holidays.

In just a few hours, the house was beautifully adorned with colonial-style decorations using fresh greens, fruit, pinecones, herbs, and other period items, that will remain in place until Twelfth Night. Many thanks to the following Garden Clubs for their participation in this annual event:

Hospitality

Midge Berry, kattia65@aol.com, 463-1784
Josephine Maguder, IMRMAGU@aol.com, 486-0249

Many thanks to these Garden Clubs for refreshments at our November meeting:

Cavalier Garden Club
Garden Club of Greater Kempsville

Hospitality Volunteers – January 7, 2004

Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club “C.O.L.T.” Garden Club
Broad Bay Garden Club Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

Hospitality Volunteers – March 10, 2004

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

Bill Smoot, “Adding a Water Feature to Your Garden”

Frances Thrash, frances@i-thrash.net, 481-3484

Bill Smoot has fountains, ponds, and other water features in his yard ... so many that his lawn is now approximately 10 by 20 feet. Bill travels the world

and visits gardens and special gardening shows, all with water features.

He will share his expertise and slides from travels to places and events in countries such as Spain, Italy, and England. Join us on January 7 to share the joy of water gardening!

Frances

Taproot

Debra Nicholson, dsnick@cox.net, 499-0176.

March *TAPROOT* deadline is February 20, 2004.

Aragona Garden Club
Brittany Points Garden Club
Cavalier Garden Club
Church Point Garden Club
Garden Club of Greater Kempsville
Kings Grant Garden Club
Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
Little Neck Garden Club
May Farm Garden Club of Kingston
Thalia Garden Club

A special thanks goes to the staff of the Francis Land House for the delicious refreshments prepared and set out for everyone to enjoy. Also, a thank-you to Harris-Teeter for donating fruit we placed in many arrangements.

Pam

Great Neck Point Garden Club
Larkspur Garden Club
Lynnhaven Colony Garden Club
Lynnhaven River Garden Club
Pembroke Meadows Garden Club

To volunteer your Garden Club for an upcoming meeting, contact a Hospitality Committee Member.

Midge

Fund-Raiser

Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

Our first fund-raiser will be at 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 January.

Conservation Volunteers

Jeanette Willenbrink, Conservation Chairman
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We have several up-coming projects for which we are recruiting volunteers. We need strongly moti-

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 includes refreshments after 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.

Suzie

vated individuals with expertise in legislative, fund-raising, advertising, and other areas that spur public and government involvement in conservation, especially waterways. If you are interested, please contact me about joining our committee.

Jeanette



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

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