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Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
10:00AM

Francis Land House
3131 Virginia Beach Blvd.

General Meeting

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

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Marie Butler: "Ikebana"

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President's Message

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

I really hope we're finished with the snow, and all that goes with it for this year!

February 18 was certainly a beautiful day, in many ways! For those of you who missed it (and there weren't many) Mary Karr Handley gave us a memorable program. She was fantastic! . It was wonderful to see the auditorium packed. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this event. From Suzie's wonderful raffle, all who brought food, those who helped setup and cleanup, and of course all of you

who bought tickets and raffle tickets for this event, all your hard work is much appreciated.

We have lots more coming too: Empty Bowls, Tidewater Spring District Meeting, Arbor Day, the list goes on. Our board meeting will be March 3 at the Francis Land House. Marie Butler will demonstrate Ikebana at the General Meeting on March 10. I'm also very excited about our annual tour; look inside for my report on it and the Committee Chairman Reports on our activities. Have a great month

Sam

Council's ABC Project

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

I am extremely happy to report two Garden Clubs, Princess Ann and Little Neck, have now joined the \$1,000 Clubs, giving us nine Garden Clubs to give this amount. I am very proud of the following Clubs who have so generously given and will have their names on the granite stone that will be placed at the garden site:

Cavalier Garden Club
 Church Point Garden Club
 Garden Club of Greater Kempsville (only 10 members)
 Kings Grant Garden Club
 Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
 Little Neck Garden Club
 May Farm Garden Club of Kingston
 Princess Anne Garden Club
 Thalia Garden Club

I am pleased to announce 31 Clubs have donated for this project. We are now in our second year of collecting. Some Clubs have given as much as \$500 and as small as \$10. Any amount is appreciated. You still have time to join the \$1,000 Club. If you have a Spring Fund Raiser and want to add on to your amount, you have plenty of time as the dedication date is postponed due to the change of location.

I am also pleased with the amount of small checks given as your Clubs help meet my goal of 100% participation with our ABC Council's Project. This proves your Garden Club is dedicated to Council. I am sorry to say that 15 Clubs have not participated in any amount for the past two years. The following is a list of Clubs who have given in 2003-2004:

Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club

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 January meeting:

Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club
 "C.O.L.T." Garden Club

Aragona Garden Club
 Broad Bay Point Greens
 Cavalier Garden Club
 Church Point Garden Club
 "COLT" Garden Club
 Country Gardeners Guild Garden Club
 Fox Run Garden Club
 Garden Club of Greater Kempsville
 Garden Club of Pembroke Manor
 Hermitage Garden Club
 King's Forest Garden Club
 Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
 Larkspur Garden Club
 Little Neck Garden Club
 Linkhorn Park Garden Club
 Lynnhaven Colony Garden Club
 Lynnhaven River Garden Club
 May Farm Garden Club of Kingston
 Pembroke Meadows Garden Club
 Princess Anne Garden Club
 Princess Anne Hills Garden Club
 Stratford Chase Garden Club
 Thalia Garden Club
 Thoroughgood Garden Club

The following clubs haven given in 2002-2003:

Brittany Points Garden Club
 Chelsea-Green Hill Garden Club
 Fairfield Garden Club
 Great Neck Point Garden Club
 Kings Grant Garden Club
 Witchduck Garden Club

If your garden club is not listed, please join our group. Even a small donation will help make this 100% participation. Thanks for all your help.

Suzie

Broad Bay Garden Club
 Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
 To volunteer your Garden Club for an upcoming meeting, contact a Hospitality Committee Member.

Midge

Hospitality Volunteers – March 10, 2004

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

Marie Butler, "Ikebana"

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

At our Wednesday, March 10 meeting, Marie will discuss "Ikebana." Her presentations are always fun and packed with information. Come join us at the Virginia Beach Central Library (Registration is at 9:30AM, Meeting is at 10:00AM).

Marie, born in Virginia, grew up in North Carolina, attended NC State University, and holds a Bachelors of Science specializing in Landscape Horticulture.

At the Virginia Zoo, she is a horticulture technician, counting half the zoo as her garden. She performs multiple duties, including designing and planting garden areas to purchasing, installing and maintaining plant materials.

In addition, she has also taught courses about various aspects of gardening and zoo horticulture. These include Regional Master Gardener training courses and courses for garden clubs and civic centers. She has also taught butterfly gardening for the Zoo and the Zoo society.

Libby's Obsession

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

Due to lack of room at the library, Liz Manning, owner of Libby's Obsession, was not able to join us at our February Fund Raiser. She will be coming to our March Meeting and she tells me she has purchased some Easter jewelry just for Garden Club Members.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to purchase her jewelry. Be sure to join us at the library on March 10 at our regular meeting and help make some more money for the Celebrate Children's Garden. A percentage of her sales will go to the garden.

Suzie

Fund-Raiser

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

A big thank you to all Clubs who participated and purchased tickets to my sister's program, "Making Everyday a Great Day, It's All About Attitude." It was wonderful, and I am very proud and grateful I was able to hear her speak. We sold 200 tickets for a profit of \$1,000. I am extremely happy to report that our raffle for the Celebrate Children's Garden made

a total of \$530. Not only did we have fun, we made money.

Again a big thank you for the ladies who brought food for this event and I truly appreciate all the wonderful comments that were made to me and my sister after her program. She enjoyed meeting and visiting with many of you at the reception. If you were not there, you missed a wonderful day.

Suzie



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

Council Tour

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

Ladies we're going on a tour and you don't have to put on your walking shoes! On May 5, we're going to Edenton, North Carolina, and we have a step down guide. That means the bus will take us to each location. We'll tour Historic Edenton with stops at: Saint Paul's

The Barker House, built in 1782
The Chowan County Courthouse
The James Irideal House, home of the first Supreme Court Justice
The Cupola House which has a wonderful 18th century garden.

Then we're off to Wessing House a private home built in 1850 for a personal tour from the owner.

Following this, we'll have lunch at That Fancy Cafe. It's a lovely restaurant decorated with antiques with an antique store next door for us to browse.

On the way home we will, of course, stop at a nursery (or two), time permitting.

I have rented an executive bus, so we'll travel in style. It has footrests and reclining seats, and a galley. We'll have the usual coffee and cookies going down, cold sodas, wine, cheese and crackers on the way home. All of this for only 55.00. We can only take 50 people so reserve your seat now! Call Sam at 490-4529



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

Empty Bowls

Dot Cullen, eod.cullen@verizon.net, 496-2460

On March 12, 2004 at 1:00PM on The Council of Garden Clubs will again be making the Table Arrangements for the 5th Annual Empty Bowls Charity Dinner. The Dinner has raised more than \$65,000 over the past 6 years for charities such as the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center; the Union Mission; HER Shelter and Oasis Social Ministries to help the hungry in our Community.

The Dinner will be from 5:30 to 8:30PM on March 12, 2004 in the Boyd Dining Center at Virginia Wesleyan College. We need Volunteers to meet in the Fine Arts Building (called the E.D. Hofheimer Theater) at Virginia Wesleyan at 1:00PM on March 12, 2004 to make Flower Arrangements.

Enter the College grounds from Wesleyan Drive, go to the front gatehouse and take a right, park in the

first parking lot on the left. The Fine Arts Building is the first Building up the sidewalk. We are meeting on the first floor. Please bring clippers and clean greens (Camellia, Acuba, etc.); also, bring any Forsythia, Daffodils and flowering branches you have. Additionally, the Council will purchase cut flowers.

I hope we will have many helpers – with enough ladies present that it will take only a few hours to complete the job. Hope to see you there on March 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM. The Arrangements will be in large soup cans or jars with the labels left on. Please save these cans and bring them with you.

Tickets for the Soup Dinner, entertainment and the beautiful ceramic bowl of your selection are \$20. I look forward to seeing you on March 12 at 1:00PM. Please call me if you have any questions

Dot

Recipe

PRETZELS POPS

- 1 (3 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 (2¼ oz.) can deviled ham
- ¼ c. chopped pecans (I use more)
- ¼ tsp. onion powder (or 2 tsp. fresh sweet onions, finely-chopped)
- 1 c. finely-chopped fresh parsley
- Thin pretzel sticks

Combine first 5 ingredients. Chill a couple hours or overnight in a covered bowl.

Make into bite sized balls, using about 1 tsp of mix for each. Roll in the chopped parsley. Use the pretzel sticks as toothpicks to pick up the pops/balls. The pretzels may be placed in each pop/ball shortly before serving or placed on the plate for use. This recipe makes about 2-dozen. I always double the recipe.

Johnnie

Council Awards Application

Cheryll Klobuchar, c-klobuchar@cox.net, 463.4885

It is time to think about your applications for Council Awards. Take some time to look through the Yearbook and match the Awards with the services your Club has performed this year.

I will have the Scrapbook pages available at the March meeting, please stop by and pick one up for your club. Awards are due by May 10. If you have any questions please contact me. The form for the Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award is included after this message

Cheryl

Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award

To the club supporting council projects with the largest number of members on a percentage basis.

Council Year is May 2003 – May 2004

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2003

Attendance: _____

Providing Centerpiece: _____

Council Meetings

Sept. _____ Oct. _____ Nov. _____ Jan. _____ Feb. _____ Mar. _____ Apr. _____

Supplying Food and/or Arrangements for Council Meetings

Sept. _____ Oct. _____ Nov. _____ Jan. _____ Feb. _____ Mar. _____ Apr. _____

Francis Land House Weekly Flower Arrangements

May 11, 2003 – May 10, 2004 _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Christmas _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Historic Garden Week _____

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop _____

Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop _____

Pine-Seedling Workshop _____

Pine-Seedling School Delivery _____

Attending Arbor Day Ceremony _____

Hostessing Arbor Day Ceremony _____

Providing Cookies for Arbor Day Ceremony _____

Making a Donation to Council’s ABC project* _____

Making a Donation to Council’s Scholarship Fund* _____

Other _____

* If a donation has been made just check the item, do not list number of members.

Project Intent Application

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

A reminder, your Application of Project Intent form (page 38 in yearbook) is due at our March Council Meeting Wednesday the 10th.

If you do not plan to attend the meeting, you must send it to me:

Suzie Duckworth
1704 Jordans Parish Place
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455-7034

Folders for your projects will be given at the April Council Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 363-1050.

Suzie

Francis Land House



Pam Groover, 497-6904
Erica Collins, 497-6521

Thank you to everyone providing floral designs for the registration table. When you leave your design, sign the logbook that the Francis Land House staff maintains to track the time you spend to create and deliver your bouquets.

Pam

Fred Huette Center: Herb Sale

The Board of Directors for the Friends of Fred Heutte Foundation is pleased to announce the date for our annual herb sale and festival on Saturday, April 17, 2004. The event will be held from 9AM to 5PM. Herbs, herb-related products, and display items will be available from the Center, volunteers, and vendors.

Please check our website <http://www.fredheutte.org> for updates about this event. Our herb provider, Charlotte Connell, is growing our herb selections and making adjustments after recommendations at the conclusion of last year's sale.

We plan to have lectures on gardening related topics during the event. Mark your calendar now.

Walt Disney World Garden Tours

Walt Disney World ("WDW") offers a 4-hour behind the scene walking tour. "Gardens of the World" is in Epcot and the gardens of "Nations of the World Showcase." The World Showcase opens at 11:00AM, but the tour starts at 8:00AM – so you view buildings and gardens without crowds. Take your camera.

Your guide explains how WDW created landscapes and surmounted difficulties in maintaining climates for materials from the tropics to the far north. WDW uses greenhouses to grow topiaries and hanging baskets.

Arrange for the tour at any Disney information center. Last known cost was \$59.00.

Taproot

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

April *TAPROOT* deadline is March 25, 2004



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

Tidewater Garden Symposium

Come to the Tidewater Garden Symposium on March 11, 2004 (9:00AM to 3:00PM) at the Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Both the Garden Club of Norfolk and the Virginia Beach Garden Club are event sponsors. Contact Mrs. Lynda Strickler at 428-0054 for more information.

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Linkhorn Park Garden Club is sponsoring a Fashion Show and Luncheon on March 19 at the Princess Anne Country Club.

Contact Carol Simons, 428-1923, for reservations.

South Atlantic Region Convention

The South Atlantic Region Convention will be held from March 20 through March 24.

It is located at the Sheraton Hotel on Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Auction and Luncheon

Visit Cavalier on the Hill on March 24, at 10:30AM, for Cavalier Garden Club's Annual Auction and Luncheon.

For reservations, call Charlene Riley, 491-3307, or Peggy Ward, 428-8949.

70th Annual Daffodil Show

The Princess Anne Garden Club is sponsoring the 70th Annual Daffodil Show at the Doubletree Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach, from 2:00 to

8:00PM on March 24, and from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on March 25.

The American Daffodil Society sanctions this event. For information, contact Rosalind Tester, 428-4129.

Tidewater District Spring Meeting

On March 30, the Tidewater District Spring Meeting has scheduled the program "Flowers for the Home" with Paul Doyle.

Location to be announced. Check back on our web site (<http://www.vbgardenclubs.org/events.html>).

Pine Seedlings Workshop

We will meet at the new Landscape Services Building off Elbow Road on March 31 from 9:00AM to noon, or until all seedlings are wrapped.

Bring newspaper sleeves, staplers, and disposable gloves.

Contact Kay Sawyer or Ellie Kerassig for more information.

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Announcements

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February 28, 2004

Arbor Day

Arbor Day celebration is now scheduled on April 2, 2004 at 10 A.M.

The Arbor Day Reception will be held in the volunteer/reception room (upstairs) at the Agriculture Building. At the next meeting, I will pass around a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to bring Cookies to serve to the guests and the third-graders who participate in the Arbor Day Art Contest.

We will need lots of cookies. We have over 100 children participating from North Landing.

Thank you, Johnnie Miller, Arbor Day Chairman

JMill61558@aol.com, 467-1549

Fundraiser

April 4 at Tiki's Seafood Grill in Sandbridge

Melanie J. Pahno and Karen Krable are working on a fundraiser to help Barbara Aarons, a Virginia Beach resident who is in need of a double lung transplant.

They are working with the National Foundation of Transplants to raise the funds to help cover the co-pays for future surgery and anti-rejection medications. The foundation has estimated Barbara's portion of expenses to be in the area of \$50,000, far more than what her disability income can handle.

In an effort to help Barbara, several fundraising events will take place. The largest event will be a family fun day at Tiki's Seafood Grille in Sandbridge on April 4. At this event, you can purchase pork barbeque platters, enjoy a kiddie's fun corner, enter a cakewalk and silent auction, and purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket. A maximum of 2,500 raffles tickets are for sale at \$10 each. This should provide a \$25,000 dollar jackpot to split between the foundation and one lucky winner.

If you would like more information, contact Melanie J. Pahno at 498-3604 or 724-3594.