

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

November 3, 2004, 10:00AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2003-2005 Officers

President	Sam Halvorsen
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Council Website

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President's Message

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

They say "Time Flies When You're Having Fun."
Can you believe it's autumn already?

Many thanks to **Dot Cullen** and all you wonderful Ladies who came to the Neptune Festival Senior Gala Workshop. The tables were absolutely beautiful.

Thank you so much **Caroline Dennis**, **Ann Brown** and **Betty Bloxom** for the flower arrangements (WOW!) for the Federation Luncheon, also to the Clubs who supplied the door prizes and the Cavalier Garden Club who gave them out. The Council hosted this event-and it was top drawer all the way.

Mary Karr Handley kept us entertained at our October Fundraiser, thanks to **Suzie Duckworth**, **Midge Berry** and the many, many people who helped make this event a success.

Our own **Frances Thrash** is giving the November program "Southern Living at Home for the Holidays" This is a wonderful event, not to be missed and her fantastic arrangements are going to be raffled off.

Now is time to mark your calendars for my favorite time of the year, We'll decorate the Francis Land House on December 6, and have the Wreath Making Workshop on December 8. Read all the Chairman reports inside, and meanwhile enjoy the season. See you in November

Sam

ABC and Awards Workshop

Cheryll Klobuchar, c-klobuchar@cox.net, 463-4885

Suzie Duckworth and I would like to thank everyone who attended the *ABC and Awards Informational Workshop* in September. We had a wonderful turnout and were thrilled to see all of you. We hope we were able to clear up some questions and misinformation.

If you were unable to attend and would like to receive the information packet that was distributed

Awards of Merit

Martha Marcel, mlmarcel@email.com, 424-0658

It's that season again this year. Look around town and see what businesses have done a great job with their landscaping.

If you feel they deserve an Award Certificate, provide the name of the business, the owner's name, address and your name/Garden Club. Give entries to the designated person in your Garden Club and forward to:

Martha Marcel, Fairfield Garden Club

ABC Council Project

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

Great news, we only have five garden clubs that have not given to our ABC project Celebrate Children's Garden. As you know my goal from the very beginning of our project was to have 100% participation. I still hope the clubs that have not given will realize that as a part of the Council they should support all our projects. Any amount will help us reach our 100% goal.

As reported previously, 11 Clubs had not participated with donations at the start of July 2004. After writing letters to the Presidents of these Clubs this summer I would like to thank the Clubs who have since donated:

Broad Bay Island Garden Club
Great Neck Point Garden Club
Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club. (Pledge)
Lago Mar Ladies League

please contact **Cheryll Klobuchar** at 463-4885 or e-mail me at c-klobuchar@cox.net and I will see that you get one.

Again thanks to all who attended. Please remember that **Suzie** and I are always here to answer any questions you may have. Don't hesitate to contact either one of us. We can be reached at:

Suzie Duckworth - 363-1050

Cheryll Klobuchar - 463-4885

5408 Achilles Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

I would like to receive at least three submissions per Garden Club. At the 2005 Awards Luncheon, the Club with the highest response will receive a nice gift. If you want a Nomination Form, please leave me a message at 424-0658.

Have fun with this and Blessings for a wonderful day! Thank you for your participation.

Linlier Garden Club
Quail Point Cove Garden Club

I would also like to thank Cavalier Garden Club for donating another \$1,000 making their contribution \$5,000. The Council appreciates your participation with this project and your contributions.

With the Council donations at this time along with fundraisers, we have raised \$24,613.10. All Clubs should be very proud to be a part of such a wonderful project and proud of the Council with their dedication in raising money for this project.

If your Club has budgeted a donation for this year's ABC project, please send to me as soon as possible. We are all looking forward to the April 8, 2005 dedication and hoping to have all statues dedicated at that time.

Thanks for your continue support and help. Suzie

Wreath-Making Workshop

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

Landscape Services Building

9:00 A.M., December 8

It's almost time to "Deck the Halls" again. We will be decorating boards in the "Williamsburg Style" for over 40 Municipal buildings at the City Hall com-

November Program

Frances Thrash, francesthresh@cox.net, 481-3484

The program for the November meeting is "Southern Living at Home for the Holidays". **Frances Thrash** is the speaker.

Frances will be presenting a program of ideas using products from Southern Living at Home with the

Club Dues

Peggy Caverly, Treasurer, 490-0925

I would like to remind the following Clubs their Dues are due before December 1:

- Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club
- Aragona Garden Club
- Bay Colony Garden Club
- Birdneck Point Garden Club
- Chesapeake Colony Garden Club
- Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant Garden Club
- Country Gardeners Guild
- The Gardeners Guild of Virginia Beach
- Great Neck Meadows Garden Club
- The Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club
- Kings Forest Garden Club
- Kings Grant Garden Club
- Lago Mar Ladies Guild
- Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
- Laurel Cove Garden Club
- Linkhorn Park Garden Club
- Linlier Garden Club
- Little Neck Garden Club
- Quail Point Cove Garden Club
- Stratford Chase Garden Club
- Town and Country Garden Club
- Virginia Beach Garden Club

plex. We will be our artistic selves at the Landscape Services Building at 3829 Elbow Road on December 8 from 9:00 A.M. until noon.

All greens and fruit will be furnished by Ed Barnes' "elves." Bring your clippers, staple guns, and gloves. Ed has promised to provide us with coffee and doughnuts. You were "magnifico" last year. See you there!

holidays in mind. She plans to do some things for fall and others for Christmas. All of the items are of very high quality and, of course, beautiful. Most are copies of antiques and/or one-of-a kind items from Southern Living Magazine.

This is a fundraiser for the Council - 10% of all sales will be given back to the Council.

Witchduck Garden Club

Any Dues paid after December 1 will incur a charge of \$5.00 per month late charge as stated in our By-Laws:

Dues

- a. Dues are payable in October and no later than December 1. Dues paid after December 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.
- b. Clubs with membership of 1-15 - \$10.00; 16-35 - \$20.00; 36 and over \$30.00; Associate - \$50.00; Honorary shall pay no dues.
- c. New clubs joining Council after January 1 shall pay one-half of the annual dues applicable to the club.

Please send your Dues to:

Peggy Caverly, Treasurer
Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
4501 St. John Court
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455.

If you have any questions please call me at 490-0925. Thank you for your cooperation.

2004 – 2005 Council Yearbook

First Vice President & Council Yearbook Chairman
Anne Herrick, anneher@earthlink.net, 340-3525

On page 16 of the **Yearbook**, please change the phone number of the Webmaster to 481-4688.

If your Club has not picked up its copies of the 2004-2005 Council Yearbook, I will have them

Teatime and Tablescapes

Clera Hall, clerab@cox.net, 473-8258

Tidewater District is hosting a tablescape and "formal tea party:"

Portsmouth Women's Club
November 30, 2004, 1:00 P.M.,
Donation: \$10.00

There will be twelve decorated tables, a "Teacup auction," a fashion show featuring some of our local "Red Hatters," and wonderful vendors for your shopping pleasure:

Cynthia Unger's estate silver
Frances Thrash Southern Living accessories

Fund-Raiser

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

A big thank you to all the Clubs who bought tickets to my sister's program "Aging: Fun and Energetic or Frail & Cranky." It was truly a perfect day.

We all had lots of laughs. I do believe she was better than last February, if that is possible. If you were unable to attend, your Club may rent the video of her program for \$25.00 with proceeds going to the children's garden.

Garden Club Website

Ginger Anderson, vaspublishing@cox.net, 481-4688

You can post Club events and fundraisers on the Council of Garden Club website. Complete the interactive form on the website **Events Calendar** page by filling in the blanks and clicking **Submit**.

available at the General Council Meeting on November 10 at the Central Library.

If you would like your own copy of the Yearbook, it is available at a cost of \$4.00 per copy. Postage for mailing is \$2.44 per copy. Just contact me at 340-3525 or by e-mail at anneher@earthlink.net.

Gorgeous Jewelry

We need Finger Foods, Sweets or Savories, and Items for the Teacup Auction (\$15.00 Value). For those of you who do not have a hat, Midge Berry will have an array of hats for a rental fee of \$3.00. Proceeds go to the District.

For more information, call **Carolyn Dennis**, 340-2596, or **Midge Berry**, 463-1784. If you have Teacup articles, contact **Johnny Miller**, 467-1549. There is still space available if you are interested in doing a tablescape.

Little girls like to play "dress up." Big girls do too!
Come play with us!!!

I am happy to report I sold 219 tickets with a profit of \$1314. A total of \$219 will be given to the Children's Garden and our raffle for the Garden netted us \$420.00 giving a total of \$639.00 going towards the Council ABC Project - Celebrate Children's Garden.

Again, a big thank you for the ladies who brought food for this event. I truly appreciate all the wonderful comments made to my sister and I after her program. She enjoyed meeting and visiting with many of you at the reception. Thanks for being a part of our successful fund raiser. Suzie

Send an e-mail with all the event information to:

events@vbgardenclubs.org,
webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org,
vaspublishing@cox.net, or
info@vbgardnclubs.org

Don't miss out on this opportunity to provide your Club with free event advertising.

Speaker's List

Clera Hall, clerab@cox.net, 473-8258

Francis Land House



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

Holiday decorating at the Francis Land House will be on Monday, December 6, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Hospitality

Midge Berry, kattia65@aol.com, 463-1784

Josephine Maguder, IMRMAGU@aol.com, 486-0249

By popular demand, **Anne Metcalfe** has provided this yummy recipe.

Triple Layer Cookie Bars

½ Cup Butter or Margarine

1½ Cups Graham Cracker Crumbs

1 Pkg. Flaked Coconut (7 oz.)

1 Can Eagle Brand Milk

Taproot

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

The Council publishes *TAPROOT* six times a year. In the fall and winter, each issue covers two months. In our busy spring, each issue covers only one month. Please calendar the following dates and submission deadlines:

September/October – Deadline August 18

Cavalier Garden Club

Adele Lundquist, lundquac@cox.net, 491-5375

We are saddened to report the death of one of our charter and life members, **Mrs. Jewell Honeycutt**. **Jewell** died on Tuesday.

Please change **Herbert Pettway's** telephone number to 426-2437.

Please let us know what fruit you will be needing for your arrangements, etc. We look forward to seeing all of you!!

Our thanks go out to those who have furnished weekly arrangements for the guest table at the Francis Land House.

1 pkg. Chocolate Chips (12 oz.)

½ Cup Creamy Peanut Butter

Melt butter in bottom of a 13 x 9 inch baking dish in oven. Sprinkle graham crackers on butter. Top evenly with coconut, then Eagle Brand milk.

Bake 25 minutes or until brown. In a small saucepan, melt chocolate chips and peanut butter. Spread over hot coconut layer. Cool 30 minutes. Chill 45 minutes, cut into bars. Yield 36 bars.

BAKE at 350 degrees.

November/December – Deadline October 18

January/February – Deadline December 18

March – Deadline February 18

April – Deadline March 18

May – Deadline April 18

The deadline to submit articles for publication in the January/February *TAPROOT* is Saturday, December 18, 2004.

A memorial service was held at the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church. **Jewell's** obituary was published in the September 30, 2004 *Virginian-Pilot*.

Dave Cullen

Charlene Riley has reminded us that **Dave Cullen** recently lost her husband and could use a boost to her spirits.

You can call **Dave** at 716-2060, or send mail to:

Dave Cullen

Seaside Nursing Home
1200 Atlantic Shore Drive, Room 112
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Fred Heutte Center

Please call 757.441.2513 to register for a lecture at the Fred Huette Center, 1000 Botetourt Gardens, Norfolk, VA 23507.

10AM - Saturday, Nov. 13 - Bill Smoot Making a Copper Trellis

Make a beautiful copper trellis on which vines can grow; and which can provide an area for displaying house numbers! Students will be supplied with all of the equipment required to make a copper tubing trellis that stands approximately 48 inches tall. Cost of the class and materials is \$40.00 per person. Class is limited to six persons per class. We will schedule an additional class if enough interest is shown.

1 P.M. & 3 P.M. - Sunday, Nov 28 - Frances Thrash Williamsburg Style Wreath

Our "famous" Williamsburg style wreath is hand-made using aromatic cedars and evergreens. Bright fresh fruit and red ribbon add a classical and elegant decorative addition. Participants should bring garden gloves, cutting shears, and a heavy-duty staple gun if they have them. The class is free for Friends of Fred Heutte Foundation members and Master Gardeners, and \$5.00 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment of all fees are required. Material cost is \$35.00 per person. Each class is limited to 12 participants.

For more information, visit the Center's website at:
www.fredheutte.org.

*"I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree.
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all."*
Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971)