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Board Meeting

January 5, 2005, 10:00AM

Virginia Beach Central Library

General Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2005

Registration – 9:30AM

Meeting – 10:00AM

Virginia Beach Central Library

4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2003-2005 Officers

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President's Message

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

A Very Happy New Year To All!

I hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday. I'm always amazed that each season passes so quickly. I guess it's because we stay so busy.

Every year, I don't know how you can improve on perfection, but you Ladies outdo yourselves. Our own Mrs. Claus (**Mari Hall**) and her band of elves once again had the best Wreath-Making Workshop ever. The wreaths were never lovelier. **Pam Groover** and **Erica Collins** and all the Garden Clubs who participated again worked their magic on the Francis Land House. Thank you to all who gave your time and talent. It is very much appreciated.

Our November Program, "Southern Living at Home For The Holidays," by **Francis Thrash** was enjoyed by all. Our January program will be "Introduction To The Art of Bonsai" by **Ronnie Baum**. Our Educational Program in February will be **Bill Dougherty** with "All Flowers Are Beautiful; A Floral Surprise." Most of you have seen **Bill** and know what a instructive yet very funny program he gives. He'll be just what we need on a cold, bleak February day. Get your tickets early Ladies and join us for a fun filled morning.

Keep the holiday spirit in your heart, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely, *Sam*

Garden Club Website

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Check out the new format of the Events Calendar on our Web Site (www.vbgardenclubs.org).

Council's ABC Project

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

I hope everyone had a healthy wonderful Holiday. Those of you who attended the Wreath-Making Workshop were able to see the statues of the three children in bronze. I believe everyone was truly pleased. Many of you reacted as I did with a tear in your eye.

I am happy to report we now only have 3 Garden Clubs who have not participated with a donation to our Children's Garden. A big "thank you" to **Town and Country Garden Club** and **Laurel Cove Garden Club** for their contribution and helping to make my goal of 100%.

If you have not given, it's not too late to make a donation. We are still collecting money for this garden.

Please remember the Children's Garden is our ABC Project for 2004-2005. If your Club normally budgets for ABC projects, please donate your money as soon as possible. You may send your checks, made out to the Council of Garden Clubs, to me at
1704 Jordans Parish Place
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455-7034

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 363-1050. Remember to mark your calendar for the dedication of this garden on April 8. More information will be in your next Taproot. Thanks for all your support and help.

Gift-Basket

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

Once again, we are offering the chance to buy tickets for a fantastic basket worth over \$1200. This basket has something for everyone; some of the items in the basket are listed below.

All of the proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Celebrate Children Garden. The cost of each ticket is \$5.00. The drawing for this wonderful fun-filled basket is February 14, 2005. Tickets will be on sale at the January Council meeting, or you can contact **Suzie Duckworth** (363-1050) or **Cheryll Klobuchar** (463-4885). Don't delay, this is a fantastic basket filled with a multitude of items for young and old alike.

Here is a sample of items in the Entertainment Gift Basket.

Entertainment Gift Basket
(Proceeds go to the 'Celebrate Children Garden')

Cost: \$5.00

Drawing: February 14, 2005

1. *Long Jewelers* - piece of jewelry
2. *Inlet Fitness Center* – a 3-month membership for one person
3. *One Fish, Two Fish Restaurant* - \$75 gift certificate

4. *Virginia Musical Theatre* – 2 front row Orchestra seats
5. *Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center* - 4 passes and a coffee mug
6. *Francis Land House* - 4 passes
7. *Thoroughgood House* - 4 passes
8. *Ferry Plantation House* – a teacup and Ferry Plantation Tea
9. *History of the Bayside Trail* book donated from Grace Sherwood
10. *Starbucks* - Coffee and coffee mugs
11. *Norfolk Admirals Hockey* – 4 Gold level seats
12. *Sal's Bella Pizza* – 2 gift certificates – each for a 16" cheese pizza
13. *Wayne Jones Flowers* - \$50 gift certificate
14. *Cape Henry Lighthouse* – 12 passes each good for a family of 5
15. *The Signature at West Neck* – free green fees (cart included) for a twosome
16. *Virginia Living Museum* – 2 passes to the museum
17. *Cavalier Hotel* – 2-night stay for 2

Currently the Entertainment Gift Basket is worth over \$1,200.00

As you can see, this Entertainment Gift Basket has something for everyone. Please help the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and the VBCAN meet our goal of 500 ticket sales.

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

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.

Francis Land House



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

Thank you to everyone who so graciously gave of their time and talents to transform the Francis Land House for the Holidays.

You are all wonderful and we appreciate your efforts for this project and throughout the year.

Another big "Thanks" to the Staff of Francis Land House for their support.

Wreath-Making Workshop

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

You overwhelmed me, and especially Ed Barnes, Roger Huff, and city employees by making the wreaths in the Colonial manner on December 8 at the Landscape Services Building.

The wreaths were magnificent and are truly works of art; we could put Colonial Williamsburg to shame.

Your great response, by 68 talented artists, completed 45 "boards" for the city buildings.

Special kudos to **Little Neck Garden Club** for making the two extra-large wreaths for the Coast Guard building at the oceanfront. Also, a special "thank you" to the members of **Broad Bay Point Greens** who had 13 members participate, and to our newest club, **West Neck Garden Club**.

What a most memorable holiday!

January Program

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

Our January program will be presented by **Ronnie Baum** of the Tidewater Bonsai Society. He will tell

you everything you would like to know about bonsai in his "Introduction to the Art of Bonsai." He will bring both large and small bonsai - new & old. He will actually demonstrate how a bonsai is begun and give instructions on taking care of existing bonsai.

Arbor Day

Johnnie Miller, JMill61558@aol.com, 467-1549

Arbor Day will be held on April 7. Please schedule this date on your calendar. The site and school will be announced in the near future.

Pine Seedlings

Kay Sawyer, 340-2593

We will meet at the Landscape Services Building off Elbow Road on March 16 from 9:00 A.M. until all seedlings are wrapped.

Please bring newspaper sleeves, staplers and extra staples, gloves, and any other items you need.

Contact **Kay Sawyer** or **Ellie Kreassig** (340-0167) for additional information.

Bulb Sale

We will be selling professionally packaged bulbs of all kinds at the January meeting.

These bulbs are retail prices from \$3.97 to \$9.97 a package. We are selling them for .50¢ to \$1.00 a package.

This is the deal of a lifetime Ladies!

Missing Camera

Kay Baldwin's black camera is missing after participating in the Wreath-Making Workshop at the Land-

scape Services Building on December 8. If anyone has information, or picked up her camera, please give Kay a call at 463-7889.

Taproot

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

The Council publishes *TAPROOT* six times a year. Please calendar the following dates and submission deadlines:

September/October – Deadline August 18

November/December – Deadline October 18

January/February – Deadline December 18

March – Deadline February 18

April – Deadline March 18

May – Deadline April 18

The deadline for the March issue of *TAPROOT* is Friday, February 18, 2005.

"The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before."

Vita Sackville-West (1892-1962)