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Board Meeting

March 2, 2005, 10:00 AM

Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

Registration – 9:30AM

Meeting – 10:00AM

Program

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Enchanted Forest Nursery

2003-2005 Officers

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President's Message

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

I saw my first robin today, the daffodils are coming up; can spring be far behind? It's time to roll up our sleeves and get busy! We have our Board Meeting on March 2 and General Meeting March 9 at the Central Library.

Empty Bowls will be on March 24; please bring any greens you have in your yard plus blooming flowers and empty large-size soup cans. Last year we made 90 arrangements for this wonderful dinner.

Tidewater District Spring Meeting is in Portsmouth on March 29; Wayne Jones present "When Rice (East) Meets Fries (West)."

We will tour to Fredericksburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 4. I will have details at the general meeting and posted on the web site. I hope everyone enjoyed **Bill Dougherty's** program. A special thank you to all who bought tickets and helped with food for this event. We appreciate your help!

Enjoy your day.

Sincerely, *Sam*

Council's ABC Project

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

Congratulations to the Council of Garden Clubs for 100% participation for the Council's ABC project: Celebrate Children's Garden. You have all made my

dream come true - all garden clubs to donate to this wonderful project. We are very proud to be a part of such a beautiful garden.

I hope all of you will make an effort to attend our dedication on April 8 at 11:30 A.M. at the Municipal

Court complex. All Presidents of the Council will receive an invitation for this dedication.

A thank you to the following Clubs for completing the 100% participation: Birdneck Point Garden Club, Chesapeake Colony Garden Club, Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club, and to our new Garden Club, West Neck.

There are 46 Garden Clubs in the Council and I thank all for their contributions, whether \$10 or \$1,000. Without each donation, we would not have made 100% participation.

The following Garden Clubs have contributed \$1,000 or more and their names will be on the plaque of donors:

Bay Colony Garden Club	\$2,000
Cavalier Garden Club	\$5,000
Church Point Garden Club	\$1,500

Garden Club of Greater Kempsville	\$1,115
The Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club	\$1,000
King's Grant Garden Club	\$1,050
Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club	\$1,100
Little Neck Garden Club	\$1,000
Lynnhaven River Garden Club	\$1,000
May Farm Garden Club of Kingston	\$1,010
Pembroke Meadows Garden Club	\$1,100
Princess Anne Garden Club	\$1,000
Thalia Garden Club	\$1,000
Virginia Beach Garden Club	\$1,000
Total	\$19,875

And thanks to our President, **Sam Halverson**, and to **Ann Brown** for their hard work in selling bulbs. Not only did they help beautify our own gardens, they helped raise \$3,000 for the children's garden. I am happy to report we now have raised over \$30,000.

Awards Program

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

Can you believe that it is only a few more months before our Annual Awards Luncheon? Now is the time to begin thinking about what awards your Club will submit. It is my dearest wish that my Committee and I will receive so many entries that we have to plan for lunch and dinner in order to have enough time to judge all of the entries.

The Awards Program begins on page 24 of the current Council Yearbook, and continues through page 36. Pay special attention to the Individual Awards on page 34, last year we had no entries for these awards and I know there were Clubs that were eligible to submit entries.

Don't forget the Awards on pages 35 and 36, I'm sure there are students attending the Nature Camp who could use the \$100 award; not to mention a

young girl who meets the qualifications for the Jennifer Lowman Memorial Award.

Last, but not least, don't forget the Virginia Beach Beautification Tree Award. For no known reason, Virginia Beach has not received the Tree City Award for over 25 years!

It is my hope that the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach's Awards Luncheon will be a bit longer because of the large number of Awards to hand out this June. Please have your Clubs look over this section in the yearbook and submit entries for every one for which your Club is eligible.

I have included the form for #21 (Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award) at the end of this newsletter.

Note: My phone number on page 12 of our Yearbook is incorrect. You can reach me at 464-4885 (h) or 560-5589 (c).

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 we wrap all the seedlings.

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.

Scrapbook

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

It is time to complete your Scrapbook. I will have pages available at the March meeting.

Please stop by and pick one up for your Club. Awards are due May 10. If you have any questions please contact me.

Project Intent Applications

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

Project Intent Applications are due at our Council Meeting on March 9. If you cannot attend, please send your application to me at:

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

The Project Intent Form is on Page 39 of your Council Yearbook. I will have folders for your projects at our April Council Meeting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

March Program

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

Enchanted Forest Nursery presents "Water Gardens and Garden Ornamentation" at our March meeting.

Garden Therapy

Dot Cullen, 496-2460

The Ceramic Designer's Association is again having their annual fund-raising event, "Empty Bowls Dinner," for the Food Bank of South Eastern Virginia. It is at Virginia Wesleyan College on Thursday March 24, 2005.

Please note that March 24 is a Thursday. In the past, the Empty Bowl Dinner was always on a Friday. The day changed due to scheduling at the University. We will be making about eighty (80) floral arrangements for the tables, using Campbell's large soup cans and jars as containers. Please save your

jars and containers, leaving the labels on, and bring them to the March 9 meeting. We need a lot of helping hands to make arrangements; provide plenty of greens, flowering branches and daffodils from their gardens.

We will be meeting at the Fine Arts Building, called the "Ed Northeimer Theatre," at 1:00 P.M., Thursday March 24. Enter the College from Wesleyan Drive, take the first right, and park in the first lot on the left. You can walk to the Fine Arts Building from the parking lot.

Please call me for more information.

Raffle Basket

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

As an update on the Raffle Basket for the Celebrate Children's Garden, I am happy to report we made \$2,045 on the recent Entertainment Raffle Basket. We made a total of \$7,155 from both raffle baskets. I appreciate all of you that participated by purchasing

tickets and to help sell tickets. Indeed all of your hard work made these Raffles a big success.

Congratulations to our winner for the Entertainment Basket, **Marie Cannon**, President of the Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club. She was certainly made very happy on Valentines Day!

Arbor Day

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

We will celebrate Arbor Day in Virginia Beach on Thursday, April 7, at 10:00 A.M. at Mt. Trashmore Park. The third grade students from Larkspur Mead-

ows Elementary School will participate in the annual Arbor Day Contest sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs. Master Gardener Tree Stewards will enlighten the students about Arbor Day and the importance of trees in our environment.

Ladies, once again we will need COOKIES for the reception following the ceremony. It will be held beneath a tent placed near the tree planting site – so please, sign up at our next meeting to bring a dozen or so cookies for this event.

Larkspur Garden Club host this year. We invite everyone to this event involving: City officials, schools, Council of Garden Clubs, Master Gardeners and Virginia Beach Beautification Commission.

Annual Daffodil Show

Elaine Stephens, elainestephens1@verizon.net, 428-3402

The Princess Anne Garden Club of Virginia Beach hosts the Garden Club of Virginia's **71st Annual Daffodil Show**, sanctioned by The American Daffodil Society.

Theme: Postcards from the Beach

Dates: Wednesday, April 6, 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. and Thursday, April 7, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Location: Doubletree Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Admission: Open to the public free of charge, though Donations are greatly appreciated

In the "Artistic Division," colorful arrangements of daffodils will be inspired by "postcards" written about some of the wonderful places a tourist might

visit in Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach is so much more than surf and sand! The "Horticulture Division" will showcase "perfect blooms" representing many of the 1000 plus varieties of Daffodils.

If you are interested in entering flower arrangements or horticulture specimens, contact our Registrar, Rosalind Tester, at 428-4129 or visit the web site at www.gcvirginia.org.

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia, formed in 1920, has 47 member Clubs with over 3400 Members. The Princess Anne Garden Club is proud to bring this show to south Hampton Roads. Everyone interested in gardening, arranging flowers, and the beauty of nature, is invited to enjoy this remarkable exhibition.

Contact: **Elaine Stephens** (757) 428-3402, Princess Anne Garden Club, Virginia Beach, Virginia

King's Grant Spring Plant Sale

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

It's Time to Think Spring!

King's Grant Garden Club of Virginia Beach
Annual Spring Bedding Plant Sale

Saturday, April 23, 2005
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



Rain Date: Saturday, April 30, 2005

King's Grant Presbyterian Church

745 Little Neck Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Corner of Little Neck and King's Grant Road

We offer Premium Quality Spring Bedding Plants, Hanging Baskets, Perennials and Herbs in 6" pots. For information, call 467-2114 or 463-4885

Cavalier Auction & Luncheon

Charlene Riley, riley@HRTC.org, 689-0980

Cavalier Garden Club is holding the Annual Auction and Luncheon at Cavalier on the Hill.

Plan to attend on Wednesday, March 23, 2005. The event begins at 10:30 A.M.

Call me for information and reservations.

Recipe

Janet Bacuzzi, jmbacuzzi@cxs.com, 496-5992

Recipe for Margarita Balls from February 9 meeting:

Margarita Balls

1 (12 oz) package vanilla wafers
 ½ c pretzel crumbs (approx. 1 cup pretzels)
 1 (16 oz) package confectioners' sugar, sifted
 ¾ c frozen margarita or limeade concentrate, thawed
 2 (3 oz) packages cream cheese
 1 tsp tequila or to taste (optional)
 1 tsp Triple Sec (orange liquor) or to taste (optional)
 Rind from 1 lime, finely grated (divided use)
 1 (2 ¼ oz) shaker green (or other) decorator sugar
 1 cup granulated sugar

Process ½ vanilla wafers to fine crumbs. Remove crumbs and reserve. Repeat with remaining wafers.

Process pretzels to fine crumbs for a total of ½ c. crumbs (less makes thin consistency).

In large bowl, combine wafer and pretzel crumbs, confectioners' sugar, concentrate and cream cheese.

Add tequila and Triple Sec if desired.

Blend; divide mix in half; wrap each tightly in plastic; set aside.

Combine half grated lime with decorator sugar, half with granulated sugar; stir to mix lime peel evenly.

Shape one portion of dough into 1" balls. Roll in green or white sugar. Work quickly as balls dry fast. Repeat with remaining dough.

Store in airtight container in frig for up to 1 week. Makes 7 dozen cookies.

HGTV Coming to Virginia Beach

Heather Miskiewicz, (303) 712-3332,
Hmiskiewicz@highnoonproductions.com

HGTV is working on a new series about unusual and eclectic homes, gardens, collections, and hobbies. I am looking for story ideas in Virginia. If you know of any sort of quirky gardens in the area, such as recycled materials like blue bottles or colorful bowl-

ing balls in a yard, or have any ideas, I'd love to hear about them. I know someone in Sandbridge who built the driftwood dragon and other unique installations.

We are coming to VA Beach very soon to shoot.

If you know anyone with an offbeat hobby or home, we are looking for those, too.

Taproot

Debra Nicholson, dsnich@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 April *TAPROOT* is Friday, March 18, 2005.

"I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck."

Emma Goldman

Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award

To the club supporting Council projects with the largest number of Members on a percentage basis.

Council Year is May 2004 – May 2005

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

Submitted by: Name _____ **Tel:** _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2004

Attendance: _____

Providing Centerpiece (how many): _____

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 10, 2004 – May 9, 2005 _____

Neptune Festival Senior Gala Workshop _____

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.