

# TAPROOT

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## Board Meeting

April 6, 2005, 10:00 AM

Francis Land House

## General Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Registration – 9:30AM

Meeting – 10:00AM

Program

Virginia Beach Central Library  
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
*Water Gardens and Garden  
Ornamentation - Enchanted  
Forest Nursery*

## 2003-2005 Officers

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Sam Halvorsen

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## Council Website

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[webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org](mailto:webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org)

## President's Message

Sam Halvorsen, [byznana@aol.com](mailto:byznana@aol.com), 490-4529

Spring is here again. I've found just like the song, the world keeps on turning. As most of you know I've been ill since early February and I'm on the road to recovery now. I'd like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, soup, goody baskets etc. I was overwhelmed. I missed the March meetings, many thanks to **Ann Herrick!** I plan on being at our upcoming events, we have much to do: our general meetings, Arbor Day, Dedication of the Children's Gardens (I hope to see each and everyone of you there) Decorating the Land House etc. Empty bowls was wonderful. Many thanks to **Dot Cullen;** we did 90 beautiful arrangements.

It's also "TOUR TIME" we're going on a fantastic trip to Fredericksburg. I'm so excited, see details inside but be sure to contact me right away as the

bus fills up fast. So, roll up your sleeves and get ready for a busy month but don't forget to enjoy every minute.

Sincerely, *Sam*

## Council's ABC Project

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

Again, this year I believe there has been an oversight in submitting your intent forms which were due at our March meeting. The following Clubs have sent me their forms:

Church Point

Kings Grant

Colonial Oaks - Lake Trant

Aragona

Cavalier

The Garden Club of Pembroke Manor

Little Neck  
Broad Bay Island, and  
Pembroke Meadows

If your Club is not listed and you plan to participate this year, whether it be a new project, continuing, maintenance, historic or garden therapy, please contact me by phone 363-1050 or e-mail [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net) so I can bring the color folder you will need to submit your project to our April Council Meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Awards Program

Cheryll Klobuchar, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net), 463.4885

Well, it's that time again, cleaning up our gardens, planting trees, shrubs and flowers and writing up entries for the Council's Awards Program.

The entries are due no later than May 10. I will have a box on my doorstep on May 10 for you to place your entries in when you drop them by. My address is 758 Suffolk Lane (I'm on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle, a two story Georgian house). My phone number is 463-4885 (h) or 560-5589 (c). If you need directions or have questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Scrapbook pages will be available at the April meeting.

## Beautification

Demaris E Yearick, [way4@juno.com](mailto:way4@juno.com), 422-1618

The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission would love suggestions for our annual landscape recognition program, which includes residential, commercial and institutional properties in the Bay-side voting district this year. This area is bounded by the Lynnhaven River and Thalia Creek on the east, Virginia Beach Boulevard on the south, and the Chesapeake Bay on the north and includes the Ocean Park, Chesapeake Beach, Shelton Park, Bayside, Thoroughgood, Witchduck, Pembroke, Aragona, Davis Corner, Shell, and Old Donation neighborhoods. Please call **Barbara Brawley** at 481-2041 with nominations. Thank you – **Demaris Yearick**

## TCC Spring Plant Sale

**Ken Spencer**, Professor,  
Tidewater Community College, [wkspen@mac.com](mailto:wkspen@mac.com)  
822-5090

**What:** TCC Horticulture Club Plant Sale  
**When:** Saturday, 16 April, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
**Where:** Tidewater Community College  
Chesapeake Campus Greenhouses  
1428 Cedar Road  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23455

### Information:

**Phone:** 757.822.5090

**E-Mail:** [wkspen@mac.com](mailto:wkspen@mac.com)

Our 22nd annual spring plant sale will feature a variety of "student grown" plants including: flat annuals, potted Proven Winner series, vegetative annuals, potted geraniums, combination hanging baskets and planters, and peat-pot vegetables. Proceeds support our horticulture program. For a complete listing of available plants, see <http://homepage.mac.com/wkspen/Horticulture>.

## Teatime and Tablesapes

Midge Berry, [Kattia65@aol.com](mailto:Kattia65@aol.com), 463-1784

"Teatime and Tablesapes" was a smashing success! We would like to thank everyone who supported the effort for making the day memorable.

Connie Lu, "The Tea Lady," The Fashion Show, The Teacup auction, the Vendors, The Tablesapes, all helped to make the day exciting. There were twelve fabulous tables with different themes; each was unique and clever. Everyone enjoyed the efforts of the table designers. None of this would have been possible without the help of so many wonderful people. We are grateful to B.K. Sharp and Jean Williams for taking care of the refreshments in such a professional manner, to Betty Bloxom and Sam Halverson for the lovely centerpieces, to Johnnie Miller for hosting the teacup auction and Bill Smoot for setting up the tables for the tablesapes. Last, and certainly not least, thanks to Rita Costello for securing the Portsmouth Woman's Club for this event.

Until next time, Carolyn Dennis and Midge Berry.

## Awards Luncheon & Installation

Cathy Cole, [Whiskers7007@cox.net](mailto:Whiskers7007@cox.net); 460-2307;  
Carolyn Dennis, 340-2596  
Luncheon Co-Chairs

This year our awards luncheon will be held at the **Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center**. (2800 Shore Drive) on June 1, 2005. We once again need your help and talents to create floral centerpieces for the tables. The theme this year will be white tablecloths with topiaries and the colors of Spring and early Summer!

If you or your garden club would like to help us with these arrangements, please sign your name to our sign-up sheet at our May Council meeting or contact one of us. There will be "Certificates of Appreciation" awarded to each club that participates in this function. We will require 20-25 arrangements for the tables. They should be no larger than 14" in diameter. These arrangements will be given away as "table prizes" after the luncheon, so please make them in a container that you will not need returned. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn Dennis or myself. Thank you.

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## Dedication of the "Celebrate Children Garden"

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

Just a little reminder that the Dedication of the 'Celebrate Children Garden' will be Friday, April 8 at the entrance to the Courthouse at 11:30 A.M.

Every garden club president received a formal invitation in the mail for her and her club. Since parking is limited, we suggest that you carpool whenever necessary. If you or your club has signed up to provide food for this event, you can bring it with you when you come for the dedication and drop it off at the reception area.

We look forward to seeing many familiar Garden Club faces at the dedication. If you have any questions contact **Suzie Duckworth** (363-1050) or **Cheryll Klobuchar** (463-4885).

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## Arbor Day

Johnnie Miller, [JMill61558@aol.com](mailto: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 Meadows 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.

Each garden club member is invited to attend. The ceremony and tree planting will be near the first parking lot and building off Edwin Drive. Roadwork is being done on that stretch of Edwin at this time but is due to be completed before April 7. If not completed you will be told how to detour to the site by South Blvd.

I look forward to seeing you there

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## Annual Daffodil Show

Elaine Stephens, [elainestephens1@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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

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## Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church Plant Sale

Ann Turner, [aturner@easternshorechapel.org](mailto:aturner@easternshorechapel.org),

Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church, 2020 Laskin Road in Virginia Beach, will host its 11th Annual Spring-Thyme Herb and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is a must for Hampton Roads gardeners and features a wide selection of herbs, vegetables, annuals, and hanging baskets and pots filled with beautiful blooming plants. There will also be lots of free gardening information, a gardener's garage sale, garden statuary, a variety of outdoor crafts, and delicious homemade foods. There will also be fun activities for the kids. This is a great place to find Mother's Day gifts!

Plan to attend the gala Preview Party on Friday, May 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. Come get the pick of the plants, enjoy a fashion show, silent auction and sample wonderful wines and food. Tickets to the party are \$12 each and may be purchased from the church office or at the door. All proceeds from the plant sale and preview party benefit Eastern Shore Chapel's food pantry. Call 428-6763 for more information.

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## Broad Bay Point Greens Spring Plant Sale

Janet Bacuzzi, [Jmbacuzzi@cs.com](mailto:Jmbacuzzi@cs.com), 496-5992

Saturday, April 30, 2005

Rain Date: Saturday, May 7, 2005

9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Broad Bay Point Greens

1672 Dey Cove

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

We will have Spring Bedding Plants, Hanging Baskets, Perennials, and Herbs for sale. For information, call 496-5992 or 481-9049.

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## King's Grant Spring Plant Sale

Anne Herrick, [anneher@earthlink.net](mailto: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

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## Lynnhaven River 2007

Debra Nicholson, [dsnicks@cox.net](mailto:dsnicks@cox.net), 499-0176

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. has been extended an offer to become involved in a very worthwhile project. This project ties in with many of our current concerns (such as the "Scoop the Poop" campaign, Conservation/Ecology/Litter Control, beautification of and education about our local environment), is open to all Garden Clubs, and is virtually cost free.

Our participation takes the form of nominating homeowner's yards exhibiting riparian buffers for

awards presented by Lynnhaven River 2007 (LR2007). This organization is working to identify sources of contamination in the Lynnhaven River, and to reduce them and restore lost habitats through several projects, including backyard riparian buffers. Our Extension Agent, Susan French, has asked that you take a little time and nominate yards. Nominees will be screened, and the best forwarded to the LR2007 Buffer Committee (Susan French, and garden designer Beth Elliott).

LR2007 would like to present the first award in April, so time is of the essence. In the future, LR2007 anticipates presenting awards either quarterly, or monthly. Please contact me for more information if you would like to nominate a homeowner's yard.

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## Fredericksburg Tour

Sam Halvorsen, [bzynana@aol.com](mailto:bzynana@aol.com), 490-4529

7:00 AM Depart from back of Pembroke Mall  
 10:00 AM Belmont (Gari Melcher's Estate. Gardens and Studio)  
 12:15 PM Lunch at The Smythe's Cottage  
 1:45 PM Mary Washington Home and Gardens  
 2:30 to 3:40 PM Free for shopping in Old Town  
 4:00 PM The Meadow Farms Nursery  
 5:00 PM Depart  
 7:00 - 7:30 PM arrive Pembroke Mall

I think this tour will be one of the best yet. I checked everything out at Easter. Belmont is just fantastic. It includes the home, Gardens and studio of artist Gari Melcher, who worked for the Library of Congress.

The Smythe's Cottage was George Washington's stable. The food and atmosphere are both just wonderful. Mary Washington's home has quite a few of her pieces and beautiful gardens. Time on your own for shopping is a new thing on these trips but if you ever been to Fredericksburg you'll understand why I included it. The Meadow Farms Nursery has lots of rare and unusual plants plus a great gift shop. All in all, I think it will be a Great Day.

Call me at 490-4529 or e-mail me [bzynana@aol.com](mailto:bzynana@aol.com) for reservations. As always seats are first-come, first served. We only have 54 seats available and they go very fast. The cost is \$55.00 dollars, all-inclusive. We will, of course, serve complimentary coffee,

cookies, sodas, water, wine and cheese as snacks. Luncheon choices will be labeled 1, 2 or 3. Please choose Apple or Peach Crisp for dessert

1. Seafood Quiche with tossed salad with vinaigrette
  2. Half of Ham and Swiss sandwich with Broccoli and cheese soup
  3. The Smythe's chicken salad - Grilled chicken breast with pineapple over greens (Wonderful).
- Choice of 1 dessert, Apple or Peach Crisp.

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## VBMG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Vera Geddes, [gege@isp.com](mailto:gege@isp.com), 499-6595

I'm looking for your friends, neighbors, or relatives. Anyone who said "I use to be a Virginia Beach Master Gardener." I need names, addresses, and phone numbers if possible. I'm attempting to obtain these for the reunion, but also for the history of the Master Gardeners.

Do you have any old membership lists, newsletters, photos, or any MG memorabilia that you are willing to share so that I can have copies made? I'm particularly looking for the 80's and early 90's.

Than you and please contact me.

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## Taproot

Debra Nicholson, [dsnich@cox.net](mailto: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 Monday, April 18, 2005.

**COUNCIL AWARDS & INSTALLATION LUNCHEON**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 1st, 2005  
**PLACE:** Virginia Beach Resort Hotel  
2800 Shore Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA. 23451

**SCHEDULE:** Registration - 10:00 – 10:30am  
Business - 10:30 – 12:00pm  
Cash Bar - 12:00 – 12:30pm  
  
Luncheon - 12:30pm –

**PRICE:** \$16.25 (Inclusive - per person)  
(Prices have changed due to menu, recent tax rate, and gratuity increases)

**MENU**

Quiche Lorraine  
Broiled Tomato Parmesan  
Steamed Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit Garnish  
Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter  
Profiterole w/chocolate sauce  
and Raspberry Coulet  
Iced tea, coffee, or decaf  
**OR** **\*\*Vegetarian Meal\*\***  
Garden Salad  
Linguini with Julienne Vegetables  
(Tossed in Roasted garlic olive oil)  
Rolls, dessert and beverage

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

*Please send **one** check per garden club. Make club check payable to **Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.** (Sending individual checks adds to the treasurer’s bookwork and will not be accepted.) Mail your clubs’ reservation list of names and menu selections with club check to:*

Mrs. Ruth Geel  
1100 Chancellor Walk  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23454

*We are asking the clubs to furnish floral centerpieces for 25 tables. Centerpieces **should be no larger than 14” in diameter/height.** The centerpieces will be given away as table prizes, so please use a container that you do not wish to have back. **Table linens will be white with white napkins.** A sign up sheet will be passed around at our April and May meetings for clubs wanting to participate in helping with the centerpieces.*

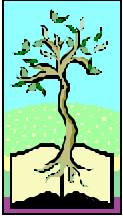
Luncheon Co-Chairperson: Cathy Cole - 460-2307  
Luncheon Co-Chairperson: Carolyn Dennis -340-2596

**RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 1st, 2005**

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$16.25 EACH \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note vegetarian meal (\*\*)) near name)

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

### 2005-2006 YEARBOOK ADS

**Attention Garden Clubs and Businesses:** Advertise your club's or company products, services or events by placing an ad in our upcoming COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, Inc, 2005-2006 YEARBOOK. This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or "just place a greeting" and you will be supporting the ongoing Council projects to make our community a better place in which to live...

PLEASE SEND YOUR AD LAYOUT AND CHECK BY JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 TO:

**Suzie Duckworth**  
**Council Yearbook Chairman**  
**1704 Jordan's Parish Place**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23455**  
**(757) 363-1050**  
[suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net)

**GARDEN CLUB/BUSINESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the size of the advertisement you desire for the Yearbook.

Ad Size	Cost
<b>Quarter Page</b> – 4 ½ inches by 1 11/16 inches in height <b>Or</b> 2 3/16 inches by 3 7/16 inches in height	\$10.00
<b>Half Page</b> – 4 ¼ inches wide by 3 3/8 inches in height	\$20.00
<b>Full Page</b> – 4 ½ inches wide by 7 inches in height	\$30.00
<b>Return this completed form to me with the following:</b>	
Camera-ready ad layout; (i.e. the ad should be sized to the measurements shown above.)	
Check payable to <b>The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.</b>	

**Deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**2005-2006 COUNCIL YEARBOOK INFORMATION SHEET  
DEADLINE – JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Dear Club Presidents:

Please complete this information sheet and return it to:                    Suzie Duckworth  
1704 Jordan' Parish Place  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
757-363-1050  
suzied@verizon.net

The information you provide in this information sheet will be used to update your Club's information in the Council of Garden Club Yearbook for 2005-2006 and the mailing and e-mail list for the TAPROOT. Please complete and return this form to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and not later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, so I can ensure members the most up-to-date Yearbook.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:**

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Club pay dues to any of the following affiliated organizations? Yes\_\_No\_\_  
If YES, please check those that apply to your Club.

Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.                     The Garden Club of Virginia  
 Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc                     Tidewater District  
 Norfolk Federation of Garden Clubs                     Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify)

DOES YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATE IN INTER-CLUB JUDGING? **YES** or **NO** (Circle one)

**PRESIDENT:**

Name:  
Address:  
City/Zip:  
Telephone:  
E-Mail

**TREASURER:**

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Address:  
City/ZIP  
Telephone:  
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**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

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City/ZIP:  
Telephone:  
E-Mail:

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

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# PRESS RELEASE

## Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

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mstampe@cox.net  
(757) 420-3145



# Virginia Beach Master Gardeners PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 14, 2005 (Rain or Shine)  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Virginia Beach Farmer's Market  
Corner of Princess Anne Road & Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

The 2005 Spring Plant Sale includes perennials, annuals, vegetables, shrubs and trees grown by Virginia Beach Master Gardeners.

Many of the plants are unusual, or hard to find varieties that have flourished for these skilled gardeners and are grown especially to share with other plant lovers.

For more information visit: [www.vbmq.org](http://www.vbmq.org)