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Board Meeting

September 7, 2005, 10:00AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 14, 2005 Virginia Beach Central Library
Registration – 9:30AM 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Meeting – 10:30AM Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2005-2007 Officers

President	Anne Herrick
First Vice President	Suzie Duckworth
Second Vice President	Peggy Ward
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President's Message

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

Hi, and welcome back after a long hot summer.

As I start my first year, we have a lot of good things to look forward to in 2005 and 2006. **Peg Ward** has planned some very exciting programs which we should all enjoy and, in more than one, learn new things. One of the events Council has planned for this year includes making arrangements for the **Neptune Festival Senior Gala** to be held in the new *Virginia Beach Convention Center*. Many hands make light work. So as many of you who can spare the time, come out on **September 23rd** and lend a hand. **Laura Jacobson** will be chairing the Flower Arrangement Committee. We will be in the Gala's

brand new Ballroom at the Convention Center. The theme for this year's Neptune Festival is "*Neptune Symphony in the Key of Sea*".

Last, but not least, I wish to thank the Luncheon Committee, **Cathy Cole** and **Carolyn Dennis**, for all of their efforts in making our June 2005 Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers such a memorable event. I was very sorry to miss it.

I would also like to thank all of you for the many "get well" cards, flowers and phone calls of support during my bout with pneumonia this spring and summer. They were such a great "pick-me-up" and help in my recovery. I am feeling much better now and look forward to a great year with the Council

Sincerely,
Anne

Council Awards

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

I would like to congratulate everyone who submitted an award entry for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach Awards and Installation Luncheon this past June. All of you deserve to be commended for your dedication and hard work. Last year we had the largest amount of entries ever submitted, for a total of 98 entries. This year I am hoping we will break 100. The ABC and Award winners will be published in the *Beacon* sometime in September.

Please check out the new Council Yearbook when your Club picks it up at the September meeting. We have a number of new awards that I hope you will find as exciting as I do. Our new president, **Anne**

Herrick, has two new awards, **Darlene Halvorsen** has added another award. **Suzie Duckworth** has also added another award, and **Kathleen Kinlaw** has replaced one of her awards with a new one. We now have a total of 27 President Awards.

Suzie and I are going to conduct another ABC & Awards Workshop this coming October. See the report in this issue for more information. Mark the date down in your calendar, now is the time to get all your questions answered. Hope to see many of you there.

I can be reached at the following: 463-4885 (h); 560-5589 (c); or c-klobuchar@cox.net.

2005 – 2006 Council Yearbook

First Vice President & Council Yearbook Chairman
Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

The Council of Garden Clubs' Yearbooks 2005-2006 will be available at our September Council meeting on Wednesday, the 14th at the Central Library. I will have a table set up in the hallway by 9:30 a.m. Please make an effort to have someone from your Club pick up your yearbooks, so your Club will not miss out on upcoming events in September and October. The books will also be available at our November meeting.

I am grateful for the support of the Clubs that purchased an ad in the Council yearbook. We have 46

Clubs in the Council and I am happy to report 37 Clubs placed an ad.

Thanks to **Ellie Kressig** and **Mary Ann Pate** from Thalia Garden Club, **Joan Curtin** and **Laura Jacobson** from Church Point Garden Club and **Anne Herrick** from Kings Grant Garden Club for soliciting ads from new businesses. 28 businesses renewed their ads this year. There are an additional 30 businesses that placed ads for the first time. Please remember to thank these businesses for supporting the Council of Garden Clubs with their ad when visiting or using their business. Remember, a little thank you goes a long way, and the ads help pay for our yearbook.

Garden Club Website

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

Help the Council website pay for itself – then some! Purchase a banner advertisement on www.vbgardenclubs.org for only \$25.00 per year (\$40.00 for the home page). Let your favorite nurseries and garden stores know about supporting the Council with the purchase of a banner ad!

Banners may be any size up to 468 pixels x60 pixels, animated, linked directly to your advertised info or website, or appear on a specific page. Banners may be mailed to VSAPublishing@cox.net.

Does your Garden Club need someplace for a web page? The Council has plenty of space to give away! Email clubpages@vbgardenclubs.org for information on getting space for your Club's web pages(s).

Francis Land House



Peggy Caverly, 490-0925
Kay Echart, 486-7328

Having Fun and Sharing Beauty at Francis Land House

"Gardening gives me fun and health and knowledge. It gives me laughter and color. It gives me pictures of almost incredible beauty."

John F. Kenyon

Thanks to each of you who have given of your time and talents toward arrangements for Francis Land House. As your new Francis Land House "flower rep", I will have a sign-up sheet available for this new year. Please be generous again with your talents.

I urge all Council Reps and Garden Club Presidents to encourage members of your Garden Clubs to join in this project. Many talented Garden Club mem-

bers do not attend Council meetings on a regular basis, but would enjoy making and exhibiting their talents (at least) once a year in the Francis Land House.

The arrangement is placed on a small table in the entrance. Therefore, it needs to be approximately 12"x15" in size. You may use seasonal flowers, when available, or fresh greens (i.e. holly, cedar, etc. for winter) or dried materials. Please do not use heirloom or treasured containers for your arrangements, and collect your empty container from the Francis Land House in a timely manner.

Thank you for supporting this community project of beautification.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

December 5, 2005 – Council members will be decorating Francis Land House for the holidays.

April 24, 2006 – We will be decorating Francis Land House for Historic Garden Week.

Council Meeting Programs

Peggy Ward, wardtp@macs.net, 428-8949

September 14, 2005

Mary Reid Barrow will present "**Weird and Wonderful Wildlife in Your Garden**". Mary Reid is a local free lance writer whose column has appeared in **The Virginian-Pilot** for over 10 years. Mary Reid Barrow's articles are entertaining and informative. The information for her articles is obtained from her readers.

Please come and enjoy our kick-off program. It will be very informal with questions and comments from the audience.

October 12, 2005 – Education Program

Floral Design presented by Beverly Wayne

Hang on to your hats! Beverly Wayne is the owner of "Pretty Things", show architect and floral design consultant for the Virginia Flower and Garden Show. Her floral creativity is mind boggling. Beverly will show us innovative and imaginative ideas for floral design. Her talent is unbounded. Since this meeting falls on Columbus Day, now known as Discovers Day, come discover Beverly's fresh and exciting floral concepts.

If you have a "What do I do with this vase?" bring it to the meeting – Beverly will help with problem vases.

There is a \$5.00 fee for this program and tickets will be limited. Please make your reservations early. Tickets will be available at the September meeting.

Hospitality

Midge Berry, m.berry1@cox.net, 463-1784
Josephine Maguder, hmaguder@cox.net, 486-0249

We need your Garden Club to volunteer refreshments at a future meeting.

Contact us to volunteer for an upcoming meeting.

ABC and Awards Workshop

Cheryll Klobuchar, c-klobuchar@cox.net, 463-4885
Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2005
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Place: Virginia Beach Central Library
Folio Room (formerly Meeting Room A)

We are back by popular demand!

The response from our 2004 ABC and Awards Workshop was very encouraging. Many of you were unable to attend the first workshop and have requested that we hold another one.

Suzie and I hope to see many familiar, along with new faces, this year. The number of entries for both the ABC and Awards programs this past May were very exciting. The judging committees for both the ABC and Awards had a difficult, but rewarding job trying to decide on the winners.

Mark your calendars with the information above. This is the time to ask any and all questions you might have about the ABC and Awards programs. Suzie and I look forward to seeing you on the 5th of October.

TAPROOT

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Distribution of the *TAPROOT* is accomplished primarily by email. It is sent to the President and Council Rep(s) of each Garden Club that is a member of the Council. The President and/or Council Rep are responsible for the distribution of the *TAPROOT* to their Club's membership, either by forwarding via email or printing the *TAPROOT* for their membership without email.

In order to keep costs down, the Council has determined that we will only mail copies of the *TAPROOT* to past Council Presidents, current Club Presidents and Council Reps who do not have email.

The *TAPROOT* is available online at the Council website, www.VBGardenClubs.org.

The deadline for submitting your articles for publication in the November/December *TAPROOT* is Tuesday, October 18, 2005.

Fred Heutte Center

Subject: The Gardens of Vancouver, B.C.
with **Kelly Matteson**
When: Wednesday, September 7, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Where: The Fred Heutte Center
1000 Botetourt Gardens, Norfolk, VA
(directions at www.fredheutte.org)
Cost: Free to Master Gardeners and Members;
\$5 others
Details: Reservations Required

While en-route to her vacation trip to Alaska this year, Portsmouth Master Gardener, Kelly Matteson

visited Vancouver, British Columbia for a couple of days. Like any good gardener, she visited several gardens while there and took lots of pictures! Her program documents these gardens renowned worldwide for their great beauty, made possible by Vancouver's micro-climate and excellent conditions for growing plants. Kelly is President of The Portsmouth Master Gardener group.

The Urban Gardener Lecture Series continues to be funded by a generous grant from The Norfolk Foundation.

Community Gardening Festival

On **September 17**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, join Master Gardeners for the *6th Annual Community Garden Festival* at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research Station at 1444 Diamond Springs Road.

This is a free event. Speakers include:

Best Plants for Tidewater - **Mark Weathington**

Container Gardening - **Marie Butler**

Tree Walk – Smart Choices – **Kristina Villaire**

Floral Demonstration – **Betty Ann Galway**

Pruning Demonstration – **Spike Seligson**

Top Ten Hot Spots - **Mike Andruczyk**

Water Gardening - **Laurie Fox**

Moles and Voles - **Bob Annette**

Butterfly Gardening - **Ruth Burch**

Activities throughout the day include demonstrations, educational displays, Plant Sale, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Tree and Plant Doctors, Garden Society displays and sales and Children's Activities.

Volunteers Needed

The Central Library requires users of the meeting facilities to set up and take down the tables and chairs on meeting days. The Council needs the

assistance of a couple of healthy volunteers to come early and help set up the tables for refreshments. If you can help, please call **Peg Ward**, 428-8949 or **Anne Herrick**, 340-3525.

Message from Our Treasurer

Betty Villers, bettyv@cox.net, 481-6398

Annual Dues are payable in October and no later than December 1, 2005. Dues paid after

December 1, 2005 shall include an additional fee.

Dues for Clubs with a membership of:

1-15 = \$10.00

16-35 = \$20.00

36 and over = \$30.00

Associate = \$50.00

Fundraiser in February

First Vice President and Fundraiser Chairman, Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

Mark your calendars for **February 8, 2006** for the return of **Mary Karr Handley**. She will again entertain us with a speech on "*Creating a Balance on the Tightrope of Life*". Tickets will be available at our November Council meeting. This will be her final speech in Virginia Beach, so plan not to miss this program. The cost will be **\$6.00**. Refreshments will be served following the program. Mary's hus-

band will be bringing two pieces of his pottery for our raffle.

Please remember you can rent both of her programs, "*Making Everyday a Great Day, It's All About Attitude*" or "*Aging: Fun and Energetic or Frail and Cranky*" for \$25.00. These fees, as well as the cost of the February program, will go toward our new ABC project which will be announced in the near future. If a speaker cancels on your Club at the last moment and you need a program, just give me a call at 363-1050.