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Board Meeting

November 2, 2005, 10:00AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2005-2007 Officers

President	Anne Herrick
First Vice President	Suzie Duckworth
Second Vice President	Peggy Ward
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Council Website

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President's Message

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

First of all, I would like to thank all of the ladies who came out on September 29th to make table arrangements for the *Neptune Festival Senior Gala* in the Ballroom of the new Virginia Beach Convention Center. The arrangements you made were stunning and the Ballroom looked really beautiful.

Kudos to **Laura Jacobson** for all of her hard work in planning and coordinating this event. Laura carried all the flowers and equipment into the Ballroom. She then made two arrangements for us to see and use as a model. Laura was originally told to plan 40 tables for 400 people. She deserves a lot of credit for making arrangements for additional table decorations when she was told at the last minute there would be 600 attending the Senior Gala.

Special Thanks to all of you for your hard work in making this event so successful.

The Council's 2005-2006 Yearbook has been published. We owe **Suzie Duckworth** a great big, **THANK YOU** for all of her hard work in producing a very well received publication. Thanks also go to Suzie's crew and their very successful efforts in obtaining a record number of ads for the Yearbook. With all of the new ads and a one-time reduced cost of printing, this edition of the Yearbook added \$1,500.00 to the Council's treasury.

Our special Education Program with **Beverly Wayne** on October 12th was a huge success. It was a very enjoyable learning experience for all of those who attended. Beverly showed us how to use some unique containers which were raffled to the delight of everyone present. A good time was had by all. **Peggy Ward**, our Program Chair, deserves a **WELL DONE** for arranging such a wonderful program.

Anne

ABC and Awards Workshop

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

Ellie Kreassig and I would like to thank everyone who attended the *ABC and Awards Informational Workshop* on October 5th. We hope that we were able to answer your questions and take some of the uncertainty out of applying for the awards. If you have any questions at any time, please give either **Suzie Duckworth**, **Ellie Kreassig** (ABC Chairs) or myself a call, that is what we are here for. If you were unable to attend the workshop and would like one of the handouts from this workshop, please contact me either by phone or the e-mail noted above, and I will make arrangements to get one to you.

I would also like to remind clubs that Council does give a \$100 award towards the **NATURE CAMP** tuition. Please check page 37 in the 2005-2006 Council Yearbook for further information. The **DEADLINE** for this award is **December 15, 2005**.

NOTE: Please read the following article on the Nature Camp by Pat Woodward.

We can be reached at:

Suzie Duckworth - 363-1050

Ellie Kreassig – 340-0167

Cheryll Klobuchar - 463-4885

Nature Camp

Pat Woodard, kpwoodva@cox.net, 463-2929

Having class outdoors with a real chance to learn up close about natural science, the environment, exploring, field studies, conservation, outdoor labs...this is the **Nature Camp** experience. **Nature Camp** is an academic camp that emphasizes hands-on, field-based, experiential learning.

Located in Vesuvius, VA, near Staunton and Lexington, in the George Washington National Forest, **Nature Camp** is owned and administered by the *Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs*. Since 1942, **Nature Camp** has sought to train a corps of interested and knowledgeable youth to conserve and protect the environment and to become wise stewards of the natural resources of the earth. The camp is founded on the principle that no one can be expected to save the world who does not know about and understand it.

Campers learn in a variety of settings, including classrooms both inside and out. They can expect to

spend much of their time outdoors behind the eye-pieces of binoculars; knee-deep in a cold stream; and running behind a butterfly net. Campers also have free time to enjoy a swimming pool, hiking, volleyball and other sports, and Table Rock, a natural water slide, among other things.

Tuition for the two week camp is \$700.00. Youth in grades 5 through 12 may apply. Applications may be obtained on the *Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs* website www.viriniagardenclubs.org. You can learn more about **Nature Camp** on its website www.naturecamp.net and as a Trustee of the **Nature Camp**, please contact me, **Pat Woodward** at 463-2929 with any questions.

In addition to the \$100 award offered by *The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach*, the *Tidewater District*, *Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs* offers a full scholarship for **Nature Camp**. The deadline for the Federation scholarship application is December 1. Please contact me if you need an application for the Federation **Nature Camp** scholarship.

Club Dues Reminder

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

Annual Dues were due in October. Dues paid after December 1, 2005 will be charged a late fee.

Dues for Clubs with a membership of:

1 - 15 = \$10.00

16 - 40 = \$20.00

41 - 100 = \$30.00

Associate Clubs = \$50.00

Fund Raiser

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

Tickets for our 2005-2006 Fund Raiser will be available on Wednesday, November 9th at the Council's regular meeting. "*Creating a Balance on the Tightrope of Life*" will be presented by **Mary Karr Handley** on Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Life can be so hectic, and trying to live a balanced life can seem to be an impossible feat. We all have

so many "hats" we wear on a daily basis, and trying to keep our priorities in line with what is important to us can be overwhelming. Mary will share with us the different "hats" she wears and how she balances time and energy to create a "balance on the tightrope of life".

Come enjoy a morning of laughter and good food. Tickets are \$6.00.

Wreath-Making Workshop

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

Thursday, December 8th, 9:00am to 12 noon
Landscape Services Building
3829 Elbow Road

It's almost time to "Deck the Halls" again for the City Hall complex. You are invited to join our talented designers to make door wreaths for the build-

ings at City Hall. The boards, greens, fruit and staples (for your guns) will be furnished. Please bring your staple gun, clippers and gloves.

Get in the Holiday spirit and help make your City Hall a Christmas wonderland. Ed Barnes and his elves will have the coffee and donuts ready.

November Program

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

The program for the November meeting is "*Holiday Decorations*" presented by **Sandy Baylor**.

Sandy is a favorite speaker of the Council and her innovative holiday decorations are a must to see. **Mrs. Baylor** is an accredited floral judge and is the floral designer for the Princess Anne Country Club.

FYI: For those who were unable to obtain a copy of **Beverly Wayne's** business card:

Pretty Things
5637 East Worcester Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455
Phone: (757) 363-0197

2005– 2006 Council Yearbook

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

Please make the following corrections to your 2005-2006 Council Yearbook:

Page 8 – Mrs. Bruce Brown's telephone number should be 490-2229

Page 11 – Peg Ward's e-mail address is now peggyward@macs.net

Page 11 – Betty Villers' address is 3133 Inlet Road

Page 14 – Newsletter – Joan Curtin's phone is 460-6493

Page 33 – Award #16 should be titled "Kathleen Kinlaw Inter-Club Judging Award"

If you discover any other errors, please either call or e-mail me the changes that need to be made. Thanks for your help.

Neptune Festival Senior Gala

Laura Jacobson, belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com,
363-7524

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the Garden Clubs who came to support our floral arrangement workshop for the *Neptune Festival Senior Gala*!!! The arrangements were absolutely beautiful, and I heard via a member that they all remained upright for the event!

As a group we had a lot to do setting up for the evening, tasks not normally required of our Garden Clubs, and you ladies came through with flying colors.

I could not have done it without you. Thank you again for supporting our Council in this event.

Laura

Garden Club Website

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

Now you can add your events to the online calendar yourself! Just click on any "+" (plus sign) on the calendar and follow the instructions. The calendar is updated with new events every Sunday evening.

Banner advertising is now available on the website! Just click any banner for complete information. Pricing listed in the September 2003 *TAPROOT* still

applies to all current club members and yearbook advertisers. Advertising pays for the cost of the website and supports Council projects.

Did you know that Council can provide your club with a free web page? And how about free email for your club and your club's members? For more information email me at webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org

Francis Land House



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

The following Clubs will "Deck the Halls" at Francis Land House on Monday, December 5th from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.:

May Farm
Fox Run
Brittany Points
Pembroke Meadows

Little Neck
Thalia
Cavalier
Church Point
Kings Grant
Broad Bay Island
Aragona
Pembroke Manor

Is your Club's name missing from this list? Do you want to join this special list? Then call Peggy Caverly or Kay Echardt.

There is only one space left to decorate, so hurry!

Thank You to Council

I would like to thank the Council for remembering me with beautiful flowers during my time of sorrow with the loss of my father. It was special to have these delivered to me after coming home from Dal-

las for his burial. It makes me proud to be part of such a caring Council. I would also like to thank the many members who sent me sympathy cards. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. It is nice to be loved by so many. Thanks again.

Suzie Duckworth

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Joan Curtin, joancurtin@cox.net , 460-6493

The Council publishes the *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

November/December – Deadline October 18

January/February – Deadline December 16

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 Friday, December 16, 2005.



**Twentieth Annual
Christmas Craft Faire
At the Francis Land House
3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard**

Faire Hours:

Friday, November 4	12 00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 6	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Quality Exhibitors Featuring “The Best in Crafts”

Stained Glass Creations

Wooden Crafts

Jewelry

Dried Floral Arrangements

Christmas Collectibles and much more

Excellent Shopping in an Old-Fashioned Atmosphere

Door Prizes

Live Dulcimer Music

Baked Goods & Cider

Brunswick Stew & Ham Biscuits

Admission \$2.00

