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Board Meeting

March 1, 2006, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 Virginia Beach Central Library
Registration – 9:30AM 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Meeting – 10:00AM Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2005-2007 Officers

President	Anne Herrick
First Vice President	Suzie Duckworth
Second Vice President	Peggy Ward
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Curtin
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Council Website

Webmaster	Virginia S. Anderson, 481-4688
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President's Message

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

The birds are singing and the daffodils are blooming. Spring must be just around the corner. Although we have had a mild winter, I, for one, am ready for more flowers in bloom.

On January 24, several Council of Garden Club members attended a City Council meeting regarding bills introduced in the State House of Delegates and Senate to allow the state to prune the crape myrtle trees on Virginia Beach Boulevard so passing motorists would have a better view of the Adam's Outdoor advertising signs. The City Council *unanimously* passed a resolution opposing the two bills.

The Council of Garden Clubs wrote letters to all of the Virginia Beach Senators and House of Delegate members endorsing the City Council resolution. We also asked member Clubs to contact their representa-

tives in the State Legislature. I want to thank all of you who followed through.

The Senate bill was passed on February 8th and sent to the House. Virginia Beach still may be forced to cut back the trees to allow a better view of the billboards, but a compromise bill, approved in the House of Delegates on Valentine's Day, would give the city some say in how the vegetation is pruned.

At the January Council Board meeting, **Janet Bacuzzi** accepted the position of Recording Secretary, stepping in for Carol Simons who was unable to complete her term.

Our March program, "*Wildflowers Across North America*" with **Dr. Hal Horwitz**, promises to be very interesting. I hope to see you all there.

Anne

Council's ABC Project

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

Our ABC Project this year will be "*Mary's Garden*", the Healing Garden at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. This is a private patient garden at the hospital which has been created with the help of the **Virginia Beach Garden Club**. They have worked very hard in raising money for this project along with **The Princess Anne Garden Club, The Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club, May Farm Garden Club of Kingston, Bay Colony Garden Club** and **Little Neck Garden Club**. In addition, the following Clubs have also given generously to

the Garden: **Broad Bay Point Greens, COLT, Kings Grant, Larkspur and Pembroke Meadows.**

"*Mary's Garden*" will be dedicated in May, so we need to receive your Club's donation as soon as possible. Levels of giving will be displayed in the hallway leading to the garden. It is my hope the **Council of Garden Clubs** will raise **\$2,500**, and receive recognition on a branch of the tree.

This is a garden we may all enjoy at sometime in our life. Please send your check, payable to the **Council of Garden Clubs**, to: Suzie Duckworth
1704 Jordan's Parish Place
Virginia Beach, 23455-7034

Mary's Garden

Jean Marie Randolph, Community Project Chair,
Virginia Beach Garden Club

Over four years ago, the Virginia Beach Garden Club approached The General Hospital of Virginia Beach and asked if we could build a **healing garden** for the patients, their visitors, staff, employees and volunteers. After much research, we found a place outside of the old doctor's entrance to build "*Mary's Garden*".

Virginia Beach General Hospital became Sentara Virginia Beach General and with the new administrator, **Les Donahue**, came the **Planetree** concept. More emphasis was placed on healing not only the body, but the mind and spirit as well. The garden became more important, the cornerstone of the **Planetree** concept.

Meg French, a landscape designer and architect, was hired to create the garden plan and we were off to building our dream garden. With financial help from the community, several garden clubs, some generous individuals and foundations, we were able to begin the garden.

The Council of Garden Clubs has come to our aid and adopted us as your **ABC Project**. The enthusiasm and support we have received from the Council is much appreciated. Joining together makes us a stronger force to accomplish something wonderful for our nearby healthcare facility. We do not know much about medicine, but we surely do know about gardening. "*Mary's Garden*" is one way we can help make our community a better place to live.

March Program

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

"*Wildflowers Across North America*" is a virtual tour of the wildflowers photographed by **Dr. Hal Horwitz** from thousands of miles of travel to all corners of the continent. Emphasizing the differences

and similarities of various locations, his photography shows new ways to appreciate the natural world.

Hal Horwitz, a native and resident of Richmond, has photographed people, places and things for over forty years. Twenty years ago he became fascinated with wildflowers and has photographed little else since.

Awards

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

It is time to begin thinking about applying for the Council's Awards. Take some time to look through the Yearbook and match the awards with the activities/projects your Club has done this year. The awards are listed on pages 25-28 in the Council Yearbook. There are a couple of new awards and a few changes to some of our standard awards.

The Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension Service will be sponsoring an award to the Club that completes an **America's Anniversary Garden** project. **Susan French** spoke at the January Council meeting about this project. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the brochure, please contact:

Susan French
Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent
Virginia Beach Extension Office
2449 Princess Anne Road, Building #14
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Tel: 757-385-4769
Fax: 757-385-5684

A description of the **America's Anniversary Award** follows.

I will have the **Scrapbook** pages available at the March meeting. Please stop by and pick up one for your Club. Award entries are due **May 10th**.

A form for the **Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award** is included in this *TAPROOT*.

America's Anniversary Garden Award

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

This award is sponsored by the **Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension Service**.

To the club that completes an **America's Anniversary Garden** project that adds the most to the beautification of the community. Projects should include plantings done primarily in a red, white and blue

color scheme. Please submit color pictures and a brief report listing the street address of the project and the number of people and hours involved.

Submissions should be made to the Awards Chairperson by **May 10th**. This award will be given in 2006 and 2007.

Award: First - \$10.00; Second - \$5.00

Project Intent Applications

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

Project Intent Applications are due at our Council Meeting on **March 8**. If you cannot attend the meeting but plan a project, please e-mail your application to me at the address above, or send your application to me at:

1704 Jordan's Parish Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-7034

The Project Intent Form is on Page 41 of our 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.

Garden Therapy

Dot Cullen, 496-2460

The Ceramic Designer's Association Annual Fund-raiser for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, "**Empty Bowls Dinner**", will be held at Virginia Wesleyan College on **March 17, 2006**.

We will be making about eighty to ninety floral arrangements for the tables, using large soup cans and jars as containers. Please save your jars and containers, leaving the labels on, and bring them to the

March 8 meeting or to the workshop on the 17th. We need a lot of helping hands to make arrangements; provide plenty of greens, flowering branches and daffodils from their gardens.

We will meet at the Fine Arts Building, called the "Ed Northeimer Theatre," at **1:30 P.M., Friday March 17**. 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.

Fund Raiser

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

A big THANK YOU to all the Clubs that purchased tickets to my sister's program, "*Creating a Balance on the Tightrope of Life*". We were definitely entertained again, and hopefully, all that attended are able to find a balance in their life now.

A total of 180 tickets were sold for \$1,080.00. Our raffle, with the help of the following businesses: **One Fish Two Fish, P.F. Chang's, Beale Street Memphis Barbecue, Red Tavern, Forbidden City, Papillion Day Spa and Hair Jordan**, along with three pieces of my brother-in-law's pottery, added another \$425.00. The raffle proceeds along with a \$100.00 donation from **Libby's Obsession**, will go

towards our ABC Project, *Mary's Garden*, the Healing Garden at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital.

I would like to thank the following Garden Clubs for making refreshments for the reception: **The Cavalier, Church Point, COLT, Kings Grant, Little Neck and Thalia**.

Please Note: The following Clubs have not returned their unused tickets or money: *Alanton-Baycliff, Bay Colony, Broad Bay Island, Chelsea, Green Hill, Chesapeake Colony, Great Neck Meadows and Linlier*. Please return the tickets and/or proceeds to me at 1704 Jordan's Parish Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-7034, so I can close out this fund raiser. Thank you.

Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day is scheduled for **Friday, April 28th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Francis Land History Park**. The park is located behind the Francis Land House. The

participating school will be announced at a later date.

Please mark your calendar.



Message from the President

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

The **By-laws Committee** of the Council of Garden Clubs has met and suggests the following changes to the By-laws. The participating Committee members were **Mari Hall, Johnnie Miller and Suzie Duckworth**.

Article III – Membership

Section 4. Rights

- a. Active members shall consist of garden clubs in the city of Virginia Beach and shall be represented at regular meetings of the

Council by the club president or her appointees.

1. The club president or her appointees must attend at least three (3) regular meetings to maintain the club's "active" status in the Council.
2. Two of these representatives will have voting privileges.
3. Other club members are invited to attend the Council meetings and urged to participate in special meetings/programs/activities.

Lost & Found

Found at the February Fund Raiser, a red College Notebook with detailed notes of Mary Karr Hand-

ley's presentation, "*Creating Balance on the Tightrope of Life*". If this is your notebook, please call Suzie Duckworth, 363-1050.

Fairfield Garden Club Plant & Cookbook Sales

Libby Predmore, el-lib@cavtel.net, 499-9054

PLANT SALE

Perennials, Annuals, Hanging Baskets, Herbs

Saturday, April 22, 2006

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 23, 2006

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



COOKBOOK SALE

Fairfield Garden Club is publishing a cookbook, *Fairfield Favorites*. It will be ready for sale in April. The price is \$12.00. The cookbook will be available at the Plant Sale.

“Under the 500 Year Old Live Oak Tree”

5244 Locke Lane, Virginia Beach

The Cavalier Garden Club Annual Auction & Luncheon

Adele Lundquist, lundquac@cox.net, 491-5375

Going once! Going twice! Sold to the highest bidder! The Cavalier Garden Club presents its 45th annual Auction and Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m.** The event will take place, as it traditionally has, at the Cavalier on the Hill in Virginia Beach.

Not only will there be fabulous items to bid on, there will be a pre-lunch white elephant sale, jewelry sale,

and plant sale with house plants, garden plants, beautiful baskets and herbs. In previous years, items auctioned off have included antiques, indoor and outdoor furniture, garden statuary, jewelry, crystal, dish sets, artwork and gift certificates to area businesses. A 50/50 raffle and lovely door prizes also add to the fun and excitement.

Don't miss it! This auction, with lunch and a cash bar, has quite a reputation and tickets go quickly; in fact, it's a sell-out event every year. Don't wait to get your tickets. **For reservations, call Dawn Bray** at 494-0545 or **Laura Lilieberg** at 496-8945.

A Trip to Richmond Gardens with Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club

Mary Reinhart, mkrhanover@cox.net, 412-2947

Celebrate Spring at the beautiful Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and Maymont Park in Richmond! You will see a classical, domed conservatory complete with palms, orchids and an English cottage garden and more; a Healing Garden, Asian Valley, Four Seasons and Wetland Garden to name just a few. Maymont Park is a 100-acres Victorian estate that offers a glimpse into an elegant past with Italian

& Japanese Gardens, Arboretum of rare trees, waterfall and aviary.

- **Wednesday, April 19, 2006**
- **\$50.00** (includes round-trip bus fare, gourmet box lunch at Lewis Ginter and guided tours of both locations)
- Departure : **8:00 a.m.**/Returning approx. 4:30 p.m.
- Only 45 seats available
- Call **Kathie Vermillion** at 481-9447 or **Mary Reinhart** at 412-2947 for more details or reservations

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make Check Payable to **BBPGGC**

Mail to: Mary Reinhart
1672 Dey Cove Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Pine Seedlings

Kay Sawyer, 340-2593
Ellie Kreassig, 340-0167

Distribution of the Pine Seedlings to the elementary schools of Virginia Beach will be discontinued. Thanks to all who have participated in this program.

There are plans to distribute two Button Bush shrubs to each of the schools to be planted on the school grounds. Button Bush is a North American shrub, bearing very fragrant flowers. Small florets are packed into "balls" and the long styles resemble pins in a cushion. Butterflies and bees are attracted to the flowers.

**Bay Island Garden Club
Plant & Pot Sale**

Jan Erbe, jan.erbe@cox.net, 412-0505

Bay Island Garden Club is having a fundraising plant & pot sale with fantastic prices and selection of hundreds of plants, flowers and decorated pots.

Proceeds to benefit projects sponsored by Bay Island Garden Club

DATE: Saturday, **April 22nd** ; 8am to 3 pm

PLACE: **Marina Shore Shoppes** – corner of Lynnhaven Drive and North Great Neck Road

RAIN DATE: Saturday, April 29th (only if "mon-soons")

Award of Merit

Janet Bacuzzi, jmbacuzzi@cs.com

It is the time of year again to recognize businesses that have done an outstanding job with their landscaping. This award is in the form of a certificate which reads, "...For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises." In this way we let businesses know we appreciate their efforts. So, as you drive around the area, take time to note the names and addresses of those businesses (max. four per entry) to which you would like a cer-

tificate sent. The Club submitting the most will also be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Please send your completed forms to be by **Friday, April 28, 2006:**

Janet Bacuzzi
1724 Middlemost Key
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Or e-mail your submission to jmbacussi@cs.com (subject: Council Awards of Merit)

Awards of Merit Submission Form – Deadline: April 28, 2006

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
Submitter's Name: _____		Phone: _____
E-mail (if any): _____		
Garden Club: _____		

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

The deadline for the April *TAPROOT* is Friday, March 17, 2006

CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD*To the club supporting Council projects with the largest number of Members on a percentage basis.***Council Year is May 2005 – May 2006****Club Name:** _____**Number of Active Members:** _____**Submitted by: Name** _____ **Tel:** _____**Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members****Awards Luncheon – June 2005**

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, 2005 – May 9, 2006 _____

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.

Water Quality

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

In Virginia Beach, we all live within the same watershed. Each of us affect the quality of our streams, rivers, lakes, the Bay and ocean front. We change the path in which water flows, we add harmful chemicals to the water, and allow trash to be carried away in storm water. Government studies show that as much as 70% of pollution in streams, rivers and lakes is carried there by storm water.

When we build, we use impervious surfaces or hard-scapes. These include items such as roofs, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks and patios. These surfaces cause rain to run off in concentration, carrying chemicals and trash from our yard into storm drains and runoffs.

We add harmful chemicals when we over use fertilizers, weed killers and pesticides, have gasoline and oil spills, use heavy cleansers to pressure wash, or neglect to clean up pet waste.

Sometimes trash escapes our receptacles, Often passersby litter yards with such items as cigarettes, bottles, cans, fast food and candy wrappers.

So, what can we do?

We can reduce runoff and increase the amount of water that is absorbed on our property using these tools:

- 1) Improve the soil with the addition of compost or soil conditioners (available at all major nurseries) that permit water absorption.
- 2) "Dry" lay patios and walkways to allow water to absorb between stones or blocks.
- 3) Add rain barrels to downspouts and collect water for dry-season watering, or add a sprinkler hose extension that runs from the downspout through a flowerbed.
- 4) Add rain buffers or gardens to act as a water retention area that will slowly dry out between rain showers. (Look for an article about rain buffers and gardens in the next issue of Taproot.).

We can reduce chemicals by keeping them off the ground and any outside surface that drains onto the ground. We can change the way deal with chemicals and other polluting matters:

- 1) Use organic fertilizers (compost, worm castings, etc.), pre-emergents (such as "With Out Weeds" or "WOW" which gives nitrogen and is created from corn), pesticides (like horticultural soaps). If you must use a chemical compound, use the least harmful one available. Ask your local nursery or call the Virginia Beach Master Gardener's Growline at 427-8156.
- 2) Never drain swimming pools or hot tubs into the gutters. Select areas of your yard capable of filtering and neutralizing chemicals such as chlorine. Drain them in small amounts over a period of time.
- 3) Select biodegradable cleaning products, such as citrus-based cleaners for pressure washing and cleaning lawn furniture.
- 4) Always capture motor oils and take them to a recycling center. Some Virginia Beach businesses (like my car dealership) are happy to take your used motor oil because they use it to heat their offices. Always use a gas can with a flexible neck that allows you to re-fill power equipment without spills or runoffs.

Even though we are not the source of trash that appears on our lawns, we are responsible for it after it has been deposited. We can take efforts to:

- 1) Pick up trash from our yards.
- 2) Rake leaves from the gutters and (if not contaminated with pet waste or trash) compost them.
- 3) Plant buffers that prevent trash from moving out of our yards and into the storm water drains or runoffs.

If every Virginian and Virginia business adopts these practices as they apply to their property, we will dramatically reduce the amount of pollution in our storm waters, and watershed.

COUNCIL AWARDS & LUNCHEON

DATE: **Wednesday, May 31st, 2006**
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 - 1:00pm

Luncheon - 12:30pm -

PRICE: **\$20.00 (inclusive per person)**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006**

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 20 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 purple 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 or you may contact Carolyn Dennis directly.

Luncheon Chairman: Carolyn Dennis -340-2596

RESERVATION FORM - AWARDS LUNCHEON May 31st, 2006

CLUB NAME: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$20.00 EACH _____

NAMES: _____ (Please note vegetarian meal (**)) near name)

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____