

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 6, 2006, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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
Treasurer	Betty Villers

Council Website

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www.VBGardenClubs.org webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org

President's Message

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

We made it! Spring is here and you can see the signs everywhere you turn. Flowers are blooming, trees are getting greener and greener, birds are chirping up a storm. This is my time of year.

Our 2005-2006 Club Year is rapidly coming to its close and it has been a very busy and productive one: Table decorations for the **Neptune Festival Senior Ball** at the new Convention Center, wreath-making workshop for the Municipal Center at Christmas-time, weekly decorations for the **Francis Land House** as well as at Christmas and Historic Garden Week, our **Empty Bowls Charity Dinner** workshop – to mention only a few of the Council's and your efforts to make Virginia Beach a better place in which to live.

"Mary's Garden" at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will be dedicated in June. With the pur-

chase of a teak table and our monetary contribution, our Council's name will be inscribed on one of the branches of the donor recognition tree in the Garden.

Still ahead is our tour to **Petersburg** on **May 3rd**. Petersburg is one of Virginia's most historic sites, so it should be a worthwhile and educational day.

I hope to see you all at our **Annual Awards Luncheon** at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center on Wednesday, **May 31st**.

Anne

Council's ABC Project

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

A big thank you to the Clubs for supporting our ABC Project, **"Mary's Garden"**, at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital! The following Garden Clubs have made donations since the April issue of

the *TAPROOT*: **Great Neck Point, Thalia, Broad Bay Island** and **Laurel Cove. Brittany Points** has made a second donation!

At this time 22 Garden Clubs, out of our membership of 45, have made donations to our ABC Project. To be recognized at the Awards Luncheon, we need your donation by the **20th of May**. I sincerely hope your Club will consider making a donation for this worthy project. The end of May will close this project as "*Mary's Garden*" will be dedicated in June.

Thank you for your consideration.

Awards Luncheon

Carolyn Dennis, 340-2596

This year our awards luncheon will be held at the **Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center** (2800 Shore Drive) on **May 31, 2006**. We once again need your help and talents to create floral centerpieces for the tables. The theme this year will be "**feathers & pearls**" with any style of arrangement you wish. The tablecloths are **white** with **purple** napkins.

There will be **Certificates of Appreciation** awarded to each club that participates in this function. We will require **20** 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 we received extra arrangements, those will also be given away. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Empty Bowls

Dot Cullen, eodcullen1@earthlink.net, 496-2460

My sincere thanks to the 25 ladies, representing 9 Garden Clubs who came to Virginia Wesleyan College on March 17 with flowers, greens, clippers, soup cans and enthusiasm, and created about 85 beautiful floral arrangements for the "Empty Bowls" dinner.

A special thank you goes to **Olga Bensel** of **Town & Country Garden Club** who brought in the most beautiful camellias from her garden.

It was a fun event and with all the talented floral arrangers we were through with everything cleaned and swept in two hours!

Many thanks to the following Garden Clubs that supported this Council project:

Aragona
Broad Bay Point Greens
Church Point
C.O.L.T.
Fox Run
Linkhorn Park
Thalia
Town & Country
Witchduck

Request for Garden Club Histories

Margaret Stouffer, stouffer1@aol.com, 499-9771

The Council would like to obtain from the individual Garden Clubs, a brief history of their Club. We plan to use this information in a booklet to be prepared for America's **400th Anniversary** celebration. Please send your information to:

Margaret Stouffer
828 De Lafayette Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
 or
stouffer1@aol.com

I will collect the histories and prepare the booklet. The **deadline** for your information is no later than **Saturday, July 15, 2006**.

Awards Report

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

Just one last reminder, the Award entries are due on **May 10th**. You can drop your entries off anytime on the 10th. I will have a plastic container with a lid for your entries on my front porch. I hope you have had time to look at all the possible awards in the Council Yearbook. Remember that some projects can be submitted for more than one award. Good Luck to everyone.

PLEASE NOTE: The following two (2) awards will NOT be awarded this year, they have been eliminated.

#14. Kathleen Kinlaw Individual Achievement Award

#16. Kathleen Kinlaw Inter-club Judging Award

My address is **758 Suffolk Lane**.

Directions to my house:

From Virginia Beach Boulevard, turn on to Little Neck Road (Home Depot on corner);

Turn left at King's Grant Road (second traffic light); Stay on King's Grant Road, go around the traffic circle;

Turn right at Brill Field, a soccer field, (this is still King's Grant Road);

Continue past Kingston Elementary School; about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile past the school there will be a city park on the left side of the road;

Turn left, this is Suffolk Lane. My house is a two-story Georgian house on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle.

My phone number is **463-4885** (h) or **560-5589** (c); please call me if you have any questions. Remember **all entries must be in a folder**; instructions are on page 24 of your Council Yearbook.

Pine Seedlings

Kay Sawyer, 340-2593

Ellie Kreassig, 340-0167

This year the "**Pine Seedlings**" program was replaced by a native North American shrub, the **buttonbush**. It is easy to identify because of its flowers and fruits. This bush can grow to about 5 feet tall. Its leaves are shiny, dark green and pointed. Buttonbush flowers are clustered in white "balls", (ping-pong ball size). When the flowers disappear, they leave brown ball-like fruits filled with seeds. Button bush blooms from June to August; fruits stay on the plant from September to October. The flowers attract butterflies and the seeds are eaten by birds.

Buttonbush shrubs were distributed to all Virginia Beach Elementary Schools. Our hope is that these shrubs will thrive somewhere on the grounds of these schools. Many thanks go to all the Garden Clubs who participated in this new project.

Arbor Day

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

Don't forget Arbor Day, Friday, **April 28, 2006** at **10:00 a.m.**, at the **Francis Land House History Trail**. This is located behind the house.

You may park along the street near the site of the planting or in front of the house if the parking lot is filled. Chairs will be provided for those who need to sit during the ceremony.

A **sourwood tree** will be planted this year. The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission purchases the Arbor Day tree each year. **Mayor Oberndorf** and a few **Tree Stewards** will be planting this tree.

The **Kings Grant Elementary School** third graders art will be displayed in the cellar of Francis Land House. A reception will follow the ceremony.

ABC Book of Evidence Due

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

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on **May 10**. Please deliver your forms to my co-chair, **Ellie Kreassig**, at **433 Lynn Shore Drive**, Virginia Beach. She will have a basket on her porch all day on the 10th. *If you need to deliver before the 10th*, please contact Ellie at **340-0167** to make arrangements.

Please remember we will be judging your projects sometime after the 10th and before the 25th. A poorly maintained project can make a difference between receiving a first place award or a second or third.

Fund-Raiser

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

As reminder for Clubs arranging programs for next year, I have VCR tapes of both programs given by my sister, **Mary Karr Handley**; "**Making Everyday a Great Day, It's All About Attitude**" and "**Aging; Fun and Energetic or Frail & Cranky**". Either of these tapes would make a great program if your speaker cancels at the last minute. Please call me at 363-1050 to make arrangements to pick up the tapes. There is a fee of **\$25.00** that will go toward the Council's **ABC Project**.

Garden Club of Pembroke Manor Plant Sale

Katherine Bivans, bivvie@aol.com, 497-5457

DATE: Saturday, **May 6, 2006**

TIME: **9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

PLACE: **Pembroke Manor Community Center**
Corner of Hinsdale Street & Bennett Lane

We will have Bedding Plants – vegetables & flowers, Herbs, Dish Gardens and Decorative Containers.

Proceeds will enable us to continue with our projects at the entrance to **Bayville Farm Park** and the **Pembroke Manor Community Center**. In the event of rain, the sale will be held inside.

Broad Bay Point Greens Plant Sale

Janet Bacuzzi, imbacuzzi@cs.com, 496-5992

DATE: Saturday, **May 6, 2006**

RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 13, 2006

TIME: **9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

PLACE: **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.

VB Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Madge Stampe, mstampe@cox.net, 420-3145

DATE: Saturday, **May 13, 2006** (Rain or Shine)

TIME: **9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

PLACE: **Virginia Beach Farmer's Market**
Corner of Princess Anne Road & Dam Neck Road

The 2006 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. Visit www.vbmg.org for information.

Linkhorn Park Garden Club Garden Extravaganza

Ellen Orlando, mechessievew@yahoo.com

Our first Annual Plant Sale!

DATE: Saturday, **May 6, 2006**

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

PLACE: In **Linkhorn Park** off Holly Road
927 Holladay Point

Bake Sale - Mother's Day Gifts - Annuals & Perennials - Come shop at our Buttercup Boutique!

Scholarship Fund

Carol Bibbs, cbibbs9377@aol.com, 340-1598
888 Bishopsgate Lane, Virginia Beach, 23452

Since 1973 the **Council of Garden Clubs** has been awarding a **\$1,000** scholarship to a deserving student of horticulture attending **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University** in Blacksburg. The recipient is chosen by the college administration, and if possible, is a student from Virginia Beach or one who is planning to seek employment in the Hampton Roads area. In order to provide this opportunity, we must raise funds to support it.

It would be wonderful if each Garden Club took part in the effort by making a contribution to the **Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund**. Checks may be sent to me at the above address, so that I may have a record of participation.

Special thanks to **Church Point Garden Club** for their recent donation and to **Johnnie Miller** for her donation in honor of **Reathie Vance's** birthday.

TAPROOT

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

The Council publishes *TAPROOT* six times a year. It is distributed, primarily by e-mail, to the President and Council Rep(s) of each member Garden Club. It is the responsibility of each Club President and/or Council Rep to distribute the *TAPROOT* to their membership, either by forwarding via e-mail or printing a copy for their members without e-mail.

Deadline for the September TAPROOT is Friday, August 18, 2006.

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 – 12:30pm

Luncheon - 12:30pm –
\$20 (Inclusive - per person)**

PRICE:

MENU

**Garden Salad, 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 23, 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.

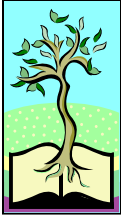
Luncheon Chairperson: Carolyn Dennis -340-2596

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON May 31st, 2006

CLUB NAME: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$20.00 EACH _____
(Please note vegetarian meal (**)) near name)

NAMES: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____



The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

2006-2007 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, 2006-2007 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 15th 2006 TO:

Suzie Duckworth
Council Yearbook Chairman
1704 Jordan's Parish Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
(757) 363-1050
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
Quarter Page – 4 ½ inches by 1 11/16 inches in height Or 2 3/16 inches by 3 7/16 inches in height	\$10.00
Half Page – 4 ¼ inches wide by 3 3/8 inches in height	\$20.00
Full Page – 4 ½ inches wide by 7 inches in height	\$30.00
Return this completed form to me with the following: Camera-ready ad layout; (i.e. the ad should be sized to the measurements shown above.) Check payable to The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.	

Deadline is July 15th, 2006

**2006-2007 COUNCIL YEARBOOK INFORMATION SHEET
DEADLINE – JUNE 15th, 2006**

Dear Club Presidents:

Please complete this information sheet and return it to:

**Ellen Orlando, Council Yearbook Co-Chair
1292 Laskin Road, #400
Virginia Beach, VA 23451-5268
757-437-2570
mechessieview@yahoo.com**

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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and not later than June 15th, 2006**, so I can ensure members the most up-to-date Yearbook. If I do not receive a form from you Club, the information will remain the same.

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:

Name:

Address:

City/ZIP

Telephone:

E-Mail:

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Name:

Address:

City/ZIP:

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

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