

# 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](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org) [webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org](mailto:webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org)

## A Message from the President

Anne Herrick, [anneher@cox.net](mailto:anneher@cox.net), 340-3525

As I begin my second term as President of the Council, I want to welcome you all to our 2006-2007 Club Year.

**Peggy Ward** has some outstanding programs in store for us. We are going to have a speaker tell us all about roses. For our **Special Education Program**, we will have a nationally recognized speaker. One of our favorites, **Wayne Jones**, will help us with our Christmas decorations; we will learn about “**Holy Botany**” from an ODU botany professor and a whole lot more.

Our Club Year also has much more waiting for us: **The Neptune Festival Senior Gala** will see us decorating the Convention Center as we have in years past, and we will be doing our best to make **Francis Land House** as attractive as possible for all who visit there, especially during the holiday season.

With help from our Board Members, Council Committee Chairwomen and all of you, 2006-2007 promises to be a very rewarding year.

Anne

## Message from Our Treasurer

**Betty Villers**, [bettyv@cox.net](mailto:bettyv@cox.net), 481-6398

The Annual Council Dues are payable in October and must be paid no later than December 1, 2006. Dues paid after December 1 will be assessed a late fee. Checks should be payable to “**Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach**” and mailed to me at 3133 Inlet Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Dues for Clubs with a membership of:

1 - 15 = \$10.00  
16 - 35 = \$20.00  
36 and over = \$30.00  
Associate Clubs = \$50.00

## Council Awards

**Cheryll Klobuchar**, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net),  
463-4885

Congratulations to all of the Garden Clubs who won awards at our Annual Awards Luncheon on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We presented 88 awards and 164 Certificates of Appreciation, as you can see our Clubs were very busy last year. The list of award winners was sent into the *Beacon* the middle of August, and should appear in the "Milestones" section soon, if it has not already been published by the time you received this edition of the *TAPROOT*.

I would just like to say how impressed the Judging Committee was with the quality of the presentations this past year. Every year the selection process gets more difficult.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time during the Council year if you have questions about the various awards, I will be more than happy to help you in any way possible.

You will see that there have been some changes to the awards this year. I hope you will take the time to look over the "Awards" section in the Council Yearbook sometime this Fall to familiarize your Club with the changes and additions. I will review those changes and additions to the Awards at the September meeting.

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## 2006-2007 Council Yearbook

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

The Council of Garden Clubs' 2006-2007 Yearbooks will be available at our **September Council meeting** on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Central Library on Virginia Beach Boulevard. 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. The books will also be available at the Special Education Program on October 11<sup>th</sup>, and at the November Council meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

I am grateful for the support of the Clubs that purchased as ad in the Council Yearbook. We have 44 Clubs in the Council and I am happy to report 37 of those clubs placed ads in the Yearbook!

We have 48 business ads which helps pay for the Yearbook's printing costs. Please remember to thank these businesses for supporting the Council with their ad. A "THANK YOU" goes a long way.

Hope you had a great summer. I am looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

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## Council Meeting Programs

**Peggy Ward**, [peggyward@macs.net](mailto:peggyward@macs.net), 428-8949

### September 13, 2006

"*Roses 101*" presented by **Howard Jones**. Howard is the current President of the Tidewater Rose Society with this being his 3<sup>rd</sup> term for a total of 6 years. His program will consist of slides and then a demonstration of the basic care of roses. It should be a very informative program as Howard is considered one of the leading rosarians in this area. Not only that, he is a nice man.

### October 11, 2006 – Special Education Program

"*Flowers Are Almost Forever*" presented by **Libbey Hodges Oliver**, a nationally recognized and honored flower arranger, horticulturist, and author.

She accepted the position of Manager of Floral and Christmas Decorations for the **Colonial Williamsburg Foundation** after working at **Callaway Gardens** in Georgia. The **American Horticultural Society** honored her with the National Flower Arranger of the Year award in 1994.

Libbey now owns her own business as a consultant to the floral industry. She has made national media appearances on **Home and Garden TV**. Her books include *Williamsburg Christmas*, *Colonial Williamsburg Decorations for Christmas* and *Four Centuries of Virginia Christmas*. Libbey will give a demonstration of fresh arrangements featuring tips and techniques from *Flowers Are Almost Forever*, her book on the care and handling of cut flowers.

There is a \$6.00 fee for this program and tickets will be limited. Please make your reservations early. Tickets will be available at the September meeting.

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## Yearbook Corrections

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

Please note the following corrections into your 2006-2007 Council Yearbook.

### Calendar of Events:

The correct date for the **Decoration of Francis Land House** is **December 4, 2006**

### Cavalier Garden Club Info:

The new **Council Rep**, replacing Charlene Riley is:

**Gaye Burton**

212 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Virginia Beach 23451

No E-mail

## A Thank You

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

I would like to share the following message that I received in June:

*Dear Members of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach,*

*The **Virginia Beach Garden Club** wants to thank you so much for your support of our project at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. Adopting us as your **ABC Project** made us very proud. Your continued financial aid has been extremely helpful to us as we complete the final details of our patient garden.*

*We look forward to our opening on June 5<sup>th</sup> and celebrating the final stage of this project. Many thanks again for playing such a big role in our success.*

*"Strength in numbers" has never been truer than all of these wonderful Garden Clubs coming together to help make "**Mary's Garden**" a reality.*

*Sincerely,*

**Jean Marie Randolph**

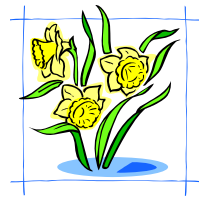
I am please to report that 26 Clubs contributed to our ABC Project, "**Mary's Garden**". The Council contribution, with the help of the Garden Clubs, was \$3,610. Thank you for all your support. The Coun-

cil will be recognized on the Tree of Donors and also on a table located in the garden. I hope you will make an effort to go see the garden and be pleased you helped make the Council a part of this garden.

## Scholarship Fund

Carol Bibbs, [cbibbs9377@aol.com](mailto:cbibbs9377@aol.com), 340-1598

Beautify your garden with the colors of Holland! During our September and October Council meetings at the Library, you will have an additional opportunity to support our Scholarship Fund. Holland's finest bulbs from **Dutch Gardens** will be available to order for fall delivery – *with no delivery fee!*



Enjoy your most beautiful garden ever, by ordering a selection of daffodils, crocus, tulips and other bulbs. Look for my display and contribute to a great cause. Neighbors and family members would appreciate these beautiful bulbs as well!

## Speakers List Change

**Helga Macko** has requested that her name be removed from the **Council of Garden Clubs Guest Speaker List**.

## Neptune Senior Gala Workshop

Laura Jacobson, [belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)  
363-7524

Summer is quickly coming to an end and once again the **Neptune Senior Gala** is approaching. First, let me thank all of you who participated in the workshop last year, and pass on to you a very belated thank you from the Neptune Festival Chairperson, **Nancy Creech**.

The date of our workshop is **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **9:30 a.m.**, at the **Virginia Beach Convention Center**. This year they have added approximately 15 more tables to decorate at the Convention Center, which means we definitely need your talents and time! I would like to receive a confirmation and headcount from the Garden Club



Presidents as to the number of participants coming from each Club to help out, since the event occurs so early in September. You can e-mail me or phone at the address/phone number listed above for any additional information.

Thank you all for your assistance, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

## Francis Land House



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

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

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 4, 2006* – Council members will be decorating Francis Land House for the holidays.

*April 23, 2007*– We will be decorating Francis Land House for Historic Garden Week.

## Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club Pansy Sale

Keren Pernini, [pernini@cox.net](mailto:pernini@cox.net)

DATE: Saturday, **October 21, 2006**

TIME: **8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

PLACE: **MAS Racing Development**

Corner of Haygood Road and  
Aragona Boulevard

Beautiful 6" pots; great variety of colors. Contact **Teen Foshay**, 671-7991 or **Mardel Hiner**, 464-4213, for additional information.

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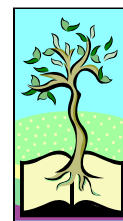
Joan Curtin, [joancurtin@cox.net](mailto:joancurtin@cox.net), 460-6493

The Council publishes its newsletter, *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.

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 access to e-mail.

The *TAPROOT* is available online at the Council website, [www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org).

**Deadline for the November/December *TAPROOT* is Wednesday, October 18, 2006.**



*Cephalanthus occidentalis*

# Enhancing Wetland Gardens

## Saturday, September 9, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### The Hermitage Foundation Museum & Gardens

#### Workshop Agenda

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Welcome to the Hermitage Introduction                        |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Kevin DuBois: Flowering Wetland Plants                       |
| 9:50 a.m.  | Dustie Werner: Natives in Buffer Areas                       |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break  |
| 10:50 a.m. | Laurie Fox: Creating a Riparian Buffer                       |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch (included with registration)                           |
| 12:10 p.m. | Hands-on Planting of Riparian Buffer and Wetland Enhancement |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Adjourn  |

To register for this workshop, contact The Hermitage Foundation Curator of Gardens, Yolima Carr, at 757-423-2052 x 202.

Registration Deadline: September 2, 2006

Participation limited to 40.

Workshop cost: \$8 for Hermitage Members / \$10 for non-members.

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