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Board Meeting

Wed., January 3, 2007, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2005-2007 Officers

President	Anne Herrick
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A Message from the President

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

Happy New Year to each of you and your families. I hope this finds you all happily exhausted from a season of family, friends, warmth and love.

The New Year promises to be a year of growth in many of our lives, and hopefully in the life of The Council of Garden Clubs. We shall strive to learn from our prior successes and setbacks, building upon the foundations known as experience and history. Our Club has an illustrious history of ideas and projects to make our city a better place in which to live and I am hoping with a full calendar of events we will continue, as a team, to develop and share as the month's progress.

Anne

December 12th City Council Meeting

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

By now you may have read of the Virginia Beach City Council's *unanimous* vote on December 12th to deny **Adam's Outdoor Advertising Company's** proposal to, among other things, remove 21 crepe myrtle trees along Virginia Beach Boulevard. I want to thank all of you, especially our members who attended the standing room only Council meeting, for your efforts in helping shape the Council's decision.

The vote, however, is the opening salvo in our battle with Adam's. The Company now has ten (10) days to appeal the Council's decision to **VDOT**. VDOT then has 30 days in which to decide "who wins". Unfortunately the law passed last year by the State Legislature is written in language favoring the outdoor advertising companies so there remains a lot to be done to try to sway VDOT's thinking. Again, thanks to all of you for your help.

January Council Meeting Program

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

On **January 10th**, the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach is most fortunate to have **Dr. Lytton John Musselman**, Mary Hogan Professor of Botany and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences of Old Dominion University, to present "*Holy Botany*".

Dr. Musselman has been working on plants of the Bible and other aspects of Middle East and Western Asia Ethno-botany (including plants of the Qur'an). For his research **Dr. Musselman** has lived and worked in several Middle Eastern countries. In 2002, he was a visiting professor at the American University at Beirut. We could not have a better person to us about the botany of the Middle East in Biblical and the present time.

Wanted: Garden Club Histories

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

I have received Club histories from the following Garden Clubs:

Aragona	King's Grant
Brittany Points	Lake Smith
Broad Bay Point Greens	Terrace
The Cavalier	Larkspur
Church Point	Little Neck
Colonial Oaks/Lake Trant	Stratford Chase
Country Gardeners' Guild	Thalia
Fairfield	Virginia Beach
Great Neck Point	Witchduck
King's Forest	

That is eighteen (18) out of forty-four (44) Clubs that are members of the Council. My thanks to the Clubs listed above for their promptness!

Busy days are ahead but we need to hear from **all** of the Council's member Clubs for the project to be successful. Even a few paragraphs are better than none.

E-mail your Club's history to me, **Marge Stouffer** at the above address, or mail it to:

828 de la Fayette Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Please feel free to call me at **499-9771** with any questions you may have.

Club Presidents please, *please* designate someone in your group to write the history and be responsible for submitting it. The **Virginia Beach 2007** celebration is just around the corner.



"New and Unusual Plants"

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

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

Don't forget to mark you calendars now; you won't want to miss this informative and fun-filled morning with **Linda Pinkham**. How better to spend the morning of February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, than to see and discuss plants. But not just any plants, new and unusual plants. Plan on joining us for the Council's Fund Raiser, "New and Unusual Plants" presented by Linda Pinkham.

DATE: Wednesday, **February 14**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virginia Beach Central Library Auditorium

PRICE: A steal at **\$6.00**

Tickets will go on sale **January 3, 2007**. See Suzie Duckworth for tickets.

Wreath-Making Workshop

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

A special "thank you" to **Ellie Kreassig** for hosting (due to my medical absence) the Wreath-making Workshop on December 6th at the Landscape



Services Building. **58 Council Members** were the busy bees, and 48 boards were decorated. Your artistic talents created great works of art for the Municipal Center complex and elsewhere. Thanks for all your help; it couldn't have been done without you. Are you GREAT, or what?!

Empty Bowls Dinner

Dot Cullen, Garden Therapy, 496-2460

The Ceramic Designers Association is again conducting their annual fundraising event for The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Called the "**Empty Bowls Dinner**", the event will be held at *Virginia Wesleyan College* on **Friday, March 23, 2007**. Please mark your calendars.

We will make about 80 floral arrangements for the dinner using large soup cans and jars as containers. Please begin to save your jars and containers, **leaving the labels on**, and bring them to our January and February Council meetings.

I will have additional details on the workshop in the March *TAPROOT*.

Arbor Day

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

At this time, we are awaiting the appointment of the new City Arborist, so I do not have a date yet for the annual Arbor Day celebration. I hope to have more information at the January Council meeting.

Francis Land House



Peggy Caverly, 490-0925

Kay Eckhart, 486-7328

Thank you to everyone who so graciously gave of their time and talents to transform the Francis Land House for the holidays. Mark and Tom from the House staff stated "**the Francis Land House has never looked better!**"

You are all wonderful and we appreciate your efforts for this project, especially those who worked outside on a very chilly day.

REMINDER: The Clubs that participated in decorating this year should check their arrangements during the holidays, especially if fruit was used, and refresh them when needed. They will be on display until January 6.

2006-2007 Council Yearbook Update

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

Please note the following change in your Yearbook:

The President of **The Garden Club of Greater Kempsville** has a change in her e-mail address. The new e-mail address for **Arlene McCord** is ammccord@verizon.net.

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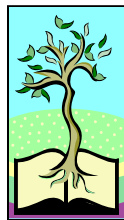
Joan Curtin, joancurtin@cox.net, 460-6493

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.

Deadline for items for the March issue of the *TAPROOT* is Monday, February 19, 2007.



Tidewater Builders Association's Mid Atlantic Home & Flower Show

This year, the **Mid-Atlantic Home & Garden** show is teaming up with the **Virginia Flower & Garden Show** to bring you The Mid-Atlantic Home & Flower Show, presented by Tidewater Builders Association and The Virginia Horticultural Foundation **February 15-18, 2007.**

The event is expected to feature over 600 exhibits and to draw over 25,000 guests. It will feature celebrity speakers & horticultural experts who cover a range of topics pertaining to the home & garden.

Show Hours:

Thursday, February 15th: 5pm-9pm

Friday, February 16th: 10am-9pm

Saturday, February 17th: 10am-9pm

Sunday, February 18th: 10am-6pm.

Admission is **\$10** per person with a discount coupon that can be found at www.tbaonline.org.

Virginia Beach 2007
Virginia's Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary
Of the First Permanent English Settlement in the New World

Begins where it did in 1607 at Cape Henry
In Virginia Beach
April 26-29, 2007

Schedule of Events
April 26-29, 2007

April 26, 2007

REENACTMENT OF FIRST LANDING

FIRST LANDING STATE PARK

Replicas of *the Discovery*, *Godspeed* and *Susan Constant* will anchor off First Landing State Park and a landing party will take a shallop to shore. In addition to replicating the events of the landing itself, several exhibits, including a Native American village, will be located at the park.

April 27, 2007

EXPLORATION OF THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER

VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER.

A reenactment of the colonists' exploration of the river in an authentic replica of the shallop. The shallop, a small boat, accompanied by modern boats, will visit points along the river that are of historical and ecological significance and will highlight the accomplishments of the Lynnhaven River 2007.

April 28, 2007

VIRGINIA BEACH BOARDWALK HISTORY FESTIVAL

VIRGINIA BEACH BOARDWALK

A festival of music, food and the history of various cultures, groups and institutions that thrive in Virginia Beach

April 29, 2007

ERECTION OF CROSS AT CAPE HENRY

CAPE HENRY AND FIRST LANDING STATE PARK

On this day, as they have for many years, the Order of Cape Henry will commemorate the erection of the cross and conduct a religious observance in the style of the first New World services of the Church of England.



All events are subject to change

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