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Board Meeting

Wed., April 4, 2007, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 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
First Vice President	Suzie Duckworth
Second Vice President	Peggy Ward
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Curtin
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Council Website

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A Message from the President

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

Spring is here, my time of year. The trees are budding, daffodils are in bloom. Mother Nature is coming alive again. Now we can all get out in our gardens and put to work those plans we worked on during the winter.

John Zukosky's program on the "World of Orchids" at our March 14th General Meeting was excellent. There were many, very favorable comments on his presentations. The program for our April 11th General Meeting, "China, More Than Plates", sounds equally enjoyable. This will be our last program for the year; so I hope to see you all there. Let's have a "big" turn out as a wind up for all of the outstanding programs Peggy Ward has arranged for us during our 2006-2007 Club Year.

Anne

Last Call!

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

This is the last call for Garden Club histories. Several clubs have not responded, but it is NOT too late. If you haven't done it yet, please send your club history to me via e-mail at stouffer1@aol.com or by post at 828 de la Fayette Court, Virginia Beach 23455.

April Council Meeting Program

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

On April 11th, at the Central Library, the Council will present the program "China, More Than Plates". Mike Andruczyk, Extension Agent for Environmental Horticulture at the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Center, will give a presentation on his trip to China and what he found there.

Council Tour Information

Sam Halvorsen, bzynana@aol.com, 490-4529

Ladies, this is the tour! If you and/or a friend are interested, contact me at the number above. This is our first overnight tour and it promises to be a great time. The number of participants is limited to 55 people. The agenda is as follows:



WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007	
6:00 A.M.	Depart Virginia Beach
8:00 A.M.	Breakfast-Fast Food (You pay)
12:00 P.M.	Arrive at LONGWOOD
1:30 P.M.	Lunch
5:00 P.M.	Depart LONGWOOD
6:00 P.M.	Dinner
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007	
9:15 A.M.	Depart Hotel
10:00 A.M.	Arrive WINTERTHUR
12:00 P.M.	Depart WINTERTHUR
12:30 P.M.	STYERS NURSERY
1:30 P.M.	Depart STYERS NURSERY
1:45 P.M.	Lunch – RUBBY DINER
2:45 P.M.	Depart for HOME
6:00 P.M.	Dinner – Fast Food (You pay)
8:00 P.M.	Arrive HOME

The tour is all inclusive except for the two meals as listed in the agenda. The cost will be **\$225.00** for a single room, or **\$160.50** for a double.

Council Awards

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

Well, it's that time again, cleaning up our gardens, planting trees, shrubs, and flowers and writing up entries for the **Council's Awards Program**.

Please check the Council Yearbook for the awards starting on **page 25**. Don't forget the *America's Anniversary Garden Award*. This will be the final year for this award. Since we are celebrating our 400th anniversary, it would be nice to have lost of entries in this category. If you would like some

landscape designs and/or sample plant ideas, visit www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden.

I will have **scrapbook pages** available at the April meeting for those Clubs that would like one. I am sorry I was unable to attend the March meeting.

Each entry is to be submitted in an Oxford or theme binder. **Page 24** in the Yearbook explains how to label the entries. *Entries submitted by Clubs incorrectly labeled or not in an Oxford or theme binder will be notified and requested to correct the errors.* Incorrectly labeled entries make it difficult for the **Judging Committee** to do their job. Please help us by following the instructions on page 24. If you have any questions about how to label your entry, please contact me. I will be more that happy to help you.

The entries are due no later than **Thursday, May 10th**. I will have a box on my doorstep on the 10th of May for you to place your entries. My address is **758 Suffolk Lane** (on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle – a two story Georgian house). My phone number is **463-4885 (h)** or **560-5589 (c)**. If you need directions or have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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 the award is presented every other year at our Awards Luncheon.

This is an award year, and it would be wonderful if each Club took part in this 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 record and recognize each Club participating at the Awards Luncheon. Special thanks are extended to **Hermitage Garden Club**, the **Garden Club of Greater Kempsville** and to **Stratford Chase Garden Club** for having already sent in thoughtful contributions. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Awards Luncheon

Carolyn Dennis, Luncheon Chair, 340-2596

This year our Awards Luncheon and Officer Installation will be held at the **Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue**, in Virginia Beach. We will once again need your help and talents to create floral centerpieces for the tables. The theme this year is "*City by the Sea*" with **moss green** table cloths, **white** napkins and **seashells** incorporated in the arrangements. (Reservation form on page 7)

If you and/or your Garden Club would like to help us with these arrangements, there will be a **sign-up sheet** available at the **April Council Meeting**, or you may call me at the above number.

We will require **20 arrangements** for the tables. They should be no larger than **18" in diameter**. These arrangements will be given away as table prizes, so please make them in a container that you will not need returned. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Arbor Day

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

After many changes of the date for **Arbor Day**, a decision has been made. On **Monday, April 30, 2007**, Arbor Day will be celebrated at the historic **Lynnhaven House at 4405 Wishart Road**, just off Independence Boulevard. A native magnolia will be planted at this site. **Mayor Oberndorf** and two Master Gardener Tree Stewards, **Karen Renda** and **Diane Schmidt**, will be planting the tree. The Mayor will be presented the **Tree City U.S.A.** banner by a State Forester.

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School third graders are participating in **Arbor Day Art/Composition Contest** sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs. The Tree Stewards and I have visited the students and explained the origin of Arbor Day and why it is celebrated each year.

Thanks to those of you who have already signed-up to bring cookies to the reception. If you will **put 2 cookies in a zip-lock plastic baggie** and bring them with you the day of the event, this will work for all involved. The baggies will be placed in a basket and

sent back to the school. The teacher will give them to the students after they have had their lunch. They must return to the school after the ceremony and can not stay for the reception. I am also requesting that **a few cookies should be brought on a plate** to be served to all attendees – **city officials, Garden Club members**, etc. If we have leftover cookies, they will be taken to the **Judeo-Christian Center**.



Many thanks to **Pembroke Meadows** and **Lake Smith Terrace Garden Clubs**, who have graciously agreed act as the hostess clubs for the reception following the ceremony. The reception will be held in the new education building on the grounds of the **Lynnhaven House**.

Every Garden Club member is invited to this event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Francis Land House



Peggy Caverly, 490-0925

Kay Eckhardt, 486-7328

COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS HAS A HISTORY: NO PLANS TO KICK THE HABIT

Our Council of Garden Clubs has a history of making Francis Land House come alive with blooms during Historic Garden Week. In the past floral arrangements, artistically created by Garden Club members, adorned mantles, window sills, and the front door; bringing "ahs" and accolades from visitors and the staff of Francis Land House.

We do not plan to kick that habit! The following Garden Clubs have promised to once again decorate the Francis Land House on Monday, April 23rd, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.:

- Aragona
- Cavalier
- Church Point
- Country Gardener's Guild
- Fox Run
- King's Grant
- Little Neck
- May Farm
- Pembroke Meadows
- Thalia

Come to Francis Land House and enjoy a preview of their artistry on April 23rd and add your “ahs” and accolades!

Thanks, again, to all the Garden Clubs and members for sharing your talent and giving of your time.

Fairfield Garden Club Plant and Cookbook Sale

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 2007

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

and

DATE: Sunday, April 15, 2007

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



PLACE: “Under the 500-Year old Oak Tree”
5244 Locke Lane, Virginia Beach

Broad Bay Island Garden Club

Barbara Cozzens, barbarac61@verizon.net, 481-6218

Broad Bay Island is sponsoring its Second Annual Plant Sale:

DATE: Saturday, April 21, 2007

RAIN DATE: Sunday, April 22, 2007

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Marina Shore Shoppes, at the corner of North Great Neck Road & Lynnhaven Road

All proceeds will benefit the Broad Bay Island Garden Club.



Thalia Garden Club Fundraiser – Yard Sale



Thalia Garden Club is conducting a Yard Sale Fundraiser at the home of Jo Hart.

DATE: Saturday, April 21, 2007

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: 408 Cedar Lane, Virginia Beach

A variety of items will be available. If you would like to make a donation for the sale, please contact:

Allison Sitar **463-4783**

Kay Sawyer **340-2593**

Kay Balzer **463-7889**

Linkhorn Park Garden Club Second Annual Plant Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

616 LINKHORN DRIVE, VIRGINIA BEACH

GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA

BAKE SALE

PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, HERBS

HEIRLOOM PLANTS

RAIN OR SHINE

DIRECTIONS FROM LASKIN ROAD:

Left on **Holly Road**, left on **Linkhorn Drive**
(Opposite Princess Ann Country Club)

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

The TAPROOT is available online at the Council website, www.VBGardenClubs.org.

Deadline for items for the May issue of the TAPROOT is Friday, May 18, 2007.

CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD

To the club supporting council projects with the largest number of members on a percentage basis.

Council Year is May 2006 – May 2007

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

Submitted by: Name _____ **Tel. #:** _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2006

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, 2006 – May 9, 2007 _____

Neptune Festival Senior Gala Workshop _____

Support Oct. Special Education Program (tickets purchased) _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Christmas _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Historic Garden Week _____

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop _____

Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop _____

Support Feb. Fundraiser (total tickets purchased) _____

School Plant 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* _____

Submitting business names for Awards of Merit+ _____

Attend the Council Tour _____

Place an Ad in the Council’s Yearbook _____

Other _____

* If a donation has been made just check the item, do not list number of members or dollar amount.

+ Number of business names submitted.

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 certificate 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 27, 2007**:

Janet Bacuzzi
1724 Middlemost Key
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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

Awards of Merit Submission Form – Deadline: April 27, 2007

<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: _____		

Virginia Beach 2007 Lecture Series

Thursday, April 5, 2007, 7:30 P.M., Virginia Beach Central Library (Free Admission)

Dr. Alf J. Mapp will speak on "**The Virginia Experiment**" – Eminent scholar emeritus of English at Old Dominion University and nationally recognized authority on Thomas Jefferson, Mapp's most recent book is *The Faith of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed*.

COUNCIL AWARDS & INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, June 13, 2007
PLACE: Princess Anne Country Club
3800 Pacific Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

SCHEDULE: Registration - 10:00 – 10:30am
Business - 10:30 – 12:00pm
Cash Bar - 12:00 – 12:30pm
Luncheon - 12:30pm -

PRICE: \$20.00 (Inclusive - per person)

MENU
- Tender chicken and vegetables served in homemade herb **Crepes**
or
- Boston Bibb **Salad** with grilled Chicken, green apples, candied Almonds, gorgonzola cheese with a sherry vinaigrette
or
- **Vegetarian Meal** - the same Salad as above without the chicken

- Home-baked muffins and rolls
- Chocolate Mousse Cake
- Iced tea and coffee

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 4, 2007

*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 18” 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 moss green with white napkins.** A sign up sheet will be passed around at our April meeting for clubs wanting to participate in helping with the centerpieces.*

Luncheon Chairperson: Carolyn Dennis -340-2596

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 13, 2006

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

(Please indicate menu selection of Crepes, Salad or Vegetarian Meal near name)

NAMES: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

Fred Heutte Center Announcements

www.fredheutte.org



26th ANNUAL HERB SALE & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 2007 – 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 2007 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



ANOTHER FHC BUS TOUR! RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Indeed, yet another fantastic FHC bus tour! The Fred Heutte Center will be sponsoring a bus tour south to the Raleigh, North Carolina area on **May 6th and 7th, 2007**. These are TDF (to die for) places that all gardeners covet and should visit. You will overdose on the new, rare, unusual, and exciting plants available for your garden. This is a gardener's bus tour you won't want to miss. Yes, there's plenty of room under the bus to bring lots of plants home!

Cost is **\$155.00** per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement is \$50.00 per room. Call **441-2513** for reservations. Reservations and pre-payment required.

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*c/o Joan Curtin
1705 Ware Parish Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455*