

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 5, 2007, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 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
Treasurer	Betty Villers

Council Website

Webmaster
www.VBGardenClubs.org
Virginia S. Anderson, 481-4688
webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org

A Message from the President

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

This has been a wonderful year for the Council. As the year comes to a close it's very gratifying to look back on all of our accomplishments, none of which could have been done without your support and help.

We have had some outstanding programs, thanks to **Peggy Ward**. And those programs were always followed by an elegant table of refreshments thanks to the hard work of **Midge Berry** and **Jo Maguder**. The **Neptune Festival Senior Gala** was a huge success with the credit going to **Laura Jacobson** and all of you who sacrificed your time to help. It just shows again, "many hands make easy work." Under **Mari Hall** and **Ellie Kreassig's** leadership, with 58 members from 28 clubs pitching in, the **Holiday Wreath-making Workshop** again decorated the City Government Buildings at the Municipal Center, putting them into the spirit of the Holiday season.

As Mari Hall said "we just get better every year." **Peggy Caverly** and **Kay Eckhardt** and their team did an equally wonderful job decorating **Francis Land House** for the Holidays. Next on our agenda for the year were table arrangements for the **Empty Bowls Charity Dinner**. **Dot Cullen** and all of those who helped her deserve a very big thank you for their work in making the dining room "look amazing" as the 2007 Empty Bowls Dinner Chairman said. The dinner raised \$21,000.00 for local charities. Following on in our calendar for April, Peggy and Kay beautifully decorated the Francis Land House for the **Historic Garden Week** tours. And we all owe a very big vote of thanks to **Joan Curtin** for the very professional **TAPROOT** she has published throughout the year to keep us all informed of the happenings in our areas of interest.

Another thing we tried to do was save the **crape myrtle trees** on Virginia Beach Blvd between Lynn Shores Drive and Rosemont. A lot of work by many members went into our effort. Unfortunately

with the lobby money from Adams Outdoor Advertising we failed to convince our elected representatives in the Virginia Legislature and Adams now has permission to remove the trees. Have you seen the black ribbons tied on each tree by members of the Council and the VBBC?

Last on the Council's calendar for this Club year will be our **Annual Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers** at the Princess Anne Country Club on **June 13th**. Mark your calendar and I hope to see you all there.

Anne

Council's ABC Project

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

Last year our project was supporting "*Mary's Garden*" at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. Twenty-two Garden Clubs donated to this project. Recently I received a phone call from **Jean Marie Randolph**, Community Project Chair for the Garden. She is still in need of funds and asked if the Clubs would consider donating again to "*Mary's Garden*". Since the Council will not be starting our new project until 2007-2008, and if your Club would like to donate, please send your checks, payable to the **Council of Garden Clubs**, to:

Suzie Duckworth
1701 Benns Church Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-7034

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. The date is **Wednesday, June 13**, with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our theme is "*City by the Sea*".

Please see the registration form on **page 5** for details. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, June 4, 2007**.



Hospitality Committee

Midge Berry, m.berry1@cox.net, 463-1784

I would like to thank all the ladies of the Clubs that have provided food for the Council meetings for the past four years. I would also like to thank **Gaye Burton** for the many beautiful centerpieces that she has provided.

I have enjoyed being the Hospitality Chairperson with my co-hostess, **Jo Maguder**. Thanks again,

Midge

Council Awards

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

Just one last reminder, the Award entries are due on **Thursday, 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.

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)**. 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.

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 Scholar-**

ship 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 the following Garden Clubs for having already sent in thoughtful contributions: **Hermitage, Greater Kempsville, Stratford Chase, C.O.L.T., Linkhorn Park, West Neck, May Farm, Church Point and Fairfield.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

ABC Book of Evidence Due

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

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on **Thursday, May 10th**. Please deliver your books 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 during the last two weeks of May. A poorly maintained project can make a difference between receiving a first place award or second or third.

Arbor Day

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

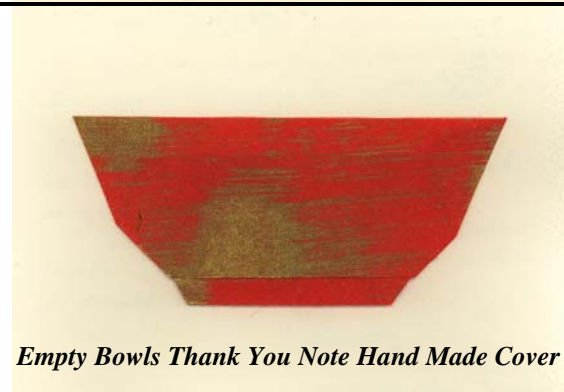
On **Monday, April 30, 2007**, Arbor Day will be celebrated at the historic **Lynnhaven House** at **4405 Wishart Road**, just off Independence Boulevard. I hope to see you all there.

If you plan to bake cookies, please bring approximately two or three dozen (2 or 3 cookies each in a plastic, zip lock bag) and bring them to the event on the 30th. Any left over cookies will be taken to the Judeo-Christian Center for the homeless.

I want to thank each of you who signed up to bring cookies. I especially thank **Pembroke Meadows** and **Lake Smith Terrace Garden Clubs** for hosting the reception following the ceremony.

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

Empty Bowls Thank you



Empty Bowls Thank You Note Hand Made Cover

Dear Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs,

Thank you so much for donating your time, efforts and energy to the 10th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner. The arrangements were outstanding! They made the dining room look amazing.

This year we made over \$21,000 for our charities. Thank you for your part in making the evening the success that it was.

Sincerely,
Neale Schmidt
2007 Empty Bowls Chairman

Kings Grant Garden Club Herb, Plants & Flower Sale



DATE: Saturday, April 28, 2007

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.???

PLACE: Corner of Little Neck Road and King's Grant Road at **King's Grant Presbyterian Church**

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 Anne Country Club)



VBBC Annual Dinner

Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net, 412-0240

The **Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's** annual Awards Dinner will be held **Thursday, May 17th** at the **Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club**. Awards will be presented to winners in the Kempsville District (Borough) in three categories: Residential, Commercial, and Institutional.

Our speaker will be **Leighton Powell**, the Executive Director of **Scenic Virginia**. Leighton is our "Billboard Warrior" and will talk to us of the issues around the state with billboards. She will enlighten us as she shares how Scenic Virginia works "to preserve, protect, and enhance the scenic beauty of Virginia".

You are invited to attend our dinner. Cocktails and a Silent Auction begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:15; Speaker and awards presentation at 8:00 p.m. The cost is **\$25**. Please call **Demaris Yearick** at **422-1618** for additional information.

TAPROOT

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

Postage is on the rise again! So it is even more important to be able to deliver the *TAPROOT* and its important information via e-mail.

As I have noted in almost every issue of the *TAPROOT*, the Council publishes this newsletter 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.

When completing the **Yearbook Information Sheet** on **page 7**, it is very important that the e-mail addresses are printed **VERY** clearly to facilitate my successor's job. The Council Board must occasionally communicate to the membership urgent messages via e-mail. Ideally, we would like each member Garden Club to submit at least one member's e-mail address to ensure that all Clubs can be contacted during these occasions.

Remember, if you **change your e-mail address** after submitting your Club's Information Sheet, please notify the new Newsletter Chair, **Jessica O'Connor**. It is your responsibility to notify the Newsletter Chair of your new e-mail address to ensure that you continue to be in the loop. Jessica's e-mail address is joc800@att.net.

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

Deadline for items for the September/October issue of the *TAPROOT* is Friday, August 17, 2007.

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:** _____

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

2007-2008 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, 2007-2008 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 JUNE 30, 2007** TO:

Dawn Bray
Council Yearbook Co-Chair
320 Kemp Lane
Chesapeake, VA 23325
494-0545
rbray3@cox.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 June 30, 2007

**2007-2008 COUNCIL YEARBOOK INFORMATION SHEET
DEADLINE – JUNE 15th, 2007**

Dear Club Presidents:

Please complete this information sheet and return it to:

**Johnnie Miller, Council Yearbook Co-Chair
4750 Post Oak Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
467-1549
JMill61558@aol.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 2007-2008 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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City/ZIP:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

JUDGING CHAIRPERSON:

Name:

Address:

City/ZIP:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

ABC CHAIRPERSON:

Name:

Address:

City/ZIP:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Virginia Beach Master Gardener's Plant Sale



Virginia Beach Farmer's Market Presents "Garden Day at the Market"

SATURDAY, **May 12, 2007** - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
On the corner of Dam Neck and Princess Anne Roads

FEATURING

Plants grown and donated from our gardens to yours....

- ❖ Perennials, annuals, vegetables, shrubs and trees
- ❖ Hanging baskets
- ❖ Unusual and hard to find plants
- ❖ Plant doctor and gardening information



For more information visit: www.vbmg.org or contact Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Beach Office at (757) 385-4769. "Garden Day at the Market" will feature music by Kindred Spirits and pony rides for children.

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