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Board Meeting

September 5, 2007, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 Virginia Beach Central Library
Registration – 9:30AM 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Meeting – 10:00AM Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2005-2007 Officers

President	Glenda Knowles
First Vice President	Ellie Kreassig
Second Vice President	Betsy Davis
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi
Corresponding Secretary	Jessica O'Connor
Treasurer	Audrey Kelly

Council Website

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A Message from the President

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

Thank you for your confidence and support in electing me to represent this great organization as your President.

My goals for the next two years are to (1) increase our attendance at the Council's general meetings, (2) to increase awareness of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, (3) to step up our focus on conservation in the Virginia Beach area, and (4) to increase our work with the youth in our community.

So, *come along with us, sister clubs in the Council*, this will be two years of increased communication with each of you, great programs and opportunities for you to take home the winning raffle prize, special

education and fund-raising programs that you will not forget, and conservation tips and information that will increase our stewardship in those areas! We will continue the same wonderful opportunities to do hands-on workshops for our seniors for the Neptune Gala, the Christmas wreath-making workshop for City buildings, and the Empty Bowls spring event.

All of us love flowers, gardening, horticulture, and floral designs. The Council of Garden Clubs is the greatest opportunity you have to learn **more** about all of these related topics! As we work together to share our talents and experience, we will have the joy of touching many lives in our community.

I am looking forward to seeing you on September 12th at the Central Library! Bring your friends and a smile!

A Thank You

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

Dear Council of Garden Club of Virginia Beach members, Thank you so much for my gift. The seafood motif is really adorable.

You were very thoughtful. Thank you also for all your support over the last two years. You made my job easier by all the things you did.

As ever, Anne

Message from our Treasurer

Audrey Kelly, wmyluv@cox.net, 486-1733

Annual Dues

Annual Council dues are payable in October and must be paid no later than December 1, 2007. Dues paid after December 1st will be assessed a late fee. Checks should be payable to "Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach" or CGCVB and mailed to me, Audrey Kelly, Treasurer
629 West Kingston Lane, Virginia Beach, Va.
23452-4556.

Dues for Clubs with a membership of:

1-15	\$10.00
16-35	\$20.00
36+	\$30.00
Associate Clubs	\$50.00

September Council Meeting Program

Betsy Davis, davis681@cox.net, 422-2612

September 12, 2007

Samantha Weaver, Garden Historian and Interpreter for the Chrysler Museum of Art will speak about "Native American Botanical Mysteries; 16th and 17th Century Garden Lore; America's Quest to Capture the Essence of Healing".

A certified nurseryman, master gardener, American horticulture Honor student, and Rootworker lecturer with 45 years of intense research, Samantha augments her unique presentation with ancient roots and plants.

October 10, 2007 - Special Education Program with **Professor Robert McDuffie** of Virginia Tech
Please see attached flyer for details.

Council Tour Information

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

Council Awards

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Congratulations to each and every club who submitted an entry this past year. You all need to be commended on your efforts.

The Awards Judging Committee continues to be amazed at all the work that you, the members of Council, manage to achieve during the year. Every year, it gets more difficult to choose a winner. It is exciting to sit down and read about all the various projects that the garden clubs are involved in during the course of the year. Our city is so very fortunate to have such dedicated citizens, you are all winners in my book. Congratulations to each and every one.

We presented 92 Awards and 145 Certificates of Appreciation at our Awards Luncheon in June. As you can see our clubs were very busy this past year. The list of award winners has been sent to our Publicity Chairman so it can be published in the newspaper.

The winner of the *Georgia Fletcher Garden Paper Award*, "What Being a Garden Club Member Means To Me", is published each year in our Council yearbook. Last year we had a tie for 1st place. I hope everyone will take time to read last year's award winners.

We have four (4) new awards this year. You will see that there have also been some changes to the awards. Please take time to look over the Awards section sometime this fall to familiarize your club with the changes and additions. I will go over the changes and additions to the Awards at the Septem-

ber meeting. Please don't hesitate to call me for any reason.

The following Clubs have Certificates of Appreciation that they have not picked up. Please contact me so we can make arrangements to get these certificates to your club.

Alanton Baycliff G.C/
Chesapeake Colony G.C.
The Gardeners Guild of VB
Hermitage G.C.
Stratford Chase G.C.
Witchduck G.C.

Scholarship Fund

Eileen Seeley, enrseeley@aol.com, 463-5959

Please include a donation to the Council of Garden Clubs scholarship fund in your club budget. Our last scholarship recipient, Laurie Whitman, is a Virginia Tech student from Norfolk, Virginia. She worked in First Landing State Park as a Park Maintenance Ranger and plans to work in the landscaping industry. We appreciate your donations in any amount. Please make the check payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and send it to me:

Eileen Seeley
3737 Lynnfield Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Francis Land House



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

Ladies, your special aptitudes for floral embellishment at the Francis Land House are always astonishing!

If your Garden Club has missed the chance to add your club's name to the hall of fame phone **Peggy** (490-0925) ASAP.

- The date for decorating "Christmas at FLH" is December 3rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Your Garden Club may choose from the following:
 - Front Door Wreath
 - Pediment
 - Parlor Mantel
 - Parlor Windows (four)
 - Dining Room Windows (two)
 - Bed Chamber Mantel
 - Window on Stairs
 - Narrow Mantel (ground level)
 - Cellar Windows (five)
 - Ladies Restroom
 - Gentlemens Restroom

Aside from having your Garden Club name in the Hall of Fame (earning an award certificate for participation), you will have the comraderie with other Garden Clubs, a rewarding experience, for a job well done and inspiration from the beauty of it.

Please call for further details if needed.

Arbor Day

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

he date for Arbor Day 2008 has been set for Friday April 4th. Festivities will begin at 10:00am. The site and the school participating TBA. Please circle the date on your calendar.

ABC Council Project

Ann Brown, dbrown141@cox.net, 490-2229

The plan for the open space at Lake Smith is coming together. We met with a city planner during the summer and got an idea of what the city is planning for the site. The City will put in a paved parking area for the fishermen and visitors. The space behind that will be cleared of brush and two old buildings will be removed. This will give a good view down the lake and provide open space for benches. The woods

will be cleared of underbrush and walking paths made. It will remain a natural area for wildflowers and bird watching. Our funds will be used to pay for benches and plants. This will be our ABC council project for two years.

Please remember our project when you are preparing your club budgets. We are hoping for 100% participation from our member clubs. We will be working to save wildflowers where land is being developed and they would be bulldozed. I have found a native stand of Galax and have permission to move some clumps to use in the new park. Call me if you have wildflowers or ferns you can share. We will be working with the city and will keep you informed of the progress.

2007-2008 Council Yearbook

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

The Council of Garden Clubs 2007-2008 Yearbooks will be available at our September Council Meeting, Wednesday the 12th at the Central Library on Virginia Beach Blvd. **Ellie Kreassig**, First Vice President, and I will have a table set up at 9:30am. 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 10th again at the library.

I am grateful for the support of the Clubs that purchased an ad in the Council Yearbook. With 44 clubs in the council, I am happy to report that 34 placed ads in the yearbook.

We have 45 Business who placed ads in our yearbook which helps pay for the printing cost. **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.

Neptune Senior Gala Workshop

Frances Thrash, francestrash@cox.net, 481-3484

Ladies, it is time for the Senior Gala of the Neptune Festival! It will be lots of fun to help make all 60 of the arrangements for the purple covered tables. Please plan to come at 9:00am, September 14th to the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Bring your clippers, knives, and know-how with you! We will need 23 clean aspidistra leaves, lots of camellia leaves, lots of curly willow, and plenty of Spanish moss. I will supply the floral Oasis, containers and flowers. Mark your calendars now and don't forget. See you there! Any questions, please call me.

A Sad Passing

Adele Lundquist, lundquac@cox.net

Cavalier Garden Club is sad to report the death of a long-standing member—Jacquie Branch.

Council offers our condolences to our Cavalier members.

Chesopeian Colony Garden Club Celebrates 50th Year

Shelley Gram, Gramblings@aol.com, 431-2537

The members of the Chesopeian Colony Garden Club are proud to share in the celebration of their 50th Anniversary, with the publication of our very own Favorite Recipes Cookbook. The Club was founded in 1957 by nine ladies who shared a common interest in preserving the natural beauty of "The Colony" and the surrounding Virginia Beach area. Today our members continue to work on beautification projects for those who reside in this unique area. The Chesopeian Colony Garden Club Favorite Recipes Cookbook contains over 175 recipes and is only \$10.00. Please call Shelly Gram if you would like to purchase a copy of this great tribute to our Garden Club's History.

Mum and Pansy Sale

Ellen Powell, el-lib@cavtel.net, 499-9054

Fairfield Garden Club will sponsor its first ever Mum and Pansy sale on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 5244 Locke Lane in the Fairfield area of Virginia Beach. Garden club members will personally select the plants from our vendor.

Lake Smith Pansy Sale

Keren Pernini, pernini@cox.net, 499-9885

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club will sponsor a Pansy Sale Fundraiser. We will have gorgeous 6" pots of many varieties. The sale will be by pre-orders only. The cost is \$3.50 per 6" pot or 10 for \$32.50. Proceeds will support LSTGC's support of Council charities. Orders are due by Friday, October 12th, pick up will be Saturday, October 20th. For information call **Edie Eason** at 473-3458 or **Teen Foshay** at 671-7991.

Four New Awards

Awards Chairman – Cheryl Klobuchar

We have four new awards this year. They are listed below. Of particular interest is the *Glenda Knowles Attendance Award*. In order to be eligible for this award your garden club MUST begin participation beginning with Council's September meeting. The award and its criteria are listed in this report. Please pay particular attention to the documentation that is required. An award of \$100.00 will be given at the Annual Awards Luncheon in June 2008.

27. *Glenda Knowles "Stewards of the Land" Award (2007-2009)*

To the Club whose members plant the most native plants. Plants must be native to Virginia Beach or this Zone (zone 8). Plants should be planted between September 07 and May 08. Documentation: BOE containing a cover page with the name of award, year, club name, name of person

submitting the award; remaining pages: member's names, name of plants, including common and botanical, and a before and after photo.

First: \$25.00 Second: \$10.00

28. *Glenda Knowles Attendance Incentive Award (2007 -2009)*

To the club that has five (5) or more members attend all five (5) General Meetings, both October and February special programs, and the May design program. The club must also participate at least one (1) time during the current year in providing some refreshments for one of the meetings at the Central Library. Documentation: a BOE must include eight (8) pages – one for each meeting. The pages must include: Date of meeting, names of members attending the meeting, a group photo of those members attending and taken at the Council meeting/luncheon.

NOTE: No tie will be given. The club that qualifies and compiles their BOE and turns it in the earliest will be the winner!

First: \$100.00

29. *Rain Garden Award*

Rain Gardens are an excellent way to control storm water runoff, contribute to improving water quality in our rivers and streams and beautify your property. The Virginia Department of Forestry website and the Lynnhaven River NOW website both provide guidance in the construction and planting of a rain garden. Projects should use native plants as much as possible. Please submit color photographs (before and after) and a brief report describing the project and listing the street address of the project, the number of people involved and the hours involved.

First: \$10.00 Second: \$5.00 (monetary award by Lynnhaven River NOW)

30. *Buffer Restoration Project Award*

Buffer restoration is a fun way to help protect the area's waterways from pollution and erosion. By converting lawn to landscape beds, and planting salt tolerant shrubs, trees, perennials and ground covers along the water's edge, you can help filter pollutants and

sediments from storm runoff and provide habitat and food for wildlife. For further information see the Lynnhaven River NOW website or the website of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay/Publications. Projects should use native plants as much as possible. Please submit color photographs (before and after) and a brief report describing the project and listing the street address of the project, the number of people involved and the hours involved.

TAPROOTJessica O'Connor
