

# TAPROOT

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## Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 7, 2007, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

## General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 14, 2007  
Registration – 9:30AM  
Meeting – 10:00AM  
Virginia Beach Central Library  
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
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

**Glenda Knowles**, [ggknowles@cox.net](mailto:ggknowles@cox.net), 412-0240

Fall is very much in the air and I hope that you are having a great time picking out your fall annuals and pumpkins and enjoying the cooler temperature.

These are the days to get out there and get those fall gardening chores done, also.

Looking forward, the Council's Board of Directors will be hosting a lovely "Club President's Tea" on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Francis Land House. Invitations are in the mail and the Board members look forward to honoring all club presidents at this special event.

Looking back, the October 10<sup>th</sup> special education program with Professor Robert McDuffie was outstanding! Many favorable comments keep pouring in and we are thrilled that you came and enjoyed his presentation!

The race is on!! It has been so much fun to see many of our clubs taking group photos and encouraging more of their members to attend the Council meetings! One of our clubs will win \$100 at the June luncheon – never give up.

Be sure and read all the reports of our chairmen in this Taproot. We are offering a new page in this issue with interesting and important conservation tips and information. We want to KEEP VIRGINIA BEACH ENVIRONMENTALLY BEAUTIFUL!

## Message from Our Treasurer

**Audrey Kelly**, [wmyluv@cox.net](mailto:wmyluv@cox.net), 486-1733

The Annual Council Dues are now due and must be paid no later than December 1, 2007. **Dues paid**

**Message from Our Treasurer (cont.)**

**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 : 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

**Scholarship Fund**

Eileen Seeley, [enrseeley@aol.com](mailto:enrseeley@aol.com), 463-5959

Thank you to the Hermitage and Little Neck Garden Clubs for their generous donations to our Scholarship Fund. We are happy to accept donations in any amount at any time. Please make checks payable to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and send it to:

Eileen Seeley

3737 Lynnfield Drive 23452

**2007-2008 Council Yearbook**

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

Please make the following corrections to your copy of the council yearbook.

Club Rosters:

Page 57 Bay Colony Garden Club

President Meridith Brady

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Page 59 Cavalier Garden Club

President Joan P. Joyner

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Page 69 King's Grant Garden Club

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Page 79 Thoroughgood Garden Club

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**November Program**

**Betsy Davis**, [davis681@cox.net](mailto:davis681@cox.net), - **422-2612**



“New Ideas for Holiday Decorating” with flowers, fruit and candles will be presented by Kim Whitfield of Flowers at Hilltop, following the meeting of the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:00a.m. in the Central Library. This should be a most informative and fun program. Please plan to attend.

**More Sad Passings**

**Marcia Crawford**, 464-5785

Taproot has learned of the deaths of two more members: Annette Guion of Thoroughgood Garden Club and Erlene S. Gallop of Hermitage Garden Club. Both of these ladies had been members of their Garden Clubs for many years. Both had been teachers in local schools. Many parents thought how fortunate their children were to have been taught by these ladies.

As many of you know, Rita Costello, President of the Tidewater District VFGC died on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council offers our condolences to the friends and families.

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## Wreath-Making Workshop

Mari Hall, [MARGOHALL@aol.com](mailto:MARGOHALL@aol.com), 481-3970

Mark your calendar on **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, for the annual Wreath-making Workshop at the **Landscape Services Building**, 3829 Elbow Road, from **9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**.



We have been invited again to show our magnificent talents “decorating the boards” (in the Williamsburg manner) for Christmas at the City Hall Municipal Center. Ed Barnes will have his staff provide the boards, greens, fruits, and staples, but remember to bring your own staple gun and clippers.

Santa will be at the door to welcome you, and the coffee and donuts will be ready.

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## Holiday Greens & Gift Sale

Susan Porter, [srporter@juno.com](mailto:srporter@juno.com), 460-7890

Thoroughgood Garden Club 1957 – 2007, will hold their annual Holiday Greens & Gifts Sale on the Adam Thoroughgood House Grounds on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

The sale will feature beautiful evergreen wreaths, swags and natural greenery embellished with seasonal decorations and ready made gifts. The Garden Club’s Cookbook will also be offered for sale.



## Neptune Senior Gala Workshop

Frances Thrash, [francesthresh@cox.net](mailto:francesthresh@cox.net), 481-3484

A big thank you to the clubs who participated in the Senior Gala Workshop. The arrangements were beautiful and the evening a big success.

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## Francis Land House



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

We are bringing out the holly and the ivy, the mistletoe and pine rope and much, much more, to dress the Francis Land House for the winter holidays! Read on to see your name on the list of special clubs working their winter wonderland magic.

Francis Land House Winter Decorating is December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Front Entrance Railing – Birdneck Point  
Front Door Wreath – Thalia  
Pediment – Brittany Points  
Foyer Scones/Chandelier – Lake Smith Ter  
Foyer Bannister – Little Neck  
Window Sill(stair landing) – Linkhorn  
Parlor Windows – Church Point  
Parlor Mantle – Stratford Chase  
Dining Room Windows – Cavalier  
Bed Chamber Mantle – Aragona  
Entry Level Well Railing – Thoroughgood  
Bannister to Cellar – Broad Bay Point  
Keeping Room Mantel – Broad Bay Island  
Gift Shop Counter – Alanton/Baycliff  
Ladies Room Counter – Cavalier  
Men’s Room Window – Lynnhaven River  
Cellar Windows/Fireplace – May Farm/Fox Run

There is a small budget for needed supplies for the Winter Holiday Decorations. Please call Kay Eckhardt 486-7328 or Peggy Caverly 490-0925 as soon as you know your needs/desires (lady apples, pineapple half etc) and let us know type and quantity. Deadline for calling is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please use local growing greens, berries, flowers or dried materials. Fruits and nuts may also be used. (No bows, artificial material or modern designs please).

Remember, your club will be responsible for checking on your decorations and keeping them fresh, as they will be in place from December 3<sup>rd</sup> through “twelfth night” January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Calling all club members, come view these decorations between December 4<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is guaranteed to boost your holiday spirit and put joy in your hearts!!



## Twenty Second Christmas Craft Faire

Johnnie Miller, [JMill61558@aol.com](mailto:JMill61558@aol.com)

**FRANCIS LAND HOUSE  
3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard**

FAIRE HOURS: Friday, **November 2nd**  
12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday, **November 3rd**  
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, **November 4th**  
12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: **\$2.00**

QUALITY EXHIBITORS featuring “the best in crafts”:

\*Stained Glass Creations      \*Wooden Crafts  
\*Jewelry                              \*Dried Floral  
\*Christmas Collectibles          Arrangements

EXCELLENT SHOPPING in an old-fashioned atmosphere

DOOR PRIZES  
LIVE DULCIMER MUSIC  
BAKED GOODS & CIDER  
BRUNSWICK STEW & HAM BISCUITS  
Sponsored by the  
“FRIENDS OF FRANCIS LAND HOUSE”

## Conservation

/Carolyn Sale, [cesale@cox.net](mailto:cesale@cox.net), 855-1679

Karen Forget, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Lynnhaven River NOW, will speak briefly at our November 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. LRN is anxious to work with garden clubs because we are the important link between the individual citizens and home owners in the community.

Lynnhaven River NOW is a citizen inspired non-profit organization dedicated to cleaning up “our” Lynnhaven River.

LRN is sponsoring new Council Awards that we will learn about during her brief presentation. She will inform us how we can partner with LRN and become better “Stewards of our Environment”.

## TAPROOT

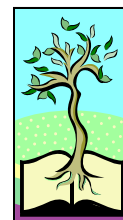
Jessica O’Connor, [joc800@att.net](mailto:joc800@att.net), 428-3994

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 January/February *TAPROOT* is Tuesday, December 18, 2007.**



## **Keeping Virginia Beach Environmentally Beautiful**

### Let's Go Native

The Native Americans valued the land and it provided them with rich soil, uncontaminated water and clean air. The Europeans, and those that followed, unfortunately, did not share that belief. They plundered and bled the land till much of it lay fallow, till lakes and rivers were polluted, and the air was foul and barely breathable. Today, our country is being over-run and overwhelmed with unwanted plant species.

The impact of reestablishing native plants and wildflowers in our environment is a positive beginning. We, as garden club members, have an opportunity to help make a small dent in changing the ecosystem of our planet. If each garden club member will plant one native plant in her home garden or in the community, the difference will have begun. (from NGC President's remarks).

See STEWARDS OF THE LAND AWARD No 27  
– Page 37 in the yearbook.

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