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Board Meeting

Wed., January 9, 2008, 9:00 am Central Library

General Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2007-2008 Officers

President	Glenda Knowles
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Council Website

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A Message from the President

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

We are in the midst of the most beautiful holiday season of the year!! The fresh scents of pine, cedar, Frazier fir, and other evergreens are the delicious scents of our homes.

The Council started off December 3rd at the Francis Land House with a “host” of forty-plus garden club members “decking the halls, stairways, mantels, cellar, and anything stationary” with magnolia leaves, pine, cedar, holly, pinecones and pineapples, apples, lemons, limes oyster shells, cotton etc. Please take your guests by the Francis Land House to see how beautiful the house is bedecked! It is outstanding and a great big thank you to Peggy Caverly and Kay Eckhardt, our chairmen, who coordinated this marvelous opportunity for our Council members to showcase their creative talents!

Then....on December 5th another “host” of Council members “appeared” at Landscape Services (Elbow Road) to adorn the many, many shaped boards with magnolia, pine, cedar, holly, etc. and again, pineapples, apples, lemons, limes, berries, pinecones, feathers, and other “natural” materials. These boards were installed at the entrances of all the City Municipal buildings following the morning of hard work and creativity.

Eddie Barnes, our host, for this annual workshop, smiled and encouraged all of us to do our best by providing delicious incentives – fresh doughnuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice. That’s all the incentive needed to bring sixty ladies to Elbow Road to use their electric staplers, clippers, and imagination to adorn these “Williamsburg-style” entry decorations.

Mari Hall, chairman, could not be there this year and we really missed you, Mari. Co-chairman, Ellie Kreassig, cheered the garden club members on, but also applauded the staff of Landscape Services who provided our every need. What an outstanding partnership we have with the City of Virginia Beach. The Council of Garden Clubs is indebted to Tom Marsh of the Francis Land House and to Eddie Barnes and staff for these inspirational opportunities to turn plant material and fruits into short-term works of art!

Now, I need to get back to my Christmas cards and baking!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Hanukkah to all. Enjoy your family and friends and I look forward to seeing you on January 9th at the Central Library.

Glenda

Francis Land House

Peggy Caverly 490-0925

Kay Eckhart 486-7328

All through the house not a lady was still, not even a mouse. The holly and the ivy, the lotus pods and okra pods, the pitisporum and pineapple, and much much more was arranged and garlanded to festoon and welcome visitors to the Francis Land House.

Ladies, each year you astound me with the creativity and beauty you create! Thank you all for your time and talents.

A special thanks to the six garden clubs who participated for the first time ever, or the first time in a long time. Ladies your talents are outstanding and greatly appreciated. These clubs are listed below.

Thoroughgood ---Entry level well railing
Broad Bay Point --- Entry level & cellar railing
Alanton/Baycliff --- Gift Shop counter
Lynnhaven River --- Men's room window
Birdneck --- Front entrance railing
Lake Smith Terrace --- Foyer sconces & chandelier

Other clubs who continue to deck the halls with the loveliness of greens and natural materials are as follows: Thalia, Linkhorn Park, Aragona, Brittany Point, Church Point, Cavalier, Little Neck, Stratford Chase, Broad Bay Island, May Farm, and Fox Run,

Thank you again for all your support. Hope you have (had) yourselves a Merry Little Christmas and a Happy New Year!



January Council Meeting Program

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

On **January 9th**, the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach is most fortunate to have Frances Thrash presenting a program entitled, "Designing Women: The Art of Creating Award Winning Arrangements". As we all know, when Frances presents a program, it is a do not miss event. She always has so much to teach us! Don't miss Frances on Wednesday, January 9th.

Wreath-Making Workshop

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

The holiday elves who made the wreaths and decorations for the city buildings on December 5th deserve a very sincere "thank you" from all of us. A total of sixty volunteer decorators participated in making fifty wreaths for city buildings. We also owe a special "thank you" to Ellie Kreassig for all her enthusiasm and talents in coordinating the event. Not only are we talented, but we are great. I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday season.

Council of Garden Clubs-Tote Bags

To promote the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, members now have the opportunity to "tote" the Council's logo on our new and attractive tote bags. The bags have a pocket inside, a zipper to secure your items, and a side pocket. What a great way to carry items to and from our meetings, and many other uses.

The bags will be available at the January 9th meeting for only \$20.00. Call if you can't wait for the January meeting!

Scholarship Fund

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

May Farms Garden Club, has joined Hermitage and Little Neck Garden Clubs in making a generous donation to the Council Scholarship Fund. Thank you so much. Thanks to all who have already supported the Council Apron Project. We have lovely aprons for sale. The aprons are green with the council logo on the front. There is plenty of room to embroider your garden club name and your name above the logo. The scholarship fund benefits from the sale and when you wear the apron, your club is more recognizable when volunteering for Empty Bowls, Arbor Day etc. The aprons are \$15.00 with the logo; the personalized embroidery is extra and can be handled through Embroidme, which is located across from the Central Library, next to the Navy Federal Credit Union in Collins Square. No charge for apron delivery.

If you are interested in buying an apron or making a donation, 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 Update

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Please make these changes in your 2007-08 Council of Garden Clubs yearbook.

Larkspur GC, page 71 Sylvia Alexander, sfalex1@juno.com

Little Neck GC, page 73 – Mary Ann Fussell
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Stratford Chase GC, page 77 – Cathy Perry

Co-President, neartheseal@verizon.net

West Neck GC, page 90 – Judi Camaione, jacc3@cox.net

Please note: In these email change of addresses, make sure you are using the number 1, not the letter “l”.

Calendar of Events – 2008, page 22

March 28th Tidewater District Spring Meeting has been changed to :

March 31st, Portsmouth Holiday Inn

Arbor Day

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

Ladies, please put April 4th, 2008 on your calendars. This is Arbor Day in Virginia Beach. More information will be forthcoming as details are worked out.

Empty Bowls Dinner

Dot Cullen, Garden Therapy, 496-2460

The Ceramic Designers Association is again having their annual fundraising event for The Foodbank of South-eastern Virginia. Called the “**Empty Bowls Dinner**”, the event will be held at *Virginia Wesleyan College* in March 2008. The exact date will be in the next TAPROOT.

We will make about 80 to 90 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.

Note to Board Members: Please remember that the January Board Meeting is at 9:00am on January 9th at the Central Library.

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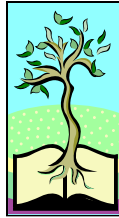
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In order to keep costs down, the Council has determined that we will only mail copies of the *TAPROOT* to past Council Presidents, current Club Presidents and Council Reps who do not have access to e-mail.

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

Deadline for items for the March issue of the *TAPROOT* is February 19, 2008.



Tidewater Builders Association's Mid Atlantic Home & Flower Show

Once again 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 15-17, 2008**.

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:

Friday, February 15th: 10am-9pm

Saturday, February 16th: 10am-9pm

Sunday, February 17th: 10am-6pm.

Don't forget to "Stop and See the Flowers", the Tidewater District's Flower Show
