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Board Meeting

Wed., March 5, 2008, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2007-2009 Officers

President	Glenda Knowles
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A Message from the President

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

The Council year is sailing along and I am sending you greetings for the March 2008 issue of the Taproot already! As I look back to our January general meeting, I am still awed by the beautiful designs by our own Frances Thrash. What a grand program she presented to our members as she demonstrated flower show entry tips and procedures.

Then along came our February 13th program with Craig Moeller, meteorologist with 13 NEWS WEATHER LAB, who amazed and delighted us with his informative and interesting presentation on Climate Changes and Environmental Issues. Also, I understand, but sadly did not see, that Channel 13

aired a segment of his presentation of our Council program!

My deepest appreciation goes to our program chairman, Betsy Davis, and conservation chairman, Carolyn Sale, for their truly outstanding efforts in securing these personalities to give us two wonderful programs in 2008.

Speaking of February 13th, did you have fun at our silent auction after Craig’s presentation? I sure did. Thank you to each of you who contributed an item/s; then played the game and bought items. The Council earned a little over \$400. on the silent auction. The latest report from our treasurer reported 133 tickets were sold for the program. So truly, February 13th was a fundraiser.

Jeanette Willenbrink, conservation co-chairman, worked tirelessly behind the scenes as she telephoned most all clubs to encourage them to come to the February 13th program and to bring items for the auction.

A great big "Thank You" to the members of May Farm Garden Club for arriving early to set up for the silent auction and help place items and collect as the auction closed.

Look for details of our upcoming March program from Betsy Davis in this newsletter.

Glenda

March Council Meeting Program

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

On **March 12th**, at the Central Library, Bill Smoot will take us on a delightful odyssey exploring garden art found in public and private gardens around the world. From his extensive travels he has amassed a unique collection of garden art photos; from serious to humorous, avant-garde to traditional, and beautiful to just plain ugly. Come and enjoy the always entertaining Bill Smoot and his exquisite photography.

A preview for April: "Backyard Bouquets" with Betty Ann Galway.

The Cavalier Garden Club Annual Auction and Luncheon

Ellen McBride, 428-7520

The treasure you want is on the block! The Cavalier Garden Club presents its 47th annual Auction and Luncheon on Wednesday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. The event will take place, as it traditionally has, at the *Cavalier on the Hill* in Virginia Beach.



Not only will there be fabulous items to bid on, there will be a pre-lunch white elephant sale, jewelry sale, and plant sale with house plants, garden plants,

herbs and beautiful baskets. In previous years, items auctioned off have included antiques, indoor and outdoor furniture, garden statuary, jewelry, glassware, crystal, dish sets, artwork, and gift certificates to area businesses. A 50/50 raffle and lovely door prizes also add to the fun and excitement.

This sell-out auction, with lunch and a cash bar, has quite a reputation and tickets go quickly. Don't wait to get yours! For reservations, call **Dawn Bray** at **494-0545** or **Laura Lilieberg** at **496-8945**.

Scholarship Fund

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

Sure we'll all be celebrating St. Patrick's Day sporting our green council aprons! Thanks to all who are supporting the Scholarship Fund either by purchasing our lovely aprons and/or making a donation. There's still time to order your apron, make a donation, and help us reach our goal for this year. As a special incentive, there will be a shamrock in some of the apron pockets sold during March. This shamrock will entitle the apron wearer to free embroidery of her name or Club name.

If you are interested in buying a lucky apron for fifteen dollars or making a donation of any amount, please make your check payable to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and send it to:
Eileen Ryan Seeley
3737 Lynnfield Drive, 23452

Council of Garden Clubs – Tote Bags

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

Council Tote Bags are still available. If you have not bought your "tote" yet, they will be available at our March 12th general meeting. If you need one before that date, call soon. They are really attractive, lightweight, and the absolute best way to promote the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. Only \$20.00 and only twelve (12) left!!

Empty Bowls Dinner

Dot Cullen, Garden Therapy, 496-2460



It is with a great deal of sadness that I must report that there will be no Empty Bowls Dinner this year. In the last *Taproot* I reported that I had contacted Virginia Wesleyan: I left a message and this was the reply:

“After receiving your call I contacted the Ceramic Designers Association. They are the ones who coordinate the Empty Bowls Dinner, we simply host it here at the College. They have elected not to offer the Empty Bowls Dinner this year, so we are releasing the date from the College Calendar, since we will not be hosting it. At this time we are not in a position to organize it. Sorry to pass on the sad news ”

I would like at this time to thank all the Garden Clubs and the very talented and enthusiastic ladies who came with greens and flowers from their gardens and created beautiful floral designs for the Empty Bowls Dinner.

Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day will be celebrated in Virginia Beach on April 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Resource Center in Creeds. This center is the “Old Creeds Library” at 912 Princess Anne Road. The building was renovated last year and opened to the public in October. Creeds Elementary School is located next door and their third grade students will be participating in the Arbor Day Art Contest.

The ladies in charge of the center are excited about being involved in the Arbor Day festivities. They have been most cooperative in working with the city and me in making all arrangements. It is a rather small facility but it will accommodate us. Parking is limited, therefore I am asking that you meet at the Francis Land House at 915 a.m. and carpool. I have cleared this with Tom Marsh, site manager at the house.

As always, we will need “lots” of cookies. There will be approximately 60-65 students and a few of their parents, officials from the city, Virginia Beach Beautification Commission members, garden club ladies, some Master Gardener Tree Stewards and the seniors from the center. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, Councilman Barbara Henley, Council of Garden



Clubs of Virginia Beach President Glenda Knowles and VBBC President Cheryll Klobuchar will be featured on the program.

Please plan to take this trip to the southern part of our city and enjoy the fresh air. It is a nice drive and a plant nursery is located nearby—an added incentive to take the trip.

Annual Council Awards

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

Can you believe that in only a few more months our **Annual Awards & Installation Luncheon** will be here? Now is the time to begin thinking about what awards your Club will be submitting. It is my dearest wish that my Committee and I will receive so many entries that we will have to plan for lunch and dinner in order to have enough time to judge all of the entries.

The **Awards Program** begins on page 26 of the current Council Yearbook, and continues through page 41. *Pay special attention* to the **Individual Awards** on page 38, these awards cover a number of areas, from planting the most daffodils, to an award for the member who is the most improved in floral arranging and the support of her club. Don't forget the Awards on pages 39-41. I am sure there are students attending the *Nature Camp* who could use the \$100.00 award, not to mention a young girl who meets the qualifications for the **Jennifer Lowman Memorial Award**. And last, but not least do not forget the **Virginia Beach Beautification Tree Award** and our two newest awards that are being sponsored by Lynnhaven River NOW; the Rain Garden and the Buffer Restoration Project Awards.

Please read through the Council President's Awards. There are some awards that can be submitted not only for an ABC award but also for one of these. Any questions just call me. Just a reminder that Award #28, Glenda Knowles Attendance Incentive Aware (p.37) will be awarded to the club who meets all the criteria and delivers it to me first. You do NOT have to wait until May 10th to deliver this award, anytime after the May design program is acceptable.

It is my hope that the **CGCVB's Awards Luncheon** will be a bit longer because of the large number of awards that will be handed out this June. Please have your Clubs look over this section in the year-

book and submit entries for every one that your Club is eligible for.

Included in this newsletter, is the form for the **Council President's Award #20, Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award.**

If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me at **463-4885** (home) or **560-5589** (cell) or by e-mail.

Note: Scrapbook pages will be available at the March meeting.

ABC Project Intent Applications

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

Project Intent Applications are due at our Council meeting on March 12th. If you cannot attend the meeting but plan a project, please e-mail your application to me at the address above, or send your application to me at:

**1701 Benns Church Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

The Project Intent Form is on **page 44** of our Council Yearbook. I will have folders for your projects at our April Council Meeting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Hospitality

Faye Lowton, ldlowton@aol.com, 486-2703

A very special thank you to all the clubs who participated in bringing refreshments and flowers for our February 13th meeting. It was a real extra effort that morning as the rains just let loose and most of us got very wet. The clubs were:

Flowers: Stratford Chase GC, Carol White and Marion Wykle

Refreshments: Aragona GC, Bay Colony GC, Church Point GC, Fairfield GC, Fox Run GC, Great Neck GC, Lynnhaven River GC, Stratford Chase GC

Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club

Kathie Vermillion,
kathievermillion@hotmail.com, 481-9447

The Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club is planning a trip to Charlottesville on Thursday, May 8, 2008. They have chartered a bus and will be visiting Monticello, having lunch at the Boar's Head Inn, and visiting the Kluge Winery & Vineyard. Bus will depart from Broad Bay Country Club at 6:30 a.m. Tickets: \$100.00. Please join the fun!! Call Kathie Vermillion or Mary Reinhart (412-2947) for reservations.

The Tidewater Garden Symposium

The Tidewater Garden Symposium which is sponsored by the Virginia Beach Garden Club and the Garden Club of Norfolk, will be held Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Norfolk Academy. Speakers this year include Pamela Harper – "Just because it's beautiful", Robert McDuffie, "Designing the Small House Garden", Dennis Werner, "The fragrant Path" and Daniel Hinkley, "Exceptional combinations of Foliage and Flower". Tickets are \$60.00 and include lunch. Please call 412-2936 or 425-1064 for more information.

Virginia Beach Beautification Commission

The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission is seeking nominations for its annual landscape awards. Institutional, commercial and residential properties will be judged for their curbside appeal in the Centerville Voting District which includes the Glenwood, Brigadoon, Charlestowne, College Park, Lake James and Lake Christopher neighborhoods. Please send nominations to the VBBC at PO Box 1052, Virginia Beach, 23451 or call Cheryll Klobuchar at 463-4885.

Linkhorn Park Garden Club

Linkhorn Park Garden Club will hold its third annual plant sale "Through the Garden Gate" On Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 800 Linkhorn Drive.

In addition to perennials, annuals, herbs and heirloom plants, there will be garden tours, and a bake sale. For more information contact Jessica O'Connor at 428-3994 or any member of the garden club.

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club will host their Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at 4620 Haygood Road (Angel Flight parking lot). Annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, patio pots and a selection of native plants will be available at great prices. Our gardeners are also offering a wonderful selection of plants from their gardens. Come early for the best selections. Contacts are Teen at 671-7991 or Edie at 473-3458.

Fairfield Garden Club

Fairfield Garden Club will be hosting a plant sale on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, April 20, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 5244 Locke Lane, "under the 500 year old oak tree". Martha's heirloom tomatoes will be featured. For information contact Angela Mitchell at 424-3162.

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Jessica O'Connor joc800@att.net, 428-3994

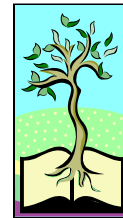
The Council publishes its newsletter, *TAPROOT*, six times a year. It is distributed, primarily by e-mail, to the President and Council Rep(s) of each member Garden Club. It is the responsibility of each Club President and/or Council Rep to distribute the *TAPROOT* to their membership, either by forward-

ing 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.

Deadline for items for the April issue of the *TAPROOT* is Friday, April 18, 2008



Attention Garden Club Members

Laura Jacobson, [belle of the \[mall@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:belleofthemail@hotmail.com\)](mailto:belleofthemail@hotmail.com), 363-7524

Be a part of history by purchasing a piece of the World's largest jigsaw puzzle for Autism. F.A.C.T. (Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater), a locally based non-profit organization that provides social and recreational programs for children with autism, is kicking off its capital campaign to build a regional resource center with this unique fundraiser. The assembly of the jigsaw puzzle, which will be 60,000 square feet, will take place at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on Sunday, April 27th. This event will be free and open to the public and will attract local and national media coverage. The puzzle borders are available for sponsor advertising. Each piece is 18 inches square and available at \$5.00 per piece. If your Garden Club is interested in making a donation or receiving a sales kit containing information about acting as a sales representative, please contact Laura Jacobson. Thank you for your consideration.

CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD

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

Council Year is May 2007 – May 2008

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

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

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2007

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, 2007 – May 9, 2008 _____

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.

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Information provided by HR STORM

STORMWATER

Walk the dog. Wash the car. Change the oil. Add some anti-freeze. Kill some weeds. Fertilize the lawn. Certainly nothing illegal about any of it. But quietly, our most common household chores are having an unhealthy impact on Hampton Roads' waterways. Each time it rains, everything we leave on our streets, driveways and lawns washes untreated through our ditches and storm drains and into our streams, rivers, lakes, and bays. What's so hard about stopping the toxic soup of pollutants streaming into our prized local waters? Not a thing. We've cooked up some easy solution to help.

- If you choose to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, use them sparingly and follow label directions carefully. Never apply fertilizers or pesticides when a heavy rain is forecast.
- Remember, chemicals aren't the only way to control pests and grow a nice lawn. For environmentally friendly ways to control pests and landscape your yard, contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office.
- Recycle or properly dispose of used motor oil and other hazardous wastes. One quart of motor oil can contaminate up to 2 million gallons of water. Visit the HR STORM website at www.hrstorm.org for household chemical disposal programs throughout Hampton Roads.
- Consider taking the car to a commercial car wash, where wastewater is managed to protect our waterways. Or, consider washing the car on the grass with a mild, biodegradable soap.
- Reduce the amount of paved surfaces around your home. Using bricks, stones, pea gravel or oyster shells for driveways, walkways and patios can reduce the amount of rainwater flowing into storm drains as well as helping filter pollutants.
- Be sure that gutters and roof spouts empty onto the grass, where rainwater can soak into the ground, rather than rush over asphalt and concrete.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, soaps, litter and harmful chemicals away from streets, ditches, storm drains and waterways. The added nutrients and toxins those products feed our waterways contribute to harmful algae blooms and fish kills.
- And, of course, bag pet waste and place it in the trash. Pet waste contains harmful bacterial pollutants and nutrients which imperil waterway ecosystems.

DROP BY DROP

- Growing indigenous plants-plants that are native to the area-can save more than 50 percent of the water we use to maintain our home landscapes.
- Putting a spray nozzle on your hose can save hundreds of gallons of water with each use.
- Using less water inside the house can also help improve water quality. The more tap water we use, the more treated wastewater we're adding to our streams, rivers, lakes and bays.