

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., April 2, 2008, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 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
First Vice President	Ellie Kreassig
Second Vice President	Betsy Davis
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi
Corresponding Secretary	Jessica O'Connor
Treasurer	Audrey Kelly

Council Website

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

A Message from the President

Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net, 345-6618

I hope that you are out and about and enjoying the colors of this beautiful spring! Daffodils have been dancing for about two weeks; the Bradford pears are laden with white blossoms; the flowering plum are gorgeous with their lavender branches waving to us as we pass by. Oh, I even saw early tulip magnolias budding out yesterday!

Thanks to Bill Smoot for a wonderful March program on *Art in the Garden*. His program inspired us to not only think of statuary but also his whimsical creations from his own garden showed us how surprises in our gardens make them fun. His power point presentation took us to many places that he has traveled and we enjoyed his international gardens from our Central Library seats!

I hope all of you have **MAY 7, 2008** on your calendar!!! It will be an outstanding Council day. Please be sure and get all the details from the attached flier

and get your tickets by calling 486-1733. An outstanding floral designer presentation, a "lite" lunch, and a visit to a private Virginia Beach historical home for our wonderful flower show – "*A Step Back in Time*". Can you believe all this for \$15.00!

Enjoy each fo these spring days and I look forward to seeing you April 9th for another great program. See Betsy Davis' article for those details.

Glenda

Last Call!

Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net, 345-6618

Have you seen our attractive Council Tote Bags?? They are great for that extra bag when you are traveling! They are lightweight, go with anything/everything, and help promote the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. The logo is pretty in pink!

April Council Meeting Program

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

On **April 9th**, at the Central Library, the Council will present a program, featuring our own Betty Ann Galway, on "Backyard Bouquets". Come and learn how to make stunning arrangements with the materials growing in your own backyard!!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net, 345-6188

March 28	Cavalier GC Auction 494-0545
March 29	Cherry Blossom Festival/Redwing Pk
April 2	VB Council Board Meeting FLH
April 4	Arbor Day, Creeds Senior Center
April 7-9	VFGC State Convention
April 9	VB Council Meeting, 10:00 am
April 21	Decorate FLH, 10:00am
April 23	VB Tour/ Garden Week 10:00am
May 7	Tony Todesco, Lunch, Flower Show Tickets 486-1733, \$15.00

Council Awards

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

Well, it's that time again, cleaning up our gardens, planting trees, shrubs, and flowers and writing up entries for the **Council's Awards Program**.

Please check the Council Yearbook for the awards starting on **page 27**. Don't forget to check out our new awards this year on **pages 37, 40 & 41**. The awards being offered by Lynnhaven River Now are in keeping with the President's Theme of "Keeping Virginia Beach Environmentally Beautiful".

I will have **scrapbook pages** available at the April meeting for those Clubs that were unable to pick one up at the March meeting. If you would like your's earlier, give me a call or email me.

Each entry is to be submitted in an Oxford or theme binder. **Page 26** in the Yearbook explains how to label the entries. **Entries submitted by Clubs incorrectly labeled or not in an Oxford or theme binder will be notified and requested to correct the errors.** Incorrectly labeled entries make it difficult for the **Judging Committee** to do their job. Please help us by following the instructions on page 26. If you have any questions about how to label your entry,

please contact me. I will be more than happy to help you.

The entries are due no later than, **May 10th**. I will have a box on my doorstep on the 10th of May for you to place your entries. 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)**. If you need directions or have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Note: The *Glenda Knowles Attendance Incentive Award* can be turned in as soon as the last requirement is met. This award will be presented to the club who meets all the criteria and gets their BOE in first.

Annual Awards Luncheon

Laura Jacobson, Luncheon Co-Chair, 363-7524

Our annual Awards Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, June 4th**, at the **Princess Anne County Club**, located at 3800 Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach. If your Garden Club would like to donate a floral centerpiece, there will be a sign-up sheet available at the April Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th. A total of **15 arrangements** are needed for this event. We are using sage green and white linens as room décor for the event. Each arrangement should be no larger than 18" in diameter. Please keep in mind that these arrangements are to be given away as table prizes, so place your flowers in containers that will not need to be returned. The Council's theme for this year is, "The preservation of our environment in Virginia Beach". If you have any questions about the arrangements or sign-up please feel free to contact me.

Luncheon reservations are due **Tuesday, May 27th**. Please see the Reservation Form in this issue.

Arbor Day

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

Don't forget, Arbor Day is April 4th. Please don't forget to bring your cookies!! Remember, we will be carpooling from the Francis Land House at 9:15am.

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

Francis Land House



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

The Elite Club News

Francis Land House floral arrangements will be designed by Virginia Beach Clubs as follows:

- Aragona
- Cavalier
- Church Point
- Fox Run
- King's Grant
- Little Neck
- May Farm
- Thoroughgood
- Thalia
- Stratford Chase

A big thanks to you all!!

The house will be adorned by a few of the "elite" garden clubs on April 21, 2008 between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you are not among the talented ladies at the home on the 21st, be sure to plan your schedule to visit the Francis Land House between April 22nd and April 27th, and delight your senses with the charm of the house and the beauty of the arrangements.

Thanks, again, to all the Garden Clubs and members for sharing your talent and giving of your time.

Hospitality

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

Thank you to the clubs who participated in bringing refreshments and flowers for our March 12th meeting. Those clubs were:
Flowers: Thalia Garden Club, Vijaya Shetty

Refreshments: Aragona Garden Club
Garden Club of Greater Kempsville,
Princess Anne Garden Club and Thalia Garden Club

OOPS – Last month, we left off the Great Neck POINT Garden Club. Sorry Ladies



New Council ABC Project

Glenda Knowles,
ggknowles@cox.net, 345-6618



The Council is grateful for the support of our membership in your vote for the Council of Garden Clubs to financially support the expansion of the Japanese Garden at Redwing Park in Virginia Beach. This will be our 2007-2009 ABC project. We are excited to "partner with the City" and make a substantial contribution to this garden. Our sister city, Miyazaki, Japan, has created a wonderful garden in tribute to the City of Virginia Beach in Japan. This expansion will honor our sister city and make our Virginia Beach garden a "must see" for our visitors. Completion of this expansion is expected by June 2009.

We are asking all clubs to inform your members of this Council beautification project and to consider making a generous donation. It was also approved at the March 12th meeting that clubs making a minimum donation of \$500. would have their club's name inscribed on a plaque or stone. Your club's

2008 Council Yearbook Information Forms and Advertising Forms

Yearbook Committee

Please look for these important attachments in the May 2008 issue of the Taproot.

Club presidents will receive a letter with the club information sheets enclosed and a return envelope. These forms should be mailed or given to Johnnie Miller. The **firm deadline for returning club information** is set for **June 15, 2008**.

Advertising forms, both club and business, need to be returned absolutely no later than June 30, 2008. Club ads should go to Cheryl Klobuchar and business ads should go to Suzie Duckworth. This information will be on the form.

It is imperative that these deadlines are adhered to in order that editing, proofreading, and printing of the yearbook is completed for distribution in Sept.

Flower Show Notes

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

Please be sure to see the beautiful flyer that Adele Lundquist designed at the end of the newsletter. Entries for the flower show will be received on Tuesday, May 6th from 8:30 until noon. The classes of horticulture that are included in the show schedule are: broad-leaf evergreens, bulbs, flowering garden grown woodie plants, cut herbs, and potted topiaries. Other important details are that everyone must park on the street and horticulture entries will be received just outside the sunroom door – right turn from the front door and around the house to the side.

It will be a beautiful show with all the gorgeous spring bloom and I hope that everyone will come and enter all her spectacular May flowers!!

Project Intent Forms

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

The following clubs have turned in their Project Intent Forms:

- Church Point GC – Maintenance
- GC of Pembroke Manor – Maintenance
- Kings Grant GC – Continuing Project
- Linkhorn Park GC – Beautification, Maintenance
- Little Neck GC – Beautification, Maintenance, Litter Control, Garden Therapy, Historic
- May Farm GC – Beautification, Continuing, Garden Therapy, Conservation
- Thalia GC – Maintenance

If your club is not listed above and plans a project, please submit your forms immediately by e-mail, or mail. I will bring folders for your project to our April Meeting.

TAPROOT

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

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

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

Thoroughgood Garden Club

The Thoroughgood Garden Club will hold its

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 19th

10:00am – 2:00pm

Adam Thoroughgood House
1636 Parish Road, VB

Offerings will include potted plants: Annuals, Perennials, Native Plants, Herbs, Hanging Baskets, Garden Club Cookbook, Yard Art and Gently-used Garden Accessories.

For information contact
Susan Porter at srporter@juno.com

Linkhorn Park Garden Club

Linkhorn Park Garden Club will hold its

Third Annual Plant Sale

“Through the Garden Gate”

Saturday, April 26, 2008

10:00am to 2:00pm

800 Linkhorn Drive.

In addition to perennials, annuals, herbs and heirloom plants, there will be garden tours and a bake sale.

For information contact
Jessica O'Connor at 428-3994
or any member of the Linkhorn Park GC.

Website Update

www.VBGardenClubs.org

The website has been moved to a new host provider! The new provider is faster and more reliable. All existing club email accounts have been changed to forward email to a representative for each club. There is no change to the website address above.

If you have any questions please contact the webmaster at webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org.

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, 2006 – May 9, 2007 _____

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.

Award of Merit

Anne Herrick, anneher@cox.net,

It is the time of year again to recognize businesses that have done an outstanding job with their landscaping. This award is in the form of a certificate which reads, “...For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises.”

In this way we let businesses know we appreciate their efforts. So, as you drive around the area, take time to note the names and addresses of those businesses (max. four per entry) to which you would like a certificate sent. The Club submitting the most will also be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Please send your completed forms to be by Monday, **April 28, 2008**:

Anne Herrick
921 Prince Phillip Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Or e-mail your submission to anneher@cox.net (subject: Council Awards of Merit)

Awards of Merit Submission Form – Deadline: April 28, 2008

Business Name

Address

Zip Code

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Submitter’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail (if any): _____

Garden Club: _____

COUNCIL AWARDS LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, June 4, 2008
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 Ganache Brownie Mousse Cake
- Iced tea and coffee

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 27, 2008

*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 15 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 sage 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: Laura Jacobson – 363-7524 Co-Chair: Joan Curtin – 460-6493

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 4, 2008

CLUB NAME: _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$20.00 EACH** _____

(Please indicate menu selection of Crepes, Salad or Vegetarian Meal near name)

NAMES: _____

CONTACT: _____ **PHONE:** _____

A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Sponsored by Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Featuring Tony Todesco
Nationally Renowned Guest Designer**



The Program: 10 a.m.

"Designs by Tony Todesco", a floral demonstration

**Virginia Beach Central Library Auditorium,
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard**

The Lunch: 11:15 a.m.

"Lite" Lunch (at the conclusion of Design Program)

Virginia Beach Central Library Meeting Rooms

The Show: Noon to 6 p.m.

"A Step Back in Time"

The Hermitage

4200 Hermitage Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Admission \$15

Call 757-486-1733 for tickets