

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 3, 2008, 10:00 AM Francis Land House

General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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	Virginia S. Anderson, 481-4688
www.VBGardenClubs.org	webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org

A Message from the President

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

Thank you, Betty Ann Galway, for showing us how to have fun making "Backyard Bouquets" from our gardens at our April 9th program! Of course, Betty Ann's "backyard" garden flowers were from Norfolk Botanical Garden! Those of us lucky enough to win one of her "magical" creations enjoyed those beautiful spring flowers for many days!

The Arbor Day celebration on April 4th was a smash! The children and their artwork made it so special. Creeds Elementary School teachers and parents should be so very proud of their third graders. Thank you to Johnnie Miller, Ellie Kreassig and Kay Sawyer for their efforts in making the day so special for all that attended. Cookies, boy did we have cookies! Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us.

Do you have your ticket for our MAY 7, 2008 program??? "TIME'S A WASTING." Call Audrey Kelly at 486-1733. We are excited to have 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?

Thank you Frances Thrash, for chairing this flower show for the Council. We are looking forward to the show and visit to this lovely home and garden.

Glenda

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 Coun-**

try Club, located at 3800 Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach. I still need one more volunteer to bring a table arrangement. 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 Reservation Form in this issue.

Hospitality Committee

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

Thank you to the clubs who participated in bringing refreshments and flowers for our April 9th general meeting. Those clubs were:

Flowers: Little Neck Garden Club, Eileen Seeley

Refreshments:

Broad Bay Island Garden Club
Thoroughgood Garden Club
Witch Duck Garden Club

Council Awards

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

It's that time again; I hope that you have been looking through the Council's yearbook at the various awards that are being offered. They begin on page 27. The guidelines concerning the proper way to submit an entry are on page 26. If you have any questions about a particular award or how to write up the entry, please contact me at 463-4885 (h) or 560-5589 ©; or e-mail as above.

All entries are due on Saturday, May 10th. There will be a plastic container on my front stoop in which to place your entries. If you would prefer dropping them off sooner, call me at the above phone numbers and arrangements can be made.

My address is 758 Suffolk Lane. My home is located on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle in King's Grant. If you would like directions to my home, call me at one of the phone numbers above and I'll give you the directions.

Good Luck to each and everyone

Scholarship Fund

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

Thanks to all the wonderful ladies who purchased the Council Aprons. We have sold every one and earned over five hundred dollars for the Scholarship Fund. Because of your generosity we will not have to have a Scholarship fundraiser next year. We are hoping to rely on generous Club and individual donations to make up the difference. Clubs who have donated this year include **Hermitage Garden Club, Little Neck Gardenclub, May Farm Garden Club, and Fairfield Garden Club.**

Johnnie Miller has made a donation to the fund in memory of **Lillian Youell**. This is a wonderful idea. Donations in memory of relatives or fellow garden club members are gratefully accepted. Please include a contribution to the Scholarship fund in next year's Club budget. A contribution to the scholarship fund enables a horticulture student at Virginia Tech to continue beautifying our planet. Thank you for your support.

ABC Book of Evidence Due

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

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on Saturday, May 10th. Please deliver your books to my co-chair **Ellie Kreassig**, at **433 Lynn Shore Drive, Virginia Beach**. She will have a basket on her porch all day on the 10th. If you need to deliver before the 10th, please contact Ellie at **340-0167** to make arrangements.

Please remember, we will be judging your projects during the last two weeks of May. A poorly maintained project can make a difference between receiving a first place award or second or third.

Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach began more than 30 years ago. It was a very cold day at Mt. Trashmore with less than 10 people in attendance. It was presided over by the late Mary Winder from Cavalier Garden Club. No school was involved and no cookies were served. A poem was read and a willow oak (if my memory serves me correctly) was planted and we shivered in the biting wind. That began a lasting tradition which has grown into the wonderful event that was held on April 4th at Creeds Senior Resource Center.

After many days of rainy, misty and cool weather, Friday April 4th dawned sunny and mild, perfect for tree planting in the southern section of our city. What a nice drive to the site. Everyone involved was most cooperative, Creeds Elementary School principal, Mr. Davenport, the teachers, the third grade students and the staff. Nancy Allen and all the volunteers at the Resource Center, Landscape Services staff and especially Frank Fentress who stands in for the city arborist at the event helped to make it a most special celebration.

Thanks to each of the above. Glenda made us proud with appropriate remarks about Arbor Day. Cheryl represented the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission and presented the donation which pays for the Arbor Day tree to Landscape Services. The tree planted was a Shumard Oak.

Each of the following clubs provided cookies: (I hope I haven't left anyone out)

Aragona, Broad Bay Point Greens, C.O.L.T., Church Point, Country Gardeners Guild, Great Neck Point, Kings Grant, Lake Smith Terrace, Linkhorn Park, May Farm, Pembroke Meadows, and Thalia. **Thank you.** You heard the cheer that the students gave when they were told that they would be getting cookies after lunch. The cookies were enjoyed at the reception presided over by Faye Lowton, Nancy Wollett and Sharon Hundley and assisted by Larry Lowton, Faye's husband.

Kay Sawyer and Ellie Kreassig made a mad dash to Portsmouth on Wednesday to pick up and wrap the small trees that were presented to the students.

Thanks to each person involved in this event. Excellent job, ladies! I think we have come a long way in celebrating Arbor Day!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 7 Tony Todesco program; "lite" lunch; "A Step Back in Time" flower show 10:00 AM; tickets 486-1733
- May 10 Award entries due
Cheryll Klobuchar
- May 10 ABC entries due to
Ellie Kreassig
- May 27 Luncheon reservations due
- June 4 Council Awards Luncheon
Princess Anne CC
- June 15 Club yearbook forms due
- June 30 Club/Business ads due

Council ABC Project

Japanese Garden Expansion

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

The Council is excited to be working with the City of Virginia Beach and making a substantial contribution to this project.

During the summer as you are preparing your club budgets for next year's expenses, please include a donation to the Council's ABC Japanese Garden project. Members voted at last month's general meeting to endorse many levels of donations: \$500, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. The City will establish names for these levels of giving.

There is no limit to your club's donation. We will accept the smallest to the largest amount and will list all clubs making donations in the Taproot.

Also to benefit this Council ABC project, the Council will sponsor a fund raising event on Friday, November 21, 2008. It will be a Christmas House Tour, luncheon at the Princess Anne Country Club,

and fashion show! Put this important date on your club calendars!!

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

Deadline for items for the September/October issue of the *TAPROOT* is Friday, August 17, 2008.

King's Grant Garden Club

King's Grand Garden Club would like to thank the garden clubs and individuals who supported our Spring Bedding Plant Sale on April 12th. By purchasing items at our plant sale you have once again made it possible for our club to continue to beautify and enhance our neighborhood and the City of Virginia Beach.

Please mark your calendars now for our Fall Pansy Sale in October 2008 and our Bedding Plant Sale in April 2009. We are working on some new and exciting things for these sales. Once more, Thank you for your continuing support.



VBBC Annual Dinner

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

The **Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's** annual Awards Dinner will be held **Thursday, May 15th** at the **Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club**. Awards will be presented to winners in the Centerville District (Borough) in three categories: Residential, Commercial, and Institutional.

Our speaker will be Steven Living, who will present an informative and entertaining program entitled "Going Wild—Landscaping with Native Plants".

You are invited to attend our dinner. Cocktails and a Silent Auction begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:15; Speaker and awards presentation at 8:00 p.m. The cost is **\$30**. Please call **Demaris Yearick** at **422-1618** for additional information.

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 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 20 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 PERSON: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

2008-2009 YEARBOOK ADS

Attention Garden Clubs and Businesses: Advertise your club's or company products, services or events by placing an ad in our upcoming COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, Inc, 2007-2008 YEARBOOK. This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or "just place a greeting" and you will be supporting the ongoing Council projects to make our community a better place in which to live...

PLEASE SEND YOUR AD LAYOUT AND CHECK **BY JUNE 30, 2008** TO:

For Club Ads, with check

Cheryll Klobuchar, 758 Suffolk Lane, VA Beach, VA 23452-3844 c-klobuchar@cox.net, 463-4885 –

For Business ads, with check

Suzie Duckworth, 1701 Benn's Church Place, VA Beach, VA 23455-7034, suzied@verizon.net, 363-1050

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Due to the increase in printing costs, our prices reflect a slight increase

Please circle the size of the advertisement you desire for the Yearbook.

Ad Size	Cost
Quarter Page – 4 ½ inches by 1 11/16 inches in height Or 2 3/16 inches by 3 7/16 inches in height	\$15.00
Half Page – 4 ¼ inches wide by 3 3/8 inches in height	\$25.00
Full Page – 4 ½ inches wide by 7 inches in height	\$30.00

Return this completed form to me with the following:

Camera-ready ad layout; (i.e. the ad should be sized to the measurements shown above.)

Check payable to **The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.**

Deadline is June 30, 2008

**2007-2008 Council Yearbook Information Sheet
DEADLINE – JUNE 15th, 2008**

Dear Club Presidents:

Please complete this information sheet and return it to:

**Johnnie Miller,
4750 Post Oak Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
467-1549
JMill61558@aol.com**

The information you provide will be used to update your Club's information in the Council of Garden Club Yearbook for 2008-2009 and the mailing and e-mail list for the **TAPROOT**. Please complete and **return this form no later than June 15th, 2008.**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:

Name of Club: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Does your Club pay dues to any of the following affiliated organizations? If YES, please check those that apply to your Club.

<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> The Garden Club of Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidewater District
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____

DOES YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATE IN INTER-CLUB JUDGING? **YES** or **NO** (Circle one)

PRESIDENT:

Name:
Address:
City/Zip:
Telephone:
E-Mail

TREASURER:

Name:
Address:
City/ZIP
Telephone:
E-Mail:

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Name:
Address:
City/ZIP:
Telephone:
E-Mail:

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Name:
Address:
City/ZIP:
Telephone:
E-Mail:

JUDGING CHAIRPERSON:

Name:
Address:
City/ZIP:
Telephone:
E-Mail:

ABC CHAIRPERSON:

Name:
Address:
City/ZIP:
Telephone:
E-Mail:

Virginia Beach Master Gardener's Plant Sale



Virginia Beach Farmer's Market Presents "Garden Day at the Market"

SATURDAY, **May 10, 2008** - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
On the corner of Dam Neck and Princess Anne Roads

FEATURING

Plants grown and donated from our gardens to yours....

- ❖ Perennials, annuals, vegetables, shrubs and trees
- ❖ Hanging baskets
- ❖ Unusual and hard to find plants
- ❖ Plant doctor and gardening information



For more information visit: www.vbmg.org or contact Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Beach Office at (757) 385-4769.

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