

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 3, 2008, 10:00 AM CENTRAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

General Meeting

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

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A Message from the President

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

It is time to get out of those lounge chairs, take off the sunglasses, put away the sunscreen, and get ready for another exciting garden club year! This has been a record-setting summer for our family (I am actually missing the month of August – where did it go??)

It should be lots of fun sharing our “summer stories” at our September 10th general meeting. “Back by popular demand” will be outstanding programs for you! Betsy Davis, program chairman, will give you the details of our September program in this Taproot.

September is the Neptune Seniors Gala flower arranging workshop, so look for Frances Thrash’s article to know the plant materials that she will need for

you to bring to the VB Convention Center the morning of September 12th.

The new yearbook is always something to look forward to receiving at this September meeting. So many hours have gone into the preparation of this important blk. A huge THANK YOU to the yearbook committee for using their summer time to help get this document assembled, Suzie Duckworth, Johnnie Miller, Cheryl Klobuchar and Ginger Anderson.

Glenda

September Meeting

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

In conjunction with our president’s theme of conservation, our September Program is “Improving Water Quality in Virginia” presented by Karen Forget, Ex-

ecutive Director of Lynnhaven River NOW. A brilliant and dynamic speaker, Karen sheds light on a subject dear to all of us.

Planning ahead, on Wednesday October 8th, the award winning Brent Heath of **Brent and Becky's Bulbs** will present "Bulbs as Companion Plants in Four Seasons". This will be a very special education program with a book signing and a raffle of a personalized landscape design by Brent. Tickets are \$10.00.

Council Dues

Audrey Kelly, wmyluv@cox.net, 486-1733

With the by-law change, dues are now \$1.00 per club member per year. Dues are payable in September and October and no later than December 1st.

Dues paid after December 1st shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late. Please send in your club dues as soon as possible. Associated club dues will be \$50.00 per club.

Neptune Festival Senior Gala

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

Ladies, it is Neptune Festival time! The Senior Gala will be September 12, and we will once again make the centerpieces for 65 tables! Your help is needed at 9:00am at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Ballroom. Please bring pittosporum and curly willow branches or Harry Lauder's branches (each about 3 feet long), clippers, florist knives, gloves if you want them, and trash bags. I will have samples made for each step of the design process to guide the arrangements along the table. Then, we will place them on the dining tables before we leave. We will be finished before lunch and I am certain it will be gorgeous!

Please come and be sure to sign in for your club's participation certificate and points towards council awards. Please call me if you are able to bring pittosporum, curly willow, or Harry Lauder's so that I may be certain we will have enough to complete all the designs – 481-3484. See you there at 9:00 am, September 12th..

Scholarship Fund

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

Thanks to your generous support, we are very close to our scholarship goal. We have received donations from Cavalier Garden Club, Church Point Garden Club, Fairfield Garden Club, Hermitage Garden Club, Little Neck Garden Club, Lynnhaven River Garden Club, May Farm Garden Club, Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club, Thalia Garden Club and Throughgood Garden Club. We also received a donation in memory of Lillian Youell. We hope that no Club names have been omitted from this list and look forward to adding additional Clubs. The Council is grateful for your support of this worthwhile project. Please make your checks out to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and send them to Eileen Seeley, 3737 Lynnfield Drive, Virginia Beach 23452.

Council of Garden Clubs Yearbook, 2008-2009

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

The Council of Garden Clubs 2008-2009 Yearbooks will be available at our September Council Meeting, Wednesday the 10th at the Central Library on Virginia Beach Blvd. Ellie Kreassig, First Vice President and I will have a table set up at 9:30AM. Please make an effort to have someone from your club pick up your yearbooks. The books will also be available at the Special Education Program in October.

Thanks to all the clubs who supported the council by placing an ad in the yearbook. Your ads and the business ads help pay for the printing of our yearbook. Like everything else, cost of printing our yearbook continues to go up each year, so we need your support.

Hope you had a great summer. I am looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

A Sad Passing

Susan Porter, srporter@juno.com, 460-7890

The Thoroughgood Garden Club respectfully remembers Marilyn Sinkez, a member who passed away on July 13, 2008. Marilyn was an avid gardener and worked at the Adam Thoroughgood House as an historic interpreter for more than 20 years, educating visitors on local history, including the development of botanical cultivation in colonial times.

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

Keren Pernini, pernini@cox.net,

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club is holding its annual Pansy Sale for pick-up on Thursday, October 16th. Beautiful pansies and violas are from Paramount Nursery. Proceeds are used for our charitable support of Council of Garden Club projects, Lynnhaven House Foundation, Lynnhaven River NOW, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Angel Flight. Contacts for orders are Teen Foshay -671-7991 and Edie Eason -473-3458.

Fairfield Garden Club

Ellen Powell, el-lib@cavtel.net,

Fairfield Garden Club will hold a Fall Plant Sale
Featuring Pansies and Mums
Saturday, October 11, 2008
9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
5244 Locke Lane (Fairfield)

Francis Land House

Johnnie Miller, JMill61558@aol.com,

The Friends of the Francis Land House will be sponsoring a Wine Tasting Fundraiser
On Saturday, September 13th
An Evening of Wine and Roses
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
At the Francis Land House
Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres,
Entertainment, Raffle, Silent Auction
50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased at the Francis Land Gift Shop or contact
Johnnie Miller – 467-1549



Norfolk Botanical Garden

Betty Ann Galway, bettyann.galway@nbgs.org,

Design Time: This is a wonderful opportunity to see a real artist in action.

Floral Designs of Doug Vogel

Sponsored by Norfolk Botanical Garden and Allied Florist Association

Sunday October 19 12:30-3:00p.m.

What a deal, come enjoy a delicious lunch by Fresh Events with panoramic views of our Bicentennial Rose Garden, then sit back and be entranced by the magic. Watch *top award winning* Doug Vogel of Maryland with over thirty years of professional experience, display his artful talents while creating breathtaking floral design right before your eyes. See the latest trends and get clever ideas for all your holiday decorating. Don't forget your check book – you'll want to win one of these wonderful designs to take home. Lunch is included in the price.

Bonus: A judged flower show with local top designers will be in the lobby for your viewing pleasure. Cost \$35.00 per person. Call to register -441-5830 x338.

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

Deadline for items for the November/December issue of Taproot is Thursday, October 23, 2008



9th Annual
Virginia Beach Master Gardeners'
Community Gardening Festival



GARDENING ON THE WILD SIDE !!!

*Promoting native plants, gardening to attract beneficial insects
And water conservation ideas*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center
1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach

OUR SPEAKERS WILL INSPIRE YOU !!!

10:30	Native Plants to attract Butterflies to your garden followed by a tour of the Butterfly and Native Plant Gardens	Ruth Burch
11:30	Rain Gardens followed by a tour of the new Rain Garden	Laurie Fox
12:30	Attracting Beneficial Insects to your garden	Andy Hankins
1:30	Weird and Wonderful Wildlife in your garden	Mary Reid Barrow

Daylong Activities: demonstrations, tours of the Display Gardens and the Arboretum, a bake sale, book and plant sales and a silent auction.

Our Plant Doctors will also be there to help you with plant problems/answer questions.

Garden Societies and other garden and environmental groups will present information and sales.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ??

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.vbmg.org

or

CALL THE VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

VIRGINIA BEACH OFFICE: (757) 385-4769





Fundraiser

What: Christmas House Tour and Fashion Show

When: November 21, 2008

9:30 am - 12:00 – Christmas House Tour

12:30 - Cocktails

1:00 - Lunch

*1:30 - Fashion Show provided by Janet's,
Lowenthal and Khames Jewelry*



*Entertainment by: Violin/Cello Duet by Blakeley and Kaleigh
Cohen*

*Where: Christmas House Tour
Suzie Duckworth's house
1701 Benns Church Place
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455*



*Luncheon and Fashion Show
Princess Anne Country Club*



More: There will be a 50/ 50 drawing and raffle baskets. Tickets will be available at the September meeting for \$30. Only 215 tickets are available. All proceeds go to the Council ABC Project Japanese Gardens at Red Wing Park,