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Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 5, 2008, 10:00 AM CENTRAL LIBRARY

General Meeting

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

2008-2009 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, 757-345-6618

What an amazing organization this Council is! Our September program by Karen Forget of Lynnhaven River NOW started us off with the facts and encouragement that we can make a huge difference in our own Lynnhaven River by knowing what and how to be good stewards of our gardening methods and additives to our lawns and gardens. I surely hope if you missed this tremendous program, that you will invite Karen to come to your individual clubs to present this outstanding program.

Brent Heath “knocked our socks off” with his powerful presentation of color and bulb selections on October 10th. I hope that you went home with at least one of his and wife, Becky’s books—TULIPS and DAFFODILS. The Council still has a few signed copies at \$20 each. What a wonderful Christmas gift for a special gardening-loving friend.

Congratulations to Sylvia Alexander of Larkspur Garden Club. She was the lucky winner of a personal landscape evaluation by Brent Heath!!!

I am so excited about our November activities. Look for Betsy Davis’ article for the special November 12th general meeting program. Another “back by popular demand” floral arranger! Then, on November 21st, our **Christmas House Tour**, luncheon, fashion show, and “more” to be held in two locations: the home of Suzie Duckworth and the Princess Anne Country Club. Please see the article in this Taproot giving you these details. Tickets are still available from our treasurer **Audrey Kelly**.

I hope that you have received your new Council 2008-2009 yearbook. It is filled with important information regarding club presidents, treasurers, and dates for meetings and programs. Please contact me if you have not received your yearbook. Again, thank you to the yearbook committee who assembled the book. They are: Suzie Duckworth, Johnnie

Miller, Cheryll Klobuchar, and Ginger Anderson. Please patronize our yearbook ad sponsors! **Thank them for their ads and let them know that the Council is appreciative of their support!**

Happy Fall Gardening - Glenda

Message from Our Treasurer

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

Some clubs have not paid 2008-2009 dues. There will be a \$5.00 late fee for those paying after December 1st.

Scholarship Fund

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

We have received our first donation of this Garden Club year! Thank you Aragona Garden Club for making a contribution honoring the memory of Robin Ball Kevem. Please join Aragona and send your contributions to scholarship chairman, Eileen Seeley, 3737 Lynnfield Drive, Virginia Beach 23452-4721. Please make checks payable to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. We appreciate your continued support.

2008-2009 Council Yearbook

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

Please make the following corrections to your copy of the council yearbook.

Club Rosters:

Page 54 **King's Forest Garden Club** is currently inactive.

Page 57-58 **Little Neck Garden Club** Please delete the email address of Kay Eckhardt

Page 58 **Lynnhaven River Garden Club**

President – Shelia Jennings

Change email address to: shejennings@verizon.net

November Program

Betsy Davis,
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“Fresh Ideas for the Holidays” Kim Whitfield of Flowers at Hilltop will once again dazzle us with her charming creativity! You don’t want to miss her delightful presentation or the raffle of her beautiful arrangements on November 12th.

Looking ahead to our **January 14th** meeting we will have “Update of Virginia Beach’s Urban Forest Master Plan”. Come and greet the new year and meet the new city arborist, Kristina Villaire. She will explain to us the city’s forestry plans and answer your questions and concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity for us.

Requirements for New Garden Clubs to Join the Council of GC of VB

Ellie Kreassig, kreassig@verizon.net, 340-0167

The Council would love to have newly-formed community garden clubs join the Council of Garden Clubs. If you know of clubs in your neighborhood that are existing or interested in forming a club, please share this information with them:

First, contact this chairman to advise her of your interest in joining the Council and/or the Tidewater District and to obtain an application form.

Clubs need to furnish this information to this chairman and it will then be presented to the Council’s Board of Directors:

1. Complete an application form for membership
2. Membership dues (\$1.00 per person)
3. A list of the club’s officers
4. A copy of the club’s bylaws

Upon acceptance of membership by the Board of Directors, the First Vice President (Membership Chairman) will notify the club in writing. The newly-accepted club will then be presented at the next general meeting of the Council.

Wreath-Making Workshop

Mari Hall, MARGOHALL@aol.com, 481-3970
Ellie Kreassig, kreassig@verizon.net, 340-0167

Mark your calendar on **Wednesday, December 3rd**, for the annual Wreath-making Workshop at the **Landscape Services Building**, 3829 Elbow Road, from **9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**.



We have been invited again to show our magnificent talents “decorating the boards” (in the Williamsburg manner) for Christmas at the City Hall Municipal Center. Ed Barnes will have his staff provide the boards, greens, fruits, and staples, but remember to bring your own staple gun and clippers.

Santa will be at the door to welcome you, and the coffee and donuts will be ready.

Holiday Greens & Gift Sale

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

Thoroughgood Garden Club 1957 – 2008, will hold its annual Holiday Greens & Gifts Sale on the Adam Thoroughgood House on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

The sale will feature beautiful evergreen wreaths, swags and natural greenery embellished with seasonal decorations and ready made gifts. The Garden Club’s Cookbook will also be offered for sale.

Neptune Senior Gala Workshop

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

Thank you to all the clubs who participated in the Senior Gala Workshop. The arrangements were beautiful and the evening a big success.

Francis Land House



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

We are bringing out the holly and the ivy, the mistletoe and pine rope and much, much more, to dress the Francis Land House for the winter holidays! Francis Land House Winter Decorating is December 1st from 10:00a.m. -- 2:00p.m.

There is a small budget for needed supplies for the Winter Holiday Decorations. Please call Kay Eckhart 486-7328 or Peggy Caverly 490-0925 as soon as you know your needs/desires (lady apples, pineapple half etc) and let us know type and quantity. Deadline for calling is November 28th.

Please use local growing greens, berries, flowers or dried materials. Fruits and nuts may also be used. (No bows, artificial material or modern designs please).

Remember, your club will be responsible for checking on your decorations and keeping them fresh, as they will be in place from December 1st through “twelfth night” January 6th.

Calling all club members, come view these decorations between December 2nd and January 6th. It is guaranteed to boost your holiday spirit and put joy in your hearts!!

Twenty Third Christmas Craft Faire

Johnnie Miller, JMill61558@verizon.net, 467-1549



FRANCIS LAND HOUSE
3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard

FAIRE HOURS: Friday, **October 31st**
12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, **November 1st**
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, **November 2nd**
12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: **\$2.00**

QUALITY EXHIBITORS featuring “the best in crafts”:

*Stained Glass Creations *Wooden Crafts
*Jewelry *Dried Floral
*Christmas Collectibles Arrangements

EXCELLENT SHOPPING in an old-fashioned atmosphere

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BRUNSWICK STEW & HAM BISCUITS
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 4 Election Day
November 5 CGCVB Board of Directors,
10:00 AM Auditorium Central
Library
November 6 VB Beautification Commission
Fall Luncheon, Noon, Princess
Anne Country Club, 422-1618
November 12 CGCVB General Meeting, 10:00
Auditorium Central Library
November 21 CGCVB, **House Tour**, Lunch
Fashion Show, PACC –ABC
Fund Raiser!!
November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1 Decorate Francis Land House

December 3 Wreath Making Workshop
January 7 CGCVB Board Meeting
Home of Jessica O’Connor
January 14 CGCVB General Meeting,
10:00am, Central Library
“Make it, Bake it, Grow it Auc-
tion” (**This is a date change**)

Garden Therapy, Empty Bowls Dot Cullen, 496-2460

I am very happy to report that I was contacted by a member of the Ceramic Designers Association regarding their annual fundraising **Empty Bowls Dinner**. As you will recall, it did not take place last year, much to our disappointment.

She wanted to know if the Council would again be able to do the 90 Floral Arrangements as we have done in the past. I assured her that we could and that the Council had included it in its budget.

The date will be March 13, 2009 at Virginia Wesleyan College. Further details will be forthcoming.

Please start saving your jars and large soup containers, leaving the labels on.

Hostesses for September and October Council Meetings

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

Thank you to the following garden clubs who provided refreshments for our September 10th general meeting:

Lake Smith GC, Keren Pernini, president
Larkspur GC, Ann Harris, president
Thalia GC, Rose Buseti, president, (Ellie Kreassig flowers)

And to these clubs for the October 10th special education program:

Alanton-Baycliff GC, Barbara Hancock, president
Cavalier GC, Joan Joyner, president (Gaye Burton – flowers)
Fairfield GC, Ellen Powell, president
Fox Run GC, Phyllis Keene, president
Linkhorn Park GC, Jessica O’Connor, president

Council of GC of VB Hostesses for Fall TD Meeting

Glenda Knowles, President, ggknowles@cox.net,
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The members of the Council of Garden Clubs of VB were happy hostesses for the fall meeting of the Tidewater District on October 23rd at the Cavalier Yacht & Golf Club. "Fall Colors" was the theme for the day and Betty Ann Galway of the Norfolk Botanical Garden presented a delightful floral presentation.

Thank you to these Council garden clubs who made beautiful arrangements for each table which were then presented as door prizes to lucky attendees!

Aragona GC, Betty Bloxom, president
Cavalier GC (head table arrangements), Gaye Burton, arranger
King's Grant GC, Margo Shanks, president
Lake Smith GC, Keren Pernini, president
Linkhorn Park GC, Jessica O'Connor, president
Little Neck GC, Janice Tidwell, president
May Farm GC, Pat Cameron, president
Thoroughgood GC, Susan Porter, president

Tidewater District Flower Show

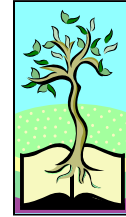
Karin Fleischman, kfsf@email.com,

"A Reason for the Seasons" is the title of the **2009 Tidewater District's Standard Flower Show** to be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on February 13th – 15th. The show is held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Home and Flower Show, "Garden for all Seasons", sponsored by the Virginia Horticultural Foundation and Tidewater Builders Association.

Everyone is invited to enter! If you are hesitant to participate in a flower show, this is a great first show to enter! Novice classes are available for garden club members who have not previously entered or won a Blue ribbon in that section.

Design exhibits and horticulture placement is on Thursday, February 12th between 8:00am – 11:00am. Judging will be Thursday afternoon.

Please contact Chairman, Karin Fleischman at 757-340-2265 for a schedule to enter the show.



Taproot

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 forwarding 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 the January/February *TAPROOT* is Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

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



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 Blakey 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 October meeting for \$30. Only 215 tickets are available. All proceeds go to the Council ABC Project Gardens at Red Wing Park. Contact Audrey Kelly for details: 486-1733



*Cape Henry Woman's Club
Virginia Beach, Virginia*

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For Immediate Release:
October, 2008

EVENT: 46th Annual Christmas in the Country Open House/Bazaar

SPONSOR: Cape Henry Woman's Club of Virginia Beach, VA, a non-profit organization

DATE: Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008

TIME: 10:00am – 7:00pm

ADMISSION FEE: \$5.00 at the door or through club members. Proceeds benefit educational scholarships awarded yearly by Cape Henry Woman's Club as well as recipients of other philanthropic gifts.

PARKING: Free on street

LOCATION: Church Point Manor House
4001 Church Point Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Tour this historic 1860 manor house located on land bequeathed to Adam Thoroughgood by Charles II of England and the site of the First Court and First Old Donation Church founded in 1639. The manor house will be decked with lavish Christmas decorations to compliment the 17 fireplaces as well as the many European and American antiques. Visit the Bake Shop filled with home baked goods, Brunswick stew and many other delicacies that may be purchased. Handmade Christmas items, wreaths and creative gifts made by the members of the Cape Henry Woman's Club will also be available for sale in our famous Christmas Shoppe. Complimentary punch and cookies will be served. Handmade quilt raffle too!

FOR INFORMATION / DIRECTIONS: Michelle: 757.496.1026 or Louise: 757.424.8858.

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Thanking you in advance for any help you can give us in publicizing this one day event. A listing in your calendar of events or articles will greatly help our attendance and will ultimately benefit the students who need our scholarships so badly as well as the recipients of our other philanthropic gifts. We are a non-profit organization.

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*c/o Jessica O'Connor
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