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Board Meeting

Wed., January 7, 2009

10:00 AM JESSICA O’CONNOR’S

General Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009

Registration – 9:30AM

Meeting – 10:00AM

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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A Message from the President

Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net, 757-345-6618

December has already been filled with decorating activities for those of us who love to get our hands soiled with Christmas greens and creative opportunities! Thank you to all who have participated in decorating the Francis Land House on December 1st and to the many who worked so vigorously and creatively on December 3rd attaching greens and fruit to the boards for the Municipal Center! Participating in those two workshops puts you right into the decorating spirit for our homes. Both are examples of how the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach donates to our City.

Our November fund raiser was a smashing success! I hope you enjoyed the beautiful house tour at the home of Suzie and Rod Duckworth and the luncheon/fashion show at the beautiful Princess Anne Country Club. The proceeds will go entirely toward the Japanese Garden expansion at Red Wing Park.

We look forward to this Advent season each year with great expectations of sharing this special time with our loved ones and friends. And, we each have our own special traditions to enjoy. My special wish to each of you is to slow down and enjoy this season. And, as you sit by your fireplace or in a special easy chair wherever it is, remember our members of the armed forces, serving on our behalf.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Glenda

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 7	CGCVB Board Meeting 10:00AM Home of Jessica O’Connor
January 14	CGCVB General Meeting, 10:00AM Registration 9:30 Central Library “Make it, Bake, Grow it Auction”

- February 11 CGCVB Special Fund Raiser Program Floral demonstration - Biltmore Estate Designer, 10:00AM Central Library
- February 13 Tidewater District Flower Show VB Convention Center

Scholarship Fund

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

We will be awarding our scholarship in 2009. We offer many thanks to May Farm Garden Club, Church Point Garden Club and Aragona Garden Club for their generous donations. Aragona's contribution was in memory of Robin Ball Kavern. Be the first club to donate in 2009 and you will receive a special gift from this chairman. Thanks for your continued support. Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and joyous New Year.

Hostesses for the November Council Meeting

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

Thank you to the following garden clubs who provided refreshments for our November general meeting: Brittany Points GC, Elyssa Suddeth, president Chesapeake Colony GC, Shelly Gram, president Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant GC Darlene Nelson, president GC of Greater Kempsville, Arlene McCord, president Little Neck GC, Janice Tidwell, president Flowers—Frances Thrash, Little Neck GC

January Program

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

At 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. This will be followed by our very popular "Make it, Bake it, Grow it" Auction. Please plan to attend.

January 14th Council Meeting "Make It, Bake It, Grow It Auction"

The Council will hold its "2nd Annual Make It, Bake It, Grow It Auction" during refreshments on Wednesday, January 14th. We encourage as many club members as possible to bring an item for the auction. It can be something that you have made, baked, or a plant that you would like to donate from among your houseplants or garden plants. Last year's event was so much fun – a number of requests have spurred us to host the auction again. We have **changed** the timing for the auction from February to our January 14th Council meeting.

Bring your item **prior** to our general meeting, which will begin at 10:00AM in the Central Library Auditorium. Items will be placed in the meeting rooms. Our new city arborist, Kristina Villaire will present our January program.

Wreath-Making Workshop

Mari Hall, MARGOHALL@aol.com, 481-3970



Thank you!! To the 51 creative ladies who came on December 5th to work their magic. The Municipal Center has never been more festive.

February 11th Fund Raiser

Holly Wright, Floral Designer
Biltmore Estate

Please be sure to purchase your tickets at our January general meeting for the demonstration by Holly Wright of the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, NC. She will give a brief history of Biltmore in conjunction with her floral demonstration. Four of her designs will be raffled for members to have an opportunity to take one home with them. Ticket price - \$10.00.

Arbor Day 2009

Johnnie Miller, Jmill61558@verizon.net, 467-1549

Arbor Day 2009 will be celebrated at 10:00AM ON April 24th. This is the last Friday in April and is the National Arbor Day. It will be held in Providence Park – off Providence Road. It is in the Kempsville District in the Woodstock neighborhood. This is a new park. Please put the date on your calendars. More information will be available at the January council meeting.

Tidewater District Flower Show

Karin Fleischman, ksf@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.

*****Reminder:** Now is the time to start various bulbs to bloom on February 12th. See the schedule for details. We still have openings in vari-

ous classes for designs and times for hostesses. If you need horticulture entry forms, schedules, etc. please call Karin or email: ksf@email.com.

Linkhorn Park Garden Club's February Fling!

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

Linkhorn Park Garden Club will hold a “February Fling on Friday February 6th at the Princess Anne Country Club. Tickets will be available at the January Council meeting. Please see flyer in this issue with details. Ticket price \$25.00.

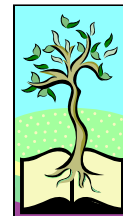
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In order to keep costs down, the Council has determined that we will only mail copies of the *TAPROOT* to past Council Presidents, current Club Presidents and Council Reps who do not have access to e-mail.

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



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FEBRUARY 11, 2009
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**FURTHER INFORMATION AND TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY.
WATCH FOR IT!**



Linkhorn Park Garden Club

Presents

February Fling

To benefit Community Projects including Butterfly Garden at Judeo-Christian Out-Reach Pre-School

Come and Join Us

Friday, February 6, 2009

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Princess Anne Country Club

- *Card Party*
- *Mah Jong*
- *Luncheon*
- *Silent Auction*
- *Raffle*
- *Door Prizes*



Cost: \$25

Contact: Betty Howard 428-5137

Also watch for our Annual Plant Sale on May 2, 2009 (More information to follow)