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Board Meeting

Wed., March 4, 2009 10:00 AM CENTRAL LIBRARY

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2007-2009 Officers

President	Glenda Knowles
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A Message from the President

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

Hope Wright, the floral designer from Biltmore, presented a wonderful design program for the Council on February 11th. Her presentation was engaging as she shared stories of the builders of the Biltmore Estate and the history of just how the Estate has evolved these many years.

Thank you to all who supported this “special” program and congratulations to the lucky winners of her four designs! One hundred and fifty-four tickets were sold for this program!

Be sure and read the reports of our chairmen in this issue of the Taproot in order to participate in the Council’s upcoming spring activities! *Glenda*

March Council Meeting Program

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

On **March 11th**, at the Central Library, Marie Butler will present “A Host of Golden Daffodils”

Capture the joy of Spring in the simple lines, space and depth of Japanese flower arranging, or Ikebana. Marie Butler studied and taught Ichiyo Ikebana while living in Japan and Singapore. Now she is the

Landscape Coordinator for the Virginia Zoo and her floral designs range from a single blossom in a vase to 52 acres including elephants!

Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach – Receives 501©(3) Tax Exempt Status

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The Council applied for tax exempt status and received confirmation that our organization now is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to our organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

This is an important status for the Council as personal, business, and corporate donations can now be considered charitable contributions. Previously, we have had local businesses sponsor some of our projects such as the ABC program. These supporters will now benefit as their support, whatever amount, can now be a charitable donation for an extremely worthy cause.



A flyer is attached to this issue of the Taproot with the details of a fun day trip in May. However, it seems that word has gotten out and the trip, at this point, is filled! If you are interested, please call this chairman to put your name on our waiting list. The cost of the trip is \$75. Your check is your confirmed reservation. If you have signed up, please forward your check, payable to the Council of Garden Clubs of VB, to our treasurer:

Audrey Kelly, 629 West Kingston Lane,
Virginia Beach, VA 23452-4556.

Empty Bowls Dinner

Dot Cullen, Garden Therapy, 496-2460



On **March 13, 2009** the Council of Garden Clubs will again be doing the table arrangements for the annual **Empty Bowls Charity Dinner**. The **Empty**

Bowls Charity Dinner has raised a considerable amount of money over the past years for charities such as the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, The Union Mission, HER Shelter, Oasis Social Ministries, and the Southeastern Foodbank to help the hungry in our community.

The dinner will be held March 13, 2009 in the Boyd Dining Center at Virginia Wesleyan College

We need volunteers to meet in the **Fine Arts Building**, (called the E. D. Hofheimer Theater), at **1:00 PM, March 13**, to make about 80 to 90 floral arrangements. Enter Virginia Wesleyan from Wesleyan Drive, go to the front Gate House and take a right, park in the first parking lot on your left and the Fine Arts Building will be the first building up the sidewalk. We will meet on the first floor.

Please bring with you, clippers and cleaned greens and flowers from your garden (Camellias, Acuba, Daffodils, etc) and also any flowering branches you may have (Forsythia, Flowering Cherry, etc.) The Council will be purchasing cut flowers also. The arrangements will be in large **soup cans or jars with the labels left on**. Please bring whatever cans and jars you have. I will have wet Oasis for the cans.

Tickets for the Soup Dinner, entertainment and a beautiful **Ceramic Bowl** of your choice are \$20.00 per person.

Scholarship Fund

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

Many thanks are due to Fairfield Garden Club, the Garden Club of Greater Kempsville, Little Neck Garden Club and Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant Garden Club for their January contributions to the Scholarship Fund. We will be honoring our scholarship recipient at our Council luncheon in June. Please make your checks out to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach or CGVB and send them to me at 3737 Lynnfield Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-4721. We are grateful for your continued support.

Council of Garden Clubs – Day Trip-- May 6, 2009

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

I hope we will have many helpers. With enough ladies present, it will take only a few hours. Please call if you have questions.

Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day in Virginia Beach, will be celebrated on April 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Providence Park of Providence Road in the Woodstock Neighborhood. Woodstock third graders will be participating in the Arbor Day Art Contest. They are pleased to be involved in the event this year. As always this event sponsored by the city, gets support from the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission, a designated school, and the Master Gardeners' Tree Stewards.



The Council of Garden Clubs along with the city's Landscape Department began this celebration over 30 years ago. A dear lady and avid garden clubber, Mary Winder, (deceased) was the first Arbor Day Chairman. She worked with the city's first Arborist, Roger Huff, and a tree was planted at Mt.

Trashmore with less than a dozen in attendance! My how we have grown! Mary would be very proud of us. Roger has retired but keeps in touch.

Ladies, I will be asking for **cookies** again. I will pass a sheet for sign-up at the March meeting. The children are always so pleased to get these. If you can be so kind to bake and put 2 large cookies or 3 small ones in a baggie and tie or zip the top, we can deliver them to the teachers to be given to the students after lunch when they return to their school. Some of the cookies will be used for those attending the reception following the program. If we have more than enough cookies we deliver them to the Judeo-Christian Center to be given to the needy. They are always so very appreciative. So Arbor Day is the celebration of the trees birthday but it is also Cookie Day for us and it is great to see all those smiles from so many people.

Every garden club member is invited to this event. Our president, Glenda Knowles, and Cheryl Klobuchar, president of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission will be speakers on the program. Please plan to attend. You will get to see another area of the city. Remember last year we went to

Creeds and saw that interesting part of our wonderful city.

Editor's Note: If you use peanut butter or peanuts in your cookies please **label them** so they are not given To an allergic child!!

Annual ABC Intent Application

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It's that time of year to be thinking about your new ABC Project or Maintenance. Your Project Intent Applications are due at our March Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please send me your form by email or to 1701 Bennis Church Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 by March 11th. If for some reason you can't get your information to me by the deadline just give me a call and I will work with you.

The Project Intent Form is on page 38 in our Council Yearbook. I will have folders for your projects at our April Council Meeting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

ABC Project Japanese Garden at Red Wing Park

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

We have a great start on raising money for our ABC Project, the Japanese Garden at Red Wing Park. Our Fund Raiser in November – "Christmas House Tour and Fashion Show" was a big success and we made \$2,015.74 for the garden. The following clubs have donated to the garden this year: Lynnhaven River Garden Club, C.O.L.T. Garden Club and Little Neck Garden Club. Thank you for your donations. If your club plans to donate to our ABC Project please make your donations before May so your club will be recognized at our annual luncheon.

Donations to our ABC Project 2007-2008

Church Point	\$ 25.00
Little Neck	100.00
C.O.L.T.	25.00
Cavalier	3,000.00
May Farm	500.00
Great Neck Point	75.00
Kings Grant	50.00
Lake Smith Terrace	200.00

Donations to our ABC Project 2008-2009
 Lynnhaven River 50.00
 C.O.L.T. 25.00
 Little Neck 200.00

Thank you

Hospitality

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Thank you to the following garden clubs and board members who provided refreshments for our **January** General Meeting:

Arogona GC, Betty Bloxom, president
Princess Anne Plaza GC, Denise Kelly, president
Officers and Committee Chairmen, Council of Garden Clubs of VB

Thank you to the following garden clubs who provided refreshments for our **February** special meeting:

Church Point GC, Suzie Duckworth, president
Great Neck Meadows GC, Sandi Claxton, president
Linlier GC, Marge Babcock, president
Lynnhaven River GC, Sheila Jennings, president
May Farm GC, Pat Cameron, president

Francis Land House

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

Did you miss it?? If you did not visit the Francis Land House in December you did miss one of the wonderful highlights of 2008! The dedicated and talented ladies in the following garden clubs dressed the house in greens and natural materials available in a winter tidewater of the past. Thank you. Birdneck, Little Neck, Thalia, Larkspur, Cavalier, Thoroughgood, Fairfield, Alanton-Baycliff, Lynnhaven River, The Gardeners Guild, Chesapeake Colony, Garden Club of Greater Kempsville, Church Point, Fox Run, Stratford Chase, May Farm, and Kings Grant.

A special thanks to Garden Club of Greater Kempsville, Larkspur, Chesapeake Colony and Fairfield clubs for their first time contributions. (At least, first time in several years to decorate for the yuletide holidays at Francis Land House.) These four clubs have proven their special creative abilities and we look forward to seeing their lovely creations again.

Kay and I truly appreciate the time and effort given by everyone; and the staff of Francis Land House sang songs of joy to the world over your beautiful accomplishments.

Now we all look forward to **Garden Week** when we decorate the house again with signs of spring. Remember, first come, first choice. Please call us to select a space.

Francis Land House – continued

Lovely Arrangements

The Francis Land House volunteers and staff always welcome and appreciate the garden clubs' weekly arrangements.

For the "new gardeners on the block" and some reminders for all who choose to donate arrangements, here are some hints.

Flower arrangements for the guestbook table at FLH need to be approximately 8X10 inches and no larger than 12X12 inches.

Your arrangement will replace the old one on Friday (to be fresh for the weekend)

If you cannot deliver on Friday please call FLH (385-5100) and arrange to deliver Thursday afternoon before **4:00PM**, or as close to 10:00AM as possible on Saturday.

No artificial material should be used.

Use locally grown seasonal flowers or greens and or dried materials.

Please put your name on containers or use disposable containers and materials.

Remember, many volunteers work there and they may not see your instructions, so if you will be upset if something is discarded **do not use it**.

Please retrieve any containers/dried materials within 8 – 12 days following your delivery to insure its safe return to you. (Storage is a premium at FLH)

The date on the roster calendar you sign is the date your arrangement is needed.

You will receive a reminder call on the Monday prior to your Friday due date.

These arrangements are not judged so visualize a small casual arrangement you might put in your own home. Have fun and enjoy mixing, matching and cutting the interesting flowers and greens in your own gardens. Thank you for sharing your creativity.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 4 Council Board Meeting, 10:00AM
 VB Central Library

- March 11 Council General Meeting
VB Central Library – Auditorium
- March 13 Empty Bowls Workshop-1:00PM
Va. Wesleyan – Fine Arts Bldg

Recipe Corner

Susan

There were so many requests for this recipe from our January lite Luncheon that it was decided that we would print it in the Taproot.

Antipasto Squares

- 2 – 8oz. cans Crescent Roll Dough
- ¼ lb thinly sliced deli Swiss cheese
- ¼ lb thinly sliced deli Provolone cheese
- ¼ lb each deli ham & hard salami
- 1/8 lb thinly sliced deli pepperoni
- 12 oz. jar roasted red peppers (rinse & drain)
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbs grated Parmesan cheese

Press 1 can crescent rolls into greased baking sheet (jelly roll style pan)
Layer in order: Ham, Swiss, Salami, Provolone, Pepperoni, and roasted peppers
Beat eggs & Parmesan cheese; brush over top layer of peppers
Roll out 2nd can crescent roll on top of mixture
Brush with remainder of egg mixture
Cover with foil
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes
Remove foil, bake an additional 10-20 minutes until golden brown
Cut into squares and serve at room temperature

Cavalier Garden Club's 48th Annual Auction

The treasure you want is on the block! The Cavalier Garden Club presents its 48th annual Auction and Luncheon on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. The event will take place, as it traditionally has, at the Cavalier on the Hill in Virginia Beach. As always, there will be fabulous items on which to bid, as well as a pre-lunch white ele-

phant sale, jewelry sale, and plant sale with houseplants, garden plants, beautiful baskets and herbs. In previous years, items auctioned off have included fabulous antiques, wonderful artwork, sparkling jewelry, lovely indoor and outdoor furniture, beautiful garden statuary, and terrific gift certificates to area businesses. Our popular 50/50 raffle and door prizes also add to the wild fun and excitement. New this year will be a "flower pot" raffle of select prizes. Mark your calendars! This auction, with lunch and a cash bar, has quite a reputation and tickets go quickly; in fact, it's a sell-out event every year. Don't wait to get your tickets. For reservations, call Dawn Bray at (757) 494-0545.

Norfolk Botanical Garden

Betty Ann Galway, bettyann.galway@nbgs.org, 441-5830 ext. 336

Spring at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) is always glorious to watch. Nature seems to unfold at a faster pace in the early spring. Buds begin to burst, shades of green erupt and short-lived ephemerals come and go before our eyes can process all of their beauty. During March, Camellias, Lenten Rose, Winter Honeysuckle and Daphne subtly swing into full bloom while the early bulbs flash their colors for attention.

April brings the azaleas in all of their glory. NBG has one of the largest collections of azaleas on the east coast with more than 250,000 bushes of multicolored blooms. In fact, the Garden is launching the Virginia Azalea Celebration where *April is Booming Amazing*. There will be special azalea walking and tram tours to highlight the weekly shows of blooms. Grapevine, a wine social, featuring the music of the Rhondels, is just the ticket to kick off seasonal fun while the grand finale of the Azalea Celebration is the dedication of the WPA Memorial Garden, honoring those who planted the original azaleas during the depression. Floral and landscape design, craft, photography and colorful container classes are just some of the adult educational opportunities at the Gar-

den. Visit the Garden's *NEW* website at www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org to see all that is happening this spring at NBG.

Fairfield Garden Club

Fairfield Garden Club will be hosting a spring plant sale on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, April 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 5244 Locke Lane, "under the 500 year old oak tree". Call Joyce McClain 420-3132 for information

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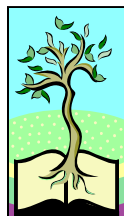
Jessica O'Connor joc800@att.net, 428-3994

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 items for the April issue of the *TAPROOT* is Friday, April 18, 2009



CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD

To the club supporting council projects with the largest number of members on a percentage basis.

Council Year is May 2008 – May 2009

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, 2008 – May 9, 2009 _____

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.

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