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Board Meeting

Wed., April 1, 2009, 10:00 AM CENTRAL LIBRARY-FOLIO ROOM

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

2007-2009 Officers

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| 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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| Webmaster | Virginia S. Anderson, 481-4688 |
| www.VBGardenClubs.org | webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org |

A Message from the President

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

SPRING has 'Marched' in (according to our calendars—March 20th), so BRING it on, Mother Nature! Daffodils, forsythia, plum trees, Bradford Pears, weeping cherry trees—Oh! How we welcome you!

April will keep us busy in our gardens but don't miss our general meeting on April 8, Historic Garden Week – April 18-25, and Arbor Day – April 24th. Several members will be traveling to Bristol, VA on April 26-28 for the VFGC annual convention. Have you heard?? Audrey Kelly will be installed as the Tidewater District president for 2009-2011! Congratulations, Audrey.

Many of our chairmen have very important reports and forms in this issue of the Taproot. Please continue to read and heed these timely messages.
Happy Gardening, *Glenda*

Sponsor Needed for Council ABC

Awards 2009

Suzie Duckworth, Chairman suzied@verizon.net, 363-1950

Each year, the Council seeks to find a sponsor to donate "seed money to help us underwrite the cost of the many awards earned by our member clubs.

Engineering & Environment, Inc. was our sponsor for our 2008 awards and we are extremely grateful for their generous donation to sponsor the ABC program. (see page 2 in our yearbook).

If you know of a potential sponsor, please call this chairman or our president, Glenda Knowles.

April Council Meeting Program

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

On **April 8th**, at the Central Library, the Council will present the program "Honey Bees and other Stinging Insects" with Floyd Watkins, a Virginia Beach Master Gardener and professional bee keeper..

Annual Awards Luncheon

Laura Jacobson Luncheon Co-Chair, 363-7524

Our annual Awards Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, June 3rd**, at the **Princess Anne Country Club**, located at 3800 Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach. Volunteers are needed to bring table arrangements for this event, and a sign-up sheet will be available at the April Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 8th. We are using sage green and white linens as room décor for the luncheon. 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. If you have any questions about the arrangements or sign-up please feel free to contact me.

***Luncheon reservations are due Tuesday, May 26th.** (Please see Registration Form in this issue).

*Note: We recommend that you bring a jacket or sweater to the luncheon for your comfort.

Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day is quickly approaching—Friday, April 24th at 10:00am at Providence Park off Providence Road. Everyone is invited. If you have signed to bring cookies, please bring them that morning and package them as was requested—2 large cookies or 3 small ones in a zip lock baggie. They will be given to the teachers to be passed out to the children after their lunch when they return to their school. Please plan to stay for the reception following the ceremony. There will be around 25 chairs for the speakers and city officials but if you don't want to stand for the ceremony, (approximately 45 minutes to an hour) please bring a lightweight folding chair.

The tree to be planted is a *Quercus Michauxii Nuttall*, common name Swamp Chestnut Oak chosen by the city arborist Kristina Villaire and donated by the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. The tree will be planted by a city official and a couple of Master Gardener Tree Stewards. Each child from Woodstock third grade will have a chance to sprin-

kle some soil on the tree's roots. This gives them a feeling of ownership and in twenty-five years maybe they can say, "I was there and I helped to plant that tree and it is a home for the birds and squirrels and shade for me."

Francis Land House



Peggy Caverly, 490-0925

Kay Eckhardt, 486-7328

COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS HAS A HISTORY:

Our Council of Garden Clubs has a history of making Francis Land House come alive with blooms during Historic Garden Week. In the past floral arrangements, artistically created by Garden Club members, adorned mantles, window sills, and the front door; bringing "ahs" and accolades from visitors and the staff of Francis Land House.

We will once again decorate the FLH on Monday April 20th from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.



Come to Francis Land House and enjoy a preview of their artistry on April 22nd and add your "ahs" and accolades!

Thanks, again, to all the Garden Clubs and members for sharing your talent and giving of your time.

Hostesses for the March General Meeting

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

Thank you to the following garden clubs who provided refreshments for our March general meeting:

Bay Colony GC, Melinda Large, president

Birdneck Point GC, Janet Ogren, president

Brittany Points GC, Elysa Suddeth, president

Broad Bay Point Greens GC, Susan Tomas and Renate Foxwell, co-presidents



Empty Bowls

Dot Cullen, 496-2460,
Garden Therapy

My sincere thanks to the 27 ladies, representing 10 Garden Clubs, who in spite of the wind and rain came to Virginia Wesleyan College on March 13th with flowers, greens, clippers, soup cans and enthusiasm and created 104 beautiful flower arrangements for the Empty Bowls Dinner.

It was a fun event and with all the talented floral arrangers, we were finished and had everything cleaned and swept in a few hours.

Thanks to the following Garden Clubs that supported this Council project:

Aragona
Broad Bay Point Greens
Church Point
C.O.L.T.
Cavalier
Garden Club of Greater Kempsville
Lake Smith Terrace
Little Neck
Pembroke Meadows
Thalia

Thalia Garden Club Garden Sale

Thalia Garden Club is sponsoring a garden sale.



DATE: Saturday, May 2, 2009
TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: 612 Lynn Shores Drive
(off VA Beach Blvd, across from Lexus)
Contact: Rose Buseti, 306-8901

Yearbook Corrections

Suzie Duckworth, Chairman,
suzied@verizon.net, 363-1950

Please make these corrections in your 2008-09 Yearbook:

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Johnnie Miller jmill61558@verizon.net

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Brittany Points Garden Club

Change Elysa Suddeth's address to:

2310 Starfish Road, Apt. 101, 23451

Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club

Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club will have its annual spring plant sale on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00am to 10:00am at **2433 Haversham Close** (corner of Haversham Close and Dey Cove Drive). There will also be a Neighborhood Garage sale on this date.

Contact: Susan Tormas 496-3499 or Renate Foxwell, 481-2504

Thoroughgood Garden Club

Thoroughgood Garden Club's Annual Spring Plant Sale – Rain or Shine
Annuals, Perennials, Native Plants, Herbs, Hanging Baskets, Gently-used Garden Crafts & Supplies, Plant Doctor on Call
Floral Design Demonstrations at 11:00, 12:00 & 1:00

The Thoroughgood Civic League's Neighborhood Art Sale & Classic Car Show
Weather permitting
Local Artists & Craftsmen, Music, Lemonade & Popcorn

Both events

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 – 2:00PM

Adam Thoroughgood House

1636 Parish Road, Virginia Beach

TAPROOT

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

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

Deadline for items for the May issue of the *TAPROOT* is Thursday, May 21, 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 2006 – May 2007

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

Submitted by: Name _____ **Tel. #:** _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2006

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, 2006 – May 9, 2007 _____

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.

Award of Merit

Janet Bacuzzi, jmbacuzzi@cs.com

It is the time of year again to recognize businesses that have done an outstanding job with their landscaping. This award is in the form of a certificate which reads, "...For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises." In this way we let businesses know we appreciate their efforts. So, as you drive around the area, take time to note the names and addresses of those businesses (max. four per entry) to which you would like a certificate sent. The Club submitting the most will also be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Please send your completed forms to be by **Friday, April 27, 2007**:

Janet Bacuzzi
1724 Middlemost Key
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Or e-mail your submission to jmbacuzzi@cs.com (subject: Council Awards of Merit)

Awards of Merit Submission Form – Deadline: April 27, 2007

| <u>Business Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Zip Code</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Submitter's Name: _____ | | Phone: _____ |
| E-mail (if any): _____ | | |
| Garden Club: _____ | | |

Virginia Beach 2007 Lecture Series

Thursday, April 5, 2007, 7:30 P.M., Virginia Beach Central Library (Free Admission)

Dr. Alf J. Mapp will speak on "**The Virginia Experiment**" – Eminent scholar emeritus of English at Old Dominion University and nationally recognized authority on Thomas Jefferson, Mapp's most recent book is *The Faith of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed*.

COUNCIL AWARDS & INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

DATE: *Wednesday, June 13, 2007*
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: *Monday, June 4, 2007*

*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 Chancellar 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 moss 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: *Carolyn Dennis -340-2596*

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 13, 2006

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:** _____

Fred Heutte Center Announcementswww.fredheutte.org**26th ANNUAL HERB SALE & FESTIVAL**SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 2007 – 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 2007 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**ANOTHER FHC BUS TOUR!
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

Indeed, yet another fantastic FHC bus tour! The Fred Heutte Center will be sponsoring a bus tour south to the Raleigh, North Carolina area on **May 6th and 7th, 2007**. These are TDF (to die for) places that all gardeners covet and should visit. You will overdose on the new, rare, unusual, and exciting plants available for your garden. This is a gardener's bus tour you won't want to miss. Yes, there's plenty of room under the bus to bring lots of plants home!

Cost is **\$155.00** per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement is \$50.00 per room. Call **441-2513** for reservations. Reservations and pre-payment required.

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*c/o Joan Curtin
1705 Ware Parish Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455*