

# TAPROOT

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## Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 2, 2009, 10:00 AM      CENTRAL LIBRARY

## General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009      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

Webmaster      Virginia S. Anderson, 481-4688  
[www.VBGardenClubs.org](http://www.VBGardenClubs.org)      [webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org](mailto:webmaster@vbgardenclubs.org)

## A Message from the President

**Glenda Knowles**, [ggknowles@cox.net](mailto:ggknowles@cox.net), 345-6618

Today, many of us enjoyed the Virginia Beach Historic Garden Tour in the Great Neck corridor. Dogwoods, azaleas, tulips, cherry trees, etc. were absolutely magnificent in their displays! Virginia Beach is truly a beautiful city in the Springtime. Thank you to the members of Princess Anne and Virginia Beach Garden Clubs who worked so very hard to host this day of home and garden tours.

We are looking forward to the day tour on May 6, the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Japanese garden on May 27 (see article) and then, our annual luncheon and installation ceremony on June 3. This final

TAPROOT for this administration has instructions for getting your 2009-10 yearbook information into our chairmen as well as your luncheon reservation form. Happy Gardening, *Glenda*

## 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.

Luncheon reservations are due **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Reservation Form in this issue.

## Hospitality Committee

Faye Lowton, [ldlowton@aol.com](mailto:ldlowton@aol.com), 486-2703

Thank you to the following garden clubs who provided refreshments for our April 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:

Flowers: Little Neck Garden Club, Eileen Seeley

Refreshments:

Broad Bay Island GC, Marilyn Covington President  
Chelsea-Green Hill-Meadowridge GC,

Mandy McCall, President

Thoroughgood GC, Susan Porter, President

West Neck GC, Ruth Conover and Rowena Merkey,  
Co-presidents

Witchduck GC, Peggy Kelly, President

## Council Awards

Cheryll Klobuchar, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net),  
463-4885

It's that time again; I hope that you have been looking through the Council's yearbook at the various awards that are being offered. They begin on page 21. The guidelines concerning the proper way to submit an entry are on page 20. If you have any questions about a particular award or how to write up the entry, please contact me at 463-4885 (h) or 560-5589 ©; or e-mail as above.

The entries are due on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. I will have a box on my door step on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** for you to place your entries in when you drop them by. If you would prefer dropping them off sooner, call me at the above phone numbers and arrangements can be made.

My address is 758 Suffolk Lane. (I'm on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle, a two story Georgian house). If you need directions or have questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Good Luck to each and everyone

## Scholarship Fund

Eileen Ryan Seeley, [enrseeley@aol.com](mailto:enrseeley@aol.com), 463-5959

Virginia Tech is in the process of selecting candidates for our Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support we have exceeded our goal, however we are still accepting donations which will be added to the fund and utilized in upcoming years. If you are interested in applying for the **Cheryll Klobuchar Participation Award**, a donation to the Scholarship Fund is one of the items on the form. Please send your check, made payable to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, to me, Eileen Seeley, 3737 Lynnfield Drive, Virginia Beach, 23452-4721. Again thank you for all of your donations, it has been a pleasure working with you.

## ABC Book of Evidence Due

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver your books to my co-chair **Ellie Kreassig**, at **433 Lynn Shore Drive, Virginia Beach**. She will have a basket on her porch all day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need to deliver before the 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Ellie at **340-0167** to make arrangements.

Please remember, we will be judging your projects during the last two weeks of May. A poorly maintained project can make a difference between receiving a first place award or second or third.

## Arbor Day

Johnnie Miller, [JMill61558@verizon.net](mailto:JMill61558@verizon.net),  
467-1549

The sun was shining. The sky was blue with a few puffy white clouds floating by. The birds were chirping and the bees were buzzing as they flew around. It was ARBOR DAY, a special day to celebrate trees. It was Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. It was 10:00AM and the children were crossing over Providence Road to come to Providence Park to help plant a tree.

City Arborist, Kristina Villaire welcomed the city officials and guests. Councilman Harry Diezel gave the Arbor Day Proclamation. Ms Barbara White, Urban and Community Forestry Partnership Coordinator presented the 29<sup>th</sup> Tree City USA Award to Kristina. The Arbor Day Art awards were presented by Mrs. Tonilee Oliverio, principal of Woodstock

Elementary School with the assistance of this chairman. Council of Garden Clubs President Glenda Knowles presented comments about the involvement of the Council in Arbor Day activities over the past 30 plus years.

Before the planting of the tree, the third graders recited a poem about tree planting and what the tree will become many years from now when they have grown up. The teachers and Master Gardener Tree Stewards Jim Kincaid and Ted Dempsey shoveled the ceremonial soil around the tree's roots. Former Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and former Councilwoman Reba McClanan gave each student a small bag of soil to sprinkle around the tree as they exited the park to return to their school. This gave each child a part in planting the official tree on Arbor Day.

Kaye Sawyer and Ellie Kreassig were recognized as having obtained small trees and wrapped them for each child. They were given to the teachers to be passed out at the end of the day. Bags of cookies were also given to the teachers to be given to the children after their picnic lunch.

All who attended were invited to the reception following the ceremony. The reception was held in the Pony League's Concession/Meeting Building at the park. It was hosted by the Council of Garden Clubs with Fay Lowton and Nancy Wollett in charge.

Cookies were provided by the following clubs: Aragona, Broad Bay Point Greens, Cavalier, Church Point, C.O.L.T., Gardeners Guild, Great Neck Point, Greater Kempsville, Kings Grant, Lake Smith Terrace, Larkspur, Linkhorn Park, May Farm, Pembroke Meadows, Princess Anne Plaza and Thalia. All of the left over cookies were bagged and I took them to the Judeo-Christian Center to be used in the bag lunches that are delivered to the homeless. They were very pleased to receive them. Ladies I can not thank you enough for your participation—baking and attending the ceremony. It was a job well done by each of you.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 6	Council tour
May 10	Award entries due Cheryll Klobuchar
May 10	ABC entries due to Ellie Kreassig

May 26 Luncheon reservations due

June 3 Council Awards Luncheon  
Princess Anne CC

June 15 Club yearbook forms due

June 30 Club/Business ads due

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## Council ABC Project

Japanese Garden Expansion

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

The date has been set for the Ribbon Cutting for the garden which will be on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. (The time will be sent by email). Like the Children's Garden there will be a plaque with names of Garden Clubs giving to the project. The following are the gift levels to be listed on the plaque: \$500. Tsubaki (Camellia-red) in love, \$1000. Sakura (Cherry Blossom) – kind, gentle, \$3000. Panji (Pansy) caring, \$5,000. Renge (Lotus) purity/chastity, and \$10,000. Suikazura (Honeysuckle) generosity. The Council will be listed as Suikazura. Please consider this project and add your name to the plaque. Donations from last year will be added to this year's donation. Cavalier GC has donated \$3,000. and will qualify for Panji. May Farm GC and Church Point GC have donated \$500. and will qualify for Tsubaki. Please check your donations and see if you are close to making the plaque. The deadline for making donations will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions in regard to your donations please contact Audrey Kelly, 486-1733 for your totals.

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## Francis Land House

Peggy Caverly & Kay Eckhardt

A Week of Laughter

A quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson says "The earth laughs in flowers".

All who viewed the glorious array of flowers adorning the Francis Land House during garden week surely witnessed the earth laughing with joyous abandonment.

Thanks to the 25 ladies from the following garden clubs who provided us with such merriment and beauty to behold!

Larkspur, Church Point, Little Neck, Aragona, Cavalier, Fairfield, May Farm, Fox Run, Thalia, Linkhorn Park, Chesapeake Colony.

Your creative accomplishments are always welcomed and greatly appreciated by Kay Eckhardt and I AND the Francis Land House staff.

### VBBC Annual Dinner

Cheryll Klobuchar, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net), 463-4885

The **Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's** annual Awards Dinner will be held **Thursday, May 21st** at the Broad Bay Country Club. Awards will be presented to winners in the Princess Anne District (Borough) in three categories: Residential, Commercial, and Institutional.



Our speaker will be City Arborist Kristina Villaire who will present an informative and entertaining program entitled "The Wonder of Trees".

You are invited to attend our dinner. Cocktails and a Silent Auction begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:15; Speaker and awards presentation at 8:00 p.m. The cost is **\$30**. Please call **Demaris Yearick** at **422-1618** for additional information.

### Guest Speakers List 2009-2011

Betty Villers, [bettyv@cox.net](mailto:bettyv@cox.net), 481-6398

The new Guest Speakers List for suggested programs and speakers for 2009-2011 will be available at the Annual Awards Luncheon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be one copy available for each club. If you want more copies, contact me and I will email you a copy.

### New ABC Sponsor

Suzie Duckworth, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

Church Point Manor House will be sponsoring our 2009-2010 ABC awards. They have asked us to include the following message in our Taproot:

Looking for that **special place** to have your end of the year luncheon, holiday luncheon or any other special occasion? Contact Finis Craft at 757-272-8207.

We can cater from 5 to 55 people in a private setting in our lovely living and dining area at the Bed and Breakfast and tailor a menu to your requirements. We are recommended by Suzie Duckworth, President of Church Point Garden Club!!

### Annual Memorial Service

Ellie Kreassig, 340-0167

Please call to report any deceased members names so they can be included in the memorial service at our Awards Luncheon on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Cavalier Garden Club

Adele Lundquist

The Cavalier Garden Club is saddened to report the death of two long-time members, Dorothy Stanton and Betty Jo Curran.

### May 27 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Japanese Garden

Please join us at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Japanese Garden in Red Wing Park on General Booth Boulevard.

We will celebrate the Phase 1 expansion of this garden as we officially dedicate this new addition to the Japanese Garden.

This Council ABC two-year project has been generously supported by our garden clubs and we invite you to come and celebrate the success of this addition to this garden.

The Japanese Garden is a beautiful tribute to our sister city-the City of Miyazaki, Japan.

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Next time you are headed to the Municipal Center, be sure to drive by this beautiful addition to the Volunteer Garden.

## Volunteer Garden Gazebo



The Council of Garden Clubs supported Phase III of the Volunteer Garden located within the Municipal Center. The Council's contribution covered the cost of the crape myrtle trees in Phase III.

The beautiful gazebo has been completed and is the outstanding component in this phase of the Volunteer Garden. The brick walkways are installed and the landscaping is in progress.

This gazebo is intended for a variety of events such as band concerts, receptions, weddings, and many other outdoor celebrations.

**COUNCIL AWARDS LUNCHEON and INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 3, 2009  
**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)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

**MENU**  
- Tender chicken and vegetables served in homemade herb **Crepes**  
**or**  
- Boston Bibb **Salad** with grilled chicken, strawberries, candied pecans, gorgonzola cheese, cucumber, shredded carrots tossed with a sherry vinaigrette  
**or**  
- **Vegetarian Meal** - the same Salad as above without the chicken  
- Home-baked muffins and rolls  
- Chocolate Ganache Brownie  
- Iced tea and coffee

*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 Chancellor Walk  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23454**

*We are asking the clubs to furnish floral centerpieces for 15 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 sage 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: Laura Jacobson - 363-7524**

**Co-Chair: Joan Curtin – 460-6493**

**RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 3, 2009**

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED AT \$20.00 EACH** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please indicate menu selection of Crepes, Salad or Vegetarian Meal near member name and if member is a past President of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach)**

**NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

## The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

### 2009-2010 YEARBOOK ADS

**Attention Garden Clubs and Businesses:** Advertise your club's or company products, services or events by placing an ad in our upcoming COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, Inc, 2007-2008 YEARBOOK. This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or "just place a greeting" and you will be supporting the ongoing Council projects to make our community a better place in which to live...

PLEASE SEND YOUR AD LAYOUT AND CHECK **BY JUNE 30, 2009** TO:

For Club Ads, with check

Cheryll Klobuchar, 758 Suffolk Lane, VA Beach, VA 23452-3844 [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net), 463-4885 –

For Business ads, with check

Suzie Duckworth, 1701 Benn's Church Place, VA Beach, VA 23455-7034, [suzied@verizon.net](mailto:suzied@verizon.net), 363-1050

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due to the increase in printing costs, our prices reflect a slight increase**

**Please circle the size of the advertisement you desire for the Yearbook.**

Ad Size	Cost
<b>Quarter Page</b> – 4 ½ inches by 1 11/16 inches in height <b>Or</b> 2 3/16 inches by 3 7/16 inches in height	\$15.00
<b>Half Page</b> – 4 ¼ inches wide by 3 3/8 inches in height	\$25.00
<b>Full Page</b> – 4 ½ inches wide by 7 inches in height	\$30.00
<b>Return this completed form to me with the following:</b>  Camera-ready ad layout; (i.e. the ad should be sized to the measurements shown above.)  Check payable to <b>The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.</b>	

**Deadline is June 30, 2009**

**2007-2008 Council Yearbook Information Sheet**  
**DEADLINE – JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Dear Club Presidents:

Please complete this information sheet and return it to:

**Johnnie Miller,**  
**4750 Post Oak Drive**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23464**  
**467-1549**  
**JMill61558@verizon.net**

The information you provide will be used to update your Club's information in the Council of Garden Club Yearbook for 2009-2010 and the mailing and e-mail list for the *TAPROOT*. Please complete and **return this form no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:**

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Club pay dues to any of the following affiliated organizations? If YES, please check those that apply to your Club.

_____	_____The Garden Club of Virginia
___Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc	___Tidewater District
_____	_____

DOES YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATE IN INTER-CLUB JUDGING? **YES** or **NO** (Circle one)

**PRESIDENT:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/Zip:  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail

**TREASURER:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/ZIP  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail:

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/ZIP:  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail:

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/ZIP:  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail:

**JUDGING CHAIRPERSON:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/ZIP:  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail:

**ABC CHAIRPERSON:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 City/ZIP:  
 Telephone:  
 E-Mail:

## Virginia Beach Master Gardener's Plant Sale



### Virginia Beach Farmer's Market Presents "Garden Day at the Market"

SATURDAY, **May 9, 2009** - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
On the corner of Dam Neck and Princess Anne Roads

#### FEATURING

Plants grown and donated from our gardens to yours....

- ❖ Perennials, annuals, vegetables, shrubs and trees
- ❖ Hanging baskets
- ❖ Unusual and hard to find plants
- ❖ Plant doctor and gardening information



For more information visit: [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org) or contact Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Beach Office at (757) 385-4769.

## *TAPROOT*

Jessica O'Connor, [joc800@att.net](mailto:joc800@att.net), 428-3994

This is the final issue of Taproot for this corresponding Secretary. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you through our correspondence. Deadline for the September 2009 Taproot will be August 20, 2009.