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Board Meeting

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

General Meeting

Wed., Sept. 9, 2009

Meyera E. Obernodorf
Central Library,
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Registration – 9:30AM
Meeting – 10:00AM

2009-2010 Officers

President	Reba McClanan
First Vice President	Cheryll Klobuchar
Second Vice President	Laura Jacobson
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi
Corresponding Secretary	Ellen Orlando
Treasurer	Audrey Kelly

Council Website

Webmaster

www.VBGardenClubs.org

A Message from the President Reba McClanan, RebaSMc@aol.com 340-8835

Greetings and welcome to the Council of Garden Clubs this New Year of 2009-2010 which is our 60th anniversary year. In 1950 the six clubs who met to form the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs were very foresighted just as they are today. We owe these ladies and everyone since a real debt of gratitude for giving us a city of which we can be proud of carrying the mantle of beauty and preservation.

I appreciate your giving me the honor of serving as your president in this glorious year. I do appreciate the dedicated and conscientious job that Mrs. Glenda Knowles has given as president as

well as the time and leadership. The officers and board members have been superb in their efforts. Many new activities, parks, and projects have occurred all over the city and renewed activity and enthusiasm is evident in all the clubs as well as the council. We hope to continue all the ongoing activities you do so well - the fund raisers, programs and workshops as well as special events such as the Neptune Gala, Christmas Wreath Making at the city buildings, the Empty Bowls Spring Event, the Anniversary Luncheon, and the Annual Council Luncheon, ABC Awards, you name it and we will be finding ways to out and about with your guidance and support.

The city will also be holding the naming of the Fragrance Garden in my honor at Redwing Park

on October 24th, the time to be determined - I hope you will all attend and participate at Redwing Park on that day.

Suzie Duckworth has been working with her yearbook committee to make this 60th annual yearbook a special yearbook and hoping to have it available for the 1st board meeting of the year on September 2nd at the Library to be followed by the regular meeting on the September 9th with the special program selected by Mrs. Laura Jacobsen.

Ellen Orlando just became eligible for semi-sainthood as well as thanks for her efforts on the yearbook- She and Suzie have devoted hours and hours along with Cheryl Klobuchar and Johnnie Miller. Thanks also to Ellen's husband for his help and assistance. I do not know what we would do without the help and assistance of so many husbands who do yearbooks, programs, installations, and provide general support and guidance in so many ways.

Thanks to all of you who have taken positions on the board, committee chairmanships and all the help, support and encouragement you have given me. Please do not hesitate to give me a call or concern concerning our general activities please call Chairman Sylvia Brewington at 340-0904.

See you at the Central Library for our meeting and I am looking forward to the best year yet.

Reba McClanan, President
Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs

September Council Program

Laura Jacobson,
belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com
363-7524



September 9, 2009

"I Have Elephants In My Garden, So What's Your Problem?"

(Episode 2009)

Marie Butler, Landscape Coordinator for the Virginia Zoo, will share insights into gardening with elephants and other wild animals at the Virginia Zoo, using earth-friendly techniques to meet the challenges all gardeners face whether or not you have an elephant in your garden.

Marie Mims Butler has a degree in Landscape Horticulture from NC State University. She taught horticulture at the NC School for the Blind, designed landscapes in Virginia Beach, studied and taught Ikebana in Asia, participated in the Master Gardener Program for 17 years, and was deemed worthy to be the tigers' personal gardener at the Virginia Zoo.

October Council Program



October 14, 2009

Council Fundraiser Event and Guest Speaker, Chris Moore, from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Chris Moore's program, the "State of the Chesapeake Bay", will provide us with an update on the overall health of the Bay, focusing on 3 main indicators: fisheries, habitat, and pollution. Information will be available about membership and volunteer opportunities.

The "Fall Market Fair" will follow the program at **10:45A.M.** **Please see attached flyer for details. Tickets are \$2.00** and will be available at the September meeting and prior to the event.

For tickets contact Laura Jacobson, 363-7524

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eileen Seeley, enrseeley@verizon.net,
463-5959

I would like to thank all of you for your support during the past two years. Due to your generosity we have a head start on the scholarship for

2011. Clubs who contributed in 2008-2009 include Aragona, May Farm, Church Point, Fairfield, The Garden Club of Greater Kempsville, Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant, Little Neck, Thalia, Lynnhaven River, Lake Smith Terrace, Cavalier, Linkhorn Park and Thoroughgood.

Our scholarship winner this year was Mennen Middlebrooks from Chesapeake, Virginia. Mennen had two jobs this summer, he worked for a Landscaping firm and interned for the horticulture department at the Norfolk Zoo. Mennen attended our luncheon and wrote us a lovely thank you note. He will be entering his Sophomore year at Virginia Tech.

Council Dues

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

Dues are payable in October and no later than December 1st. Dues paid after December 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.

Dues are \$1.00 per club member. Please make check out to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and send them to Audrey Kelly, Treasurer, 629 W. Kingston Lane, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452-4556

COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS YEARBOOK, 2009-2010

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

The Council of Garden Clubs 2009-2010 Yearbooks will be available at our September Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 9th, at the Meyera E. Obernordorf Central Library in Virginia Beach. I will have a table set up by 9:30 a.m. Please make an effort to have someone from your club pick up your yearbooks. The books will also be available at the October 14th program.

Thanks to all the clubs who supported the council by placing an ad in the yearbook. Your ads printing our yearbook continues to go up each year, so we need your support. Yearbooks will also be available for purchase for \$4.00. Hope you had a great summer. I am looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Neptune Festival Senior Gala Frances Thrash, francesthresh@cox.net, 481-3484

THE SENIOR GALA IS EARLY THIS YEAR and the location has been changed! The Senior Gala will be held on Friday, September 11 at the Hilton Hotel Oceanfront! The Council of Garden Club members are needed to help with the table arrangements on Friday, September 11 beginning at 9:00 am in a room near the Peacock Banquet Hall, Hilton Hotel Oceanfront. We expect to be finished by lunchtime. Please bring tools for yourself to include a plastic trash bag, floral knives and or clippers, gloves if you wish to wear them, and an apron to protect your clothing. Also, it is very important that we have greenery to work with. This year's selections are fatsia, camellia foliage, and curly willow. Please bring as many fatsia leaves as you can cut from your bush - we need at least 150 - we have 50 arrangements to make! Size should be average - but large will work and we can trim as needed. Camellia foliage can be either japonica (larger size leaves) or sasanqua (smaller leaves) and we can use them together - each arrangement will have some of each. Curly willow will be included for height in all arrangements and should be at least 3 feet tall. Also, please bring any 6 inch disposable plastic design dishes (any color) you might wish to donate for this project to the meeting on Wednesday, September 9. If you have any questions, please call Frances Thrash, 481-3484.

Francis Land House

Peggy Caverly, 490-0925

Kay Eckhardt, 486-7328

It is hard to believe, but in three short months we will be welcoming in the new year, 2010! So, now is the time to sign the roster for your clubs weekly flower arrangements at Francis Land House.

The roster will be available prior to the beginning of the September, October and November council meetings. Or call Peggy at 490-0925 to get your name on the roster (I will be the one with green clipboard).

Tips for “the new gardeners on the block” and some reminders for all who choose to donate arrangements are listed here to make arrangements for Francis Land House a happy experience.

- Flowers for the guestbook table at Francis Land House 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 Francis Land House (385-5100) and arrange to deliver Thursday afternoon before 4:00 pm or as close to 10:00 am possible on Saturday.
 - No artificial material should be used.
 - Use locally grown seasonal flowers or green and disposable containers and 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 and dried materials within 8-12 days following your delivery to insure its safe return to you. (Storage is premium at Francis Land House)
 - 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 judge 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 garden. Thank you for sharing your creativity.
 - Francis Land House volunteers and staff always welcome and appreciate the garden clubs weekly arrangements.

Awards Chairman

**Cheryll Klobuchar, klobuchar@cox.net
463-4885**

Congratulations to each and every club who submitted an entry this past year. You all need to be commended on your efforts.

The Awards Judging Committee continues to be amazed at all the work that you, the members of council, manage to achieve during the year. Every year, it gets more difficult to choose a winner. It is exciting to sit down and read about all the various projects that the garden clubs are involved in during the course of the year. Our city is so very fortunate to have such dedicated citizens; you are all winners in my book. Congratulations to each and every one.

We presented 91 awards and 120 Certificates of Appreciation at our Awards Luncheon in June. A total of \$995.50 was awarded to the garden clubs at the luncheon during the morning ses-

sion. As you can see our clubs were very busy this past year. The list of award winners has been sent to our Publicity Chairman so it can be published in the newspaper.

The winner of the *Georgia Fletcher Garden Paper Award*, "What Being a Garden Club Member Means To Me", is published each year in our council yearbook. Mary Beth Watson, a member of the May Farm of Kingston Garden Club, was last year's winner. I hope everyone will take the time to read Mary Beth's essay. You will see that there have also been some changes to the awards. Please take the time to look over the awards section sometime this fall to familiarize your club with the changes. I will go over the changes and additions to the awards at the ABC & Awards Workshop in January.

Please check out the following award: 4. Reba McClanan Beautification Award, the criteria for this award has changed as has the monetary award.

Please don't hesitate to call me for any reason, I can be reached at the following: 463.4885 (h); 560.5589 (c); e-mail c-klobuchar@cox.net

The following Clubs have Certificates of Appreciation that they have not picked up, please contact me so we can make arrangements to get these certificates to your club. I will have the certificates with me at the September meeting.

Alanton-Baycliff	Bay Colony
Birdneck Point	Brittany Points
Broad Bay Island	Chesapeake Colony
G.C. of Greater Kempsville	The Gardeners Guild of Virginia Beach
Great Neck Meadows	Jr. Virginia Beach
Lago Mar Ladies Club	Larkspur
Laurel Cove	Linlier
Lynnhaven River	Princess Anne
Quail Point Cove	Stratford Chase
Virginia Beach	West Neck
Witchduck	

Thank you.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Information is needed about the Council of Garden Club of Virginia Beach's history. The Council will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2010, we are looking for information concerning past projects from 1950 to the present. If anyone has any information including pictures, slides, articles, etc. would you please contact Sylvia Brewington at 340-0907. Thank you for helping make this a wonderful celebration.

Thalia Garden Club fund raiser Get \$200 worth of fresh flowers for \$25.00

Thalia Garden Club offers a Norfolk Florist punch card for flowers every month from Dec 2009 through Nov 2010. Each month you stop by the Norfolk Florist near you and pick up your bouquet of flowers and have your card punched. Cards are available for pickup at the October and November council meetings. For more information, call Rose Buseti, 306-8901

The Princess Anne Garden Club

Princess Anne is offering a one-day bus trip to Hillwood Museum and Gardens in D.C. on Thursday, October 1, 2009.

For information and to make a reservation please call Wendy Vaughn 757-617-8321 or Nancy Dickerson 757-971-7794. Tickets are \$120.00 non-refundable, first come, first served.

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

Deadline for items for the November/December issue of Taproot is Thursday, October 22, 2009

THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC
presents

A  *Fall* Market Fair

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

10:45 A.M.

TICKETS: \$2.00

Open to the Public

featuring representatives
from

Southern Living at Home

Pampered Chef

Tastefully Simple

and

Libby's Obsessions

Join us for a Holiday shopping experience that benefits both you and the Council!

Enhance your decor with Southern Living at Home, tempt your taste buds with Tastefully Simple, boost your culinary expertise with Pampered Chef, and accessorize your favorite outfit with a selection from Libby's Obsessions.

ENTER OUR RAFFLE

featuring

A SELECTION FROM EACH VENDOR

CONTACT LAURA JACOBSON FOR TICKETS: 363-7524

If your group doesn't want to have a booth, we invite you to come to our festival as a guest. The day is free to the public and we will have four speakers, as evidenced by the flyer. Please come out and enjoy the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center. This is one of the best kept secrets and the gardens will be beautiful in September.

2009
MASTER GARDENER COMMUNITY GARDENING FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION

Name of organization

Contact Name and Address

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Yes, please reserve space at the Community Gardening Festival.

- Information table - \$15
 Vendor table - \$30

Please mail this form by June 30 with check made out to VBMGA to:

Virginia Beach Master Gardener Association
c/o Fran Shelton
2705 Browning Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

10th Annual
Community Gardening Festival

'Spring into

Presented by Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

Saturday, September 12, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Free Admission and Parking

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center • 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach
(From I-64 take Exit 282 to Northampton Blvd. Turn left on Diamond Springs Road, then look for posted signs)

Speakers

10:30 a.m.	Herbs – Harvesting, drying and storage	Cynthia Wyskiewicz Extension Agent, Portsmouth
11:30 a.m.	Camellias – Year round beauty	Mike Andruczyk, Extension Agent, Chesapeake
12:30 p.m.	Turf Grasses for Hampton Roads	Jim Orband Extension Agent, York
1:30 p.m.	Sustainable Landscaping Practices and Tour	Laurie Fox Horticulture Associate, URREC

• Proper mulching and composting will be demonstrated. The **Plant Clinic and Tree Stewards** will also be available to diagnose plant and tree problems and answer your gardening questions.

• In Addition to our speakers, tours and demonstrations there will be a **silent auction, bake sale** and our Master Gardener **plant sale**.

• **Tours of the Display Gardens and Arboretum** offer landscaping ideas and show what plants are hardy in the Hampton Roads area. The Arboretum tour will give homeowners the opportunity to view fully grown trees that are appropriate for suburban yards. Master Gardeners will be available in the Gardens and Arboretum to answer your gardening questions.

• **Garden Societies** will have information displays and will also be selling plants, books, and garden related items. Included will be Virginia Beach Audubon Society, Butterfly Society of Virginia, Herb Society of America – Tidewater Unit, Hampton Roads Iris Society, South Hampton Roads Chapter of the VA Native Plant Society and the Tidewater Orchid Society.

• We will be joined by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation, Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach Beautification Commission, Back Bay Restoration Foundation and Lynnhaven River NOW.

• Master Gardeners from Chesapeake, Norfolk and Portsmouth will join us and will be providing displays and demonstrations during this event.

For more information visit our website www.vhmg.org or contact
Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Beach Office (757) 385-4769

