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Board Meeting

Wed., Jan, 13, 2010, 9:00AM CENTRAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

General Meeting

Wed., Jan. 13, 2010
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

Happy New Year to each of you and to your families. A huge thank you to Carolyn Dennis and everyone who helped with the wreath making workshop. It always is a lot of fun and hope you'll consider coming out next year if you missed this fun workshop.

The New Year promises to be exciting with our upcoming celebration of 60 anniversary year of the Council of Garden Clubs. Please consider helping out with the celebration by contacting Sylvia Brewington at 340-0907.

My schedule is sometimes unpredictable but if you will leave your phone number I will do my best to get back to you. My e-mail is RebaSMc@aol.com.
Reba McClanan, President

Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs

January Council Program

Laura Jacobson,

belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com

363-7524 February Council Special Education Program



January 13th, 2010

"Backyard Habitat" with Stephen Living

Stephen Living, a Watchable Wildlife Biologist with the Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries, will share with us his extensive environmental education as well as habitat evaluation and restoration. Other topics that Stephen presents on are invasive species, urban biology, and the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail. Here's the perfect opportunity to ask the expert about those critters in your backyard. Refreshments will be served following the program.

****Tickets will be available for the February Special**

Education Program** February 10th, 2010



"How to Beat the Winter Blues with Flowers"

*featuring Sarah Munford, Floral Designer and
Co-Owner of The New Leaf in Ghent.*

Join us for a Floral Demonstration by award winning designer, Sarah Munford , Co-Owner with Laurel Quarberg, of The New Leaf located in Ghent. Sarah's unusual style in Floral Design has earned her the title, "Best Florist in Norfolk in 2009." **Please see flyer in this Taproot issue.** Refreshments will be served following the program.

Tickets are \$10.00 with a \$1.00 donation to the Council ABC Project, and will be available at the January Council Program and prior to the event.

This program is open to the public.

For tickets contact Laura Jacobson, 363-7524.

Council Dues

Audrey Kelly, wmyluv@cox.net,

486-1733

We still have 14 garden clubs that have not paid their dues for 2009-2010 in which are the following: Bay Colony Garden Club, Birdneck Point Garden Club, Brittany Points Garden Club, Chelsea, Green Hill, Meadowridge Garden Club, The Gardeners Guild of Va. Beach, Great Neck Meadows Garden Club, Hermitage Garden Club, The Junior Va. Beach Garden Club, Kings Forest Garden club, Quail Point Cove Garden Club, Stratford Chase Garden Club, Town and Country Garden Club, and the Virginia Beach Garden Club. These clubs are late and need to add a \$5.00 late charge to their dues.

If any of these clubs feel that they have paid please contact Audrey Kelly at 757-486-1733.

Please send check payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach to: Audrey Kelly, 629 W. Kingston Lane, Virginia Beach. Va. 23452-4556.

Awards Chairman

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

From the ABC Chairman and the Awards Chairman: Suzie Duckworth & Cheryll Klobuchar

Happy New Year!!

Suzie Duckworth and I will be conducting another “*Informational Workshop*” on **Wednesday, January 13th**. The workshop will be immediately following the Council’s General meeting.

The purpose of this workshop is to hopefully answer any questions you may have on how to apply for the Council Awards and the ABC projects. We will explain the various awards, what information and/or criteria is required when applying for the awards, including the proper way to submit the entries. This is the time to ask any questions you may have, from how to submit and entry to asking for clarification on a particular award. We want to make submitting entries for awards as painless as possible.

It is our hope that each club will send at least one representative to this workshop, if your club is unable to send someone that day but is interested in the information that will be handed out; please contact either Suzie Duckworth, ABC Chairman, at 363.1050 or suzied@verizon.net or Cheryll Klobuchar, Awards Chairman, at 463.4885 or c-klobuchar@cox.net.

Suzie and I hope to see many familiar, along with new faces at this workshop. So mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 13th, 10:00 a.m. at the Central Library**; remember our workshop will be following the Council’s General meeting. So come out and enjoy Council’s program featuring Stephen Living as our invited speaker and then stay afterwards for an information filled meeting. This is one workshop you won’t want to miss. We hope to see you there.

60th Anniversary Celebration of Council of Garden Clubs Sylvia Brewington at 340-0907

THEY CHANGED THE FACE OF THE CITY

As chairman of the 60th anniversary celebration of the Council I am excited about this event. On May 12, 2010 we will host a luncheon at the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS , YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT.**

Our goal is to compile a record of the many contributions and achievements of the Council and it’s member clubs have made to our city. (Please note the information from Cheryl Klobuchar included in this newsletter.) Through this history booklet that each attendee will receive, we will recognize the many people who have helped us in our community improvement projects. Without the foresight of past individuals we would not have accomplished the beautification, conservation and preservation of our

city. Through the Power Point presentation we will be able to view some of the many ways We Have Changed the Face of Our City.

To successful create the history Booklet and the Power Point Presentation WE NEED YOUR 100% participation. We want everyone to know that we are not just LOTIS (little ol'e ladies in tennis shoes) but that we are a strong group of doers.

I have a request to make of you. Please send us your photos, articles and club projects information by the COUNCIL MEETING ON JAN. 13, 2010 (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF THE DATE WE ORIGINALLY SET.) We will be available to accept your information near the registration table at the library. We will return your photos etc. after we have used them. We need time to assemble this information and we to include Every Club in these two presentations. If you can give an estimate of the amount of money you spent on these projects. There will be an opportunity for the clubs to win one of five COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS simply by loaning us the requested information.

On Tuesday May 11, 2010 we will hold a flower arranging workshop, taught by Tablesapes expert Carolyn Dennis. those who participate in the workshop will display their creations as centerpieces at the Anniversary Luncheon. There will be a fee for the workshop and you will be keep your centerpiece.

If you have photos ready or you have questions , please contact me or other members of this committee. Sylvia Brewington 340-0907, e-mail sylvbrew@cox.net or Cheryl K. who will be creating the booklet.

ATTENTION: Just a reminder that the club project information is due on January 2nd. The 60th anniversary committee will be putting together a booklet containing all of the projects that the clubs and the Council have done over the past 60 years. I know that this is a big request. Compiling and editing this booklet is going to take time and our plan is to give a booklet to each guest that attends our anniversary celebration. If you are unable to get the information to me on January 2nd; the committee has agreed to extend the deadline to the Council's general meeting on January 13th to give the club's who are in need some extra time. Please bring your club information to the meeting and turn it in to me at that time.

If you are having difficulty putting this information together or have any questions, please give me a call at 463-4885. This was never intended to be a lot of work, just a way of compiling a record of the projects that our member clubs and the Council have provided to the City over the past 60 years.

I look forward to receiving your information and putting it in our booklet.

Thanks for all your hard work and efforts in getting this information together for the Council.

Cheryll Klobuchar
60th Anniversary Committee member

Arbor Day Chairman

Johnnie Miller, Jmill61558@verizon.net
467-1549

Arbor Day will be April 23rd, 2010 and the city of Virginia Beach will be celebrating the **30th Year of being a TREE CITY U. S. A.** The Council of Garden Clubs has played a major part in the city receiving this award. We will be participating again in April in the Arbor Day celebration. At this time, the place for the celebration has not been chosen. I will be meeting soon with Kristina Salzman, city arborist to help with details for the event. I am trying to gather information about the council's early participation in Arbor Day. I would like to locate all the previous Arbor Day Chairmen. I know that Mary Winder, deceased, Sylvia Brewington, Jean Williams, and Susan Ott served as chairmen. If you know of others who have served in this capacity, please let me know. And put April 23rd, 2010 on your calendar. I would like to have a representative from every club attend the Arbor Day event.

Wreath Making Workshop

Carolyn Dennis, carolinecustis@cox.net
390-3292

The Holiday Wreath Making Workshop was a great success and loads of fun....Thanks to so many talented and dedicated ladies in our council of garden clubs. There were 15 Garden Clubs participating with 50 wonderful ladies giving of their time and talents....I cannot thank you enough.....Carolyn Dennis

Garden Therapy, Empty Bowls
Dot Cullen, 496-2460

The Ceramic Designers Assn. will again be having their annual fundraising "Empty Bowls Dinner" in March at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Please start saving your jars and large soup can, leaving the labels on. I will contact Virginia Wesleyan after the 1st of the year for the exact date.

Bid on treasures galore with the Cavalier Garden Club's 49th Annual Auction and Luncheon.

The treasure you want is on the block! The Cavalier Garden Club presents its 49th Annual Auction and Luncheon on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 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 elephant sale with one-of-a-kind treasures, a jewelry sale with glittering and lovely adornments, and a plant sale with houseplants, garden plants, beautiful baskets and herbs. In previous years, items auctioned off have included fabulous antiques, wonderful artwork, sparkling jewelry, special 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. We're also continuing our "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.

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

Deadline for items for the March/April issue of Taproot is Tuesday, February 15, 2010

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437-2570

THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.

presents

"How to Beat the Winter Blues with Flowers"

featuring

Sarah Munford
of
The New Leaf



The New Leaf is located in Ghent and has just celebrated its 22nd years in business! Sarah Munford, co-owner with Laurel Quarberg, is from Richmond where she had a flower shop for seven years. Sarah sold her shop in Richmond, moved to Norfolk, and "turned over a new leaf", thus creating the new shop known as The New Leaf. Sarah's unusual style in Floral Design as earned her the title, "Best Florist in Norfolk in 2009"

A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM and RAFFLE

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