

TAPROOT

The Newsletter of the Council of Garden Clubs
Of Virginia Beach, Inc.

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Board Meeting

Wed., March 3, 2010 10:00AM

CENTRAL LIBRARY
LIBRIS ROOM

General Meeting

Wed., March 10, 2010

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

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

2009-2010 Officers

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
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Reba McClanan
Cheryll Klobuchar
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Council Website

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A Message from the President

Reba McClanan, RebaSMc@aol.com

340-8835

Greetings, Council of Garden Club Officers, Directors and Committee Chairman.

Thanks for all your hard work! With the bad weather, so many germs and illnesses, etc. you all have been real troopers and come through on so many great activities and events.

Please don't forget! March 3rd Board Meeting at 10:00am Central Library-busy agenda-need you there!

March 10th, General Meeting-Central Library at 9:30am registration; 10:00am Meeting-Speaker Belinda Nash from Ferry Plantation House. Refreshments afterwards.

Mark your calendars-

Empty Bowls-Virginia Wesleyan-Chairman, Dot Cullen
Planning Committee Workshop at 4:00pm on March 4th at Kellam and Pickrell at 2012 Mediterranean Ave., Virginia Beach. We will be letting you know the dates for various planning commission and city council meetings on LED Signs and Billboard ordinances.

Thanks!

Reba Mc Clannan, President

March Council Program

Laura Jacobson, belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com
363-7524



March 10, 2010

"The Legend of Grace Sherwood - the Infamous Witch of Pungo," with Belinda Nash / Ferry Plantation House

Join us as Belinda Nash of the Ferry Plantation House will share with us the story of one of our area's most famous legends, Grace Sherwood, the "Witch of Pungo." We'll learn about her life from 1660 to 1740, and her exoneration over 200 years later. Belinda will talk about old remedies used by Grace, such as rosemary and others, and display a replica of the Sherwood home. If you haven't had the pleasure of touring the Ferry Plantation House and meeting Belinda, you will be enamored by her presentation of Grace Sherwood.

Awards Chairman Cheryl Klobuchar, klobuchar@cox.net
463-4885

Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net
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Annual ABC Intent Application

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 can't attend the meeting please send me your form by email or sent to 1701 Benns Church Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 by March 10th. The project intent form is on page 39 in our council yearbook. I will have folders at our April council meeting. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Please remember that the council ABC project continues with phase three of the Japanese Garden at Red Wing Park. I hope to have you more information in the April Taproot. Please consider making a dona-

tion to this great project. All donations should be made by May 1st so your club will be recognized at the annual luncheon. Thanks for your help.

60th Anniversary Celebration of Council of Garden Clubs
Sylvia Brewington at 340-0907
johnbrew@cox.net

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 its 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 tablescares 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

DATE-April 23, 2010

TIME-10:00 a.m.

PLACE-Mount Trashmore--exact location will come later when site of tree planting is decided.

SCHOOL participating-Windsor Woods third graders will be participating in the Arbor Day Art Contest. They have 60 plus students. "We will not need as many cookies." Kay Sawyer. Ellie Kreassig and I met with the principal, three third grade teachers and Ms. Eddy, the special education

who happens to be Kay's daughter, on Feb.15th. The school seems pleased to be asked to participate in Arbor Day 2010. Arrangements are being made for the Master Gardener's Tree Stewards to visit the third graders and present their skit on how Arbor Day began.

Remember this is Virginia Beach's 30th Year to be designated a TREE CITY USA so I hope each one will be a part of this event---bake cookies, welcome guests or just come and be a part of an event and know that "we" helped the city to become a TREE CITY.

Garden Therapy, Empty Bowls
Dot Cullen, 496-2460

The Council of Garden Clubs will again make the floral arrangements for the annual EMPTY BOWLS CHARITY DINNER. The dinner will be held on March 12, 2010 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 Virginia Wesleyan at **1:00 P.M. March 12th** to make the 90 to 100 floral arrangements.

Enter Virginia Wesleyan College from Wesleyan Drive, go to the Front Gate House and take a right. Park in the first parking lot and the Fine Arts building will be the first building up the sidewalk. We will meet on the first floor.

Please bring clippers, greens, flowering branches (cherry, forsythia, etc.) daffodils, etc. and the soup cans you have been saving.

Tickets for the soup dinner, entertainment and the beautiful ceramic bowl of your selection is \$20.00 if purchased in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets can be bought at the following:

Oasis Café, Great Neck Road
Pottery Art, Battlefield Blvd.
River View Pottery, Portsmouth
Terra Farm Pottery, College Park
Real Bread, Virginia Beach

FRANCIS LAND HOUSE

Peggy Caverly, 490-0925

Kay Eckhardt, 486-7328

This is a corrected version of what was sent after the Jan/Feb Taproot was distributed .

Hark the herald angels sing, and the (council) angels decorate Oh, what a glorious thing they do!

The FLH staff is always grateful and Kay and Peggy appreciate the willingness, cooperation, and talents you share with all who visit the FLH each year.

When the FLH Holiday Decorating Roster was presented there was a queue of all ye faithful, as well as, the other angels that accepted the request to add their gifts to the beauty of the house. These other very capable garden club angels were from:

Throughgood
Princess Anne Plaza
Cavalier
Princess Anne
Birdneck
Larkspur
Country Gardner Guild
All ye faithful angels were from:
Little Neck
Aragona
Fairfield
Lynnhaven River
May Farm
Birdneck
Thalia
Alanton-Baycliff

Chesopeian Colony
Church Point

You see Birdneck listed twice and that is not a mistake! Those angels signed the roster for decoration the front request to decorate the entry level railing to the first floor landing. These angels definitely earned their wings! Extra thanks to you, Birdneck angels!

We hope you all have had yourselves a Merry Little Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year!

Peggy Caverly
Kay Eckhardt

ATTENTION! ANGELS

New Year challenges bring us to New Year resolutions! Due to the economy and budget cuts, schedules at FHL have been further limited. We have been asked to deliver our weekly arrangements only Saturday (about 1:00pm.)

Our (Kay & Peggy) resolution is to meet this challenge and we resolve to work with each club as best we can if Saturday only delivery is a problem, the council has worked from the beginning save the FLH and we (Kay & Peggy) do want to let down our commitment. If we, too, back off we are contributing to the cycle and in time, we the residents, might loose this lovely old bit of history. That would be sad!

If your club has difficulty with the Saturday delivery please call Peggy (490-0925) or Kay (486-7328) as soon as possible.

Thank you council angels!

DAFFODIL DAYS

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

Thanks to all of the clubs who actively supported NFG President Renee Blaschke's daffodil planting project. The following garden clubs have planted bulbs at public sites Chesopeian Colony, Green Meadow Point, Green Pine, Lake Smith Terrace, Little Neck, May Farms, Old Donation Princess Anne Plaza, Thalia, The Botanical Buddies., and the Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs.

In order to qualify for a certificate submit a ONE PAGE SUMMARY which may include no more than 3 photos. Please send this one page summary and pictures of your project to NFG Golden Days Chairman Lila Petersen, 860 Hunting Hills, Boone, NC 28607. The deadline date for this year is APRIL 1, 2010. This is a two year project so you may apply for this award again next year or participate with a two year project next year.

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.

CGC of Virginia Beach, Annual Awards Luncheon

Chairman, Faye Lowton, ldlowton@aol.com

486-2703

Co-Chairman, Nancy Wollett, donald7781@cox.net

471-3302

The Council of Garden Clubs of Va. Beach, Inc. Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the Princess Anne Country Club on June 2, 2010. Cocktails at 12:00 noon followed by the Luncheon at 12:30.

Thalia Garden Club
Annual Garden Yard Sale
Saturday, May 1, 2010
Plants, yard tools, hot dogs
and baked goods
8am - 2pm
612 Lynn Shores Drive
(off Virginia Beach Blvd)

Contact Info - Allison Sitar
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TAPROOT**Ellen Orlando, mechessieview@yahoo.com****437-2570**

The council publishes its newsletter, *TAPROOT*, six times 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 deadline for the April issue of the *TAPROOT* is Tuesday, March 23, 2010.