

TAPROOT

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Board Meeting

Wed., April 7, 2010 10:00AM

CENTRAL LIBRARY
LIBRIS ROOM

General Meeting

Wed., April 14, 2010

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

Registration – 9:30AM

Meeting – 10:00AM

2009-2010 Officers

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Cheryll Klobuchar

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A Message from the President

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Dear Members of the Council of Garden Clubs,

Thanks to Ellen Orlando for doing such a great job of getting our Taproot and other information out to you. Thanks to all board members and Council Members for getting to the March 23rd City Council Meeting. You were great--all of you.

There are lots of deadlines and dates coming up these next months! Please pass all information on to your club members--we are depending on you to continue the fine job you have been doing with communications.

As Council of Garden Clubs Members you really made a significant impression at the City Council meeting. We need you to turn out again this Tuesday March 30th at 6 p.m. in the Virginia Beach Council Chambers on second floor at City Hall. Bring as many friends and members regarding the LED signs as you can.

I hope to see those of you who are board members at the Council Board meeting on April 7th. The Planning Commission will have billboards on its agenda as planned at present on the meeting of April 14th at City Council Chambers at 12 noon. There will be other special meetings. If so, we will advise.

May your Easter be a blessed time and Happy Spring time to you all of you.

By the way, Gaye Burton and all the members of the Cavalier Garden Club did a great job of putting on one heck of a great luncheon and auction. Great going! It was a lot of fun and very well done.

Thanks from your president, Reba McClanan

April Council Program

Laura Jacobson, belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com
363-7524



April 14, 2010

"*Growing Herbs in Containers*," with Billi Parus

Billi Parus will demonstrate how easy it is to grow your favorite herbs in containers, whether individually or grouped in a larger container. This is a wonderful opportunity to get advice and information you may need to start your own herb garden to suit your culinary and lifestyle needs.

Billi Parus is a Master Gardener and Herb Enthusiast, and member of the Herb Societies of America and Great Britain.

ABC Chairman

Suzie Duckworth, suzied@verizon.net
363-1050

Just a reminder I am still collecting money for the Miyazaki Garden Expansion at Red Wing Park which is the Council ABC Project for this year. I received an e-mail from Eddie Barnes. The Log Bridge and Torii Gate have been completed. Additional plant material will be installed as soon as the site dries out. They are searching for elements to be added such as lanterns. Please consider donating to this project.

Great News, we are no longer requiring Project of Intent Forms in March. You will submit your BOE on May 10th to Ellie Kressig, 433 Lynn Shores Drive, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452. Please remember we

have city officials at our awards luncheon and its to our advantage to turn in projects where we have beautified our city. Please submit your projects and make the Council of Garden Clubs look great.

Thanks Suzie

Awards

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

After the cold, snowy winter we had it is so wonderful to see the sun and feel the warm breezes. With the spring season upon us our minds turn to making plans for our gardens, planting trees, shrubs, and flowers and last but not least writing up entries for the Council's Awards Program.

Please check the Council yearbook for the Awards starting on page 23. Don't forget to check out the Awards being offered on pages 35-36, these Awards are sometimes overlooked; we want to encourage our young people to enjoy Nature and to be involved in the Community, the two Awards on page 35 are two such awards. Many clubs plant trees during the year, but often forget about the Tree Award, this award is listed on page 36 along with two awards sponsored by Lynnhaven River NOW.

I will have scrapbook pages available at the April meeting for those clubs that plan to create a scrapbook page. If you would like yours earlier, give me a call or e-mail me at c-klobuchar@cox.net

Each entry is to be submitted in an Oxford or theme binder. Page 22 in the yearbook explains how to label the entries. Entries incorrectly labeled or not in an Oxford or theme binder will be notified and required to correct the errors. Incorrectly labeled entries make it difficult for the judging committee to do their job, please help us by following the instructions on page 22. If you have any questions about how to label your entry please contact me, I will be more than happy to help you.

The entries are due no later than **May 10th**. I will have a box on my door step on May 10th for you to place your entries in when you drop them by. My address is: 758 Suffolk Lane (I'm on the corner of Suffolk Lane and Suffolk Circle, a two story Georgian house). My phone number is 463-4885 (h) or 560-5589 (c). If you need directions or have questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Good Luck to everyone.

Note: This year the *Glenda Knowles Attendance Incentive Award* has first, second, and third place awards. The BOE can be turned in as soon as the last requirement is met. This award will be presented to the club who gets their BOE and meets all the criteria, in the order in which it is received.

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

Happy Birthday to the COGC.

Come celebrate with us on May 12,2010 at the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club,1052 Cardinal Drive .

Cost-\$20.00

REGISTRATION -11:00

Tickets will be available at both the COGC Board and regular COGC meetings. (for ease of handling we request that your club return the form below with your ticket purchase.) You may also purchase by mail (send form and check (**payable to The Council of Garden Clubs**) send to Audrey Kelly, 629 W. King-son Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

The Council of Garden Club 60TH Anniversary Luncheon---(**deadline is May 1st**)

Menu selections;

1. Fresh Baked Jumbo Lump Crab Quiche (Served with a side of fruit)
 2. Chicken Picatta (with Lemon Caper Sauce on Primavera Vegetable Bow Tie)
 3. Summer Chicken Salad Platter (with or without Chicken Breast) contains lettuce, macadamia, strawberries, cucumber and strawberry vinaigrette)
- Key Lime Desert or a Sugar Free Desert (your choice, coffee, iced tea, water and gratuity are included.

***PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR TICKET PURCHASE THE INFORMATION BELOW
NAME OF CLUB***

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS, AND THEIR MENU CHOICE INCLUDING DESERT;

call Sylvia @ 340-0907 if you need more information

Arranging Workshop for Celebration of Council of Garden Clubs

Sylvia Brewington at 340-0907

johnbrew@cox.net

Join us and enjoy learning how to create a unique table arrangement with Carolyn Dennis.

Instructor Carolyn Dennis, Tablescape Designer

Cost \$20.00 (includes lesson, container and flowers)

Location- Foundry United Methodist Church, 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd.

(next door to Beach Ford) Tickets for the Anniversary Luncheon will be on sale at the April board meeting and regular meeting. We have a limited amount available. Johnnie Miller is taking reservations for the workshop. We expect you to display your creation of the tables for The Anniversary Luncheon.

Arbor Day Chairman

Johnnie Miller, Jmill61558@verizon.net

467-1549

Announcing again, ARBOR DAY on FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd at 10 am at MOUNT

TRASHMORE. Ladies, if you signed to bring cookies for Arbor Day, please remember to put two (2) large cookies or three (3) small ones in a baggie. Then we need a few cookies on a paper plate or a container that doesn't need to be returned. These will be used for the reception. The ones in the baggie will be used for the third graders. We have around 65 students plus 4 teachers and the principal but we will probably have extra guest this year. The baggies will be placed in large 3 gift bags and given to the 3 teachers who will give the cookies to the students for their dessert. The students have to return to school after the Arbor Day ceremony and have lunch.

Please plan to attend this event. It will be the 30th consecutive year for Virginia Beach to be designated a Tree City U.S.A. And remember we, the Council of Garden Clubs, played a big part in the city receiving this award. Mount Trashmore is located off Independence Blvd. Turn onto Edwin Drive and signs will direct you to site of the ceremony

Francis Land House**Peggy Caverly, 490-0925****Kay Eckhardt, 486-7328****IT WILL BE A REPEAT PERFORMANCE**

On April 19th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., the Council of Garden Club ladies will bring a long-awaited and welcomed breath of spring beauty to Francis Land House. Their spring creations will glorify mantles, window sills, and the front door.

If your club is not listed below and you want to join the fun, revel in the rainbow of floral color and adornment of the Francis Land House, call Peggy Caverly at 490-0925 to request a space to embellish with your talents.

Thanks to Church Point, Little Neck, May Farm and Thalia for reserving your spaces.

Remember:

- No artificial materials may be used.
- Use locally grown seasonal flowers or greens and/or dried material.
- Please put your name and telephone number on containers or use disposable containers and materials.
- If you will be upset if something is discarded, do not use it.
- Retrieve any containers/dried material, etc. by Saturday the 25th of April.
- Call NOW for reserving your space.

CGC of Virginia Beach, Annual Awards Luncheon
Chairman, Faye Lowton, ldlowton@aol.com
486-2703
Co-Chairman, Nancy Wollett, donald7781@cox.net
471-3302

COUNCIL AWARDS LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, June 2, 2010
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: \$22.00 (Inclusive-per person)

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
 vinagarett*

or

***Vegetarian Meal**-the same Salad
 as above without the chicken
 Home-baked muffins and rolls
 Chocolate Ganache Brownie
 Iced tea and coffee*

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 26, 2010

*Please send **one** check per Garden Club. Make club check payable to **Council of Garden Clubs 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 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: Faye Lowton - 486-2703
Co-Chair: Nancy Wollett - 471-3302

RESERVATION FORM – AWARDS LUNCHEON June 2, 2010

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:** _____

TIDEWATER DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW REPORT

"Kaleidoscope of Flowers"

Betty Ann Galway, Chairman at 464-4255

bettyann.galway@nbgs.org

The flower show "Kaleidoscope of Flowers" was held February 5-7, 2010 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach. This chairman is grateful to the members who served on the flower show committee and diligently worked so many hours for this show to come together. The district can be very proud of this show as the judges gave us the "go ahead" to prepare a Book of Evidence to apply for a National Award.

Much work is done prior to the show and especially the few days prior actually staging the show on site. The hours and hard work of many ladies, especially Susan Porter and Audrey Kelly as the staging committee, will never be forgotten. The district owes these ladies a great of appreciation for their talents and hours of work. Mary Westfall busily sewed 18 table clothes in bright colors for the design entries. Many positive comments have been received about how emphasis on color, greatly added to the beauty of this show.

Six Judges traveled from all over the state through wind and weather to judge our show. A lovely luncheon at the Princess Anne Country Club hosted by members of Cavalier Garden Club, Gaye Burton and Joan Joyner was a delightful start to the afternoon.

The stage set and then comes the morning of entries! Thirty-six design entries came in and were placed on stage. At the same time that same morning, Forty-one horticulture entries were classified and staged with 5 horticulture collections and 4 educational exhibits. The Tidewater District had received ten inches of snow the few weeks prior to the show and there were flurries just before and during the show.

I am sure that many more horticulture entries would have been exhibited if the weather had cooperated.

Many of you were there on the morning of entries. Most of the flower show committee members were there, doing their respective jobs. But, the stars that morning were the members of the Little Neck Garden Club who were staging the horticulture. Those ladies were outstanding as they placed, moved, added tables as more and more entries were placed. Their experience in doing this important job over the past few years was invaluable that morning.

The hostesses who came two-by-two were also tireless and committed to standing guard and giving information to our visitors. Thank you to each of them for their time and informative answers.

The judges announced the winners of the show awards when they completed their judging on Thursday. However, the awards were presented to the winners on Sunday, at 4:30 pm. Congratulations to all the winners of the ribbons for "Kaleidoscope of Flowers".

The dismantling of the exhibits and staging is certainly the finale but can not be done without help. A huge "thank you" to all who assisted with loading the truck, car and two vans and then unloading and putting all the staging in storage. This chairman is extremely grateful to Susan & Bill Porter, Ankie Kaiser & her Husband from Little Neck; Bob & Daniel Galway, Betty Jo & Karl Schellenberg family of this chairmen; Bill Smoot, Frances Thrash and DJ Marini, and Ann and Bruce Brown for their assistance in this effort. All on Super Bowl night! It sounds like the show has been put to bed yet, the Book of Evidence has to be done. Thank you to Barbara Ohmsen who has agreed to do this huge task.

Financially, this chairman is extremely pleased that the show expenses did not exceed our budgeted amount of \$700.00.

The efforts of so many talented Tidewater District members made this show one that we can be proud. It is the opinion of this chairman, that the Mid-Atlantic Home and Flower Show committee was extremely pleased with our show this year. This chairman is pleased to report to the district president that we have been invited to participate in the show next year.

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
757-463-4783

Broad Bay Island Garden Club Plant Sale
Marina Shores Shoppes in parking lot of Final Kick and Jans Gym. Off North Great Neck Rd
Saturday April 17, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Rain date Sunday April 18th.

Historic Garden Week's Virginia Beach Tour, sponsored by the Virginia Beach Garden Club and the Princess Anne Garden Club, will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 10:00-5-30. Five uniquely different homes reflecting the best of beach living will be presented. The emphasis this year is "Art in Gardening". Each of the homes exhibits beautiful art work, design and personal collections. Also, there will be an art exhibit and sale titled "The Painted Garden" at the **Beach Gallery**, 313 Laskin Road, March 27-April 24, 10:00-6:00 Monday-Friday and 10:00-5:00 Saturdays, celebrating the beauty in gardening seen through the eyes of several Virginia artists. Five of the artists have created paintings from the gardens of the five featured homes on the tour. A percentage of each sale will benefit the Virginia Beach tour. The Historic Garden Week tours are presented by the Garden Club of Virginia to benefit the restoration of historic Virginia gardens.

Block tickets for full admission are \$25 if purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at any of the private homes on the tour for \$30. Single home admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased online at www.VAGardenweek.org for an additional charge. Advance ticket sale locations are Flowers-Wayne Jones, Willis Wayside, Yves Delorme, the Bank of Hampton Roads (Great Neck branch) and Baker's Jewelry Princess Anne and Virginia Beach Garden Club representatives, Connie Fulton and Cheryl Jordan will have tickets for sale at the Council of Garden Clubs meetings.

Karen Renda World Gardening Chair

World Gardening shares ideas for alternative energy solutions that are healthy, cheap and good for the environment. We work with anyone who needs our help. ECHO assists any organization working in agriculture to improve the lives of the poor. We reach around the world, assisting over 3,000 organizations in 180 countries worldwide. We provide scholarships to 8 interns per year. These interns multiply your gifts by working with other development and relief organizations sharing the skills learned at ECHO.

Please help by your contribution. Make your check out to ECHO but send it to me- K. Renda and I will forward it on. Thanks.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners'

PLANT SALE

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 8, 2010

(Rain or Shine)

Many unusual or hard to find varieties of:

Annuals, Perennials, Herbs, Shrubs, Aquatics & Vegetables

Also Featuring:

Cut flowers and arrangements

grown & arranged by Virginia Beach Master Gardeners
Virginia Beach Farmer's Market
3640 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach
(Corner of Princess Anne Rd & Dam Neck Rd)

For more information visit: www.vbmg.org or call (757) 385-4769

Larkspur Garden Club
Book and Treasures Sale
April 24th
9:00am-2:00pm
Swim and Racquet Club
732 Edwin Drive

30th Annual Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club
Flower Sale
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Virginia Beach Convention Center
1000 19th Street Virginia Beach
www.jvbgc.com

Thalia Garden Club will sell Norfolk Florist punch cards at the April 14 Council meeting. For \$25.00 you get \$200 worth of flowers all year long. The punch cards start in May 2010.

Annual Spring Plant Sale by Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Wide variety of annuals, herbs, hanging pots, and patio pots provided by Paramount Nurseries. Also, garden club members will provide plants from their gardens, books and great cookies. Location is Angel Flight parking lot near the corner of Independence and Haygood Road (just past the MacDonaldis) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great prices and best of all, proceeds go towards Council ABC projects, Lynnhaven River Now, Nature Camp and several other garden charities.

TAPROOT

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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 May issue of the *TAPROOT* is Tuesday, April 20, 2010.