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Pins are still available for sale!

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## 2017-2019 Officers

President	Laura Jacobson - Church Point GC
First Vice President	Betty Ann DesRoches - Bay Colony GC
Second Vice President	Jessica O'Connor - Linkhorn Park GC
Recording Secretary	Rose Busetti - Thalia GC
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Porter - Thoroughgood GC
Treasurer	Pauletta Anglin - Lynnhaven Heritage GC

## Council Website

[www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com)

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## Council Motto

*"We are a service organization  
dedicated to promoting our community through  
beautification, conservation and preservation  
by means of education and example."*

*Booda Thorpe*

**A Message from the President****Laura Jacobson**[belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)**757-237-7524**

Spring is here!! Maybe? Thoughts of blossoms and warmer temperatures led me to contemplate where the phrase “April showers bring May flowers” originated. According to Wikipedia, its origin can be traced to Thomas Tusser (1524 – 3 May 1580). He was an English poet and farmer best known for his instructional poem, *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*, an expanded version of his original title, *A Hundreth Good Pointes of Husbandrie*, first published in 1557. His poem contains these rhyming couplets:

*Sweete April showers,  
Do spring Maie flowers.*

An article, written April 12, 2012, by Army Chaplain, Lt Col. Milton Johnson, reflects his opinion about the meaning behind the words as follows:

*"April showers bring May flowers" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed -- even an abundance of flowers in May. "April showers bring May flowers" is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.*

It's also that time of year when we close our 2018 program schedule with our guest speakers from the City's Landscape Management team, Symsi Denson and Nicholas McIntyre. Their program, "Landscaping in Virginia Beach...What Has Been Done and What Is To Come," will answer many of the questions we have about the City's progress in areas reducing the use of pesticide spraying and other environmental preservation tactics to continue the beautification and conservation of our community. I also look forward to our June 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon at the Princess Anne Country Club where all your hard work in your individual clubs will be honored. Details including the reservation form can be found in this issue as well as in the May issue of the Taproot.

Until then, may April showers bring May flowers and an opportunity to enjoy our gardens with friends and family.

*Laura*

***Did You Know?***

It is a custom that, as the Council President completes her two-year term, the Council plants a tree somewhere on city property in her honor. I am happy to say that my little tree has been planted! It is at the intersection of Holly Road and Linkhorn Drive. I drive by it every day as I leave my neighborhood and it makes me smile. It is a Yoshino Cherry or *Prunus x yedoensis* (botanical name). It should be beautiful for many years to come. Thank you, Council members.

*“Who’s in the News?” (Club Submissions about Activities in the Community)...*



This planter is one of Liz Maurer’s beautiful planter designs. It was taken by Adele Lundquist (Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club) in Liz’s Virginia Beach home garden. Both are, indeed, very talented ladies.

Many attendees at the Council’s March meeting thought that the beautifully designed planter was a professional one done by Dr. McDuffie, the guest speaker.

It is such fun to showcase our own local talent!

Kay Eckhardt

## 2018 Calendar of Events

**April 4, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane

Conference Room - First Floor- the “Atlantic”

**April 11, 2018, 9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am - Meeting**

**CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: TBD

**April 19, 2018, 10:30 am**

**Tidewater District, VFGC Fundraiser**

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom, Williamsburg

“Fashions & Flowers” - Fashions by Chico’s, Lunch & “The Dueling Designers” Cost: \$30.00

**April 21-28, 2018**

**Historic Garden Week in Virginia**

**April 23, 2018, 10:00 am--2:00 pm**

**CGCVB Decorate the Francis Land House**

**April 27, 2018, 10:00 am**

**Council Arbor Day**

Kempsville Recreation Center

**May 10, 2018**

**CGCVB Awards Applications & ABC Binders Due**

**May 21-24, 2018**

**National Garden Club (NGC) Convention**

Philadelphia, PA

**June 6, 2018, 10:00 am – Registration, 10:30 am – Meeting, 12:00 pm (Noon) – Luncheon**

**CGCVB Annual Awards Luncheon**

Princess Anne Country Club

## **CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements**

### **Programs**

**Jessica O’Conner**

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**757-428-3994**

Don’t miss our April program. Symsi Denson and Nick McIntyre from the City Landscape Services will be here to share some of the past projects and some new ones to come. Come and find out what’s happening to make our city more beautiful! There will be time for questions.

### **Treasurer**

**Pauletta Anglin**

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**757-340-2790**

Thank you for your support of our Council projects. Your individual and club participation make wonderful things happen in our community and are long-lasting. Our three basic projects are the ABC project (for 2017-2019, the Whitehurst Buffington Garden), Nature Camp Scholarships and the VA Tech Scholarship.

Several clubs have already made donations to these projects. Two months of our year have already gone by and, as spring arrives, we are busier than ever in our own gardens and club activities. Please ask your treasurers to send your donations before it is forgotten in the rush of spring activities.

If your club would like to donate to the ABC Project and/or Nature Camp, please send your donations to: Pauletta Anglin, 921 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 1102, VA Beach, VA 23451

VA Tech Scholarship donations should be sent to: Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, VA Beach, VA 23452

### **Corresponding Secretary**

**Susan Porter**

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**757-460-7890**

Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure that you send board and committee articles and club announcements to me by April 20<sup>th</sup> at [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com). Thank you for your input!

**Publicity****Adele Lundquist****757-491-5375****[lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net)**

Congratulations to the Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club for its article and photo in the Beacon concerning its gift to St. Mary's "Care for the Caregivers". Remember, you, too, can submit your information to the Beacon at [www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos](http://www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos).

If you prefer, you can send it to me and I will submit it for you. It is good to let the Community know how garden clubs are working hard toward beautifying and supporting the City. If you are a federated club, you can also publish in the Old Dominion Gardener.

**Scholarships****Sylvia Brewington****[sylvbrew@cox.net](mailto:sylvbrew@cox.net)****757-340-0907**

For future scholarship donations, please make your check payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach & send them to Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

**Arbor Day****Johnnie Miller****[jmill61558@verizon.net](mailto:jmill61558@verizon.net)****757-467-1549**

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 27, 10:00 am at the Kempsville Recreation Center. It will be celebrated with children from Kempsville Meadows Elementary School. Specific details will be sent to garden club Presidents via email closer to the date.

**Francis Land House****Peggy Caverly****757-490-0925****Kay Eckhardt****757-486-7328**

Spring warm days will come – we are just not sure when! We are sure, however, that decorating the Francis Land House will be take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We thank all garden clubs who have chosen to decorate the house: Thalia, Thoroughgood, Church Point, Chesapeake Colony, Lynnhaven Heritage, Lake Smith Terrace, Cavalier, May Farm, Linkhorn Park, and Broad Bay Point. Note: the bed chamber mantel was still available to decorate at the time of this writing.

Another great day to remember is April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Garden Week Tea. If you have a ticket for the tour, do not forget to drop by the Francis Land House for tea and music between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. The Tea is sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach.

**Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls****Janet Bacuzzi**[jmbacuzzi@cs.co](mailto:jmbacuzzi@cs.co)

757-496-5992

Thank you to the 26 ladies from 10 clubs who came to Virginia Wesleyan University to make soup-can arrangements for the Empty Bowls Dinner on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. You ladies are amazing! You finished in less than two hours and the arrangements were beautiful.

Thank you to the Athletic Director who corralled two gentlemen to help unload the car. I also want to thank Robin Bailey of the Ceramic Designers Association who came in as we finished and helped to clean up.

**ABC Book of Evidence****Suzie Duckworth**[Suzied44@cox.net](mailto:Suzied44@cox.net)

757-363-1050

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver your books to my Co-chair, Ellie Kressig, at 433 Lynn Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. She will have a basket on her porch all day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need to deliver before or after the 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Ellie at 757-340-0167 and make arrangements with her.

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. Good Luck!!

We are collecting money for the Council ABC Project at the Whitehurst-Buffington House. If you wish to be recognized at our Awards Luncheon on June 6<sup>th</sup>, your donations must be received by our Treasurer, Pauletta Anglin, no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Council wishes to thank your clubs for their continued support of our ABC projects.

**Awards****Cheryll Klobuchar**[c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)

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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. Don't forget that there are awards that overlap, i.e. if your club has planted a tree or trees during the year, there are a number of awards for which you could apply. If you have any questions about a particular award or how to write up the entry, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 463-4885 (home), 560-5589 (cell) or [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)

The entries are due on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. I will place a box on my doorstep on May 10<sup>th</sup> for you to place your entries. If you prefer dropping them off sooner, contact me at one of the above contacts to make arrangements.

My address is: 758 Suffolk Lane (I'm on the corner of Suffolk Land and Suffolk Circle, a two-story Georgian house). If you need directions or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Good Luck to each and every one.

**CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD**

*To the club supporting council projects with the largest number of members on a percentage basis-  
Small (1-20) and Large Clubs (21 or more)  
Council Year is May 6, 2017 - May 10, 2018*

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Active Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted by: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members**

Awards Luncheon – June 2017: Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Provided Centerpiece(s) (*how many*): \_\_\_\_\_

Council Meetings (*# members attended*): Sept.\_\_\_\_ Oct.\_\_\_\_ Nov.\_\_\_\_ Jan.\_\_\_\_ Feb.\_\_\_\_ Mar.\_\_\_\_ Apr.\_\_\_\_

Supplying Food and/or Arrangements for Council Meetings (*record # members who supplied food and/or an arrangement*) Sept.\_\_\_\_ Oct.\_\_\_\_ Nov.\_\_\_\_ Jan.\_\_\_\_ Feb.\_\_\_\_ Mar.\_\_\_\_ Apr.\_\_\_\_

Francis Land House Weekly Flower Arrangements: May 6, 2017 – May 10, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Decorate Francis Land House – Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

Council Fundraiser - Tickets sold \_\_\_\_\_

Council Special Education Program – Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_

Empty Bowls Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Decorate Francis Land House – Historic Garden Week \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Arbor Day Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Providing Cookies for Arbor Day Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Placing an Ad in the Council Yearbook\* \_\_\_\_\_

Making a Donation to Council’s ABC project\* \_\_\_\_\_

Making a Donation to Council’s VT Scholarship Fund\* \_\_\_\_\_

Making a Donation to Nature Camp Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting business names for the Awards of Merit (*# of submissions*) \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting entries for the CGCVB Awards & ABC Awards (*# of submissions*) \_\_\_\_\_

Club members holding positions as Officers or Committee Chairmen \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\* If a donation has been made just check the item, do not list number of members.

**Awards of Merit**

**Janet Bacuzzi**

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757-496-5992

The Award of Merit is an award given to businesses and other public building owners to recognize the beautiful, well-landscaped properties they maintain to make our city a better place to live. As you drive around our city, take the time to note the names and addresses of places that you think deserve this award.

Please nominate businesses and other organizations by completing the award entry form below, due on Tuesday, May 10. The Club submitting the most entries will be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

**AWARD OF MERIT ENTRY FORM**

Deadline: Tuesday, May 10, 2018

This award is a certificate which reads... *“For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises...”*

**MAXIMUM 4 PER ENTRY FORM**

<i>Building/Organization Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
1		
2		
3		
4		

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Nature Camp**

**Audrey Kelly**

757-418-6100

[wmyluv1943@gmail.com](mailto:wmyluv1943@gmail.com)

The Council is sponsoring Carly Lundgren and Ally Restrepo for the Youth Nature Camp Scholarship, summer of 2018. The Council has supported both young ladies in the past.

We are pleased to be able to send two youths to Nature Camp each year. In order to do this, we need your support in donations. The deadline for applications for the Council of Garden Clubs Youth Nature Camp Scholarship for summer of 2019 is November 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Kelly, Nature Camp Chairman: [wmyluv1943@g.mail.com](mailto:wmyluv1943@g.mail.com), phone # 418-6100.



**THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC**  
**2018 AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Council Awards Luncheon and Installation will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. Please see "Council Awards Luncheon Registration Form". **Please note instructions on the form for payment (one check per club) and due date for registration – May, 23<sup>rd</sup>!!!!**

I will be seeking volunteers from garden clubs at the April Council General Meeting to bring table arrangements on the morning of the Luncheon. **On the day of the Luncheon, please plan to arrive between 10am – 10:15am with your arrangement and a designated assistant will collect your design.** Tablecloths and linens will be white with no restrictions on color. Arrangements should not exceed 12 inches in height, if possible. Keep in mind that all designs will be given away at the conclusion of the luncheon.

If you have any questions you may contact me at 757-418-6100 or via email at [wmluv1943@gmail.com](mailto:wmluv1943@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing you in June.

Audrey Kelly  
Luncheon Chairman

**SCHEDULE AND MENU SELECTIONS**  
Reservation Deadline – May 23, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

PLACE: Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach, 23451

SCHEDULE: Registration: 10:00 – 10:30am Business Meeting: 10:30 – 11:30am  
Cash Bar: 11:30 – 11:45am Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

PRICE: \$23.00 per person

MENU SELECTIONS:

1. Chicken Tetrazzini with Asparagus

OR

2. Bibb Salad w/ Chicken, Candied Pecans, Strawberries, and Shredded Carrots, Tossed in Sherry Vinaigrette  
(Vegetarian Option: No Chicken)

OR

3. Traditional Club Sandwich with House-made Potato Chips

OR

4. Vegetarian Quiche (spinach, tomato, feta) with Side Salad

DESSERT: Seasonal Fruit Trifle



## Announcements



### “Fashions & Flowers” - Thursday, April 19



The Tidewater District will be featuring “*Fashions & Flowers*” on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The day will feature fashions by Chico’s before lunch and the “Dueling Designers” after lunch. David Pippin and Al Brockwell will create designs side by side, using similar containers and flowers! Designs will be offered to our guests. There will also be a gift basket silent auction.

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom in Williamsburg, Virginia for this spectacular day! For more information, contact Glenda Knowles [ggknowles@cox.net](mailto:ggknowles@cox.net) 757-651-0401 - or - Patsy Cameron [pecameron@cox.net](mailto:pecameron@cox.net) 757-575-2155



### **85<sup>th</sup> Historic Garden Week Virginia Beach Tour - Wednesday, April 25**

Please join the Virginia Beach Garden Club and the Princess Anne Garden Club for the 2018 Virginia Beach Garden Tour.

The 2018 Virginia Beach Historic Garden Week Tour showcases Great Neck Point from its oldest home, built in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, to its most dramatic contemporary. Everywhere are views of the Lynnhaven River, the large tidal estuary that helps define northern Virginia Beach, in one of Virginia Beach's most beautiful waterfront neighborhoods.

The Chesapean Indians built one of their largest permanent encampments on the land protected by Long Creek on the north and the Lynnhaven River on the west and south. Although the first English colonists sampled the famed Lynnhaven oyster in 1607, they inexplicably sailed on.

Garden Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of more than forty of Virginia's public gardens and landscapes, a research fellowship program and a new partnership with Virginia State Parks.

To purchase tickets, please go to [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org)  
Follow us on Facebook @ Historic Garden Week in Virginia Beach  
On Instagram@ vbgardentour

Advance tickets are \$30 per person if purchased before April 25th. Tickets on tour day are \$40 and may be purchased at Tour Headquarters, Broad Bay Country Club, 2120 Lords Landing.

### **Master Gardeners Speakers Program**

If you are interested in a program given by a Master Gardener on various topics, please visit the website [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org). There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Kay Eckhardt at 486-7328.

#### **Master Gardeners April Gardening Talk – Monday, April 30 Straw Bale Gardening**

Fred Ball, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener  
Straw bale gardening is fun and easy, especially if your space is limited.

Free and Open to the Public, No Registration Required, Monday, April 30, 7 - 8 PM  
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

#### **Master Gardeners Rain Barrel Workshop – Saturday, April 14**

Rain barrel workshops are held at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market, 3640 Dam Neck Road, 9-10 AM. Pre-registration is required at [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org). Cost: \$50 per barrel.

### CGCVB Fundraiser

It's here and it's custom! Introducing the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach - 16oz. Tervis Tumbler....

The cost is \$20 and preorders are currently being taken. Show your support and sign-up today! Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for delivery. To order, contact our fundraiser chairman, Michelle Nettles, [MJNettles@aol.com](mailto:MJNettles@aol.com) or 770-356-5814.



### Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club Fundraiser

Have you ever had a vase tip over while transporting your flower arrangement, spilling water, and breaking your floral materials? You need a Vase Brace! Designed by a florist, it is made in the USA of smooth molded plastic. Its four adjustable cords will secure and stabilize your vase, potted plant or casserole to prevent tipping. It's even great for top-heavy designs. The slim design (12" x 12" x 1") is convenient enough to store in the car for that spontaneous trip to the florist or garden center.

At only \$21.95, everyone will want one! The VaseBrace is a great gift! Support our club in its fundraiser ~ we appreciate it!

Contact Bev Hunter at 757-340-8679 or [bhunt25@hotmail.com](mailto:bhunt25@hotmail.com) to place your order today!