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Pins are still available for sale!

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Council Website

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**757-237-7524**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Welcome 2018! Welcome to new beginnings, ideas, projects, and the opportunity for reflection. I am also grateful for my wonderful family and friends and all of the new relationships built in the past year.

During the holidays, I was fortunate to be with one of our Garden Clubs, Broad Bay Point Greens, who had invited me to their holiday tea and program. They are a well-organized, 50-plus members group of women, who are very involved in the community with projects such as outreach fundraisers for the Fallen Hero Room at the USO, Norfolk Airport, and their upcoming fundraiser on January 25th for St. Mary's Home (a residential facility serving individuals 2-21 years of age who have more severe levels of mental and physical challenges.)

I was also invited to attend a tea with Linkhorn Park Garden Club and regret that I was unable to join them for their festive gathering. I'm hoping to have another opportunity to visit their club in 2018.

Reflecting on my own opportunities for the New Year, I see a chance to improve the lives in our community through outreach programs such as our own Council Project working jointly with the Whitehurst-Buffington Foundation and the City Landscape Management Group to create and build an Educational Garden that will be open to all those who visit Whitehurst-Buffington, (as well as children from local schools, camp programs in the summer, and a chance to work with other service organizations such as the Girl and Boy Scouts to enhance the Garden.) There will be more information about the project in detail in the upcoming Taproot for you to share with your respective clubs.

I look forward to the informative and fun programs that Jessica has planned for us through April 2018. I encourage all Garden Clubs to support, through attendance, programs that offer gardening ideas, health, and current environmental challenges that are of concern to our area. Mark your Calendars for the March 14th Fundraiser with our speaker, Professor Robert McDuffie from Virginia Tech. I guarantee that you will be happy that you came!!!

It is a privilege to be your President of this Council and an honor to be among such amazing women who work so hard to make this City a better place in which to live.

I look forward to seeing all of you again at our January meeting!

Laura**Corrections to the Council Yearbook**

On page 115, in the ad for Cavalier Garden Club for their Annual Luncheon, the correct date is March 21, 2018, NOT March 14th. For reservations, call DAWN BRAY at 494-0545.



2018 Calendar of Events

January 3, 2018

CGCVB Board Meeting

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Laura Jacobson's home
1320 Front Street, Sajo Farm neighborhood
Virginia Beach

January 10, 2018

9:30 am – Registration

10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Program: "Everything You Need to Know About GMOs" by Watson Lawrence, Chesapeake
Agricultural Extension Agent
*\$10 Tickets - available for March Education Program, "Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces"

February 7, 2018

CGCVB Board Meeting

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Office Space and Solutions, LLC
4445 Corporation Lane
Conference Room - First Floor - the "Atlantic"

February 14, 2018

9:30 am - Registration

10:00 am - Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Program: "Attracting Birds with Water" by Bob Schamerhorn, Nature Photographer

March Council Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop

Details to be announced

March 7, 2018

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Office Space and Solutions, LLC
4445 Corporation Lane
Conference Room - First Floor - the "Atlantic"

March 14, 2018**10:00 am****CGCVB General Meeting**

Educational Program

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: “Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces” by Professor Robert McDuffie, Virginia Tech

Open to the Public, Cost: \$10.00 *Ticket required

March 26, 2018**9:30 am – Registration & Coffee****10:00 am – Meeting****Tidewater District, VFGC Spring General Meeting**

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom, Williamsburg

Program: To be announced

April Council Arbor Day

Details to be announced

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****Council Decorate the Francis Land House****May 10****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

Hospitality - vacant
Interim - Rose Busetti
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The board suspended refreshments for regular meetings and will only offer them for ticketed events. Four clubs are needed to bring up to four trays of finger foods and a centerpiece (that you take home afterward) for the Wednesday, March 14th Educational Program (\$10 ticket required) – "Gardening in Containers and Small Spaces". Thanks for helping out.

Programs
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Our January program should be most interesting! Watson Lawrence, the Agriculture Extension Agent from Chesapeake will be telling us what we need to know about GMOs (genetically modified organisms). You have probably seen the term on the packaging in your grocery store. "Non GMO" is showing up in many places. Watson will tell us why we should or should not buy products that have been modified. He is allowing 15 minutes for questions, so bring your questions and have them answered.

On another note...We are aware that our April speaker is not longer employed by the city. We do have another program in mind or we will ask for another person from Landscapes Services to fill in. We will keep you posted.

Corresponding Secretary
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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on February 1st. Please make sure that you send board and committee articles and club announcements to me by January 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

Publicity**Adele Lundquist****757-491-5375****lundquac@cox.net**

Did I miss your photo? You are doing some neat things but I haven't seen them published on the Community Scene photo page in the Beacon. You can submit your photo to: www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos. I'll keep looking!

Scholarships**Sylvia Brewington****sylvbrew@cox.net****757-340-0907**

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

Conservation/Ecology**Demaris Yearick****way4@juno.com****757-422-1618**

We hope you will check out the new Conservation Tab on the Council of Garden Club's website. The tab includes information about what we can all do to be good stewards of the environment as well as contact information about conservation groups. I would love any suggestions you may have on other information that you think would be good to include.

Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls**Janet Bacuzzi****jmbacuzzi@cs.co****757-496-5992**

Virginia Wesleyan University will begin their spring break on March 23, 2018. Although there has been no official word from the Ceramic Designers Association, I assume the Empty Bowls Dinner will take place on Friday night, March 23. In discussions with my contact at Virginia Wesleyan, he has advised me that construction of a new theater is taking place in the parking lot that we normally use. There will be some parking available. But we should plan to be at the Hofheimer Theater at 1:00 p.m. on March 23. I will provide more details as soon as I know more.

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly****757-418-6100****Wmyluv1943@gmail.com**

The council is pleased to announce our recipients for Youth Nature Camp Scholarship for the summer of 2018 and they are Carly Lundgren and Ally Restrepo. The council has supported both young ladies before and both have applied again. This is Ally's 5th year and Carly's 4th year attending Nature Camp.

Ally is looking forward to attending Nature Camp again this year because it will allow her to learn even more things and find out more about the natural world around her. She is passionate about herpetology, the study of reptiles and amphibians. In some of her other classes, she has learned to identify trees and flowers, aquatic fish and other animals, and what causes weather in and around Nature Camp. Ally is going into the 10th grade.

Carly has learned many things in the past 3 years. Her first year, she took geology as her major, her second year, she took meteorology and last year, she took nature journaling.

Nature Camp has helped each of these ladies to make tons of friends from across the nation. The friends they have made at camp are definitely friends they will never forget, and will make a difference in their lives.

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 to make it possible. The deadline for applications for the Council of Garden Clubs Youth Nature Camp Scholarship for summer of 2019 is November 15, 2018.

If there is a Garden Club wanting to help support a youth to Nature Camp but, cannot support a full Scholarship, you can donate to the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. This is the only way that the Council can send a second youth to Nature Camp - through your donations. So, please budget this with your garden club and donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Kelly, Nature Camp Chairman:
wmyluv1943@g.mail.com, phone # 418-6100.

Announcements

Join with gardeners from around the region for a day dedicated to the love of gardening!
Lunch * Winter Plant Sale * Silent Auction * Garden Bookstore

Must-Have Native Plants for the Home Garden

Trista Imrich, Wild Works of Whimsy & Lynnhaven River NOW

Annuals That Can Survive the Long, Hot Summer

Les Parks, Norfolk Botanical Garden

A Eulogy for Color? I'm not Ready to Gas Up the Hearse!

Mike Likins, Plant Pathologist, Chesterfield County

Hardscape for Homeowners

Trevor Buckley, Timmons Group

Design Ideas and Plant Combinations for Winter Gardens

C. Colston Burrell, Garden Designer, Lecturer, Author and Photographer

Register at www.HomeGardenerDay.org Early Bird rate is \$85 and ends on December 1, 2017

For more information, please contact Stacie McGraw at program@mahsc.org

Home Gardener Day is presented by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation.



**Virginia Aquarium FLOWER GUILD
Annual Meeting & Floral Demonstration**

It's time for our Annual meeting.
This meeting is open to all members, volunteers and perspective members.
Invite a friend or neighbor.

A Floral Demonstration by *The New Leaf* will delight us with new and creative ideas.
A reception will follow.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 10 am
The meeting will be in The Promenade Room at the Aquarium.

If you enjoy flower arranging, this is a great time to learn about the Flower Guild at the Aquarium.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP: 463-4885 by January 25th.

Remember to bring your calendar so that you can select the best dates for you to share your talent. We will continue signing up for the 2018 calendar year.

We will also “check the cabinet” and see if the container you “can’t find” is at the Aquarium.

*Breeze Stewart—Co-Chairman
Cheryll Klobuchar—Co-Chairman*

SAVE THE DATE!



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” following lunch. David Pippin and Al Brockwell will create designs side by side using similar containers and flowers! Will those designs be offered to our guests? – YES!

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom in Williamsburg, Virginia for this spectacular day! Tickets are \$30 and available now!

Contact Glenda Knowles ggknowles@cox.net 757-651-0401 or Patsy Cameron pecameron@cox.net 757-575-2155. We expect this event to be a sell-out!!! So, order your tickets NOW.

Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

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 new club in its fundraiser ~ we appreciate it!

Contact Bev Hunter at 757-340-8679 or bhunt25@hotmail.com to place your order today!

Master Gardeners Speakers Program

If you are interested in a program given by a Master Gardener on various topics, please visit the website vbmng.org. There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Kay Eckhardt at 486-7328.

January Gardening Talk - Beekeeping Basics

Pam Fisher, VCE Chesapeake Master Gardener and beekeeper will teach the basics of keeping bees as well as how to be around bees safely.

Free and Open to the Public
No Registration Required
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Monday, January 29, 7 - 8 PM