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Pins are still available for sale!

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2017-2019 Officers

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Council Website

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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**

Wow, what an incredible program we experienced with floral designers from the New Leaf! I wish to thank Michelle Nettles, our Fundraising Chairman, for an excellent program, and our 1st Vice President, Betty Ann DesRoches and Recording Secretary, Rose Buseti, for coordinating the Hospitality reception following the program. Also, a big “thank you” to those clubs who contributed food and flowers for the reception. What a wonderful way to end the first half of our year!

As 2017 comes to a close, I'd like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and offer some fun facts to share with your families:

1. **TV dinners are born.** In 1953, someone at Swanson misjudged the number of frozen turkeys it would sell that Thanksgiving by 26 tons! Some industrious soul came up with a brilliant plan: Why not slice up the meat and repackage with some trimmings on the side? Thus, the first TV dinner was born!
2. **Leaving a legacy:** When Abe Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a National Holiday, it was thanks to the tireless efforts of a magazine editor named Sarah Josephine Hale. Her other claim to fame? She also wrote the nursery rhyme, “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”
3. **Ben's bird:** Ben Franklin wanted our national bird to be the turkey. An eagle, he wrote in a letter to his daughter, had “bad moral character.” A turkey, on the other hand, was a “much more respectable bird.”
4. **Born in the U.S.A.:** Thanksgiving is not just an American holiday, Canadians celebrate it too. They do so on the second Monday in October.
5. **Don't blame the bird:** You stuffed yourself, and now you're sleepy. It isn't the tryptophan in the turkey. In fact, chickens have more tryptophan. You're groggy because you overate and digesting all that good food takes a lot of energy.

One announcement I shared at our November program: We will continue working with Whitehurst-Buffington House as our ABC Council project for 2017-2019.

I will have more information to share in the New Year.

I look forward to another amazing year of programs in 2018 and I wish all of you a healthy, happy and memorable holiday season.

Laura

Did you know...? (A History Lesson)**The History of Linkhorn Park Garden Club****Seventy Years of Service**

Mindful of the need for leadership within the growing community to provide a quality standard for site improvement, a small group of resident ladies chartered the Linkhorn Park Garden Club in February, 1948.

Dedicating themselves to stimulating gardening among its members, and the beautification of Linkhorn Park, they were quick to admonish untidy builders and residents to keep their site clean and orderly, and to counsel new property owners on landscaping and planting. In addition, members pursued beautification projects of their own.

Taking such an active leadership role, the garden club grew rapidly to become the spirit of the community and its environmental guardian.

Today, Linkhorn Park Garden Club remains an important adjunct to the community. All residents are automatically eligible for membership, and are invited to join in the work of the club.

Meeting on the first Friday of every month for lunch at the Princess Anne Country Club, members hear noted speakers, plan projects and take part in horticultural workshops. Some of the contributions over the years are the brick entrance pillars at Holly Road and Linkhorn Drive and award-winning median strip plantings in the Hilltop area of the city. The members of the club sponsor fundraisers to help pay for the care and landscaping of one of the four triangles formed by the road intersections in Linkhorn Park. For many years, the garden club has decorated the "tour home" for Symphonicity's annual fundraiser. In 2015, we made a donation of \$1001.00 to "the Wave" sculpture located in the middle of the roundabout adjoining our neighborhood.

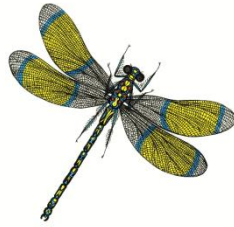
Linkhorn Park Garden Club was one of the founding members of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and continues to support the Council in its many projects. Linkhorn Park Garden Club is celebrating 70 years of service to our community and to the city of Virginia Beach!

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.

On page 39, the Nature Camp Scholarship is incorrectly stated as a \$700 scholarship – it is \$800.

Thanks to Great Neck Point Garden Club for their support of Council. Unfortunately, their ad was accidentally left out of the CGCVB 2017-18 Yearbook - many apologies.



2017-2018 Calendar of Events

December 6, 2017

Council Wreath-Making Workshop

Landscape Services Building
4141 Dam Neck Road.

December 11, 2017

10:00 am--2:00 pm

Council Decorate the Francis Land House

January 3, 2018

CGCVB Board Meeting

10:00 am – 11:30 am

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

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: “What We’ve Done & What’s To Come” by Michelle Baudanza, City of Virginia Beach

Landscaping

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 is requested (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.

MAR 14, 2018 (ticketed event) – volunteers needed

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

It is time to start thinking holly and ivy, mistletoe and snow! At the November 8th meeting, I will have the signup sheet for decorating the Francis Land House for the Christmas holidays. So, be ready to choose your space.

That fun-filled day will be December 11th between 10 am and 2 pm. Remember, the staff has requested no fresh fruit be used (they attract rodents). Also, use no artificial fruits, flowers or ribbons. Try to use only greens and flowers found in this area at this time of the year. A few suggested materials are: cotton, oyster shells, okra pods, feathers, pine cones (flowers made from pine cones, too) and other dried materials you find in our gardens and woods here. You will think of many more – you always do a super job!

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

Thank you for your input!

Publicity
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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
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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

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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

It may seem early but it's not too early to start collecting soup cans for the Empty Bowls flower arranging in March, 2018. I have a few cans but will need some more so, please save your large soup cans (like Progresso) and you can bring them to me at our meetings. I won't know until January, 2018 when the Empty Bowls dinner will take place.

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly**

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The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach has a scholarship for a young person. It is an \$800 Youth Nature Camp Scholarship that is being offered to a Virginia Beach applicant. Application must be written by the applicant stating interest in nature study and be willing to share his/her camp experiences. Boys and girls going into the 6th – 12th grades are eligible.

Applications are accepted between September 1st – November 15th. Scholarship winner will be notified no later than January 1st. Documentation: A letter of recommendation by one or more of the following: A relative (over 18 years), school, civic, minister, community leader, etc.

For more information on Nature Camp, go to www.naturecamp.net

Donations

Important: If your club is planning to donate to Nature Camp to support our second scholarship for 2018, please send it ASAP to Pauletta Anglin, Treasurer, CGCVB – address in the Council yearbook. Please make the check payable to the "Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach". Please make a note on the check: "Nature Camp".

If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Kelly: 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.HomeGardenDay.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 vbm.org. There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Kay Eckhardt at 486-7328.