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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**

Wow! David Pippin was entertaining, a wonderful floral designer, and the day was delightful!! Thank you to all involved and to all who were able to attend. I am especially grateful as it was a fundraiser for our ABC Project with Whitehurst-Buffington House whose Foundation is thrilled to be a partner with the Council of Garden Clubs.

There are several very important issues that I want to address with all Garden Clubs that will affect the coming year and our future involvement with the Francis Land House. As most of you know, the Francis Land House will be closing on January 1, 2019 for proposed renovations. Please be aware that this will affect weekly floral arrangements as well as several Council Awards given at the June Luncheon. I ask that you stay informed through the Taproot and your Club Presidents for information regarding those changes. I also ask that you read my enclosed letter, featured in this edition of the Taproot (see p.3) that was sent to our City Mayor and City Council Representatives informing them of the Council of Garden Clubs position on the future of the Francis Land House.

The second and most important announcement concerns next year's meeting locations. We were recently informed that the Central Library will be undergoing renovations beginning in January 2019 and will not be available for our meetings. Fortunately, we have been able to secure a new venue for our General Meetings at Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church and the Princess Anne Country Club for our March Fundraiser on the 13th. Please see the revised Calendar of Events in this issue. It is imperative that we get the word out for next year! I know we have a lot of changes coming in the coming year, and I am confident that, with good communication, we can make that transition seamless.

Most importantly, I want to wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Laura

Did you know...? (A History Lesson)

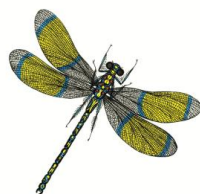
Submit your articles on the history of your garden club.

Who's in the News? (Club Submissions about Activities in the Community)...

Submit your articles on your garden club's activities in the community.

Recommended Reading

Submit your favorite book titles.



Letter sent to Virginia Beach Mayor and City Council Members (11/15/2018):

As the President and representative of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. (comprised of over 36 Garden Clubs, over 1000 members), I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed plans to upgrade the Historic Francis Land House, beginning January 2019. We understand that the plan includes building a new visitor center and reinterpreting its true history (Virginia registered landmark circa 1805-1810) to “reflect a 1940's farmhouse during World War II.” This plan reportedly would remove and store the period home furnishings and artifacts - some given as gifts from Past Presidents of the Council.

According to the Proposed Operating Budget, Resource Management Plan FY 2018-2019, p.55, the proposal to “reinterpret the Francis Land House as a 1940's farmhouse during World War II” at a cost of \$55,000 was not funded.

The proposed plan came as a great surprise to our Council members and was received with deep concern that our City would support stripping the House of its original significance. As a major stakeholder, the Council cannot support such an egregious action.

The Council of Garden Clubs began a relationship with the Francis Land House at the forefront of the City's purchase of the home in the mid-80's, supporting its opening in 1986. Our position has always been to support the Francis Land House through donations and hands-on gardening/landscaping on the property. We have also provided floral arrangements for the guest book table, holidays and special events. We have done so, voluntarily, for 32 years.

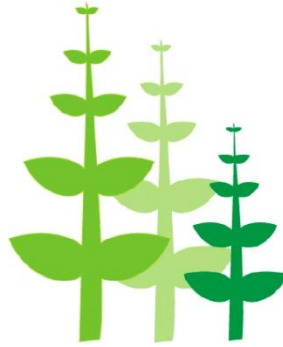
The Council's mission is to assist in landscaping projects, conservation, beautification, and to promote our heritage in the history of the City's historic homes. These homes are our ties to the past and to those who came before us. It is a disservice to our Community to misrepresent the history of those few historic homes left in Virginia Beach. The Francis Land House captures Virginia Beach history in the early 1800's, not 1940.

We will support a plan to renovate the home without compromising its current representation, i.e. not a reinterpretation of its place in history. We do not object to offering some space for revolving exhibits to generate interest in our community nor do we object to some representation of the 1940's time period – when the home existed as a farmhouse – possibly featuring these exhibits in the proposed education center.

A bigger question, however, is, under the current lean hours of operation and staffing at our historic homes: Is the City wasting its time and money proceeding with any enhancements? Major changes should not be pursued until appropriate hours, staffing and infrastructure are addressed to optimize the likelihood for success and sustainability.

We ask for your immediate assistance in preserving our existing local history in the Francis Land House and to give careful consideration to our proposed ideas. We believe that our input may be valuable in what already appears to be a delicate and fractious situation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Laura Jacobson
President of the Council of Garden Clubs Virginia Beach, Inc.



Calendar of Events

The following calendar of events covers activities from December, 2018 thru June, 2019.

Please note that the calendar has been updated to reflect changes in the meeting location for Council meetings in January, February and April and the Council fundraiser in March.

December 5, 2018

9:00 am--Noon

Wreath-Making Workshop, Landscape Services Building, 4141 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

December 10, 2018

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Decorate the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

Containers must be picked up on December 27th, 28th or 29th between 10 am and 4 pm.

January 2, 2019

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”, 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

January 9, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting*

Program: “Gardening for Wildlife” by Tom Houser, Norfolk Botanical Garden

Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church, 136 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach

*Tickets available for the March Fundraiser, “Dueling Designers” - Cost: \$20.00

January 25-27, 2019

Tidewater District Flower Show “Rhythm in Hues”

Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach

February 6, 2019

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”, 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

February 13, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting
CGCVB General Meeting
Program: “The Elizabeth River Project” by Casey Shaw
Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church, 136 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach

March, 2019

Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop - date & time: TBD

March 6, 2019

10:00 am – 11:30 am
CGCVB Board Meeting
Office Space and Solutions, LLC
Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”, 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

March 13, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting
CGCVB Fundraiser - *Ticket required - Cost: \$20
Program: “Dueling Designers” featuring Betty Ann Galway & Frances Thrash
Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

March 14, 2019

9:30 am – Registration & Coffee, 10:00 am – Meeting
Tidewater District Spring General Meeting
Program: To be announced
Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

April, 2019

Arbor Day - date & time: TBD

April 3, 2019

10:00 am – 11:30 am
CGCVB Board Meeting
Office Space and Solutions, LLC
Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”, 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

April 10, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting
CGCVB General Meeting
Program: “Garden Week in Virginia, Arrangements, Garden Restored” by Dana Parker
Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church, 136 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach

April 27 - May 4, 2019

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

May 10, 2019

Council Awards & ABC Binders - Due

April 29 - May 2, 2019

National Garden Club Convention
Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi, Mississippi

June 5, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am - Meeting

Noon - Luncheon

Annual Awards Luncheon

Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements**Treasurer****Pauletta Anglin**psanglin@gmail.com

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After December 1st, there is a \$5 penalty placed on Council dues (\$1 per member) for each late month or portion of the month, as our Bylaws state in the yearbook. THANK YOU to the clubs below who have already paid their dues to support the Council. Presidents & Treasurers: Please be sure that your club has paid Council dues. Send dues and all other contributions to: Pauletta Anglin, 921 Atlantic Ave., Unit 1102, Virginia Beach VA 23451

Conservation/Ecology**Demaris Yearick**way4@juno.com

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Virginia Beach Pearl Homes

We are all so fortunate to live in an area with such wonderful natural resources and want to do everything we can to protect and improve our environment-- especially our waterways. That task often seems daunting, but groups, such as Lynnhaven River Now, have suggestions for small and easy steps that all of us can take to achieve that goal.

With the New Year fast approaching, we would like to encourage every garden club member to participate in the Lynnhaven River Now Pearl Home program. All Virginia Beach residents are eligible and applying to become a Pearl Home is easy. Homeowners check off at least fifteen items on a list of about thirty items. The list includes items such as recycling and using reusable shopping bags. Applications are on the website at: www.lynnhavenrivernow.org or you may call 757-962-5398.

I would love to hear from your club's conservation chairman about how many of your members are currently designated a Pearl Home and then, at the end of the year, we'll check to see how many more members have joined. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reach 100% participation! We truly believe that if each of us makes some small changes to benefit the environment, together we will have a big and positive impact. I look forward to hearing from you.



“We are Pearl Homes. Are You? Please join us!”
(CGCVB Board members)

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on January 1st, 2019. Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by December 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Also, consider submitting information for the Taproot sections “*Did you know...?*” - articles on the history of your garden club, “*Who's in the News?*” - your garden club's activities in the community and “*Recommended Reading*” - your favorite book titles. Thank you for your input!

Francis Land House
Peggy Caverly
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Kay Slover Eckhardt
757-486-7328

Gather your holly and ivy and put on your holiday hat! Remember that the date for decorating the Francis Land House is Monday, December 10th, 10 AM - 2 PM. Remember, use only natural materials available in the period of 1805 – 1810. For example, carnations were not growing here in December. You may create flowers from pinecones, cloth, seeds, etc. Some other suggestions are oyster shells, okra pods and feathers. We look forward to seeing your beautiful creations! Containers must be picked up on December 27th, 28th or 29th between 10 am and 4 pm.

Announcement: The Francis Land House will close “to the public” on January 1, 2019.

NO WORRIES – The Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House Foundation has graciously invited CGCVB to continue the weekly arrangements placement at their lovely 1793 historic house. The Foundation is managed by a devoted group of volunteers who formed the organization in 2011 to protect the house from development.

2019 CGCVB Weekly Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House

Place arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House on Wednesdays of each month between 1:00 and 3:30 PM, beginning on January 9, 2019. Pick up containers on the following Wednesday, same time.

Directions to: Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House
2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

From Francis Land House:

- 1) EAST on Virginia Beach Blvd.
- 2) RIGHT on Lynnhaven Parkway
- 3) LEFT on Holland Road
- 4) RIGHT on Dam Neck Road
- 5) LEFT on Princess Anne Road (Cross Nimmo Parkway, Princess Anne Middle School on the right)
- 6) RIGHT at the “T” onto North Landing Road (Princess Anne Road continues on the left)
- 7) (Travel a short distance...Pass on left Liberty Tax; Fresh Faire Co.; Insurance Boutique and Sals Pizza)
- 8) NEXT LEFT at the parking lot entrance, VEER to right onto WB driveway
- 9) WB Historic House at the end of the long picturesque driveway.

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 them to Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Yearbook Ads**Suzie Duckworth**Suzied44@cox.net

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I have been the Chairman for the ads for the past fourteen years and would like to start training someone to take over my position. I would like to train two people – it's just too much for one person to do. You must be able to work on a computer. I do not mind getting the ads - I just do not want to do the billing and delivery of the books. If you can find it in your heart to be of help, please contact me at 757-363-1050. Many of the ads have my endorsement so, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls**Janet Bacuzzi**jmbacuzzi@cs.co

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It is not too early to start collecting cans for the Empty Bowls Workshop in March 2019. I have depleted my collection. Please save your large soup cans like the Progresso brand and bring them to me at any of our meetings.

Penny Pines**Audrey Kelly**

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Penny Pines is a National Presidents Project in which an Individual/Group or Garden Club can contribute by donating \$68.00 to a Penny Pine Plantation as part of the cost of replanting and/or replacement of trees that live naturally in a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural misfortune (These do not have to be pine trees). \$68.00 covers the cost to plant approximately 200 seedlings, covering one acre. You can also designate a special state to which you wish to benefit from this contribution. The time period for your donation to count is from January 1 to December 31 of each year. I am encouraging all Clubs to participate in this national project. The form can be found on p. 9 and on the NGC Website: www.gardenclub.org.

Please send in your form with \$68.00 check made out to NGC – Penny Pines:
National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

For each \$68.00 donation, you will receive a Penny Pine Certificate from National Garden Clubs, Inc. made "In Honor of" / or "In Memory of" a special someone who has made a difference.

Penny Pines Donation Form

Name of Club: _____ Date: _____

District: _____ State: _____

This donation is to benefit: _____ National Forest (State)

Total \$ enclosed: _____ (must be in increments of \$68)

Please make this certificate: In Honor Of: _____ - or - In Memory Of: _____

Sent from (name): _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Certificate will be mailed to the above address unless otherwise noted.

Announcements

Tidewater District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. presents

***"Rhythm in Hues"***

A Standard Flower Show

January 25-27, 2019

At the ... Virginia Flower & Garden Show

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Friday, 1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, 10 am - 7 pm

Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

Admission to the Virginia Flower & Garden Show: \$10, free parking
(Free admission to the "Rhythm in Hues" flower show)

Enter horticulture specimens, floral designs and table designs

Enter crafts, miniature gardens (fairy gardens, dioramas) and educational displays

Volunteer as hosts/hostesses, setup and/or takedown crews

To obtain a schedule or participate in any way, contact: Glenda Knowles, Chairman, ggknowles@cox.net.

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. There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Davis at 757-385-8157.

Master Gardeners December Gardening Talk – Monday, December 3 Orchids 101

Frank Drew, Past President & Show Chairman, Tidewater Orchid Society
Learn tips on care, culture, bugs, repotting and re-blooming of orchids.

Free and Open to the Public, No Registration Required, Monday, December 3, 7 - 8 PM
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452



2019 Home Gardener Day *Rethinking the Modern Garden*

Presented by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation

Explore low maintenance gardens, easy care plants, and design techniques to create a beautiful and bountiful garden and still have time to smell the roses. Join with gardeners from around the region for a day dedicated to - the love of gardening. Enjoy a catered lunch, visit educational booths and garden vendors, place a bid at the Silent Auction, shop the bookstore, and take home a few additions for your garden from our newest feature - Winter Plant Sale. Afternoon workshops round out the day with hands-on projects.

Monday, January 14, 2019
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST
Founders Inn & Spa
5641 Indian River Road Virginia Beach, VA 23464
757-523-4734, info@vahort.org

Landscaping in Small Spaces - Big Ideas for Little Gardens by Bryce Lane
Vegetables Love Flowers by Lisa Mason Ziegler
Change How You Garden by Pam Beck
Hardy Ferns for Tidewater by Jim Orband
Moss: Rethinking Today's Garden for Year-Round Green Appeal by Mossin' Annie Martin
Gardening in Containers – the Trend that Keeps on Growing by Bryce Lane

Registration includes all six sessions, refreshments, hot lunch, free parking and one ticket to enter into the door prize drawing. Register at HomeGardenerDay.org - Early Bird rate until December 2, 2018!

CGCVB Ongoing Fundraiser

Still available: Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach - 16oz. Tervis Tumbler....
To purchase the tumbler for \$20, contact Michelle Nettles,
[MJNettles@aol.com](mailto: MJNettles@aol.com) - or - 770-356-5814

