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Pins are still available for sale!

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2019-2021 Officers

President	Betty Ann DesRoches - Bay Colony
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Recording Secretary	Rose Busetti - Thalia
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Porter - Thoroughgood
Treasurer	Dennie Kelley - Broad Bay Point Greens

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**Betty Ann DesRoches**bades@cox.net

Hello Garden Club Colleagues!

We don't have a meeting in December because we are all busy preparing to celebrate special days, remembering loved ones including those who have left us, and doing what many of you do well - decorate! We bring the fragrance of fresh greens indoors and the warm lights from our homes outdoors with magical spirit. I hope you will be able to enjoy the journey and make new special memories.

May your holiday wishes come true – I pray for peace on earth and good will towards all mankind!

Fondly,
Betty Ann

Contributions from You

Did you know...? (A History Lesson) - Submit articles on the history of your garden club.

Who's in the News? (Club Submissions about Activities in the Community) - Submit articles on your garden club's community activities.

Recommended Reading – Submit your favorite book and author titles.

**2019 – 2020
Calendar of Events**

The following calendar of events covers activities from December, 2019 thru February, 2020. The full calendar is published in the Council's yearbook and was listed in the September, 2019 Taproot.

December 1, 2019

Deadline to pay Council membership dues

December 4, 2019

9:00 am - Noon

Wreath-Making Workshop

City of Virginia Beach Landscape Services Building
4141 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

December 9, 2019

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Holiday Decorating

Whitehurst-Buffington House
2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach

December 11, 2019

10:00 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Whitehurst-Buffington House
2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach

January 8, 2020**9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Meeting****CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

“What’s New for Your Garden in 2020?” by Les Parks, Director of Horticulture, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Note: Tickets available for March Fundraiser, “Spring Fling” Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

January 24-26, 2020**Virginia Flower & Garden Expo****Tidewater District Flower Show Flower “Planting A Party”**

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach

February 5, 2020**10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

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

February 12, 2020**9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Meeting****CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

“Zero Waste Living” by Mary Toth & Elizabeth Simmons, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements**Wreath Workshop****Ellie Kreassig, Chairman**kreassig1@verizon.net**757-340-0167****Phyllis Elms, Co-Chairman**peelee@cox.net**757-486-6506**

Wear your crazy holiday sweater and bring your gloves and clippers for the Annual Wreath-making Workshop on Wednesday, December 4th, 9 am – Noon, at the Virginia Beach Landscape Services Building, 4141 Dam Neck Road in Virginia Beach. The staff will supply tools, staple guns and helpers. This event is popular and a lot of fun.

Treasurer**Dennie Kelley**mdkelley@aol.com**757-496-3990**

Thank you to all of those clubs who have already paid their dues for the year. Dues paid after December 1 include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.

Send your dues to: Mary Dennis Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Thank you for your support.

Corresponding Secretary**Susan Porter**srporter24@gmail.com

757-460-7890

Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published and distributed via email to all Club Presidents and/or Council Representatives on January 2nd. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at www.vbgardencouncil.com. Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by December 15th at srporter24@gmail.com for the January Taproot. I am also looking for articles to include in: *Did you know...? (A History Lesson)*, *Who's in the News?* and *Recommended Reading*. Thank you for your input!

Publicity**Adele Lundquist**lundquac@cox.net

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It is a challenge to have photos published in the Beacon these days, but it is still possible. There are two ways to accomplish this. One is by completing the on-line form, located at www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos. Another is by sending an e-mail to thebeacon@pilotonline.com. Even more challenging, I find, is trying to publish your event in the Virginian-Pilot, either on-line or in print. The Pilot has launched a new event calendar system, called "CitySpark" and you must have a "CitySpark" account to use it. You may also access it through Google or Facebook.

Historic Houses**Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

Winter Holiday Decorations

Thanks to the following garden clubs for volunteering to decorate the downstairs area at the Whitehurst-Buffington House on December 9th, 10 am – 2 pm, for the winter holidays:

Cavalier GC
Church Point GC
Lake Smith Terrace GC
Lynnhaven Heritage GC
Little Neck GC
May Farm GC
Thalia GC
Thoroughgood GC

Whitehurst-Buffington House
2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach

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

757-496-5992

This is a reminder to save your large soup cans like the Progresso brand and bring them to me at any of our meetings. I hope to have the date for the Empty Bowls Workshop by January, 2020.

Scholarships**Sylvia Brewington**sylvbrew@cox.net

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For future Virginia Tech scholarship donations, please make your checks payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach & send them to Dennie Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Announcements**Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Speaker Programs**

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.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Gardening Talks– Free and Open to the Public

12/2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Advanced Technology Center, 1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach
“Backyard Bouquets” by Mike Andruczyk, VCE Extension Horticulture Agent, Chesapeake
 Get creative with things from your own yard to decorate during the winter or any season.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Tree Steward Legacy Tree Grant

Tree Canopy News!

The VBMG Tree Steward 2019 Legacy Tree Grant application deadline has been extended to December 21, 2019. All are welcome to apply, but the applications must be sent on-line, no postal mail. Contact Tree Stewards, Diane Ellis at budanddiane2@gmail.com for application and call Kay Slover Eckhardt if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping the Tree Stewards expand the tree canopy, “One Tree at a Time”. The Virginia Beach Master Gardener Association (VBMGA) Tree Stewards’ grant program is designed to increase the Virginia Beach urban canopy ‘one tree at a time’. Grants are available in \$100 increments from the VBMGA to non-profit organizations for the purpose of acquiring and planting a tree in Virginia Beach. See application on next page.

Legacy Tree Grant Program: Site Assessment and Species Selection Worksheet

(Southampton Roads Hardiness Zone = 8a)

Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening	<input type="checkbox"/> Specimen	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Saving	
Location:	<input type="checkbox"/> Street	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Wooded	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Light:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun	<input type="checkbox"/> Shade		
Site Limitations:	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Walkway	<input type="checkbox"/> Driveway	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway
Utilities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Power Lines		<input type="checkbox"/> Underground Utilities	
Growing Conditions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Road Salt	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Wet Site <input type="checkbox"/> pH <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Drainage
Desired Tree:	Size:	<input type="checkbox"/> Small (<30')	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium (30'-50')	<input type="checkbox"/> Large (>50')
	Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous	
	Form:	<input type="checkbox"/> Columnar	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Pyramid <input type="checkbox"/> Vase
	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Pest Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Resistant
	Features:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Color



“Planting a Party”

An NGC Standard Flower Show

An Event at the Virginia Flower & Garden Expo - Virginia Beach Convention Center, Hall C

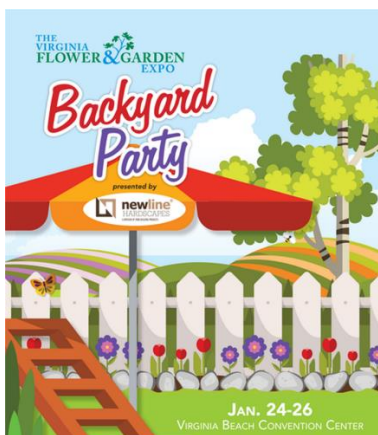
Attend the Show
Volunteer
Help with Set-up and Staging
Enter an Exhibit
Host during the Show

*Floral Designs * Craft Displays * Horticulture Exhibits*

Friday, January 24, 2020, 11 am - 7 pm
(Note: Convention Center opens at 10 am)
Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10 am - 7 pm
Sunday, January 26, 2020, 10 am - 4 pm

Sponsored by Tidewater District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Note: If you are interested in receiving a copy of the schedule and/or participating in this flower show as a volunteer or an exhibitor, please contact: Susan Porter: srporter24@gmail.com or 757-650-5231.





SAVE THE DATE

"DIVAS & DESIGNS"
Presented by Tidewater District, VFGC
Thursday, April 16, 2020
Fashions by Chico's, Williamsburg
Themed Basket Auction
Luncheon
Designs by the "Dueling Designers"
David Pippin and Al Brockwell

Colonial Heritage Ballroom, Williamsburg
10:30am ~ \$30 Donation
Contact Glenda Knowles for Tickets
757-651-0401 or ggknowles@cox.net



"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home." - Edith Sitwell