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

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Season's Greetings, dear Gardening and Flower-Arranging Colleagues!

I've been moved by the spirit and care of others during early December activities and hope that you are experiencing the same...

While delivering newsletters to my neighbors in the Bay Colony Civic League zone, I was thrilled by the decorations already displayed, some done by teenage children, projects that preschoolers wanted to show off (I scored 2 of them!) and good darn will.

Our Bay Colony GC annual greens sale was relocated from PACC to my front yard, and I was so appreciative of the respect shown through mask-wearing & distancing *and*, the call for fresh greens was still alive!

We're hosting Santa and he will be on a golf cart sleigh - we're still making up the rest. 😊

Then, I thought about the neighbors who didn't answer the door or didn't want to decorate, our neighbors who don't have family on board or who may have lost someone during this time and those who, when it comes to mask-wearing, etc., just don't believe.

As I focus on these very important segments of our citywide neighborhoods, I know that you will join me in seeking out individuals with the love, care, appreciation and understanding that they need – please let us know if there's a situation in which we need to act collectively.

Peace.

Betty Ann

**2020-2021 Calendar of Events****December 15, 2020****10 am – 2:00 pm****Holiday Decorating**

Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House

January 6, 2021**9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in****10:00 am – Zoom Meeting****Council Board Meeting****January 11, 2021****Home Gardener Day** (*see Announcements for more information*)**Virginia Horticultural Foundation**

Norfolk Botanical Garden, Norfolk

January 20, 2021**9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in****10:00 am – Zoom Meeting****Council General Meeting**

Program: "Vines" by Mike Andruczyk, Virginia Tech Extension Agent for Environmental Horticulture

February 3, 2021

9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in
10:00 am – Zoom Meeting
Council Board Meeting

February 10, 2021

9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in
10:00 am – Zoom Meeting
Council General Meeting
Program: TBA

March 10, 2021

10:00 am
Council Fundraiser (*see Announcements for more information*)
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium
Program: “Le Quattro Stagioni ... The Four Seasons” by Pam Beck
Ticket required: Cost: \$15.00 (\$20.00 at the door)

April 9, 2021

8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Council Annual Bus Tour (*see Announcements for more information*)
The Barrier Island Center, Historic Eyre Hall Gardens
Catered lunch & wine-tasting at Chatham Vineyards & Winery

**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements****Chaplain**

Ellie Kreassig
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I hope you are staying in good health during this trying time. Please let me know if someone in your club might like a "thinking of you" or a "get well" card. I've sent several out from the Council and would like to continue to do so. A little "bright spot" in their day from receiving a card can make a big difference!

Note: Sarah Chapman, member of May Farm Garden Club, is undergoing intensive medical treatments at Duke University Hospital. Well wishes may be sent to Sarah, C/O Anna Chapman, 5330 Preacher Hayes Road, Burlington, NC 27217.

Corresponding Secretary

Susan Porter
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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at www.vbgardencouncil.com. The next Taproot will be published on January 2nd. Please send committee articles and club announcements to me by December 15th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

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 with a note on the Memo line and send them to Dennie Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Treasurer**Dennie Kelley**mdkelley@aol.com

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Council dues are paid as follows: Active Clubs pay \$1.00 per member. Associate Clubs pay \$50.00 per year. Dues paid after December shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month, or part of a month, that they are late. Send your dues and all other contributions to: Mary Dennis Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, #303, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

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

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I am a very happy Publicity Chairman and wanted to share the reason with you. As you probably are aware, we haven't had much luck recently getting things published in our local newspaper, the Virginian-Pilot, specifically The Beacon. However, I've been working with the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club on publishing an article about their recent pansy sale for the Old Dominion Gardener which should appear in the Winter issue. Along with that article, I put a photo with a brief caption on the Council's Facebook page. Thinking that it was probably in vain, I sent the same photo to the Community News Section of The Beacon. Much to my surprise, I received an immediate response from someone I didn't recognize. He commented that the photo was too small to be used for publication but worked with me and the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club to get the proper size. There were several e-mails back and forth which gives me hope that we now have a contact who will publish our submissions in the newspaper. Of course, time will tell. I will eagerly await the next few issues of The Beacon to see if we get published!

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly**wmyluv@verizon.net

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Because of COVID-9, Nature Camp was cancelled this summer and the Council of Garden Clubs will be supporting Caroline Bergren and Lukas Lewandowski to attend Nature Camp next summer (2021).

We are pleased to send a youth to Nature Camp each year. In order to do this, we need your support.

Garden clubs wanting to help support a youth to Nature Camp but cannot support a full scholarship can donate to the Council. The only way that Council can send two youths to Nature Camp each year is through your donations. So, please budget this with your garden club and donate.

If you have any questions about Nature Camp, please contact Audrey Kelly through the above contact information or go online to www.naturecamp.net.

**Fundraisers****Laura Jacobson, Chairman**belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com

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Michelle Nettles, Co-ChairmanMJNettles@aol.com

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The March Fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium pending any restrictions with COVID-19.

Our plan is to make tickets available in January, 2021. Should restrictions at the Library impede the normal distribution of tickets, we will be offering an opportunity to request and hold tickets via email. Arrangements for payment and tickets will need to be made with my Co-Chair, Michelle Nettles (contact information above). Ticket cost is \$15 prior to the event and \$20 at the door.

Feel free to copy the flyer (see Announcements) for distribution to members. In these uncertain times, Michelle and I ask that you help to spread the word. Our hope is to be gathering together, in person, for this wonderful event in the new year.

Guest Speakers List**Patsy Cameron**pecameron@cox.net

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An updated list of "Guest Speakers" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach is available now. The list has been emailed to all club presidents to share it with their respective program chairmen. Thank you to those who shared information on new speakers and responded to the request for updates, deletions and new speaker suggestions. If you find errors in the new list, please notify me right away and corrections will be made. If you would like a copy of the new list, you may receive one by contacting me by email.

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

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We are all so excited that Virginia Beach has officially become a Bee City USA city! Moving forward, we will be finalizing our brochure and making plans for educational events as well as partnering with Virginia Beach Landscape Services to increase habitat for pollinators. I truly believe that, if we all make small changes, together we can have a big and positive impact on the environment. One small change each and every one of us can make is to include pollinator-friendly plants in our own gardens. We can also designate a part of our yard for leaves, small branches, etc. to provide shelter for native bees in the winter. We thank you for your help and support with this wonderful project!

Fun bee fact: "It takes 556 worker bees travelling 55,000 miles visiting 2 million flowers to make one pound of honey."



Historic Houses**Peggy Caverly****757-490-0925****Kay Slover Eckhardt****757-486-7328**

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

Weekly Floral Arrangements

Place arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington House on Saturday between 1:00 and 3:30 pm.
The December floral arrangement assignments are:

December 5: Broad Bay Point Greens GC

December 12: Great Neck Point GC

December 19: Lynnhaven Heritage GC

December 26: Pembroke Meadows GC

Holiday Decorating Assignments

Tuesday, December 15th between 10 am and 2 pm

Great Entrance Wreath: Thalia GC

Stairway Railing Embellishment: Thoroughgood GC

One Bay Window: Quail Point Cove GC

Parlor Mantel: Thoroughgood GC

Four Parlor Windows: Lynnhaven Heritage GC

Dining Room Mantel: West Neck GC

Two Dining Room Windows: Cavalier GC

Dining Room Table: Lake Smith Terrace GC

Minimize time spent in the house. Please prepare your arrangements at home ready to place on site. Masks are required in the house. Sorry, no refreshments will be served. Bottled water will be available.

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Board of Directors hopes to leave the decorations in place through January 1st. Therefore, condition all greens and choose materials that will last or dry well. Think - previously dried material such as acorn, pine cones, dried grasses, cotton balls, dried flowers, etc. Remember – no fruit, no ribbons or bows or flowers not grown in this area in December such as carnations, roses, etc.

Note: Six clear glass containers need to be claimed by their owners. Two of the containers have heavy bases and four of them are assorted shapes and sizes. Please call Peggy Caverly ASAP; otherwise they will be donated to the thrift store.

Historic Preservation**Kay Slover Eckhardt****757-486-7328**

Does your garden club have projects involving historic properties? If so, please forward information to Kay Eckhardt at 1073 Downshire Chase, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-7328.

Announcements



**Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum
&
The Historic deWitt Cottage**
1113 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451-3503



*A Salute to Heroes: 2021 Wedding Venue Giveaway
at the Historic deWitt cottage, Virginia Beach Oceanfront*

“We want to recognize these hardworking and deserving individuals because they are our heroes, saving lives, protecting people from harm and keeping our communities safe and secure, every day,” said Museum Director Lynn Hightower. “So many of them had to postpone their “forever” stories because of the pandemic, that we wanted to offer this historic venue with a beautiful seaside view as a way of saying ‘Thank you’ for all you do.”

Five wedding dates will be awarded and scheduled during the months of March - December, 2021. Events will be held at the Historic deWitt Cottage (c. 1895). Awards (non-transferable) include waiver of rental fee and access to the building and grounds from 10 am -10 pm on the day of event.

Beginning November 1, 2020, a bride-to-be or groom-to-be currently employed as a nurse, firefighter, EMT, law enforcement officer or active duty military member, either working or living in Virginia Beach, may submit or have submitted on their behalf a written entry of 100 words or less about their hero status and how they are deserving of this award. Written nominations may be submitted at www.thedewittcottage.org/salutetoheroes until December 31, 2020, 11:59 pm. Nominations will be read and judged by a panel of five representatives from the local business and nonprofit community. Winners will be personally notified on February 1, 2021.

Please visit the website (www.thedewittcottage.org) for more information.

The Virginia Horticultural Foundation



Monday, January 11, 2021
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Home Gardener Day is going virtual for 2021!

Join us January 11, 2021 for **Growing Wild** as we explore native plants, the important role they play in ecosystems and how we can incorporate more of them into our home landscapes. *Home Gardener Day 2021* features four lecture sessions to prepare you to ‘Grow Wild’ in your own backyard.

Our four speakers - Doug Tallamy, Ryan McEnaney, Brie Arthur and Ian Caton - will talk about why we should all plant native, the breeding of cultivars, using natives in food gardens, and how to propagate these plants.

To register, go to: www.vahort.org



BLUEBIRD HOUSES FOR SALE
Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Beautiful Bluebird Houses Made to Order

Cost: \$30.00

Information sheet is included.

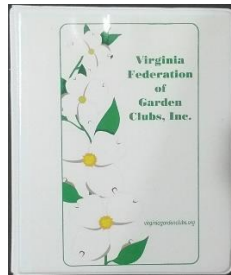
To order contact:

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Proceeds benefit community beautification projects and other LHGC projects.

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



2021-2023 VFGC Yearbook

Order your copy of the VFGC yearbook to become a VFGC yearbook sponsor. Each and every garden club and/or garden club member can be a sponsor. To place an order, contact Darleen Nelson, 153 Bushfield Road, Montross, VA 22520-3813, darlydurl@aol.com, 804-472-9710. (Insert - \$10, Binder with VFGC logo - \$8)

SPONSOR BENEFITS

- Listed on the *Sponsors Page*
- A directory of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all VFGC officers & chairmen, District officers & chairmen, all garden club presidents and SAR and NGC officers
- Information that Garden Clubs need - dues, donations, Life Memberships, etc.
- Awards offered by VFGC, SAR and NGC for clubs and individuals
- List of Flower Show Judges and Landscape Design Consultants
- VFGC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules, Calendar of Events

Deadline: June 30, 2021



The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

Spring Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10 am

“LE QUATRO STAGIONI ... THE FOUR SEASONS”

featuring

PAM BECK

of

Pam Beck Gardens

Pam Beck is an award-winning, freelance garden writer, photographer and popular lecturer who has written for regional newspapers as well as State and National magazines.

She is a published author and frequent gardening radio guest.



**Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Auditorium
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**ADVANCED TICKET COST: \$15 PER PERSON
TICKET COST AT THE DOOR: \$20 PER PERSON**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For tickets and information, contact: **Michelle Nettles @ 770-356-5814**



COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BUS TOUR

sponsored by

THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2021

THE EASTERN SHORE OF VA

TO INCLUDE:

THE BARRIER ISLAND CENTER

CATERED LUNCH AND WINE TASTING AT CHATHAM VINEYARDS & WINERY

HISTORIC EYRE HALL GARDENS

... AND A FEW SHORE SURPRISES

TOUR INFORMATION

The bus company, Venture Tours, will depart from a designated area in the Pembroke Mall parking lot at 8:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Plan to arrive by 7:45 am to insure a prompt departure time. The cost will be announced in the January, 2021 issue of the Taproot. Our tour includes bus fare and tip, admission to the Barrier Islands Center, catered lunch at Chatham Vineyards & Winery featuring Chef Amy Brandt and a tour of Historic Eyre Hall Gardens.

Note: Wine-tasting at Chatham Vineyards will include a separate fee for those wishing to participate.

THERE ARE ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR SO, RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

****TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT CONTACT LAURA JACOBSON via
Phone: 757-237-7524 or Email: belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com**

NO DEPOSITS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO COVID-19. PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE MADE IN FULL AND DUE BY MARCH 1, 2021. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR THIS TOUR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRIP CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!!

Floral Designs created by Nicole Turkenkopf, owner of *The Wandering Petal*, at the November Council meeting



Bronze Mums
Toffee Roses
Gold Mustard Garden Rose
Apricot Lisianthus
Scabiosa Pods
Chocolate Cosmos
Little Gem Magnolia
Privet Berry
Bronze Amaranthus



Red Charm Peonies
Ligustrum w/ Green Berries
White Polo Roses
White Ranunculus
Little Gem Magnolia
Upright Brazilian Pepperberry

