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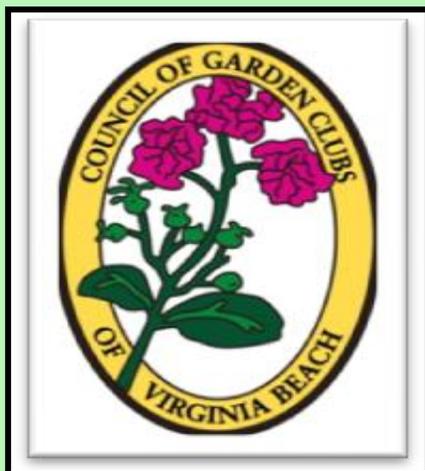
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Pins are still available for sale!

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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**

Will he? Or won't he? What will Punxsutawny Phil predict this year?

According to Groundhog Day folklore, if the groundhog emerges from his burrow and sees his shadow (sunny morning), winter will last another six weeks. If the groundhog does not see his shadow (cloudy morning), then spring will arrive early.

One fun fact to share about Punxsutawny Phil -

His full name is "Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary." (Fun Facts about Groundhog Day – CNN)

Let's hope Phil had a strong night cap before the big day!

If you're looking forward to spring, join us for our February program on Valentine's Day. Our speaker, Bob Schamerhorn (a Nature Photographer), will present "Attracting Birds with Water." According to Jessica (Program Chairman), his work is exceptional!!

Once again, I'm challenging the Garden Club Council Reps to bring as many of their club members as possible. Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club had 12 members at the January program! Congratulations!

Don't forget our fundraiser in March with Robert McDuffie!!! You do not want to miss it! Check out our Facebook page and website for additional information on our upcoming events. Contact our Fundraiser Chairman, Michelle Nettles, for tickets. The cost is \$10 prior to the event and \$12 at the door.

I look forward to seeing you at our Valentine's Day program.

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

Council Fundraiser Coming Soon... March 14th!

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

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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 *Ticket required

\$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door Contact Michelle Nettles, [MJNettles@aol.com](mailto: MJNettles@aol.com), 770-356-5814**March 23, 2018****1:00 pm****Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop**

Room adjacent to Batten Hall

Virginia Wesleyan University

5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach

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**rosebusetti@hotmail.com**757-306-8901**

I still need one more club to sign up to bring between 2 and 4 trays of finger foods and one flower arrangement (that you take home afterwards) to the Educational Program. The program requires a \$10 ticket or \$12 at the door. Thank you for your support.

Faye Lowton (Country Gardeners Guild, 486-2703) and two club members did Hospitality for four years before Thalia took over for six years. We just don't understand why someone isn't chomping at the bit to take this on. I knew no one when I took it over and now I know lots of you. What scares you about this job? The board has asked me to write a job description. Faye and I will both tell you, "We did Hospitality OUR way". That's it. Keep it simple. I welcome your input and feedback.

MAR 14, 2018

- 1 – Great Neck Meadows GC
- 2 – Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant GC
- 3 – Church Point GC
- 4 -
- 5 – flowers

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

I am very pleased to see that some clubs have submitted their photos to the Beacon for publication in its Community Scene section. I am listing below the information required for submission to encourage all clubs to send in your photos and write-ups. Whether you do it directly or ask me to send it in for you, this is what is requested on the Beacon form, located at www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos.

“Caption information should include the date and location in which the photo was taken. Name everyone in the photo, from left to right. You can include their title and the organization they represent, if relevant, [as well as the name of the photographer]”. Please make sure information is accurate and spelled correctly.” Note: if you have a large group of people, naming each person is not necessary. You may simply use “members of ABC Club”.

Also, if you are a federated club, please consider sending your photo and caption for publication in the Old Dominion Gardener. Information for ODG submission is in the magazine or you can e-mail it to me and I will submit it for you.

Treasurer**Pauletta Anglin**psanglin@gmail.com**757-340-2790**

Many thanks to the clubs who have paid their CGCVB dues (\$1 per member)

Your support of the Council is vital to our work for participating clubs and the community. All club Presidents and Treasurers, if you are unsure whether your club has paid their dues, please contact Pauletta Anglin, 340-2790, psanglin@gmail.com right away. I want our records to have an accurate report of your support. You may send your dues to: 921 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 1102, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

On page 82, section 3 a of our by-laws, it states "dues are payable in October and no later than December 1. Dues paid after December 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5 for each month or part of a month that they are late." If you have determined that your club's dues have not been paid, we will waive the extra fee up until Feb. 10th. Afterwards, we will ask you to abide by our by-laws, as shown above.

Programs**Jessica O'Conner**joc800@cox.net**757-428-3994**

Everyone who has ever attended a program given by Bob Schamerhorn tells me that we are in for a rare treat on Valentine's Day. He is an award-winning nature photographer and his photos of birds are exquisite. Bob is also an alumni of Virginia Garden Club's nature camp!! He studied Art and Design at Virginia Tech and is on the board of the Richmond Audubon Society.

Don't miss the chance to see Bob's work!

Fundraisers**Michelle Nettles**MJNettles@aol.com**770-356-5814**

"Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces" by Professor Robert McDuffie, Virginia Tech

Educational Program

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 10:00 am

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Open to the Public *Ticket required

\$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door

*Contact Michelle Nettles

Professor Robert McDuffie has taught landscape architecture at Virginia Tech and has become an ex-
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pert in public garden design. Many years ago, he started a study abroad program that takes students to public gardens in Japan, Australia, Europe and other countries around the world. After 38+ years on the Virginia Tech faculty and serving as director of the Hahn Garden for the past two years, Professor McDuffie is retiring from Virginia Tech. Leaders in Virginia's landscape contracting and design industry fondly remember his classes. He and his wife, Nancy, plan to take groups overseas on garden tours, culinary tours and opera tours.

Source: VT Department of Agriculture Newsletter

Corresponding Secretary

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

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.

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As we begin 2018, I hope all of us will adopt small environmentally-friendly changes. www.AskHRgreen.org has some wonderful suggestions for keeping our drains unclogged. Clogged drains not only back up into our homes (ugh!) but, also onto our properties and into our waterways. Please try to use your garbage disposal as little as possible and make sure that no oil or grease goes down your drain. Grease can be poured into a can, frozen and put in the trash. Only toilet paper should be flushed - no wipes, even "flushable", paper towels, sanitary products, etc. If each of us makes these small changes, together we can have a big impact

Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls

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The Empty Bowls Dinner will be on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Virginia Wesleyan University. The construction of a new theater is taking place in the parking lot of the Hofheimer Theater. This year, we will (cont.)

meet in a room adjacent to the Batten Hall Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. to make the soup-can arrangements for the dinner that night. Please park in the parking lot designated for Batten Hall. Please bring clippers, gloves, and any spring flowers you may have. We should be finished in about two hours.

Francis Land House

Peggy Caverly

757-490-0925

Kay Eckhardt

757-486-7328

Many, many, many thanks to the following garden clubs: Princess Anne, Cnarlestowne, Lake Smith Terrace, Thalia, Chesapeake Colony, Thoroughgood, Linkhorn Park, Virginia Beach and Little Neck. These clubs not only placed beautiful arrangements in the Francis Land House for the Christmas holidays but, followed through with their responsibility and commitment on the appointed day and time to remove their arrangements and clean their area. Charlestowne and Princess Anne Garden Clubs also stayed after completing their area to help with another area.

The removal of arrangements and clean-up of the remaining areas were left to Kay and me and we were unable to leave until after 12 PM. This also meant that the clean-up interfered with tours in the house. The reason that the FLH staff requested the time between 9:00 and 10:00 was to avoid the disruption of tours.

While we thank May Farm, Cavalier, Church Point, Lynnhaven Heritage, Larkspur and Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Clubs for their lovely arrangements, please remember that many hands make work go quickly and others are not left to take the load. In the future, please have one or more persons designated to follow up with your club's responsibility.

Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

Nature Camp

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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.

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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@gmail.com, phone # 418-6100.

Announcements

Event Deadline for Ticket Purchases – February 15th!



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” after 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 are available now until February 15th or when sold out, whichever comes first! We expect this event to be a sell-out!

To purchase tickets, contact Glenda Knowles ggknowles@cox.net 757-651-0401 - or - Patsy Cameron pecameron@cox.net 757-575-2155



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*** New Location - VIBE District - 501 Virginia Beach Blvd. ***

Note: We will have a minimal selection of floor plants available for sale on April 18th. Pre-orders are strongly recommended.

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.

February Gardening Talk – From the Ground Up – 5 Steps to Vegetable Gardening

Gil Gillespie, VCE Norfolk

Successful vegetable gardening starts with planning and preparation, goes through selection and planting and ends with good eating.

Free and Open to the Public

No Registration Required

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Monday, February 26, 7 - 8 PM

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!