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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

February is traditionally known as the month of love. Valentine's Day means so many different things to individuals – remembrance of a loved one who is gone, appreciation of those around us... Or, are you planning to have fun at the "Shred Your X Anti-Valentine's Day Bash?"

One thing that we have in common among our Council members is that we all try to focus on *giving* love. Now, I can't give love through my flower arranging like most of you can do (the recipient would probably think that I had a battle with my material) but, the love we can all give together is that to our earth through our local conservation efforts. Every time I look at a list of what I can do to love our earth, I am overwhelmed with the options. "Multiple reports suggest that, in addition to oil, fashion is the next largest industry to pollute the world." J. L. Yates. Uh oh, am I an offender as I've always had fun with fashion! Rats! I can't correct the past but, *can* take action with some of the suggestions going forward.

We can take action to love our Earth this month by attending the presentation at the Council meeting on 2/12. Coming highly recommended, Mary Toth and Elizabeth Simmons from NBG will share "Zero Waste Living." We also are excited to present a city-wide project possibility at the meeting that will help our beach pollinators. ... and we can be helpful with our Super Bowl Party choices, too. ... and we get a leap day this year to give even more!

The love we give is enough joy for most of us, but I hope you are lucky to get lots of that love back. 😊

Betty Ann XO

**2020 Calendar of Events**

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

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

4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

Program: "Zero Waste Living" by Mary Toth & Elizabeth Simmons, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

February 26, 2020**10:00 am****Flower Guild Annual Meeting**

Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, Promenade Room
717 General Booth Boulevard, Virginia Beach
Program: *Floral Demonstration* by The Wandering Petal

March 4, 2020**10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

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

March 11, 2020**9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Program - CGCVB Fundraiser**

Princess Anne Country Club
3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach
Program: “*Spring Fling*” by Judy Binns
Ticket required: *Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

March 13, 2020**1:00 pm****Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop**

Virginia Wesleyan University
5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach

March 26, 2020**9:30 am – Registration & Coffee****10:00 am – Meeting****Tidewater District Spring General Meeting**

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club
7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk
Program: “*Native Plants in our Gardens & on our Roadways*” by Virginia Witmer,
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

April, 2020**Arbor Day**

Date, time, location - to be announced

April 1, 2020**10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

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

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

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Program: “*Is ‘Environmental Steward’ on Your Resume?*” by Laurie J. Fox, PhD, Horticulture Associate,
VT School of Plant & Environmental Sciences, Hampton Roads AREC

April 16, 2020

10:30 am

Tidewater District Fundraiser

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse, Ballroom

6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg

Program: *"Divas & Designs"*

Ticket required: Cost: \$30 (See ad in Announcements)

Apr 18-25, 2020

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

May, 2020

6:30 pm – Social/Silent Auction

7:15 pm – Dinner

VBBC Annual Awards Dinner

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

May 10, 2020

Council Awards & ABC Binders Due

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Treasurer

Dennie Kelley

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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

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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 March 1st. 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 February 20th at srporter24@gmail.com for the February 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!

Scholarships

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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.

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

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As the new chairman of the "Guest Speakers List" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, I am seeking your help in updating the list. If anyone who has used the current list, updated in May 2019, finds an error in phone numbers or emails, I would ask you to please notify me so corrections may be made for an update in May 2020.

Also, suggestions for speakers to be added to the list are not only welcome but encouraged. Any evaluations or comments on the current list would be very much appreciated.

Program chairmen of our member clubs should have a copy of the current list; I will be glad to send one to any program chairman or member who contacts me by email.

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

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Dr. Kuritsky of Virginia Wesleyan University has advised me that Empty Bowls will be on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Virginia Wesleyan University at 11:00 a.m. We will be making the soup-can arrangements in a corner of the dining room in Batten Hall. Dr. Kuritsky said we can enter the building at the second entrance to the left of the main entrance. We used this entrance in 2018. There is a hallway that passes the President's Dining Room and leads to the dining room. Please bring your clippers, gloves, and any flowers and greens you may have. We will be supplying flowers and greens but will appreciate some different ones.

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.

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

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I would like to encourage all of you to attend the Council's meeting on February 12, 2020 for a wonderful program "Zero Waste Living". I recently saw this presentation and was amazed at how much I didn't know about reducing the waste going to our landfills. The dynamic speakers gave many tips on proper recycling and reusable alternatives to disposable products. Please bring a notepad and pen to save this information since there was far more than most of us can remember. One tip - most receipts are not recyclable due to how they are printed. Instead, opt for no receipt or an emailed receipt. I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting!

Nature Camp
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The Council of Garden Clubs is pleased to support Caroline Bergren and Lukas Lewandowski to Nature Camp this summer (2020). Caroline goes to Old Donation School and is in the 6th grade. Lukas goes to Cox High School and is in the 9th grade. This will be Lukas's first year going to Nature Camp.

We had 8 applicants this year and all 8 have received full scholarships. Thanks to the Princess Anne Garden Club (1 scholarship), Virginia Beach Garden Club (1 scholarship), Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach (2 scholarships) and May Farm Garden Club (1 scholarship), Tidewater District (2 scholarships) and Nature Camp (1 scholarship). The Council of Gardens wants to thank ALL of the garden clubs for their donations to help support our Youth Nature Camp Scholarship.

We are pleased to send a youth to Nature Camp each year. In order to do this, we need your support. **Any Garden Club wanting to help support a youth for Nature Camp but, cannot support a full Scholarship, you can donate to the Council. Through your donations, Council can send two or more youths to Nature Camp each year. So, please budget this with your garden club and donate.** If you have any questions about Nature Camp, please contact Audrey Kelly, 757-418-6100, email wmyluv1943@gmail.com or go online to www.naturecamp.net.

Historic Houses

Peggy Caverly **Kay Slover Eckhardt**
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Floral Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House February (Saturday) Assignments

Place arrangements at the House between 1:00 & 3:30 PM. Pick up containers on the following Saturday, same time. Please call Peggy Caverly or Kay Eckhardt with any questions.

February 1: Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club
 February 8: Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
 February 15: Cavalier Garden Club
 February 22: Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
 February 29: Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

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

Fundraisers

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Our March fundraiser "*Spring Fling*" will be held on March 11, 2020 at the Princess Anne Country Club and will feature Ms. Judy B. Binns. Judy began her garden club work in 1990. She is a member and former president of the Salisbury GC, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, President of Piedmont District from 2001-2003 and President for Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. from 2011-2013. She was awarded the National Garden Clubs Member of Honor Award in the South Atlantic Region for All-Around Excellence in 2006 and has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007. (cont.)

Judy has exhibited designs in “Fine Arts and Flowers” at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and served as “Fine Arts and Flowers” Co-Chairman in 2007 and 2010. Judy is an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor and has given floral design programs and workshops in Virginia as well as North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia.

She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas and National Flower Arrangers.

Judy is a native Virginian from the Shenandoah Valley and enjoys spending time in her garden and specializes in floral designs for weddings and other occasions.

She will be demonstrating floral designs that are traditional to contemporary including tips to achieve success doing an arrangement for your home or for a flower show. We are so fortunate to feature such an acclaimed designer as Judy Binns and treat you to an opportunity to enjoy and learn from her experience in floral design.

Light refreshments and food will follow the program.

Tickets will be available at the Council General meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. All ticket sales will be handled by Co-Chairman Michelle Nettles.



Announcements

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Speaker Programs

If you are interested in a program given by a Master Gardener on various topics, please visit 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

Gardening Talks - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

March 2: “*Can the Woolly Bear Caterpillar Predict Winter?*” by Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

March 23: “*For the Love of House Plants*” by Kim Mack, Coach Kim for DIY Home Gardeners

Virginia Beach Master Gardener Tree Talks

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center (HRAREC)
1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach

February 29, 8:30 am – 3 pm - Information on planting, pruning and tree identification

Virginia Beach Master Gardener Water Stewards Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain Barrel Workshops take place on the second Saturday of the month, March - October from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market. Workshops are \$50 and registration is required. Participants will build a 55-gallon sealed rain barrel and will be given a free diverter kit to help with installation on their existing down spout. This is a family-friendly event. Children are welcome to participate with their parents!

Register at: <https://www.vbmg.org/>



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 Wandering Petal*
will delight us with new and creative ideas.
A reception will follow.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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.

If you plan to attend, Please RSVP: 463-4885 by February 21st.

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 2020 calendar year.

We will have a few containers that are looking for a good home.
For a small donation, they can go home with you.

Breeze Stewart—Co-Chairman
Cheryll Klobuchar—Co-Chairman



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

Less than 50 Tickets Left!



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

"Small Space Container Gardens" by Fern Richardson