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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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## Council Website

[www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://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](mailto:bades@cox.net)

Welcome to a new decade of life on a very old planet, full of numerous natural resources! Don't you feel blessed that, here in Virginia Beach, we can enjoy the ocean, numerous waterways and weather changes during four seasons? My hope is that, as a Council of talented, caring citizens, we can show our appreciation of these resources with individual and collective actions like fine tuning our recycling practices, educating our neighbors or encouraging the planting of more trees.

We've started the season with mild winter weather, but if those frigid days surface, we can work on the education part of our goals by learning what's new. Please mark your calendars with the many educational opportunities in this newsletter, starting with our next meeting during which Les Parks from NBG will share what's new for our gardens in 2020. Here's to a year of making our Beach environment a little better than we found it last decade!

*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***

*Small Space Container Gardens* by Fern Richardson

**2020 Calendar of Events**

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

**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 10, 2020**

Pre-register all exhibits in the Design and Botanical Arts Divisions and all exhibits in Horticulture Sections D and E of the Tidewater District Flower Show. Horticulture exhibits in Sections A, B and C do not need to be pre-registered.

**January 24-26, 2020****Virginia Flower & Garden Expo****Tidewater District Flower Show “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 &amp; Elizabeth Simmons, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

**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

Program: “Spring Fling” by Judy Binns

Ticket required: \*Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door) \*Venue and cost are subject to change.

**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**

Program: To be announced

Norfolk Yacht &amp; Country Club

7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk

**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements****Jessica O’Connor****2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President****[Joc800link@gmail.com](mailto:Joc800link@gmail.com)****757-428-3994**

Garden Club Members, you won’t want to miss Les Parks, Director of Horticulture at Norfolk Botanical Garden, speaking at the January 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting. He’ll be telling us about the new plants available for our Spring gardens and some old favorites that work well in our climate. We will be back at the Central Library. Hope to see you there.

**Treasurer****Dennie Kelley**[mdkelley@aol.com](mailto:mdkelley@aol.com)

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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.

**Scholarships****Sylvia Brewington**[sylvbrew@cox.net](mailto: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.

**Corresponding Secretary****Susan Porter**[srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com)

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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 February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at [www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com). Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by January 20<sup>th</sup> at [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**Publicity****Adele Lundquist**[lundquac@cox.net](mailto: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](http://www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos). Another is by sending an e-mail to [thebeacon@pilotonline.com](mailto: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](mailto:way4@juno.com)

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The new year is fast approaching and I hope all of us will make a resolution to become even better stewards for the environment. We can start by making sure that we recycle the proper items. As you may have read, some cities are considering ending their recycling programs because they are not cost efficient. Part of the reason is that too many non-recyclables are put in those blue bins.

To find out what's recyclable you can go to the site <https://askhrgreen.org/gtk-gtd/recycling-lookup/virginia-beach/>

I hope all of you have a happy and green New Year!

**Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls****Janet Bacuzzi**[jmbacuzzi@cs.com](mailto:jmbacuzzi@cs.com)**757-496-5992**

Dr. Kuritsky of Virginia Wesleyan University has advised me that Empty Bowls will be on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Virginia Wesleyan. They have not designated a space yet for us to work in because the one used last year is being renovated. He will let me know when they have decided where we will be making our soup-can arrangements. The time will be 1:00 p.m.

**Historic Houses****Peggy Caverly****757-490-0925****Kay Slover Eckhardt****757-486-7328****Floral Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House  
January (Wednesday) Assignments**

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

January 8: Sue Harper, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

January 15: Jan Many, Church Point Garden Club

January 22: Marlene Hunning, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

January 29: Adele Lundquist, Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Thanks to the following garden clubs for volunteering to decorate the downstairs area at the Whitehurst-Buffington House on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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



**Fundraisers****Laura Jacobson, Chairman**[belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)

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Our March fundraiser 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.

She 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.

\*\*The venue at this time is the Princess Anne Country Club, but may be subject to change as renovations progress at the Central Library. Light refreshments and food will follow the program.

Tickets will be available at the Council General meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. All ticket sales will be handled by Co-Chairman Michelle Nettles. See our flyer in this edition of the Taproot.

*“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*



### 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](http://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  
Advanced Technology Center  
1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach

#### Virginia Beach Master Gardener Water Stewards Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain Barrel Workshops will take place 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!

\*Registration opens one month in advance of the workshop date. Go to: <https://www.vbmg.org/>

1. Click on: Events
2. Click on: Register for Events
3. Choose event and register.

The Water Stewards can set up a custom workshop for your group (scout troop, garden club, PTA, etc.), building three or more barrels. Contact the VBMG help desk at 385-8156. Register at [vbmg.org](http://vbmg.org)

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### *"Planting a Party"*

#### An NGC Standard Flower Show

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

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.**

*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](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com) or 757-650-5231.*

*We need volunteers to help with Set-up and Staging.*

*We need exhibitors to enter Floral Designs, Craft Displays and Horticulture Exhibits.*



**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](mailto:ggknowles@cox.net)**

**Only 50 Tickets Left!**