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Pins are still available for sale!

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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

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Hi dear gardening friends – we made it! 🌈☀️

Yes, even though we are still far, far away from resuming life as we've known it, we can at least believe that it will happen and start to plan for the activities that we want to continue, as well as the things we want to do differently 😊

We begin the year as normal with educational opportunities to learn different things and what's new in the industry. I missed out on some of the offerings last January because classes were full - a good thing about the Covid-19 changes this year is that there are no attendance limits since the sessions are via Zoom! Please join me in offering a seat or 2 in front of your computer for those who do not have access.

Home Gardener Day, January 11, sounds promising with a theme of *Going Wild*, focusing on our involvement with native plants. If you've ever heard Doug Tallamy or read his books, then you know his presentation is a huge opportunity.

The Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course, January 12-14, is geared more towards professionals in the horticulture and allied industries, but I know many of us have the background and interest to appreciate the programs. Check out the speakers – some of them are local celebrities, including our own Sherry Kern (Heritage Garden Club)!

Last but not least, guru Mike Andruczyk will inspire us with his expertise about *Vines* during our January 20th CGCVB meeting! I keep hearing about how smart and knowledgeable this guy is about all horticulture, so start collecting your questions.

Please keep the faith & patience about the importance of our continuing to social distance during the next few months, even more than ever, and let's get more informed in January. From there, let's plan together so, when it's healthy, we can hit the ground running!

Missing the hugs!

Betty Ann

**2021 Calendar of Events****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

January 12-14, 2021**9:00 am – 5:00 pm****Mid-Atlantic Horticulture (Virtual) Short Course****Register by January 12, 10:00 am**<https://web.cvent.com/event/d02c76ce-5e89-40e6-9df3-422fad7c9698/summary>**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**kreassig1@verizon.net**757-340-0167 (H)**

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!

Corresponding Secretary**Susan Porter**srporter24@gmail.com**757-650-5231 (C)**

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 February 1st. Please send committee articles and club announcements to me by January 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

Scholarships**Sylvia Brewington**sylvbrew@cox.net**757-340-0907**

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**757-496-3990**

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

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly**wmyluv@verizon.net**757-486-1733**

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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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!



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

On December 15, 2020, the following garden club representatives did a first-class job decorating the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House for the Christmas holidays:

Thalia GC – Ellie Kressig, Kay Sawyer, Rose Busetti (front door wreath)

Thoroughgood GC – Susan Atkins (foyer banister and parlor mantel)

Quail Point Cove GC – Luke Robertson (bay window)

Lynnhaven Heritage GC – Bonnie Satterwhite (parlor windows)

Virginia Beach GC – Demaris Yearick (dining room windows)

Lake Smith Terrace GC – Keren Pernini, Mildred Dyson (dining room table)

West Neck GC – Kris Przymuzala, Nora Lynch (dining room mantel)

Cavalier GC – Johnnie Miller (ladies room door)

Thanks to all of you super lovely, talented gardeners!

The Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House Board held a masked reception (following safety guidelines) after the completion of the decorating. They were impressed and grateful to these talented garden clubbers. Now, we can look forward to a new, productive and fun-filled 2021. Happy New Year to All!

Below are photos of a just a sample of the many beautiful Christmas decorations placed at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House. Throughout December, the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House was open for public tours. The staff was especially pleased to share these decorations with the visiting public.

Thank you,
Peggy and Kay



January Weekly Floral Arrangement Assignments

Place arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House (2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, 23456) on Wednesday (or Saturday, if more convenient) between 1:00 and 3:30 pm. The January floral arrangement assignments are:

January 6 (or 9): Lynnhaven Heritage GC
January 13 (or 16): Pembroke Meadows GC
January 20 (or 23): Thoroughgood GC
January 27 (or 30): Thalia GC

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.

The Latest from the Virginia Beach History Museums

by Emily Labows, Director, Cultural Affairs Department, Virginia Beach History Museums
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Francis Land House Restoration Updates:

- City Personnel worked with the Council of Garden Clubs to develop a plan for the relocation of the boxwoods surrounding the Francis Land House.
- Some moisture issues in the basement are being addressed. Work on other areas within and outside the house continues.

Lynnhaven House Restoration Updates:

- New ductwork is currently being installed.
- The Contractor completed installation of new ceiling joist supports to replace localized rotting.

The Virginia Beach History Museums staff has published new episodes of the “Beyond the Passage” podcast. We highlighted our sites’ paranormal history on a Halloween Special with Hunter House Victorian Museum and featured Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School (PACTS/UKHS) Alumni who served in the military for a Veterans Day tribute.

Cultural Affairs is working with the City’s Communications Office to film a full virtual tour of the Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum so [that] the community can learn about the museum while the Renaissance Academy is closed to the public. In addition, we published new blog posts highlighting the Alumni veterans’ stories, as well as Native American Heritage Month, on the Virginia Beach History Museums website. Recently, staff collaborated with the Virginia Beach Public Library on a virtual program to share the history of the Rose Hall Dress Shop.

For more updates from the Virginia Beach History Museums, please sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at the Virginia Beach History Museums website. Once again, thank you for your continued support and interest in preserving and enhancing the Virginia Beach History Museums.



Announcements**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

**2021 Vision of Beauty Calendar**

Happy New Year! There are still a few 2021 Vision of Beauty calendars available – just what you need to keep track of your social activities and also enjoy pictures of lovely floral arrangements! Please consider purchasing one if you have not already. A calendar can be yours for only \$6.00!

Call me if you would like to purchase a calendar. When purchasing, you may pay with cash or check (made out to “**Tidewater District, VFGC**”). There are a limited number of calendars available so, first come, first served.

These are the calendar distribution/pick-up options:

- I will deliver to Virginia Beach addresses – I will leave on your front porch.
- You pick-up from my house (my front porch) – I live in Virginia Beach.
- We meet at a central location like the library, a church or other.

Thank you,
Sue Harper

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696 Harris Point Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-4755



BLUEBIRD HOUSES FOR SALE
Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Beautiful Bluebird Houses Made to Order

Cost: \$30.00

Information sheet is included.

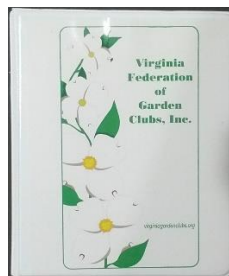
To order contact:

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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. 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) Deadline: June 30, 2021

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



The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

Spring Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10 am

“LE QUATRRO 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.

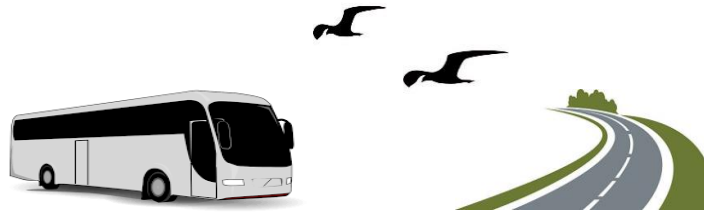


**Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Auditorium
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**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 9, 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.

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!!!!