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Pins are still available for sale!

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2019-2021 Officers

President	Betty Ann DesRoches - Bay Colony
First Vice President	Jessica O'Connor - Lynnhaven Heritage
Second Vice President	Executive Committee
Recording Secretary	Rose Busetti - Thalia
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Porter - Thoroughgood
Treasurer	Dennie Kelley - Broad Bay Point Greens

Council Website

www.vbgardencouncil.com

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Homenet PC Services
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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

757-651-6289

Dearest Garden Club Members,

I am so grateful to have been part of our group efforts and carry forward our goal as “...a service organization dedicated to promoting our community through beautification, conservation and preservation by means of education and example.”

Your individual contributions to the Plant Shower and the Building II Memorial made it possible to send love, care and beauty to city workers and families of those affected. The responses were filled with much heartfelt appreciation.

Your enthusiasm and ideas about qualifying as a Bee City USA member have inspired some great ideas for the upcoming year. Working with our city’s parks and recreation division, we’re only a city council vote away from having the title... but that’s not us - we can improve our pollinator support through education, plans and plantings NOW, at home and on city properties.

You’ve worked with Peggy and Kay to make and donate beautiful era-related arrangements, on a *weekly basis*, for the Whitehurst Buffington House. Visitors were also able to enjoy Christmas decorations of the time in December! Organized by Ellie and Phyllis, members of your individual clubs created live wreaths that hung on the doors of City buildings.

...and there’s much more 😊

How else can we collectively beautify, conserve and preserve? Sometimes these actions can come from moral support, something that I’ve learned is abundant in this team of garden clubs. You are our ears to the ground, so please keep your Council Board in touch.

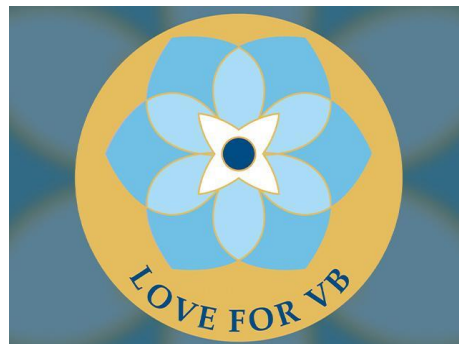
Over the summer, the Board will be busy planning for the upcoming Council year. Since we’re trying to serve *you*, we need you to let us know what speakers you’d like us to engage or what topics you’d like them to address.

Your Council Board is amazing! Please thank them when you have the chance because most of what is done is behind the scenes. A special thank you to Susan Porter, who does a beautiful job of editing and publishing our *Taproot*, despite what we send her way... often late 🙄 😊

Here’s to a 2020 – 2021 Council of Garden Clubs’ year in which we can be better because of our experiences and continue to be part of solutions!

Thank you!!

Betty Ann



😁 WANTED!! 😁

CGCVB Second VP

Perks:

- Competitive pay
- Yummy snacks at board meetings; comfy chairs
- Hero status since we'll know that *someone* is making sure the speaker is equipped and feels welcome while we're doing our other designated jobs.
(you'll have the steps in writing; nothing earth-shaking involved)
- Creative tips on how to address your significant other when he/she thinks you should be paying attention to him/her, not your Council.
(not much needed though, for this job)
- Generous sick / vacation leave – we won't gossip about you in your absence or assign you every yucky job if you can't be at a meeting.
- Camaraderie with an amazing group of smart, experienced, caring and talented board members!
(we learn so much from each other)
- The good feeling that you are helping when needed! 😊

Experience needed: none - we will fill you in and will have your back.

Job description:

- Engage speakers for 5 of the general meetings
(Jessica and Betty Ann will help you this summer and we have an updated Speaker's List from Patsy).
- Act as a hostess for the speaker, before and during the meetings
(written guidelines will be provided that will cover it all).
- Arrange for ~ 4 auction items
(the speaker usually donates one and the Board helps you with other ideas when needed).
- Contribute to discussions, when inspired to do so, during monthly Board meetings
(if you can't make a meeting, you can send in your report, vote or comments).

For answers to questions or to apply while you still have this cool opportunity, contact one of us before June 15th, please.

Betty Ann





2020 Calendar of Events

The following calendar of events covers current and future activities. The full calendar was published in the Council's yearbook and was listed in the September, 2019 Taproot. However, those resources are now inaccurate due to the following updates and cancellations. The next Taproot will be published on September 1st.

June 3, 2020

Council Awards Luncheon - CANCELLED

Tidewater District Fundraiser - POSTPONED to August 20, 2020

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg
Program: "*Divas & Designs*"

September 19, 2020

10 am – 4 pm

Whitehurst-Buffington House Fall Festival

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach
Antique vehicles, Arts & Crafts
Rain date: September 26, 2020

October 16, 2020

Council Bus Tour

Note: For more information, see Announcements.



CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Jessica O'Connor

First Vice President

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The executive board of the Council of Garden Clubs will be working during the summer on programs for 2020 – 2021. If you have had a good program recently that you think the Council members would enjoy, please share that information with us. If there is a particular topic you would be interested in, please share that information also. We try to present programs that will be of great interest to all of our member clubs. Your input is always appreciated.

Attention, 2020 -2021 Club Presidents: The Council Yearbook Club Information Form should be sent to Jessica O'Connor no later than July 1, 2020. You may mail a hard copy to: 800 Linkhorn Drive, Virginia Beach, 23451 or electronically by email to joc800link@gmail.com.

2020 – 2021 Council Yearbook Club Information Form

Name of Club: _____ # Members: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Does your Club pay dues to any of the following affiliated organizations? Yes No

The Garden Club of Virginia Tidewater District, VFGC

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) Other: _____

Does your Club participate in Inter-Club Judging? Yes No

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Council Rep 1 Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Council Rep 2 Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Judging Chairperson Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Treasurer Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

ABC Chairperson Name: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

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

757-496-3990

The Council, along with the following garden clubs, donated funds to cover the cost of the plants for Building 2, Municipal Center Day of Remembrance: Bay Colony GC, Broad Bay Point Greens GC, Cavalier GC, Chesapeake Colony GC, GC of Greater Kempsville, Lake Smith Terrace GC, Little Neck GC, Lynnhaven Heritage GC, Lynnhaven River GC, May Farm GC of Kingston and Princess Anne GC. Thank you for your support.

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

757-363-7524

Michelle Nettles, Co-ChairmanMJNettles@aol.com

770-356-5814

Council Fundraiser programs for the coming year are in the final stages of confirmation. They will be held at the Central Library and we will ask Clubs to volunteer refreshments following the programs. This information will also be available sometime in June via a separate email.

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.

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly**wmyluv1943@gmail.com

757-418-6100

With profound sadness and deep regret, Nature Camp has informed us that, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the board of directors of Nature Camp decided to suspend the on-site sessions for the summer of 2020. The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach will be sponsoring the same two youths for 2021 - Caroline Bergren and Lukas Lewandowski.

Corresponding Secretary**Susan Porter**srporter24@gmail.com

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



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

757-486-3165

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.

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

757-717-1953 (C)

Please send photos of plants/vegetables in your gardens and I will publish them on the Council’s Facebook page.

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

757-422-1618

A recent Earth Day article by Katie Cullipher and Rebekah Eastep of askHRGreen gave some excellent suggestions on how we can help the environment during this virus crisis.

- Conserve water by turning off the faucet while singing “Happy Birthday” and scrubbing your hands.
- Keep up your recycling efforts - this service hasn’t stopped.
- Be careful of what you flush down the toilet. Many so called “flushable” wipes, paper towels and tissues are not flushable.
- Plant a victory garden to help provide food for your family and for the therapeutic experience of working in a garden.
- Enjoy a “lights off” hour in the evening and make sure electronics and lights are turned off when not in use.
- If you’re ordering a meal in, say “no thanks” to disposable utensils, straws and single serve condiments.
- Declutter your house and set aside good stuff for donation.
- Reserve a quiet place in your yard and enjoy contemplative moments.

I hope all of you are staying safe and well and are enjoying extra time in your garden.

Historic Houses**Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

The Whitehurst-Buffington House will be closed until further notice. Once the House reopens, the floral arrangement schedule will resume. Please call Peggy Caverly or Kay Eckhardt with any questions.

Awards

Cheryll Klobuchar

c-klobuchar@cox.net

757-463-4885 (H) 757-560-5589 (C)

Any work or projects done by your garden club for the 2019-2020 club year will be combined with the 2020-2021 club year awards (due May 10, 2021). Therefore, keep your 2019-2020 records and add them to your 2020-2021 entries.

President’s Award - *Control the Flow*

Betty Ann DesRoches

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757-651-6289

The President’s Award gives credit to clubs for their participation in the Lynnhaven River NOW Pearl Homes program in Virginia Beach. For a Pearl Homes application, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pearlhome>

Below is the form to apply for the President’s Award (due May 10, 2021).

CGCVB President's Award *Control the Flow* (yearbook p. 37)
Control the Flow - New Pearl Home members
(existing memberships count for your garden club only)

Garden Club: _____

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Initiation Date</u>	<u>Garden Club Sponsor</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____



ABC Program – Council Beautification Project**Suzie Duckworth**Suzied44@cox.net

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Ann Browndbrown141@cox.net

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The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach formed a committee in November, 2019 to research the possibility of Virginia Beach qualifying as a **Bee City USA** affiliate. Meeting monthly and working with the City Landscape Services, the committee discussed organization, filled out and submitted the application, developed an educational brochure and planned activities and strategy for the first few months.

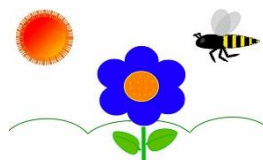
“Bee City USA fosters ongoing dialogue in urban areas to raise awareness of the role native pollinators play in our communities and what each of us can do to provide them with healthy habitat. Research has shown significant declines in pollinator population sizes and ranges globally.

The Bee City USA program endorses a set of commitments, defined in a resolution, for creating sustainable habitats for native pollinators, which are vital to feeding the planet. Incorporated cities, towns, and communities across America are invited to make these commitments and become certified as a Bee City USA affiliate.” Reference: <https://www.beecityusa.org/>

The last step for Virginia Beach to become a Bee City USA affiliate is a positive vote from City Council. Once Virginia Beach becomes a Bee City USA affiliate, the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach will submit a report each year, describing our support of these pollinators. The Council and Landscape Services will share the project’s expenses. Funds will be needed for:

- Education: The anticipated result is that homeowners will grow more pollinator-friendly plants and implement pollinator-healthy practices.
- City Gardens: In partnership with Landscape Services, Council will increase the number of pollinator-friendly plantings on city-owned properties.

Virginia Beach will be the 5th Virginia Bee City USA affiliate. The current Virginia Bee Cities are: Hampton, Lynchburg, Scottsville and Vienna. The Bee City USA committee members are Demaris Yearick (co-chair, CGCVB), Symsi Denson (co-chair, Landscape Services), Jessica O’Connor, Kay Eckhardt, Betty Ann DesRoches, Pete Schultz (entomologist) and Frank Walker (Bee advocate at the local, state and regional levels).

**Yearbook Ads****Garden Club Ads****Cheryll Klobuchar**c-klobuchar@cox.net

757-463-4885

Business Ads**Suzie Duckworth**Suzied44@cox.net

757- 363-1050

Attention Garden Clubs and/or Businesses: Advertise your club or company products, services or events by placing an ad in the 2020-2021 *Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. YEARBOOK*. This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or “just place a greeting” while supporting the ongoing CGCVB projects to make our community a better place in which to live, to work and to visit. The following deadlines apply to this year’s ads:

Garden Club ads – July 18, 2020

Business ads – August 28, 2020

To place an ad, complete the form on the next page.

CGCVB 2020 - 2021 Yearbook Ad Form

PLEASE SEND YOUR AD LAYOUT AND CHECK TO:

Send this form and camera-ready *Garden Club Ad* with check by July 18th to:

Cheryll Klobuchar, 758 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3844 c-klobuchar@cox.net 757-463-4885

Send this form and camera-ready *Business Ad* with check by August 28th to:

Suzie Duckworth, 700 Oriole Drive, #421 B, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 suzied44@cox.net 757-363-1050

Make checks payable to: Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

GARDEN CLUB/BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please circle your chosen advertisement size:

¼ page - 4-½” wide x 1-11/16” height	\$15.00
OR	
2-3/16” wide x 3-7/16” height	

½ page - 4-½” wide x 3-3/8” height	\$25.00

Full Page - 4-½” wide x 7” height	\$30.00



Contributions from You

Recommended Films:

"Fantastic Fungi"

From Naro Cinema's website, this film can be downloaded for home viewing. "Directed by Louie Schwartzberg, it is a consciousness-shifting film that takes us on an immersive journey through time and scale into the magical earth beneath our feet, an underground network that can heal and save our planet." - *Rotten Tomatoes* (5-star rating)

"Dare to be Wild"

This is a story about Irishwoman Mary Reynold's journey from rank outsider to winner of a gold medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Announcements*Ongoing Plant Sale by Coach Kim
(with no physical contact)*

Selection of plants posted weekly on Facebook. Heirloom, Native and Unusual Plants - at great prices!

This is a chance to buy unique, healthy and pesticide-free plants, locally.
Each Wednesday, there will be a new list of plants for sale, based on maturity and availability.

REPLY to Wednesday's Facebook post with number and choice of plants – sold on a 1st come/1st serve basis.

1. Go to Facebook - *Coach Kim for DIY Home Gardeners*
2. Go to Posts. Look for "Plant Sale".
3. In the Plant Sale post, send a comment with your order – plant name and amount.
4. Via message, you will receive an order total. An individually-scheduled time for pickup will be arranged with you (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). I will send you a message letting you know your complete order and cost and will coordinate a pick up time and date (Friday, Saturday or Sunday). Your plants will be waiting for you to pick up at the end of the driveway.
5. Simply place your payment (cash or check) in an envelope in the mailbox.

Note: If you do not use Facebook, you may contact me directly and I will do the best I can to accommodate you.

COACH *Kim* for DIY Home Gardeners

Klm102612@cox.net

757-432-8008





BLUEBIRD HOUSES FOR SALE

Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Beautiful Bluebird Houses Made to Order
Information sheet is included.

Cost: \$30.00

To order contact:

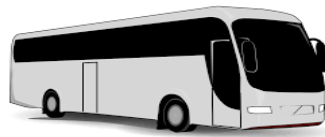
Bev Hunter 340-8679

Bhunt25@hotmail.com

Cheryll Klobuchar 463-4885

c-klobuchar@cox.net

Proceeds benefit community beautification projects and other LHGC projects.



COME JOIN US FOR OUR 3rd ANNUAL BUS TOUR

Sponsored by THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 16, 2020!

Tour planning is underway! Destination???

Hello to all!

June has finally arrived and possibly, Summer. The Bus Tour is coming together nicely with a few minor confirmations I have yet to receive. I will be sending out a separate email with instructions and itinerary as to registering for the tour. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, this will be different than in the past - with no deposit due to hold a spot on the bus. So, please keep an eye out for information sometime in June.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time of uncertainty.

Laura



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation



2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

CRAFTERS & ARTISTS WANTED

FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19, 2020 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

TURN IN APPLICATIONS BY 4:00 pm on SATURDAY, JUNE 13th:

**Private Message to the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation FaceBook Page*

**Email to lrwl2@cox.net*

**Hand deliver to the WBHF at 2441 North Landing Road, Va. Beach, VA 23456*

**Mail to Whitehurst- Buffington House Foundation, P.O. Box 56114, Virginia Beach, VA 23456*

ALL WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL, HAND CRAFTED OR CREATED.
NO MASS-PRODUCED PRODUCTS WILL BE APPROVED.

10x10 SPACES WILL BE OUTSIDE WITH NO ELECTRIC HOOK-UP. TABLES OR POP UPS PROVIDED.

GATES WILL BE OPEN AT 9:00 am FOR SET-UP AND BREAKDOWN WILL BE AT 4:00 pm

EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED TO SELL THEIR OWN WORK.

FEE IS \$25 PER SPACE WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONS DUE TO WBHF.

EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

IT WILL FEATURE ANTIQUE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE ART & CRAFTS DISPLAYED BY EXHIBITORS.

FOOD WILL ALSO BE SOLD DURING THE EVENT.

RAIN DATE SET FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CELL PHONE:

ALTERNATE PHONE:

WHAT WOULD YOU BE DISPLAYING?

Please be specific - We are trying to avoid overlapping in category of work as much as possible
Include type and style of craft or art (i.e. Textile- Quilting, Art- Acrylic Modern, Jewelry- Beading)

LIST ANY FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE INFO:

CHECK IF INCLUDING PICTURES