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Pins are still available for sale!  
Please Contact: Laura Jacobson  
757-237-7524

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## 2019-2021 *Outgoing* 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

## 2021-2023 *Incoming* Officers

President	Rose Busetti - Thalia
First Vice President	Ann Abrams-Hammette - Lynnhaven Heritage
Co-Second Vice President	Betty Ann DesRoches - Bay Colony
Co-Second Vice President	Jessica O'Connor - Lynnhaven Heritage
Recording Secretary	Sheila Magula - Little Neck
Corresponding Secretary	Debbi Babashanian - Lake Smith Terrace
Treasurer	Dennie Kelley - Broad Bay Point Greens

## Council Website

[www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com)

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757-304-6360



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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 *Outgoing* President****Betty Ann DesRoches**[bades@cox.net](mailto:bades@cox.net)

757-651-6289

Greetings from your former president!

I passed the gavel to Rose on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Learning that I could have a last word or two, I'm thrilled to have a chance to support...

- The Website Committee – Susan & Adele are leading our efforts to develop a new website as a tool to inform, educate and lead other Virginia Beach residents to learn how they can become involved in our community efforts, maybe by becoming members. Your individual club's contact information will be included so, I will be calling one of your garden club leaders to share the options and learn your preferences. If I haven't contacted your president yet, it would help if you would call me or text the time that you are free to talk.
- Susan Porter – This brings me to our Taproot editor who is retiring from this position, so she has more time to visit her family in southern California. Do not take for granted her 7-year term - she didn't just cut & paste articles into our publication. She patiently reminded us of deadlines, graciously accepted our late entries and then cleaned up our words, making us look our best, as a true editor would do. Fortunately, we still have her significant involvement as she leads website development with Adele.
- Bee City Funding – As educators and supporters of city pollinator gardens, your Board approved a Council fundraising project selling garden gloves. Can you help, individually or as a club?? 😊 So far, members of individual clubs have offered to sell at picnics, meetings, the Honey Festival, neighborhood events and online to friends and to family. Please contact me if you can help. I can send you the details.
- Suzie Duckworth - what business would refuse Suzie Duckworth an ad in our yearbook? She's done this for you as a Council board member for many years, as well as being president of the Council twice! Thank you so much Suzie – I hope you're still "on-Board" with us, too 😊.

I feel very optimistic about the future of our Virginia Beach community's gardening efforts with *Rosenator* as our new leader – here ya go, sister. 🧑🏻‍🌾 ♀ 🌹 🧑🏻‍🌾 ♀

XO,  
Betty Ann

**A Message from the *Incoming* President****Rose Busetti**[rosebusetti@hotmail.com](mailto:rosebusetti@hotmail.com)

757-306-8901

I'm humbled by all of the talent around me. Thank you to everyone for taking on jobs for the next two years.

I know that Adele has a plan to utilize social media and if you are connected to nextdoor.com, Facebook or whatever, please reach out to her at 757-491-5375, or [lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net) to spread the word about our great programs.

Wish I had said that - "In a world where you can be anything, BEE kind."

Rose

**2021 Calendar of Events****June 23, 2021****10:30 – 11:30 am****Dedication of the Pollinator Garden, a Bee City event***By Invitation Only*

Red Wing Park

1398 General Booth Boulevard, Virginia Beach 23451

**October 15, 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 &amp; wine-tasting at Chatham Vineyards &amp; Winery

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

**Scholarships****Sylvia Brewington**[sylvbrew@cox.net](mailto:sylvbrew@cox.net)**757-340-0907**

Scholarships are ongoing. 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.

**Chaplain****Ellie Kreassig**[kreassig1@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com)

757-650-5231 (C)

The Taproot can be found on the Council website at [www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com). This is the final Taproot edition of the 2020-2021 club year. The next Taproot will be published at the beginning of September, 2021.

Thank you for the many articles and announcements that you have contributed to the Taproot. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with the Council board members, club presidents and club representatives.

I would like to welcome the incoming Corresponding Secretary, Debbi Babashanian, a member of Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club. Debbi is well-versed in computer work and is easy with whom to work. Please support her as she will do a very good job for the Council and its members. Please submit your articles and announcements to her at [babdebbi@gmail.com](mailto:babdebbi@gmail.com).

Below is contact information for the newly-installed 2021-2023 Council officers.

President - Rose Busetti

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First Vice President - Ann Abrams-Hammette

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Co-Second Vice President - Betty Ann DesRoches

1204 Redtree Court, Virginia Beach 23451-3785

757-651-6289

[bades@cox.net](mailto:bades@cox.net)

Co-Second Vice President - Jessica O'Connor

800 Linkhorn Drive, Virginia Beach 23451-3921

757-428-3994

[joc800link@gmail.com](mailto:joc800link@gmail.com)

Recording Secretary - Sheila Magula

1729 Royal Cove Court, Virginia Beach, 23454-3165

757-618-7018

[ssm9jef1@gmail.com](mailto:ssm9jef1@gmail.com)

Corresponding Secretary - Debbi Babashanian

2133 Carriage Lane, Norfolk, 23518-5318

757-630-9090

[babdebbi@gmail.com](mailto:babdebbi@gmail.com)

Treasurer - Dennie Kelley

2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach 23451-1387

757-636-6959

[mdkelley@aol.com](mailto:mdkelley@aol.com)

**Publicity****Adele Lundquist**[lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net)

757-717-1953 (C)

**HELP WANTED!**

Opportunities for the Council to get its name into the public domain are growing. Where there used to be only the newspaper, there are now social media outlets, nextdoor.com neighbor websites, community magazines, etc. The Publicity Committee needs volunteers to keep up with this expansion. If you are interested in serving the Council in this capacity, I would love to talk with you. Please e-mail me at [lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net) to schedule a time to chat.

**Guest Speakers List****Patsy Cameron**[pecameron@cox.net](mailto:pecameron@cox.net)

757-486-3165

As the chairman of the "Guest Speakers List" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, I request your help in updating the list. If anyone who has used the current 2020 list finds an error in phone numbers or emails, I would ask you to please notify me so that corrections may be made for an update for 2021-2022.

Suggestions for speakers to be added to the list are not only welcome, but encouraged. If you know of a new presenter or program, please share the information with our members. Any evaluations or comments on the current list would be very much appreciated.

The new list which will be available later this summer (perhaps, as early as June) will be sent to club presidents. This will be an interim draft for your use and a chance to make corrections and additions. Due to the shut-down of most clubs and programs this past year and a half, there has been very little feedback on programs. Unfortunately, that means little input from program chairmen and little chance to improve on our current list.

**Nature Camp****Audrey Kelly**[wmyluv1943@gmail.com](mailto:wmyluv1943@gmail.com)

757-418-6100

The Council of Garden Clubs is pleased to support Lukas Lewandowski and Caroline Bergren for Nature Camp this summer, 2021.

This year will look unlike any other in Nature Camp's nearly 80-year history, as they make modifications and implement new measures in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. They hope that this summer's campers will still have the same enriching, enjoyable and life-changing experience which Nature Camp has sought to provide since its inception in 1942.

**The Council of Garden Clubs will be accepting applications for 2022 starting in the fall, 2021.** More detailed information will be available then. If you have any questions about Nature Camp, please contact Audrey Kelly, 757-418-6100, email [wmyluv1943@gmail.com](mailto:wmyluv1943@gmail.com) or go online to [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net).



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

As CGCVB President Betty Ann's second term comes to an end, one could easily say that her second term could be defined by the "BIG C - COVID-19". On The Contrary... Peggy and I would like to propose that the "BIG C" stands for *Commitment*.

#### WHITEHURST-BUFFINGTON HISTORIC HOUSE

Under strict COVID-19 care, the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House decided to remain open. They were the only Virginia Beach Historic House to do so. It was important to them that they keep their *Commitment* to share our rich Virginia Beach history. The CGCVB pledged, in turn, to continue their support and *Commitment* to the Whitehurst-Buffington House. Consequently, the following member garden clubs, pledged to support that Council's Whitehurst-Buffington House:

*Commitment:* Broad Bay Island GC, COLT; Lake Smith Terrace GC; Princess Anne GC; Pembroke Meadows GC; Thalia GC and Thoroughgood GC. (Note: Those garden clubs responsible for Christmas decorating were noted in a previous TAPROOT.)

#### THANK YOU

Finally, we offer a very special thank-you to three exceptional CGCVB members - President Betty Ann DesRoches for all of her support; Susan Porter for her always gracious willingness to help us with our communications and, finally, a very special thank-you to Bonnie Satterthwaite who, as an individual, volunteered to help the Whitehurst-Buffington House and in so doing – helped Peggy and me. Consequently, she filled many Whitehurst-Buffington House vacant dates on our CGCVB sign-up roster.

We send our heartfelt thank-you to all of these extraordinary garden clubs and individuals for their support, without which, we would not have been able to keep OUR Whitehurst-Buffington House chairmanship *Commitments*.

#### June 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 June assignments are:

June 2 (or 5): Broad Bay Island GC  
 June 9 (or 12): Thoroughgood GC  
 June 16 (or 19): Princess Anne GC  
 June 23 (or 26): Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant GC  
 June 30 (or 7/3): Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant GC

Garden club members will be contacted to remind them of the July and August assignments.

**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.

**Awards**

**Cheryll Klobuchar**  
[c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)  
757-463-4885

There will be a 2021-2022 CGCVB yearbook when the new year starts in September. Awards presented in June will be awards earned in the 2021-2022 CGCVB year. Award applications for prior years will not be accepted because, to do so, would cause a lot of confusion and difficulty, not only to write them up, but to judge them. Therefore, the only awards given in June, 2022 will be those earned in the 2021-2022 CGCVB year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 757-560-5589 (cell), 757-463-4885 (home) or [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net). Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

**Yearbook Ads**

**Garden Club Ads**  
**Cheryll Klobuchar**  
[c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)  
757-463-4885

*Garden Clubs*: Advertise your club, services or events by placing an ad in the *Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.* 2021-2022 yearbook. This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or "just place a greeting".

Garden Clubs - CGCVB 2021-2022 Yearbook Ad Form

Please send your completed form, camera-ready Garden Club ad\* and check on or before JUNE 30, 2021 to: Cheryll Klobuchar, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net) 758 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3844, 757-463-4885

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle choice of <u>ad size</u> *:	
A1. ¼ page: 4-1/2" W x 1-11/16" H .....	\$15.00
A2. ¼ page: 2-3/16" W x 3-7/16" H .....	\$15.00
B. ½ page: 4-1/2" W x 3-3/8" H .....	\$25.00
C. full page: 4-1/2" W x 7" H .....	\$30.00

Ads may contain photographic images that print well in black and white with greyscale. Ads should be provided in an electronic file format scaled to size\*. Acceptable file formats are: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or image (.jpeg or jpg). Other file formats may be accepted on a case-by-case basis as well as ads that may need any "light" editing.



**Yearbook Ads****Business Ads****Bev Hunter**[bhunter2vabeach@gmail.com](mailto:bhunter2vabeach@gmail.com)

(757) 340-8679

*Garden clubs:* Consider carrying the yearbook in the car ready to ask your favorite businesses to place an ad in the Council yearbook. If you know a business or organization that might advertise in the Council yearbook this coming year, contact Bev Hunter to coordinate the communications with the business.

Ads are due on or before June 30, 2021. Business ads are a full page and cost \$35 to help defray the cost of printing and distribution. Advertising businesses will receive a complimentary yearbook.

For answers to questions regarding file format (listed on the form), contact Cheryll Klobuchar at [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net), (757) 463-4885.



Businesses - CGCVB 2021-2022 Yearbook Ad Form

Please send your completed form, camera-ready ad\* and \$35 check on or before JUNE 30, 2021 to:  
Cheryll Klobuchar, [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net) 758 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3844, 757-463-4885

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ad size: full page: 4-1/2" W x 7" H

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**Ann Abrams-Hammette****First Vice President**[annabrams4@gmail.com](mailto:annabrams4@gmail.com)

757-803-8108

Attention: 2021-2023 Club Presidents

The Club Information Form for the Council Yearbook is due on or before June 30, 2021. You may mail a hard copy to: Ann Abrams-Hammette, 3312 Shakespeare Court, Virginia Beach, 23452 or send by email to [annabrams4@gmail.com](mailto:annabrams4@gmail.com).

See the Club Information Form on the following page.



2021-2022 Club Information Form for the Council Yearbook

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: \_\_\_\_\_

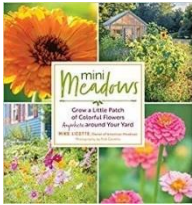
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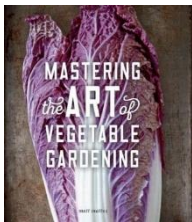
### Garden Club News

*Garden Club representatives:* This “column” in the Taproot is a place to inform member clubs of your activities. What are your current projects? Are you giving your time and money to worthwhile causes? If so, please submit a brief article to the Corresponding Secretary/Taproot editor, Debbi Babashanian. Thank you.

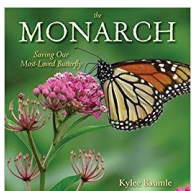
### Recommended Reading/Viewing



*Mini Meadows: Grow a Little Patch of Colorful Flowers Anywhere around Your Yard*  
by Mike Lizotte



*Mastering the Art of Vegetable Gardening*  
by Matt Mattus



*The Monarch: Saving Our Most-Loved Butterfly*  
by Kylee Bauble

### Announcements



#### BLUEBIRD HOUSES FOR SALE Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Beautiful Bluebird Houses Made to Order

**Cost: \$30.00**

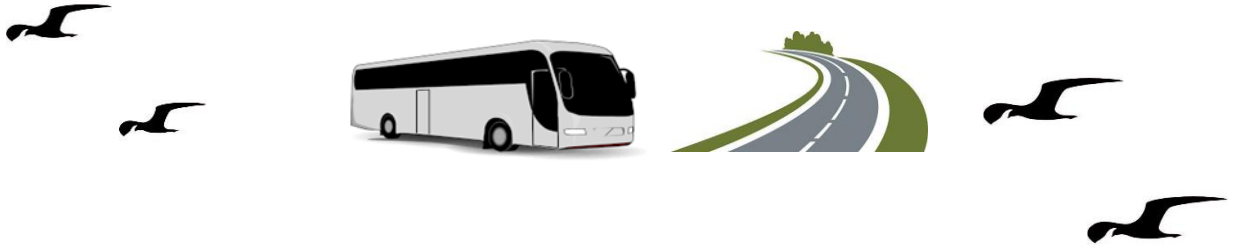
Information sheet is included.

To order, contact:

Bev Hunter 340-8679 [Bhunt25@hotmail.com](mailto:Bhunt25@hotmail.com)

Cheryll Klobuchar 463-4885 [c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)

Proceeds benefit community beautification projects and other LHGC projects.



**COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BUS TOUR**

*sponsored by*

**THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.**

**October 15, 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](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)**

**NO DEPOSITS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO COVID-19. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR THIS TOUR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRIP CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19.**



**DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!!**



**Tidewater District, VFGC, Inc.*****“Divas & Designs”*****Tidewater District Fundraiser**

New date is: **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THIS NEW DATE!

The day full of “fun” is still the same. All current ticket holders have a reserved seat. This event will be held at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse in Williamsburg. For information and details, contact Glenda Knowles, 757-651-0401 or [ggknowles@cox.net](mailto:ggknowles@cox.net)



10:00 am Registration  
10:30 am Fashion Show presented by Chico's  
12:15 pm Luncheon

Program: *“Dueling Designers”* by David Pippin and Al Brockwell, Floral Designers  
They will create designs side-by-side using similar containers and flowers.

Silent Auction - Themed Baskets

\$30 donation – checks payable to: Tidewater District, VFGC, Inc.

