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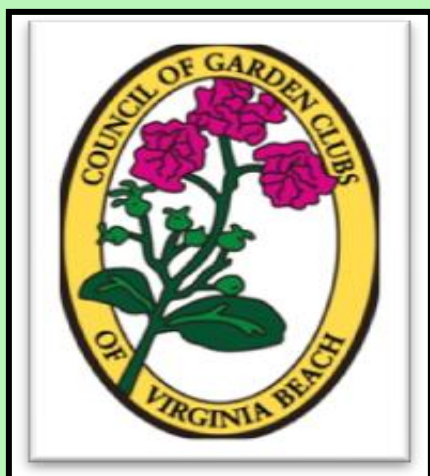
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Pins are still available for sale!

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2017-2019 Officers

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Council Website

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**Laura Jacobson**belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com**757-237-7524**

The month of March is quickly approaching and I'm still catching up with my calendar. In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and don our green from head to toe as well as on our hands (for the gardeners who may be reading this).

So, what do we know about St. Patrick? Here are some fun facts to share with friends and family: Despite his **Irish** notoriety, Saint Patrick was British. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century. According to **Irish** legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland. **What color did St. Patrick wear?** In British usage, it refers to a sky **blue** used by the Order of St. Patrick, whereas in Irish usage it is often a dark, rich **blue**. While green is now the usual national color of Ireland, St. Patrick's **blue** is still the official color of state. **Do they celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland?** Yes, **St. Patrick's Day** originated in **Ireland** and is celebrated there today, as it has been for hundreds of years. The **day** commemorates **St. Patrick**, patron **saint** of **Ireland**. Paddy's Day is a national public holiday and, also, a bank holiday, in the Republic of **Ireland**.

As for Council news, I just want to remind everyone again about our March Fundraiser, with our speaker, Robert McDuffie. You don't want to miss it! Information for the event is in this issue. For those who were unable to attend our February program, you missed a real tweet, I mean treat. (Just a little bird humor) A big thank you to Jessica and to Bob Schamerhorn for a wonderful program that was informative and entertaining.

Big news - we are introducing our new fundraiser item, a custom Council of Garden Clubs Tervis tumbler, to help fund our ABC project for Whitehurst-Buffington House. Information and cost are featured in this issue.

I'd like to close my message with a traditional Gaelic blessing: "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Laura



Welcome, deWitt Cottage Garden Club to the Council!



Did you know...? (A History Lesson)**The History of the Thoroughgood Garden Club**

The Thoroughgood Garden Club (TGC) was founded by a group of ladies attending a Civic League Dinner-Dance on March 2, 1957. Nineteen ladies indicated their interest in forming a garden club by signing their names on the back of a paper placemat that evening. They held their first meeting on March 6, 1957 in the home of Mrs. S. W. Hastings on Hermitage Point. Mrs. A. H. Culpepper presided at the meeting and would become the club's first President.

There were 27 charter/founding members. At the November 13, 1957 meeting, TGC voted to join the Council of Garden Clubs and Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. TGC held its first Awards Luncheon on June 11, 1958 at the Pine Tree Inn. Meetings in those days were held at the newly-opened Thoroughgood Elementary School, having reached membership of close to 100 members.

This mighty band of ladies created many flower arrangements and horticulture specimens, hosted Holiday Houses, taught workshops, decorated historic homes in Virginia Beach, beautified the grounds at Hermitage and Thoroughgood Elementary Schools and the Bayside Post Office. They have produced three cookbooks over the years.

TGC has acted as a strong partner with the Thoroughgood Civic League to landscape neighborhood pumping stations, install lights and ironwork atop the brick pillars at the main entrance, plant crepe myrtles in the square behind the main entrance, and build the low brick walls at the secondary entrances at Five Forks and Ewell Roads. TGC continues to maintain the flower beds at the main entrance.

All of the work we did then and do now is in the interest of beautifying and supporting our local community.

***“Who's in the News?” (Club Submissions about Activities in the Community)...***

Like many garden clubs, Thoroughgood Garden Club had old scrapbooks stored in boxes in members' homes.

The Virginia Beach Central Library is in the process of building the city's local history information, and happily accepted our donations of the scrapbooks. The librarians are storing the original scrapbooks in a climate-controlled room and are scanning the deteriorating pages into electronic media.

The Thoroughgood Garden Club was given a copy of the scanned images on a thumb drive and displayed them on a digital picture frame at our 2017 Fall Buffet.

These scrapbooks represent our neighborhood and the city's history. Rather than letting these beautiful reminders of our past vanish, consider donating them to the Library where they can be enjoyed by all. To donate historical documents from your garden club, contact Mary Lovell Swetnam at the Central Library: Mswetnam@vb.gov 757-385-0150.

View the local history section of the Library's website:

<https://www.vb.gov/government/departments/libraries/Pages/home.aspx>



2018 Calendar of Events

March 7, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

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

March 14, 2018, 10:00 am

CGCVB General Meeting

Educational Program
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Program: “Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces” by Professor Robert McDuffie, Virginia Tech
Open to the Public *Ticket required
\$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door Contact Michelle Nettles, MJNettles@aol.com, 770-356-5814

March 23, 2018, 1:00 pm

CGCVB Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop

Room adjacent to Batten Hall
Virginia Wesleyan University
5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach

March 26, 2018, 9:30 am – Registration & Coffee, 10:00 am – Meeting

Tidewater District, VFGC Spring General Meeting

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom, Williamsburg
Program: To be announced

April 27, 2018, 10:00 am

Council Arbor Day

Kempsville Recreation Center

April 4, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

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

April 11, 2018, 9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am - Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Program: TBD

April 19, 2018, 10:30 am

Tidewater District, VFGC Fundraiser

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom, Williamsburg
“Fashions & Flowers” - Fashions by Chico’s, Lunch & “The Dueling Designers” Cost: \$30.00

April 21-28, 2018
Historic Garden Week in Virginia

April 23, 2018, 10:00 am--2:00 pm
CGCVB Decorate the Francis Land House

May 10, 2018
CGCVB Awards Applications & ABC Binders Due

May 21-24, 2018
National Garden Club (NGC) Convention
Philadelphia, PA

June 6, 2018, 10:00 am – Registration, 10:30 am – Meeting, 12:00 pm (Noon) – Luncheon
CGCVB Annual Awards Luncheon
Princess Anne Country Club

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Hospitality - vacant
Interim - Rose Busetti
rosebusetti@hotmail.com
757-306-8901

Thank you to the following clubs for bringing 2 - 4 trays of finger foods for the March ticketed event (I will call the President and Council Rep one week beforehand to remind you).

Betty Ann DesRoches, home 422-1833, is coordinating set-up and take-down of this event.

March 14, 2018
1 - Great Neck Meadows GC
2 - Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant GC
3 - Church Point GC
4 - Thalia GC
Flowers - Jessica O'Connor (Linkhorn Park GC)

Fundraisers
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“Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces” by Professor Robert McDuffie, Virginia Tech

Educational Program - Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 10:00 am
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium
Open to the Public *Ticket required - \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door

*Contact Michelle Nettles for tickets.

Professor Robert McDuffie has taught landscape architecture at Virginia Tech and has become an expert in public garden design. Many years ago, he started a study abroad program that takes students to public gardens in Japan, Australia, Europe and other countries around the world. He was co-founder of the Hahn Horticulture

Garden. After 38+ years on the Virginia Tech faculty and serving as director of the Hahn Garden for the past two years, Professor McDuffie is retiring from Virginia Tech. Leaders in Virginia's landscape contracting and design industry fondly remember his classes. He and his wife, Nancy, plan to take groups overseas on garden tours, culinary tours and opera tours. Source: VT Department of Agriculture Newsletter

Treasurer**Pauletta Anglin**psanglin@gmail.com

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Thank you for your support of our Council projects. Your individual and club participation make wonderful things happen in our community and are long-lasting. Our three basic projects are the ABC project (for 2017-2019, the Whitehurst Buffington Garden), Nature Camp Scholarships and the VA Tech Scholarship.

Several clubs have already made donations to these projects. Two months of our year have already gone by and, as spring arrives, we are busier than ever in our own gardens and club activities. Please ask your treasurers to send your donations before it is forgotten in the rush of spring activities.

If your club would like to donate to the ABC Project and/or Nature Camp, please send your donations to: Pauletta Anglin, 921 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 1102, VA Beach, VA 23451

VA Tech Scholarship donations should be sent to: Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, VA Beach, VA 23452

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on April 1st. Please make sure that you send board and committee articles and club announcements to me by March 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

Publicity**Adele Lundquist**

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Did I miss your photo? You are doing some neat things but I haven't seen them published on the Community Scene photo page in the Beacon. You can submit your photo to: www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos. I'll keep looking!

Scholarships**Sylvia Brewington**sylvbrew@cox.net

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For future scholarship donations, please make your check payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach & send them to Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

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

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On February 25th, the Virginia Pilot had a wonderful article about what **not** recycle:
<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODN/VirginianPilot/Default.aspx> Unacceptable items are contaminating shipments of recyclables to China, resulting in the whole container being rejected.

The TFC mantra is "paper, bottles and cans." What **not** to recycle:

- *Styrofoam
- *Peanut butter or mayonnaise jars
- *Clamshell" Containers
- *Plastic bags-- the worst!!!
- *Yogurt cups
- *Oil, automotive fluid containers

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

757-496-5992

The Empty Bowls Dinner will be on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Virginia Wesleyan University. The construction of a new theater is taking place in the parking lot of the Hofheimer Theater. This year, we will meet in a room adjacent to the Batten Hall Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. to make the soup-can arrangements for the dinner that night. Please park in the parking lot designated for Batten Hall. Please bring clippers, gloves and any spring flowers you may have. We should be finished in about two hours.

Tickets in advance are \$25.00. They can be purchased at Virginia Wesleyan University Book Store, The Creative Wedge, Tin Soldiers' Forgotten Treasures, The Artists Gallery, Jerry's Artarama, Orzo Studio, and Naro Video. Robin Bailey has said that she will bring some tickets to sell at the March 14th Council Program.

Arbor Day**Johnnie Miller**jmill61558@verizon.net

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Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 27, 10:00 am at the Kempsville Recreation Center. Further details to follow...

Awards of Merit**Janet Bacuzzi**jmbacuzzi@cs.co

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The Award of Merit is an award given to businesses and other public building owners to recognize the beautiful, well-landscaped properties they maintain to make our city a better place to live. As you drive around our city, take the time to note the names and addresses of places that you think deserve this award.

Please nominate businesses and other organizations by completing the award entry form on the next page, due Tuesday, May 10. The Club submitting the most entries will be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

AWARD OF MERIT ENTRY FORM

Deadline: Tuesday, May 10, 2018

This award is a certificate which reads... *“For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises...”*

MAXIMUM 4 PER ENTRY FORM

<i>Building/Organization Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
1		
2		
3		
4		

Submitted by: _____ PHONE: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Garden Club _____

Send form to Janet Bacuzzi, 1724 Middlemost Key, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-1162 - or - email to jmbacuzzi@cs.co (In the e-mail subject line, please include ‘Council Award of Merit’)

Nature Camp
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The council is sponsoring Carly Lundgren and Ally Restrepo for the Youth Nature Camp Scholarship, summer of 2018. The council has supported both young ladies in the past. This is Ally’s 5th year and Carly’s 4th year attending Nature Camp.

Ally is passionate about herpetology, the study of reptiles and amphibians. In some of her other classes, she has learned to identify trees and flowers, aquatic fish and other animals, and what causes weather in and around Nature Camp. Ally is going into the 10th grade.

Carly has learned many things in the past 3 years. Her first year, she took geology as her major, her second year, she took meteorology and last year, she took nature journaling.

We are pleased to be able to send two youths to Nature Camp each year. In order to do this, we need your support in donations. The deadline for applications for the Council of Garden Clubs Youth Nature Camp Scholarship for summer of 2019 is November 15, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Kelly, Nature Camp Chairman: wmyluv1943@gmail.com, phone # 418-6100.

Announcements**57th Annual Auction & Luncheon - Wednesday, March 21****CAVALIER GARDEN CLUB**

*Live Auction includes:
Furniture, Art, Antiques, Statuary & Jewelry*

*Also Elephant Treasure Shop
Garden Shop - Jewelry Shop - Raffles & Door Prize*

*Princess Anne Country Club
3800 Pacific Avenue
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Doors open at 10:00 am*

-Lunch and Cash Bar-

*TICKETS \$30 EACH
DEADLINE MAR 14, 2018
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
For reservations call Dawn Bray 494-0545*

Proceeds benefit City of Virginia Beach beautification,
Garden Therapy/Youth Encouragement (school project),
Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, First Landing State Park,
Nature Camp Scholarship, Lynnhaven River Now, Brock Center,
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Master Gardeners Speakers Program

If you are interested in a program given by a Master Gardener on various topics, please visit the website www.vbmg.org. There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Kay Eckhardt at 486-7328.

**Master Gardeners March Gardening Talk - Monday, March 26
Perennially Yours - Harness the Power of Perennial Plants in Your Garden**

Liz Maurer, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Whether your garden is in sun or shade, wet or dry, perennials can provide color and texture all through the year and, in time, yield extra plants to share with friends and family. Learn which perennials are reliable in our area.

Free and Open to the Public, No Registration Required, Monday, March 26, 7 - 8 PM
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

“Fashions & Flowers” - Thursday, April 19



The Tidewater District will be featuring “*Fashions & Flowers*” on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The day will feature fashions by Chico’s before lunch and the “Dueling Designers” after lunch. David Pippin and Al Brockwell will create designs side by side, using similar containers and flowers! Designs will be offered to our guests. There will also be a gift basket silent auction.

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom in Williamsburg, Virginia for this spectacular day!

For more information, contact Glenda Knowles ggknowles@cox.net 757-651-0401 - or - Patsy Cameron pecameron@cox.net 757-575-2155



85th Historic Garden Week Virginia Beach Tour - Wednesday, April 25

Please join the Virginia Beach Garden Club and the Princess Anne Garden Club for the 2018 Virginia Beach Garden Tour. This year, the tour showcases Great Neck Point from its oldest home, built in the early 18th century, to its most dramatic contemporary. Everywhere are views of the Lynnhaven River in one of Virginia Beach’s most beautiful waterfront neighborhoods.

Garden Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of more than forty of Virginia’s public gardens and landscapes, a research fellowship program and a new partnership with Virginia State Parks.

To purchase tickets, please go to vagardenweek.org
Follow us on Facebook @ Historic Garden Week in Virginia Beach
On Instagram@ vbgardentour

CGCVB Fundraiser

It's here and it's custom! Introducing the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach - 16oz. Tervis Tumbler....

The cost is \$20 and preorders are currently being taken. Show your support and sign-up today! Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for delivery. To order, contact our fundraiser chairman, Michelle Nettles, MJNettles@aol.com or 770-356-5814.



Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club Fundraiser

Have you ever had a vase tip over while transporting your flower arrangement, spilling water, and breaking your floral materials? You need a Vase Brace! Designed by a florist, it is made in the USA of smooth molded plastic. Its four adjustable cords will secure and stabilize your vase, potted plant or casserole to prevent tipping. It's even great for top-heavy designs. The slim design (12" x 12" x 1") is convenient enough to store in the car for that spontaneous trip to the florist or garden center.

At only \$21.95, everyone will want one! The VaseBrace is a great gift! Support our club in its fundraiser ~ we appreciate it!

Contact Bev Hunter at 757-340-8679 or bhunt25@hotmail.com to place your order today!