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Pins are still available for sale!

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2019-2021 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**Betty Ann DesRoches**bades@cox.net

Happy March, Gardening Friends!

We have a special opportunity on March 11th to learn more about flower arranging from one of the best. Please take a few minutes to read about our guest presenter, Judy Binns (p. 7). Not only are we lucky to have her here in Virginia Beach but, if we raise any funds (Laura Jacobsen has worked to make the experience a good value, too.), profits will go towards our joint ABC Project which is to qualify and maintain Virginia Beach as having Bee City USA status. We are excited to share more about this project soon – we are undertaking it in partnership with our city's Parks and Recreation division. I hope you will round up your friends and family members to join us on March 11th.

This month, I dedicate my well wishes to those who have inspired us to enjoy gardening - in my case, it was my dad, known by the Hampton policemen with whom he'd stay out most nights as a neighborhood watchman, as "The Irishman." Growing up, when the market was bad, we could count on dad seeking therapy by producing great vegetable gardens. Our gardening experiences didn't happen without controversy – after a couple of mishaps on my sister's historic horse farm in Princeton, NJ, she hid the tools after which dad went out and bought new ones! Dad lived with us for 13 years, so Matt has accumulated some great father-in-law stories - like the natural vegetation he cut down exposing a chain link fence and the neighbor's yard ("Gee Gabe, you shouldn't have."). Or, the big hole he cut out of an evergreen so workmen could get to the water meter easily - the branch stubs screamed out to us, so he bought some fluorescent green paint and sprayed them!

We couldn't have been more different style-wise but, dad and I agreed on daylilies. The Bay Colony Garden Club gave him the back of our biggest common area (Gabe's Garden) to grow his daylilies, which he checked every day after breakfast at MacDonald's. Then, he would go up to his room and sort his daylily seeds...

I hope you have similar special memories about someone who inspired you. Good luck be with you wherever you go, and may your blessings outnumber the shamrocks you grow!

Betty Ann

**2020 Calendar of Events**

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

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

3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

Program: “*Spring Fling*” by Judy Binns

Ticket required: *Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

March 13, 2020**11:00 am****Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop**

Virginia Wesleyan University

5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach

March 26, 2020**9:15 am – Mini-program: “Native Bees & Pollinators”** by Anne-Marie McCarthy**9:30 am – Registration & Coffee****10:00 am – Meeting****Tidewater District Spring General Meeting**

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk

Program: “*Native Plants in our Gardens & on our Roadways*” by Virginia Witmer,

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

April 1, 2020**10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane Conference Room-First Floor- the “Atlantic”

April 4-5, 2020**Daffodil Festival & Parade**

Gloucester Courthouse

6504 Main Street, Gloucester, VA

Tour Brent & Becky's Bulbs, Gardening Talk, Vendors, Live Music

April 8, 2020**9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Meeting****CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: “*Is ‘Environmental Steward’ on Your Resume?*” by Laurie J. Fox, PhD, Horticulture Associate,

VT School of Plant & Environmental Sciences, Hampton Roads AREC

April 16, 2020**10:30 am****Tidewater District Fundraiser**

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse, Ballroom

6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg

Program: *"Divas & Designs"*

Apr 18-25, 2020

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

May, 2020

Arbor Day

Date, time, location - to be announced

May, 2020

6:30 pm – Social/Silent Auction

7:15 pm – Dinner

VBBC Annual Awards Dinner

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

May 10, 2020

Council Awards & ABC Binders Due

June 3, 2020

Council Awards Luncheon



CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Treasurer

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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

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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.

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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 April 1st. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at www.vbgardencouncil.com. Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by March 20th at 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!

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

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As the new chairman of the "Guest Speakers List" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, I am seeking your help in updating the list. If anyone who has used the current list, updated in May 2019, finds an error in phone numbers or emails, I would ask you to please notify me so corrections may be made for an update in May 2020.

Also, suggestions for speakers to be added to the list are not only welcome but encouraged. Any evaluations or comments on the current list would be very much appreciated.

Program chairmen of our member clubs should have a copy of the current list; I will be glad to send one to any program chairman or member who contacts me by email.

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

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Dr. Kuritsky of Virginia Wesleyan University has advised me that Empty Bowls will be on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Virginia Wesleyan University at 11:00 a.m. We will be making the soup-can arrangements in a corner of the dining room in Batten Hall. Dr. Kuritsky said we can enter the building at the second entrance to the left of the main entrance. We used this entrance in 2018. There is a hallway that passes the President's Dining Room and leads to the dining room. Please bring your clippers, gloves, and any flowers and greens you may have. We will be supplying flowers and greens but will appreciate some different ones.

Publicity**Adele Lundquist**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. Another is by sending an e-mail to 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

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At our Council program about Zero Waste Living, we learned the importance of reducing what we send to landfills which release toxins into our air and water. Although not the solution, recycling is a good first step. Plastic is especially problematic and we are limited in what plastic we can recycle in Virginia Beach (#1 with necks and spouts such as water bottles). There are plastic recycling alternatives, however. Whole Foods accepts #5 plastics which are often yogurt containers, wide mouth bottles such as Ensure and prescription pill bottles (remove labels). The bin is located next to their cafe and the staff is very helpful. Thank you for your help with recycling these items!

Historic Houses**Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

**Floral Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House
March (Saturday) Assignments**

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

March 7: Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant Garden Club

March 14: West Neck Garden Club

March 21: Church Point Garden Club

March 28: Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Directions from Francis Land House:

- 1) EAST on Virginia Beach Blvd.
- 2) RIGHT on Lynnhaven Parkway
- 3) LEFT on Holland Road
- 4) RIGHT on Dam Neck Road
- 5) LEFT on Princess Anne Road (Cross Nimmo Parkway, Princess Anne Middle School on the right)
- 6) RIGHT at the "T" onto North Landing Road (Princess Anne Road continues on the left)
- 7) (Travel a short distance...Pass on left Liberty Tax, Fresh Faire Co., Insurance Boutique and Sal's Pizza)
- 8) NEXT LEFT at the parking lot entrance, VEER to right onto WB driveway
- 9) WB Historic House - at the end of the long picturesque driveway



Nature Camp
Audrey Kelly
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The Council of Garden Clubs is pleased to support Caroline Bergren and Lukas Lewandowski to Nature Camp this summer (2020). Caroline is in the 6th grade at Old Donation School and. Lukas is in the 9th grade at Cox High School. This will be Lukas's first year going to Nature Camp.

We had 8 applicants this year and all 8 have received full scholarships. Thanks to the Princess Anne Garden Club (1 scholarship), Virginia Beach Garden Club (1 scholarship), Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach (2 scholarships) and May Farm Garden Club (1 scholarship), Tidewater District (2 scholarships) and Nature Camp (1scholarship). The Council of Gardens wants to thank ALL of the garden clubs for their donations to help support our Youth Nature Camp Scholarship.

We are pleased to send a youth to Nature Camp each year. In order to do this, we need your support. **Any Garden Club wanting to help support a youth for Nature Camp but, cannot support a full Scholarship, you can donate to the Council. Through your donations, Council can send two or more youths to Nature Camp each year. So, please budget this with your garden club and donate.** If you have any questions about Nature Camp, please contact Audrey Kelly, 757-418-6100, email wmyluv1943@gmail.com or go online to www.naturecamp.net.

Fundraisers

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Our March fundraiser "*Spring Fling*" will be held on March 11, 2020, 9:30 am at the Princess Anne Country Club and 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.

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.

Judy 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.

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.

Light refreshments and food will follow the program.

All ticket sales will be handled by Co-Chairman Michelle Nettles.

CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD

*To the club supporting council projects with the largest number of members on a percentage basis
Small (1-20) and Large Clubs (21 or more)
Council Year is May 11, 2019- May 10, 2020*

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

Submitted by: Name: _____ **Tel.#:** _____

E-mail: _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2019 Attendance: _____

Providing Centerpiece/s (how many): _____

Council Meetings (record number of members who attended)

Sept. _____ **Oct.** _____ **Nov.** _____ **Jan.** _____ **Feb.** _____ **Mar.** _____ **Apr.** _____

Historic House Weekly Flower Arrangements

May 11, 2019 – May 10, 2020: _____

Decorate Historic House – Christmas: _____

November Council Fundraiser - Tickets sold: _____

March Council Fundraiser – Tickets sold: _____

Empty Bowls Workshop: _____

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop: _____

Attending Arbor Day Ceremony: _____

Providing Cookies for Arbor Day Ceremony: _____

Placing an Ad in the Council Yearbook*: _____

Making a Donation to Council’s ABC project*: _____

Making a Donation to Council’s VT Scholarship Fund*: _____

Making a Donation to Nature Camp Scholarship*: _____

Submitting business names for the Awards of Merit (# of submissions): _____

Submitting entries for the CGCVB Awards & ABC Awards (# of submissions): _____

Club members holding positions as CGCVB Officers or Committee Chairmen: _____

Other: _____

* If a donation has been made just check the item, do not list the amount.



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: "Seeing Trees - Discover the Extraordinary Secrets of Everyday Trees" by Nancy Ross Hugo



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. 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

Virginia Beach Meyera Oberndorf Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

March 2, 7 – 8 pm: "Can the Woolly Bear Caterpillar Predict Winter?" by Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Phenology is a branch of science dealing with the relations between climate and periodic biological phenomena. Historically gardeners have observed natural events to help us predict the life cycles of plants and animals. Climate change is changing this age-old practice. Changes in *phenological* events like flowering and animal migration are among the most sensitive biological responses to climate change.

March 23, 7 – 8 pm: "For the Love of House Plants" by Kim Mack, Coach Kim for DIY Home Gardeners

There has been a surge in the number of people owning house plants. It does not matter if you have a yard or an apartment/condo - there is a craving for having something green and growing in your home. There is a problem with all these plants: keeping them alive. Kim will be covering the do(s) and don't(s) of house plant care, potting choices, lighting, irrigation and pest management.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Workshops – Free and Open to the Public
Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center
1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach

March 14, 9 am - Noon: “Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat” Work with Virginia Beach Master Gardeners to learn the importance of incorporating native plants into your landscape. Develop ideas to aid you in integrating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. You will begin developing a landscape plan that supports beneficial wildlife.
Register at: habitat6.eventbrite.com

March 14, 1 pm – 4:30 pm: “Insects and Pollinators” Would you like to know more about insects that are so critical for pollinating the plants in our landscape and garden? Learn how to identify beneficial insects and amazing pollinators and their role in ecological balance. You will build and take home two solitary bee houses.
Register at: pollinators6.eventbrite.com

Virginia Beach Master Gardener Water Stewards Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain Barrel Workshops take place on 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!
Register at: <https://www.vbmg.org/>



*Fairfield Garden Club
Spring Plant Sale*

Where: 5244 Locke Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

When: Saturday, April 18th 8 am - 4 pm & Sunday, April 19th 10 am - 2 pm

What: We will have high quality perennials, annuals, herbs, veggie patio pots, hanging baskets and hand-painted birdhouses available for sale.



EXPLORE GARDENING & SUSTAINABILITY

A DAY OF PLANT FUN

Saturday, April 18th

12-5 PM
3168 HOLLAND RD
VIRGINIA BEACH

FREE & FAMILY-FRIENDLY

- Plant a pollinator garden for your yard
- Learn about plant science and how to be green in the garden
- Get tips for growing veggies
- Kindness rock painting
- Watch terrarium demonstrations
- Free wine tastings (21+)
- Shop local food and art vendors
- Live music
- Awesome SALES
- 3 chances to win a \$25 gift card!

  @JACKFROSTGARDENS





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 lrawls2@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

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation of this historic home as a living example of early American life in Virginia.