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Pins are still available for sale!

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2015-2017 Officers

President	Jessica O'Connor – Linkhorn Park GC
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Second Vice President	Faye Lowton – Country Gardeners Guild
Recording Secretary	Janet Bacuzzi – Broad Bay Point Greens
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Porter – Thoroughgood GC
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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

Highlights

Please remember to fill out and return forms for the awards, ads and the June Luncheon.

A Message from the President

Jessica O'Conner

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Congratulations to Laura Jacobson and our new officers for 2017 - 2019 who were elected at our April meeting held at the Virginia Zoo.

The weather for our tour of the zoo was perfect and lunch at Freemason Abbey was most pleasant. A special thank you to **Faye Lawton** for all the planning.

Remember **May 5th** is the date to turn in all reports for awards to Cheryll Klobuchar and ABC folders to Ellie Kreassig. Your clubs have been busy so claim your award.

The next big date to circle on your calendar is **May 24th**. That is the cutoff date that luncheon reservations have to be sent to Darlene Nelson for our Awards Luncheon. The luncheon will be held the first Wednesday in June as usual. This year that is **June 7th**.

It has been a privilege to be your president for the last two years. I was blessed with a great board who made the job easy. I know I'm passing the gavel to a most competent successor.

Jessica

2017 Calendar of Events

May 5

Council Awards & ABC Binders Due!

May 18-20

National Garden Club Convention

Marriott Hotel, Richmond, VA

June 7

Annual Awards Luncheon

Princess Anne Country Club

10:00 am – Registration

10:30 am – Meeting

12:00 pm (Noon) – Luncheon

Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Hospitality

Rose Busetti

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757-306-8901

On behalf of my committee members, Kay Sawyer and Allison Sitar, we thank you for supporting the Hospitality Committee this Council year.

Note: The Council is looking for a volunteer to chair the Hospitality Committee, 2017 – 2019.

Francis Land House

Peggy Caverly

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

On April 24, 2017, the Council of Garden Clubs spent many hours making beautiful arrangements to adorn the windows, mantels and doors of the Francis Land House for Garden Week in Virginia Beach. Many thanks to the following garden clubs: Cavalier, Charlestown, Church Point, Thalia, Lynnhaven Heritage, May Farm, Pembroke Meadows, Lake Smith Terrace, Thoroughgood and Linkhorn Park. A special thanks goes to Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club for going the extra mile by volunteering to make an arrangement for the parlor mantel. No one volunteered for that area. Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club had already signed up for the dining room windows so they did two areas. Lake Smith Garden Club also did two areas. Thank you, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club. I hope you all had an opportunity to admire the decorations at the Francis Land House and partake of the 'tea' served on April 26th by the Francis Land House committee members – Johnnie Miller, Phyllis Elms and Peggy Caverly. We missed Kay Eckhardt but she was having a grand time in England with her granddaughter.

Corresponding Secretary

Susan Porter

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on June 1st. Please make sure that you send information to me by May 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

Publicity**Adele Lundquist****757-491-5375****lundquac@cox.net**

It is more important than ever to keep the Council's Facebook Page current and interesting. One way to accomplish this is for me to post your photos on the site. So, as you take photos of your Club's activities, please consider forwarding them to me with a short write-up. The page is listed as Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. See you on FB!

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

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

Conservation/Ecology**Demaris Yearick****way4@juno.com****757-422-1618**

The City of Virginia Beach recycling program is now accepting all plastic containers #s 1 through 7 such as yogurt containers, clam shell containers, etc.. Please remember plastic bags cannot go into our blue bins but can be recycled at your grocery store.

Thank you for helping our environment by recycling!

Yearbook Club Ads and Business Ads
Suzie Duckworth – Chair for Business Ads
Suzied@verizon.net
 757-363-1050

Cheryll Klobuchar - Chair for Club Ads
c-klobuchar@cox.net
 757-463-4885 or 757-560-5589

Attention Garden Clubs and Businesses: Advertise your club's or company's products, services or events by placing an ad in our upcoming *COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, Inc, 2017-2018 YEARBOOK.*

This is a great way to advertise your fundraiser or “just place a greeting” and you will be supporting the ongoing Council projects to make our community a better place in which to live, work and play!

PLEASE SEND YOUR AD LAYOUT AND CHECK BY JUNE 28, 2017 to:

Club Ads: Cheryll Klobuchar, 758 Suffolk Lane, VA Beach, VA 23452-3844

Business Ads: Suzie Duckworth, 700 Oriole Drive Unite 421B, VA Beach, VA 23451

2017-2018 YEARBOOK AD FORM

GARDEN CLUB / BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please circle the size of the advertisement:

Quarter Page – 4 ½” W x 1-11/16” H \$15.00
 -OR- 2-3/16” W x 3-7/16” H

Half Page – 4 ½” W x 3-3/8” H \$25.00

Full Page – 4 ½” W x 7” H \$30.00

Please note: The ad must be properly sized and ready to be inserted into the yearbook. Also, the ad should be e-mailed or sent electronically to ensure the best possible quality in the book.

Award of Merit
Phyllis Elms
Peelee@cox.net

The Award of Merit is an award to recognize businesses and other public buildings that have done, and are doing, an outstanding job helping to keep and make our city a better place in which to live by maintaining beautiful, well-landscaped properties. You will find an entry form on this page. Please complete the form to nominate businesses that you feel meet these requirements. (MAX OF FOUR PER ENTRY FORM!). Please send the award submissions to Phyllis Elms by **Friday, May 5, 2017**.

AWARD OF MERIT

This award is in the form of a certificate, which reads... “ For their efforts in consistently maintaining attractive and litter-free premises...”
With this award, we acknowledge those businesses and let them know we appreciate their efforts. So, as you drive around our city, take time to note the names and addresses of businesses you think worthy and submit their names using the form below. (MAX. of FOUR PER ENTRY FORM). The Club submitting the most will also be recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon.
Please send your completed forms to Phyllis Elms by Friday, May 5, 2017.

Phyllis Elms
 266 Raintree Road
 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Or e-mail your submissions to PEELEEE@cox.net
(In the e-mail subject line please include “Council Award of Merit”)
Awards of Merit Submission Form: Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2017
MAXIMUM 4 PER ENTRY FORM.

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

Submitted by: _____ PHONE: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Garden Club _____

2017-2019 Council Yearbook Information Sheet

Name of Club: _____ Members: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Does your Club pay dues to any of the following affiliated organizations?

 YES NO If YES, please check those that apply to your Club: Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs The Garden Club of Virginia Tidewater District Other: _____Does your Club Participate in Inter-Club Judging? YES NO

PRESIDENT: Name: _____

Address: _____ City/zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

COUNCIL REP: Name: _____

Address: _____ City/zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

COUNCIL REP: 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: _____

Awards**Cheryll Klobuchar**c-klobuchar@cox.net**757-463-4885**

It's that time again; I Hope that you have been looking through the Council's yearbook at the various awards that are being offered. Don't forget that there are awards that overlap, i.e. if your club has planted a tree or trees during the year there are a number of awards that you could apply for. If you have any questions about a particular award or how to write up the entry, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at: 463-4885 (home), 560-5589 (cell) or c-klobuchar@cox.net

The entries are due on Friday, May 5th. I will place a box on my doorstep on May 5th for you to place your entries in when you drop them by. If you prefer dropping them off sooner, contact me at one of the above contacts to make arrangements.

My address is: 758 Suffolk Lane (I'm on the corner of Suffolk Land and Suffolk Circle, a two-story Georgian house). If you need directions or have questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Good Luck to each and everyone. See you in June.

NOTE: Remember we have two new awards this year, they are found on page 36 in the 2016-2017 Council Yearbook. They are:

#27. Jessica O'Connor Community Service Award

#28. Jessica O'Connor Native Plants, Butterfly Gardens Award

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 6, 2016 - May 5, 2017*

Club Name: _____

Number of Active Members: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2016 Attendance: _____ Providing Centerpiece/s (*how many*): _____

Council Meetings (*record number of members who attended*)

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

Supplying Food and/or Arrangements for Council Meetings (*record how many members*)

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

Francis Land House Weekly Flower Arrangements May 6, 2016 – May 5, 2017 _____

Neptune Festival Senior Gala Workshop _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Christmas _____

Council Fundraiser - Tickets sold _____

Council Special Education Program – Tickets Sold _____

Empty Bowls Workshop _____

Decorate Francis Land House – Historic Garden Week _____

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 Scholarship Fund* _____

Making a Donation to Nature Camp Scholarship _____

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

Other _____

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

ABC Book of Evidence**Suzie Duckworth**Suzied@verizon.net**757-363-1050**

The ABC Books of Evidence are due on Monday, May 5th. Please deliver your books to my Co-chair, Ellie Kressig, at 433 Lynn Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. She will have a basket on her porch all day on the 5th. If you need to deliver before or after the 5th, please contact Ellie at 757-340-0167 and make arrangements with her.

Please remember, we will be judging your projects during the last two weeks of May. A poorly maintained project can make a difference between receiving a first place award or second or third. Good Luck!!

We are collecting money for the Council ABC Project at the Whitehurst-Buffington House. If you wish to be recognized at our Awards Luncheon on June 7th, your donations must be received by our Treasurer, Patty Kane, no later than May 20th. The Council wishes to thank your clubs for their continued support of our ABC projects.

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly****757-486-1733**Wmyluv1943@gmail.com**THOSE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND NATURE CAMP:**

Each summer, Nature Camp offers four, two-week sessions by age group for students from 5th grade through high school. It is intended for those with a genuine interest in conservation, the out-of-doors and the natural world. Campers attend class daily and are expected to complete all class assignments. Those seeking a solely recreational experience will not be happy here. Campers must be willing and able to hike and be comfortable in outdoor settings. Although most campers live in Virginia, applicants from any state are welcome.

Through the requirements of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach Youth Nature Camp Scholarships the council is pleased to announce our two Youth Nature Camp Scholarship recipients for the summer of 2017. Charlotte Bergren is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade going into the 6th grade. This will be her first year attending the Youth Nature Camp and is looking forward to the experience. Our second recipient is Carly Lundgren and she is in the 7th grade going into the 8th at Plaza Middle School. This will be Carly's third year attending Nature Camp and is looking forward to extending her experiences.

We are pleased to have been able to send a second youth to Nature Camp this coming summer. This is only because of garden club donations being made through the council. I want to thank each one of you for your donations to make this happen.

If there is a Garden Club that wants to keep helping to support a youth to Nature Camp but cannot support a full Scholarship, you can donate to the Council. These funds collected will be combined to send an additional youth to camp.

I want to thank May Farm Garden Club of Kingston, Cavalier Garden Club, Princess Anne Garden Club and the Tidewater District for supporting a Scholarship for four other recipients to Nature Camp for the summer of 2017 . We also had the Virginia Beach Garden Club to sponsor a youth to Nature Camp.

If you have any questions about Nature Camp please contact Audrey D. Kelly. Or go online at www.naturecamp.net.

Awards Luncheon

Laura Jacobson

757-363-7524

belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com

The Council Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. Please see “Council Awards Luncheon and Installation Registration Form” included in this Taproot.

Please note instructions on the form for payment and due date for registration – May, 24th!!!!

I will be seeking volunteers from Garden Clubs to bring table arrangements on the morning of the luncheon. ****Please plan to arrive between 10am – 10:15am with your arrangement and a designated assistant will collect your design. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March Education Program at the check-in table.** Tablecloths and linens will be white with no restrictions on color. Please design arrangements not to exceed 12 inches in height, if possible. Keep in mind that all designs will be given away at the conclusion of the luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 757-363-7524 or via email at belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com. Hope to see you and your club members in June.

Council Awards Luncheon and Installation
Reservation Deadline – May 24, 2017

DATE: Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

PLACE: Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Va. Beach, 23451

SCHEDULE: Registration: 10:00 – 10:30am, Business Meeting: 10:30 – 11:30am

Cash Bar: 11:30 – 11:45am, Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

PRICE: \$23.00 per person

(ONLY ONE CHECK PER CLUB PLEASE, INDIVIDUAL CHECKS NOT ACCEPTED)

MENU SELECTIONS:

- 1. Chicken Salad on a bed of mixed greens with Croissant and a side of fruit -OR-
- 2. Bibb Salad w/ Chicken, Candied Pecans, Strawberries and Shredded Carrots, Tossed in Sherry Vinaigrette (Vegetarian Option: No Chicken) -OR-
- 3. Marinated Steak Wrap w/Shredded lettuce, Grilled Onions, Black Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, Fresh Cilantro, with Smoked Tomato Dressing and House Chips -OR-
- 4. Vegetarian Quiche (spinach, tomato, feta) with Side Salad

DESSERT: Triple Chocolate Mousse w/ Raspberry Coulis

Council Awards Luncheon and Installation Registration Form

Checks should be made payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Va. Beach (CGCVB)
Please mail your Club's reservation list of names and menu selections by May 24th to:

Mrs. Darlene Nelson, 1259 Meadow Lake Road, Va. Beach, VA 23454 (ph: 481-3189)
Luncheon Chairman: Laura Jacobson (757-363-7524), EMAIL: belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com



COUNCIL AWARDS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

CLUB NAME: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED @ \$23 each _____

Please indicate menu selection from above list next to member name. Please designate whether or not member is a Past President of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach.

NAME:	MENU SELECTION:	NAME:	MENU SELECTION:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE / EMAIL: _____

Club Announcements

You are cordially invited to attend

The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's

Annual Awards & Installation Banquet

Wednesday, May 24,2017

Cocktails and Silent Auction- 6:30 pm Dinner- 7:15pm

Speaker and Awards Presentation at 8:00 pm

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA

Speaker:

Dave Hansen

City Manager - City of Virginia Beach

R.S.V.P no later than May 15th to Cheryl Klobuchar at c-klobuchar@cox.net or call 463-4885

I/We will attend the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet on May 24, 2017

Name_____

Choice of:

Marinated Flat Iron Steak w/Charred tomato sauce___

Shrimp Scampi w/Roasted garlic cream, baby tomatoes, toasted angel hair pasta_____

Chicken Parmesan w/Herb lemon butter sauce___

Number of persons attending _____

\$39.00 per person (tax and gratuity included)

Please send responses to: Cheryl Klobuchar, 758 Suffolk Lane, Va. Beach, VA 23452

Make checks payable to VBBC



Master Gardeners Speakers Program

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

Master Gardeners Gardening Talks and Workshops

Gardening Talks

May 22 – Fighting Mosquitoes in a Pollinator-Friendly Landscape by Demaris Yearick, VCE Virginia Master Gardener and Jessica Ruthenberg, Watchable Wildlife Biologist

Jessica will focus on the habitat that discourages the mosquitoes and Demaris will discuss preventive methods. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

June 5 – Permaculture by Jeff Hancock, VCE Suffolk Master Gardener

Permaculture (Permanent Agriculture) is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems and home landscapes to include diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

July 17 – Butterflies in the Garden by Ruth Burch, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener, Butterfly Society of Virginia, VA Native Plant Society

Ruth will focus on some of the most common butterflies in our area and how to identify them and attract them to your garden. Their life cycles will be shown and discussed. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

August 7 – Square Foot Gardening by Tom West & Paul Ziegler, VCE Norfolk Master Gardeners
Basics of square foot gardening will be discussed. This method is a unique and versatile system that adapts to all levels of experience, physical ability and geographical locations. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

October 2 – Vegetable gardening from Beginning to End by Pam Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Learn how to plan, plant and enjoy your vegetables (especially some you didn't know you could grow here) through the year. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

November 6 – City of Virginia Beach Codes and Laws for Landscaping by P.J. Scully, Virginia Beach Planning Department

PJ Scully with the VB Planning Department will discuss Virginia Beach policies and laws regarding landscape designs, especially those on waterways. 7-8 PM Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

Gardening Workshops

June 10 – Walk and Talk Amongst the Weeds: An outdoor walk with Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener, to identify and discuss life cycles and management methods of common weeds found in Tidewater landscapes.

9 AM – 11 AM Hampton Roads AREC

Note: Will be held in Room 125 with live samples during inclement weather.

Register at weedswalkandtalk.eventbrite.com (registration opens on April 10, 2017)

August 2 – Herbs, Then and Now: Learn about herbs used in Colonial times to Victorian times with Paula McCann, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener. Herbs were used to counteract the odors in the street and during a time when people bathed infrequently. Make your own little bouquet, a simple craft item that can act as potpourri later as it dries.

9 AM – 10 AM Historic Lynnhaven House, VBMG Herb Garden

Register at herbstenandnow1.eventbrite.com (registration opens on June 1, 2017)

Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain Barrel (family-friendly) workshops will be offered by the Virginia Beach Master Gardener Water Stewards on the second Saturday of the month, March thru October, 9 AM – 10 AM at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market. Workshops are \$50 and registration is required. A barrel and diverter kit are included. Register at VBMG.org.

2017 Dates: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14

Tidewater District, VFGC

Dedication of Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

The Tidewater District, VFGC will be dedicating two Blue Star Highway Markers

Wednesday, May 24, 1 PM

Route 17 South from I-64 to the NC state line

Take I-64 exit 291B or I-464/Route 168 Bypass Exit 15 B towards US 175/ Elizabeth City. Merge onto Dominion Lakes Blvd/Bainbridge Blvd. Turn right onto Dominion Lakes Blvd/Bainbridge Blvd. The entrance to the ceremony will be on your right immediately after the exit. It will be well marked by the city.

We kindly ask for your help as greeters, hostesses, participants and attendees.

Contact Janet Gehman – jangehman@aol.com or 757-631-6103.

ESVMG Garden Symposium

Have you always admired a lovely garden but not always had the luck when trying it on your own? Or perhaps you are an experienced gardener who is perpetually looking for opportunities to expand your current knowledge. Either way, you will be excited to learn of an upcoming program which will be just the thing for you!

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Master Gardeners announces a Fall Garden Symposium to be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Cheriton Fire Station, 21334 S. Bayside Road. The daylong event begins at 8:00 am and includes five lectures, lunch and a lively raffle of local artisan items.

Lecture topics include “Ornamental Grasses” and “Designing the Garden” by Mary-Stickley Godinez. Be introduced to wonderful varieties of grasses and their uses in the landscape and learn basic principles of garden design to increase curb appeal, value and improve the use of your outdoor home space. Having recently left her position as Manager of Gardens and Grounds for the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Mary has now started Countryside Nurseries, a wholesale nursery and grafting company. She also owns and operates Countryside Garden Consultations, providing ideas and information to assist homeowners in their gardening endeavors. In addition, she writes on gardening topics for various publications, lectures, and teaches seminars throughout the state.

Hampton Roads’ own Les Parks, Curator of Herbaceous Plants at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and author of the Coastal Region Report in the *Virginia Gardener* magazine, will enlighten attendees on the “Best Perennials for Eastern Virginia Gardens.” This presentation will be a January through December, season by season, walk through the garden to discover which perennials (both familiar and unusual) are ideally adapted to our climate and offer the greatest rewards.

Attendees will be excited to learn more about “Outrageous Foliage Plants” and “The Right Size Flower Garden” from Kerry Ann Mendez. Learn how foliage can add incredible color to the garden without relying on flowers for a dramatic effect. Leverage your new knowledge of low maintenance foliage along with other right-sizing tips for easy-to-follow strategies which create stunning year-round gardens that are as close to auto-pilot as you can get. As an award-winning garden designer, author and lecturer, Kerry Ann Mendez focuses on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plants and sustainable practices. She has been on HGTV and in numerous magazines including *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Gate* and *Better Homes & Gardens*. Kerry Ann was awarded the 2014 Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her horticultural accomplishments.

Lunch will feature a sandwich buffet from Shore Good Bakery. Additionally, breaks will offer drinks and snacks and an opportunity to visit the raffle table and to browse the books available for purchase. Tickets go on sale April 5 for \$65 and increase to \$80 after September 15. Additionally, for those who want to extend their weekend on Virginia’s beautiful eastern shore, blocks of discounted rooms are reserved at the Sunset beach resort near Cape Charles and Hampton Inn at Exmore.

To read more about the upcoming event, go to easternshoremastergardeners.com Email esmgva@gmail.com for a registration form or call 757-678-7946, ext. 29.

ESVMG Garden Symposium

October 21, 2017 8:00am –4:00pm

Cheriton Fire Station 21334 Bayside Rd Cheriton, VA 23316

Designing the Garden Mary Stickley-Godinez

Learn some basic principles to garden design and ways to give our landscapes more impact. This class will teach methods to increase curb appeal, value, and improve the use of your home spaces.

Outrageous Foliage Plants Kerry Ann Mendez

Discover how foliage can add incredible color to a garden without depending on flowers for a dramatic effect. And the bonus, if not the main attraction, is that foliage centered landscapes require little maintenance! This presentation features showy perennials, shrubs, and annuals prized for their wide array of foliage textures, forms and colors.

Best Perennials for Eastern Virginia Gardens Les Parks

In the past few decades, plant breeders and nurseries across the country have introduced so many new perennials for gardeners to choose from making it confusing to select those that grow well here in eastern Virginia. This presentation will be a January through December, season-by-season “walk” in the garden to discover which perennials (both the familiar and the unusual) offer the most rewards, and are also well adapted to our sometimes challenging, yet wonderful, climate.

Ornamental Grasses Mary Stickley-Godinez

Ornamental Grasses are hardy plants, withstanding harsh garden conditions, while bringing beauty to the garden. Be introduced to some of the great varieties and learn how to use them in the landscape.

The Right Size Flower Garden Kerry Ann Mendez

Featuring exceptional plants and design solutions for time-pressed and maturing gardeners. Job demands, kids, hectic schedules, aging bodies, and changing interests have led to gardens that are not in balance with our lifestyle. This inspiring lecture provides easy to follow right-sizing strategies, recommended no-fuss planting material, and design tips for stunning year-round gardens that will be as close to auto-pilot as you can get.

\$65, registration begins April 5; \$80 after September 15 (includes lunch)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Would you like gluten free bread? Yes No

Mail form & Check (payable to ESVMG) to Diane D’Amico 602 Jefferson Ave Cape Charles, VA 23310. For information (757) 678-7946 ext.29 or esmgva@gmail.com

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