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Pins are still available for sale!

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2017-2019 Officers

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| President | Laura Jacobson - Church Point GC |
| First Vice President | Betty Ann DesRoches - Bay Colony GC |
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| Recording Secretary | Rose Busetti - Thalia GC |
| Corresponding Secretary | Susan Porter - Thoroughgood GC |
| Treasurer | Pauletta Anglin - Lynnhaven Heritage GC |

Council Website

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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**

As our year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting back on all that we've accomplished in our programs, events, workshops, and involvement in our Community.

Most importantly, I want to thank my incredibly talented Council Board members who were the backbone for all that we achieved this year: informative and entertaining programs covering health issues, conservation, gardening tips, floral designs with New Leaf and an instructive and entertaining program with Robert McDuffie. We also have, as accomplishments this year, updated and informed conservation reports in the Taproot and on our website, continued support of our Historic homes and an increased presence in the Community through our partnership with the Beacon.

As for myself, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with seven Garden Clubs that are current members of the Council - Lake Smith Terrace, Charlestowne, Broad Bay Point Greens, Thoroughgood, Great Neck Point, Chesapeake Colony, and Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend a Christmas Tea to which I was invited by Linkhorn Park Garden Club. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to join you in your programs, holiday teas, and workshops. I am so impressed with the ladies I've met and look forward to visiting more Garden Clubs in the coming year.

I hope to see most of you at our grand finale, the Council Awards Luncheon, June 6th, at the Princess Anne Country Club.

Have a wonderful summer with your families and friends.

Laura

***Did You Know?***

May Farm Garden Club of Kingston in Virginia Beach, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on April 21, 2018. In the winter of 1967, a group of friends decided to form a garden club. The following spring of 1968, after meeting with leaders of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, electing and installing officers and adopting Bylaws, they received their Charter and joined the State, District, and National Council of Garden Clubs. Many fulfilling hours of community service followed in the ensuing 50 years.

From those neighbors and friends, two clubs were formed, the Kingston Garden Club which met during the day and May Farm Garden Club of Kingston which met in the evening. May Farm Garden Club members chose the name after the May family, owners of the original farmland where most of our homes were built. From those fifteen original members, the membership has grown to as many as 50.

Since our earliest years, we have been a community-minded club as we have landscaped community churches, schools, nursing homes, street medians, a traffic circle, and planted numerous trees in local parks and at schools.

We installed a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Virginia Beach Visitors Center, the first Blue Star Memorial Marker in Hampton Roads.

Our fund-raising efforts have also included the community. We have sold pine straw within the community for over 40 years, providing a great service to our neighbors. We have worked with the boy scouts who have been very supportive in this effort. They, in turn, earn community service badges. The annual Wine & Cheese Tasting/Silent Auction began as a social event but has evolved into our second largest fundraiser.

Members enjoy working with the elderly in nursing homes and continue to work monthly with them. Flowers, containers and greenery are provided by the members to help the residents create cheerful arrangements. At Christmas, members contribute small wrapped personal items for nursing home residents.

May Farm has entered and won numerous awards from Council, District, State, and National for our successful projects. The Anniversary Garden created at First Landing State Park in celebration of our nation's 400th anniversary won a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Byway Award in 2008.

Our club continues to grow and prosper as we serve our community. May Farm Garden Club of Kingston has cultivated friendships and gardens along our historic journey.



2018 Calendar of Events

May 10, 2018

CGCVB Awards Applications & ABC Binders Due

May 21-24, 2018

National Garden Club (NGC) Convention

Philadelphia, PA

June 6, 2018

CGCVB Annual Awards Luncheon

10:00 am – Registration

10:30 am – Meeting

12:00 pm (Noon) – Luncheon

Princess Anne Country Club

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements**Programs****Jessica O'Conner**joc800@cox.net**757-428-3994**

We would like to hear from our members about any programs you might like to suggest for Council for 2018-2019. Have you recently heard a great speaker or seen a good power point? Please pass on the information so we can ask the presenter to come and do a program for all of us. Just send me an email or give me a call. Thank you.

Treasurer**Pauletta Anglin**psanglin@gmail.com**757-340-2790**

Many thanks to the clubs who have so generously donated to our projects for 2017-18:

ABC, Whitehurst/Buffington Garden - Broad Bay Point Greens, Charlestowne, Colonial Oaks – Lake Trant, Lake Smith Terrace, Linkhorn Park, Little Neck, Lynnhaven Heritage and Thalia

Nature Camp - Broad Bay Point Greens, Charlestowne, Chesapeian Colony, Colonial Oaks – Lake Trant, Great Neck Point, Little Neck, Lynnhaven Heritage, Thalia and Susan Porter

VT Scholarship - Broad Bay Point Greens, Charlestowne, Fairfield, Lake Smith Terrace, Linkhorn Park, Little Neck, Lynnhaven Heritage, Thalia and Reba McClannan

If your club is not listed above, you still have time to participate for this club year. Please mail your donation by May 10th (made to CGCVB) to Pauletta Anglin, 921 Atlantic Ave., Unit 1102, VA Beach, 23451. One check is fine, as long as you indicate which project(s) and the amount you wish to donate on the check or in a note for ABC and Nature Camp projects. Please note that VT Scholarship donations should be sent to Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, VA Beach, 23452.

Corresponding Secretary**Susan Porter**srporter24@gmail.com**757-460-7890**

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

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 them to Sylvia Brewington, 1001 Cannonbury Common, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

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Congratulations to the Broad Bay Point Greens Garden Club for its article and photo in the Beacon concerning its gift to St. Mary's "Care for the Caregivers". Remember, you, too, can submit your information to the Beacon at www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos.

If you prefer, you can send it to me and I will submit it for you. It is good to let the Community know how garden clubs are working hard toward beautifying and supporting the City. If you are a federated club, you can also publish in the Old Dominion Gardener.

Arbor Day**Johnnie Miller**[Jmill61558@verizon.net](mailto:jmill61558@verizon.net)

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Note: Not just Johnnie but, several other Council members reported receiving a suspicious email titled "Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs Secure" on May 1. It asks that you click on a link to see the "Council's" documents. **DO NOT CLICK ON OR OPEN** any links if you are at all suspicious. It could cause you a lot of heart-ache – it is certainly the case for Johnnie.

At any rate, Johnnie reported that the Arbor Day celebration at the Kempsville Recreation Center was successful and the children enjoyed helping to plant the trees. Johnnie thanks all garden club members who helped with this event.

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X-rays should not be placed in your regular trash receptacles. Yes, that is true. According to Google, they contain silver. Here is some information about X-rays, why they contain silver and the importance of recycling them from the website, **Recycle Nation**.

Why do X-rays contain silver?

An X-ray is similar to a light wave, but it has a different wave length and other characteristics that make it invisible to the human eye. The simplest explanation for how an X-ray machine works is that it passes X-rays through the body and onto a piece of plastic coated with a gel. That gel contains silver, which is very sensitive to light. When the X-ray hits the plastic it causes a molecular change in the silver and causes it to create an image. That picture cannot be seen with the naked eye, but it can be seen after a "developing" process (similar to the way photographers used to develop film). Once the image is developed, doctors have a picture of a person's bones.

Why recycle X-rays?

Recycling X-rays is a good idea because you can earn money doing it. Silver is an extremely valuable metal and some recyclers are willing to play or split their profits with companies that provide them with X-rays. Silver is also a finite resource, and mining it is damaging to the environment. The longer humans can continue to use the silver they have already discovered, the better. That means we need to recycle it whenever possible. **Silver can make people sick or even kill them if it is ingested in large quantities. The metal can damage your eyes,**

skin, lungs and kidneys. Extreme overexposure to silver can send people into comas or even cause death. Something that can do that much damage to humans and animals does not belong in a landfill or an incinerator. Medical practices have another very important reason to recycle X-rays. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires that X-rays be destroyed in order to protect patient privacy. Doctors, dentists, radiologists and others must be able to demonstrate to regulatory agencies that they have disposed permanently of these potentially sensitive medical records. One of the best ways to ensure X-rays are completely unreadable is to recycle them.

For more information about places to contact for recycling X-rays, check with your local doctors, hospitals or several sites from a Google search.

Nature Camp

Audrey Kelly

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The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach has started a new (summer, 2019) scholarship for a young person. It is an \$800 Youth Nature Camp Scholarship being offered to a Virginia Beach applicant. The application must be written by the applicant stating interest in nature study and be willing to share his/her camp experiences. Boys and girls going into the 6th – 12th grades are eligible. Applications are accepted between September 1 and November 15th. The scholarship winner will be notified no later than January 1st.

Documentation: A letter of recommendation by one or more of the following: A relative (over 18 years), school, civic, minister, community leader, etc. For more information on Nature Camp, go to www.naturecamp.net.

If your club has budgeted to donate to the Youth Nature Camp Scholarship and has not sent your check in for this year, please do so. If your club has not budgeted to donate, I hope you will - next year.

ABC Book of Evidence

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The ABC Books of Evidence are due on Tuesday, May 10th. 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 10th. If you need to deliver before or after the 10th, 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 6th, your donations must be received by our Treasurer, Pauletta Anglin, no later than May 20th. The Council wishes to thank your clubs for their continued support of our ABC projects.

Awards of Merit

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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 below, due on 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

The award certificate 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 _____

Awards

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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 some awards overlap, i.e. if your club has planted a tree(s) during the year, there are a number of awards for which you could apply. If you have any questions about a particular award or how to write up the entry, please don’t hesitate to contact me at: 463-4885 (home), 560-5589 (cell) or by email above.

The entries are due on Tuesday, May 10th. I will place a box on my doorstep on May 10th for you to place your entries. 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 everyone.

CHERYLL KLOBUCHAR PARTICIPATION AWARD – due May 10

*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, 2017 - May 10, 2018*

Club Name: _____
 Number of Active Members: _____
 Submitted by: Name: _____ Tel. #: _____
 E-mail: _____

Council Activities – Record Number of Participating Members

Awards Luncheon – June 2017: Attendance: _____ Provided Centerpiece(s) (*how many*): _____

Council Meetings (*# members attended*): Sept.____ Oct.____ Nov.____ Jan.____ Feb.____ Mar.____ Apr.____

Supplying Food and/or Arrangements for Council Meetings (*record # members who supplied food and/or an arrangement*) Sept.____ Oct.____ Nov.____ Jan.____ Feb.____ Mar.____ Apr.____

Francis Land House Weekly Flower Arrangements: May 6, 2017 – May 10, 2018 _____

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 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 Officers or Committee Chairmen _____

Other _____

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

**THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC
2018 AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Council Awards Luncheon and Installation will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. Please see "Council Awards Luncheon Registration Form" (next page). **Please note instructions on the form for payment (one check per club) and due date for registration – May, 23rd!!!!**

I will be seeking volunteers from garden clubs at the April Council General Meeting to bring table arrangements on the morning of the Luncheon. **On the day of the Luncheon, please plan to arrive between 10am – 10:15am with your arrangement and a designated assistant will collect your design.** Tablecloths and linens will be white with no restrictions on color. Arrangements should not 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 you may contact me at 757-418-6100 or via email at wmluv1943@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you in June.

Audrey Kelly
Luncheon Chairman

**SCHEDULE AND MENU SELECTIONS
Reservation Deadline – May 23, 2018**

DATE: Wednesday, June 6th, 2018

PLACE: Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia 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

MENU SELECTIONS:

1. Chicken Tetrazzini with Asparagus

OR

2. Bibb Salad w/ Chicken, Candied Pecans, Strawberries, and Shredded Carrots, Tossed in Sherry Vinaigrette (Vegetarian Option: No Chicken)

OR

3. Traditional Club Sandwich with House-made Potato Chips

OR

4. Vegetarian Quiche (spinach, tomato, feta) with Side Salad

DESSERT: Seasonal Fruit Trifle

Announcements

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 May Gardening Talk – Monday, May Straw Bale Gardening

Fred Ball, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener
Straw bale gardening is fun and easy, especially if your space is limited.

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

Master Gardeners Rain Barrel Workshop – Saturday, May

Rain barrel workshops are held at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market, 3640 Dam Neck Road, 9-10 AM. Pre-registration is required at www.vbmg.org. Cost: \$50 per barrel.

CGCVB Fundraiser

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

To purchase the tumbler for \$20, 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!