

# TAPROOT

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of Virginia Beach, Inc.

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Pins are still available for sale!

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## 2019-2021 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

## Council Website

[www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://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](mailto:bades@cox.net)

Hello Gardening Friends,

Later this month, we will be memorializing all our Beach colleagues who have suffered loss after the Building 2 crisis, and some of them are still traumatized. A few months ago, I asked one of my engineering friends how he and his coworkers are doing, and he responded "*we are recovering in various ways. I'm sure anxieties will run high again for the one-year anniversary.*" His next text included photos of the terrarium that he'd built that day in the VB Strong Center and another of the plant we gave him, repotted :) It was a gift to be able to throw the plant shower collectively. Symsi from Parks and Rec has given us another chance to show our care through plants.

We will be back in touch with photos when everything is in place and hope you will be able to drive by Building 2 yourself. In the meantime – wow, your board is impressed with the contributions from you all. Along with savings from your Council, we have the planters covered! I just do not want those clubs who couldn't contribute this time to feel badly – we all chip in when we can 😊 Special thanks to the clubs who were able to contribute. See Treasurer, Dennie Kelly's report on page 4.

This month also includes a celebration – that of motherhood. Whether it be you, mothers in your family, godmothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, angel mothers, mother nature or those who technically aren't mothers but have made a difference like moms do, I hope they all know the appreciation they deserve. "Not-da-mama" also comes to my mind as I can hear my husband remind me "you're not my mother 😊 (obviously I had big shoes to fill)!"

Attached are mother memes that I hope will spark memories and joy for you.

XO, *Betty Ann*



**MOM**  
turned upside  
down spells  
**WOW**

*Happy Mother's Day!*



### 2020 Calendar of Events

The following calendar of events covers current and future activities. The full calendar was published in the Council's yearbook and was listed in the September, 2019 Taproot. However, those resources are now inaccurate due to the following updates and cancellations. The next Taproot will be published on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### May, 2020

##### **VBBC Annual Awards Dinner - CANCELLED**

#### May 10, 2020

##### **Council Awards & ABC Binders Due - CANCELLED**

*Note: Keep 2019-2020 records to submit with 2020-2021 applications to be awarded in June, 2021.*

#### May 20, 2020

##### **World Bee Day**

#### May 31, 2020

*"Lighting the Path: Together We Remember"*

Virtual ceremony to honor the victims of the shootings in Building 2 on May 31, 2019

#### June 3, 2020

##### **Council Awards Luncheon - CANCELLED**

##### **Tidewater District Fundraiser - POSTPONED to June 18, 2020**

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg  
Program: *"Divas & Designs"*

*Note: If this new date, June 18, 2020, is a conflict with an existing ticketholder, please contact Glenda Knowles directly at 757-651-0401 as soon as possible.*

#### September 19, 2020

**10 am – 4 pm**

##### **Whitehurst-Buffington House Fall Festival**

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach  
Antique vehicles, Arts & Crafts  
Rain date: September 26, 2020

#### October 16, 2020

##### **Council Bus Tour**

*Note: See Announcements.*



**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements**

**Jessica O'Connor**  
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The executive board of the Council of Garden Clubs will be working during the summer on programs for 2020 – 2021. If you have had a good program recently that you think the Council members would enjoy, please share that information with us. If there is a particular topic you would be interested in, please share that information also. We try to present programs that will be of great interest to all of our member clubs. Your input is always appreciated.

**Treasurer**  
**Dennie Kelley**  
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The Council was given an opportunity to contribute to a Remembrance of the 12 that were killed on May 31, 2019 in Building 2, Municipal Center. "Lighting the Path: Together We Remember" will not be a gathering but, the City will be lighting Building 2; many windows will be adorned with blue ribbons; and there will be 12 large planters filled with 240 Blue Salvia, accented by 120 White trailing Bacopa per Symsi Denson, Operations Coordinator, VB Parks & Recreation. People will be encouraged to wear blue and decorate homes and buildings with white or blue lights. A virtual ceremony is being planned for May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Council, along with the following garden clubs, have donated funds to cover the cost of the plants: Bay Colony GC, Broad Bay Point Greens GC, Chesapeake Colony GC, GC of Greater Kempsville, Lake Smith Terrace GC, Lynnhaven Heritage GC, Lynnhaven River GC, May Farm GC of Kingston and Princess Anne GC. Thank you for your support.

**Fundraisers**  
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Total income for the March fundraiser should be available in June.

**Scholarships**  
**Sylvia Brewington**  
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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.



**Nature Camp**  
**Audrey Kelly**  
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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, 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](mailto:wmyluv1943@gmail.com) or go online to [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net).

**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Susan Porter**  
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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at [www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com). Please send committee articles and club announcements to me by May 20<sup>th</sup> at [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com) for the next 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**  
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An updated list of "Guest Speakers" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach will be available on or around May 15<sup>th</sup>. The list will be emailed to all club presidents who will, in turn, be requested to share it with their respective program chairmen. Some changes and additions will be made to last year's list. Thank you to those who shared information on new speakers and responded to the request for updates, deletions, and new speaker suggestions. If you find errors in the new list, please notify me right away and corrections will be made.

Look for the **Speakers List 2020** in a separate email to club presidents. Any others who would like a copy of the new list may receive one by contacting me by email.

**Publicity**  
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In the April issue of the Taproot, I challenged you to look for alternative ways to publish your club's community activities since opportunities with the Beacon have decreased. If I had phrased that challenge as a prayer, I am delighted to inform you that our prayer may have been answered.

I have been contacted by the publisher of Bayfront Living and Little Neck Living. Bayfront Living is an existing monthly magazine whereby Little Neck Living will launch in July or August. It is my understanding that the publisher will be looking for the types of articles we have submitted to the Virginian-Pilot/Beacon. I see this as a great opportunity and encourage you to send your articles/photos to me so that we can share our great work with our communities through these media.

**Conservation/Ecology****Demaris Yearick**[way4@juno.com](mailto:way4@juno.com)

757-422-1618

A recent Earth Day article by Katie Cullipher and Rebekah Eastep of askHRGreen gave some excellent suggestions on how we can help the environment during this virus crisis.

- Conserve water by turning off the faucet while singing “Happy Birthday” and scrubbing your hands.
- Keep up your recycling efforts - this service hasn’t stopped.
- Be careful of what you flush down the toilet. Many so called “flushable” wipes, paper towels and tissues are not flushable. (cont.)
- Plant a victory garden to help provide food for your family and for the therapeutic experience of working in a garden.
- Enjoy a “lights off” hour in the evening and make sure electronics and lights are turned off when not in use.
- If you’re ordering a meal in, say “no thanks” to disposable utensils, straws and single serve condiments.
- Declutter your house and set aside good stuff for donation.
- Reserve a quiet place in your yard and enjoy contemplative moments.

I hope all of you are staying safe and well and are enjoying extra time in your garden.



From the *Virginian-Pilot*, April 25, 2020, p. 9:

*“New app turns users into bee counters”* by Jeanette Marantos, LA Times

Excerpt: “...does anybody really know how many [bees] are out there?” The 1<sup>st</sup> World Bee Count will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a free app to try to answer that question. The idea is to take a picture of any bugs you see on a flower and send it in. “[A]ll data will be held at the Appalachian State University Center for Analytics Research and Education.” The immediate goal is to get people engaged and create a map of pollinators around the world to be posted on May 20th (World Bee Day) on Beescount.org. This project will help educate the public and help researchers to pinpoint the location of certain pollinators with the hope of making better decisions about what’s important to keep the natural system going.

To participate, leave your email address on the Beescount.org website and you will be sent a link for the app.

Editor’s correction:

Regarding Laura Jacobson’s note on the world’s annual tradition of turning off lights for one hour to help the planet, this practice happens on the last Saturday in March.

**Historic Houses****Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

**Kay Slover Eckhardt**

757-486-7328

The Whitehurst-Buffington House will be closed until further notice. Once the House reopens, the floral arrangement schedule will resume. Please call Peggy Caverly or Kay Eckhardt with any questions.

**Historic Preservation****Kay Slover Eckhardt**

757-486-7328

Hoping to encourage other garden clubs to restore historic gardens in Virginia Beach, the following article appeared in the spring 2020 edition of the *Old Dominion Gardener*.

Tidewater District Historic Garden Preservation  
Submitted by Kay Slover Eckhardt and Louise Greer

When the new Education Center was completed and the Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach restored in May 2018, the Thoroughgood Garden Club was on hand to improve the landscape. Susan Porter created a design to landscape around the new sign. Louise Greer located crushed clamshells to refurbish the paths in the formal garden. Pam Spillman designed new plant identification signs and all members participated in their production. Finally, trash cans that had been placed at the front of the Education Center were moved to the rear of the HVAC [concrete] pad, screened by new native plants planted by the City's Landscape Services.

The Club is working on the replacement of missing Dwarf Seckel Pear trees on the formal gardens' center path. These espaliered trees are part of the original Alden Hopkins 1960 plan commissioned by the Garden Club of Virginia. After a two-year search for the proper trees, Louise Greer located suitable replacements from a nursery in Oregon.

Update: In April 2019, Pam Spillman, Mary Ellen Rose and Jill Blackmore painted fences, three benches and two beastie poles in the gardens. The pear trees were planted by Coralee and Paul Howarth in late March, 2020.

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

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Any work or projects done by your garden club for the 2019-2020 club year will be combined with the 2020-2021 club year awards. Therefore, keep your 2019-2020 records and add them to your 2020-2021 entries.

**President's Award - *Control the Flow*****Betty Ann DesRoches**[bades@cox.net](mailto:bades@cox.net)

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The President's Award gives credit to clubs for their participation in the Lynnhaven River NOW Pearl Homes program in Virginia Beach. For a Pearl Homes application, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pearlhome>

Keep records – Name, Pearl Home address, new to the program, etc. There will be more information and a chart to fill out in the June *Taproot!* Call or email me if you have any questions.



### *Contributions from You*

#### **Recommended Reading:**

*"The Flower Recipe Book"* by Alethea Haramopolis & Jill Rizzo of Studio Choo

*"Garden Ideas (Creative Design Solutions)"* by Carol Spier & Warren Schultz

#### **Recommended Film:**

*"Fantastic Fungi"*

From Naro Cinema's website, this film can be downloaded for home viewing. "Directed by Louie Schwartzberg, it is a consciousness-shifting film that takes us on an immersive journey through time and scale into the magical earth beneath our feet, an underground network that can heal and save our planet." - *Rotten Tomatoes* (5-star rating)



### **Announcements**

#### **Virginia Beach Master Gardeners**

The VBMG Gardening Spring Plant Sale on May 2-3 has been cancelled. For more information, visit <https://www.vbmg.org/>





Mary’s Garden 6<sup>th</sup> Annual (May) Caladium Bulb Sale  
 Proceeds to benefit Mary’s Garden

*Taking orders in advance*

*Free Fringe Tree from Bartlett Nursery with your order*

Caladium Bulb Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Description (5 bulbs per bag)	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Kathleen		\$7.00	
Candidum		\$7.00	
Ms. Muffet		\$7.50	
Aaron		\$7.00	
Cosmic Delight		\$7.50	
Total			



Kathleen



Candidum



Ms.Muffet



Aaron



Cosmic Delight

Please mail your order form and check before May 21<sup>st</sup> - payable to: Mary’s Garden, Inc.

Attn: Claire Cassada, 1312 Bruton Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

For more information, please contact Kay Shiflett @ 757-581-6920 or Jean Marie Randolph @ 757-428-4808.

Your order will be delivered to you on or after May 21st.

*Ongoing Plant Sale by Coach Kim  
(with no physical contact)*



Selection of plants posted weekly on Facebook. Heirloom, Native and Unusual Plants - at great prices!

This is a chance to buy unique, healthy and pesticide-free plants, locally.

Each Wednesday, there will be a new list of plants for sale, based on maturity and availability.

**REPLY** to Wednesday's Facebook post with number and choice of plants –sold on a 1<sup>st</sup> come/1<sup>st</sup> serve basis.

1. Go to Facebook - *Coach Kim for DIY Home Gardeners*
2. Go to Posts. Look for "Plant Sale".
3. In the Plant Sale post, send a comment with your order – plant name and amount.
4. Via message, you will receive an order total. An individually-scheduled time for pickup will be arranged with you (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). I will send you a message letting you know your complete order and cost and will coordinate a pick up time and date (Friday, Saturday or Sunday)
5. Your plants will be waiting for you to pick up at the end of the driveway.
6. Simply place your payment (cash or check) in an envelope in the mailbox.

Note: If you do not use Facebook, you may contact me directly and I will do the best I can to accommodate you.

**COACH Kim for DIY Home Gardeners**

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757-432-8008



COME JOIN US FOR OUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BUS TOUR

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

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 16, 2020!

Tour planning is underway! Destination???

All tour information will be featured in the May 2020 Taproot along with Early Registration and Deposit forms. Check your emails for the monthly Taproot - you don't want to be left behind!



# 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](mailto: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