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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**

Before I share my thoughts about the upcoming fundraiser event and holidays, I want to thank those of you for your prayers and support for me and my family in the loss of my dear father on October 2nd. Beautiful cards and your presence at his Visitation and Memorial meant more to me than words can express. As my Garden Club family, you have allowed me to gain strength through a difficult time in my life and I am so grateful. Times such as these reflect on the friendships and closeness we all share as Garden Club members.

I also want to thank the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club for inviting me to their meeting this week. They allowed me the opportunity to share my thoughts about the Council and the role we play in our Community. Their focus that evening was about Native Plants with a wonderful speaker from the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. A big “thank you” to their club for bringing awareness to their members about the importance of promoting Native Plants in our area.

Council News and Reflection...

As our weather becomes cooler, my thoughts begin to focus on the celebrations of holidays to come. So many of us have grown up with family traditions that we pass on to our children and grandchildren. My personal favorite is to invite Charlie Brown and the cast of characters from “It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown,” into our family room every Halloween evening. My heart still goes out to Charlie Brown every time he runs to kick the football that Lucy moves away, launching him into the air and landing on his back. Just once, I'd like to see him kick that football! For many of us, family traditions are important such as sharing family recipes at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Good food and reflection on things for which to be thankful. A time when hope, kindness and giving to others should take precedence over our own personal needs.

Our gift to you from our Council will be showcasing wonderful Holiday floral creations from The New Leaf floral design studio on November 8th at 10 am. I am so excited to have them and, I promise, you will have a wonderful time and leave the program with a cheerful, holiday spirit. With that spirit, we will rise to the occasion with our Wreath Workshop on December 6th, and our Holiday decorating at the Francis Land House on December 11th. We welcome your participation in these traditional holiday events for our community.

My hope for you and your families is that you embrace this holiday season with the love and compassion for each other and those in need.

Looking forward to seeing you at our December events!

Laura

Did you know...? (A History Lesson)

The History of the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

The Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club (LSTGC) evolved from a meeting held on February 24, 1966 at the home of Evelyn Breeden. In 1969, LSTGC joined the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and the National Garden Clubs.

As the new Lake Smith Terrace neighborhood grew, garden club activities had both civic and social purpose. Many members had young children and a junior Garden Club also flourished for a time. Several joint endeavors were undertaken with local Scout troops.

Garden therapy projects included working with public school groups, supporting the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs pine seedling program, and working with elderly residents at Bayside Health Care Facility. The club has been providing activities to residents of a local assisted living facility since 2006.

Beautification projects were undertaken in nearby highway medians, the “old” Bayside Library, Luxford Elementary School and Bayside High School. The Club began to maintain neighborhood garden beds at the Ewell Road / Independence entrance, the Crossborough / Haygood Road entrance and at Haygood Point Park. A cherry tree was planted in the park in 2005 to honor our charter members.

In 1995, the club began the first Pansy Sale and in 2006 added a Spring Plant Sale to earn money to further our club’s objectives of providing excellent programs at our general meetings, maintaining neighborhood beds and donating funds to garden-related charities.

Initially, the club’s primary interest was in growing healthy and beautiful things in our yards. This expanded into using our beautiful flowers, vegetables, and greenery to make arrangements for our tables and homes. Over the years, many of our members have crafted ‘designs’ (arrangements) or provided specimens of horticulture from their yards for competition in local flower shows. In the past few years, members have helped decorate homes for the Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission.

The club has an excellent relationship with the Lake Smith Terrace/Haygood Point/Governor’s Square Civic League. Together, the groups funded neighborhood entrance signs and a message board at Crossborough Road. Our club members plant and maintain the neighborhood garden beds throughout the year thanks to our plant sale proceeds.

We maintain a strong membership through excellent monthly programs and activities. The club continues to promote flower arranging and horticulture exhibiting skills and is proud of the affiliation of several current and past members as flower show judges. While we started as a Lake Smith Terrace members-only club (includes ‘sub-neighborhoods’ of Governor’s Square and Haygood Point), we now have active members from many of the surrounding neighborhoods.

We continue to support and encourage our members to try out gardening and design skills and more importantly to enjoy the fellowship of other gardeners and create lasting friendships.

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

The Charlestowne Garden Club decided to become a member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) after attending several meetings of the Tidewater District. Visits from Adele Lundquist and Audrey Kelly helped them make their decision. They filled out all of the paperwork and sent it into the state for approval. That approval came at the VFGC Board meeting on April 2, 2017. On April 4, 2017, the charter for the Charlestowne Garden Club was presented by Val Story, Membership Chairman of VFGC, to Loy Holt, Tidewater President. On October 30th, Charlestowne President, Pat Dolan, received honors from the Tidewater District at their general meeting, presented by Loy Holt. Congratulations to Charlestowne Garden Club!

Corrections to the Council Yearbook

On page 115, in the ad for Cavalier Garden Club for their Annual Luncheon, the correct date is March 21, 2018, NOT March 14th. For reservations, call DAWN BRAY at 494-0545.

On page 39, the Nature Camp Scholarship is incorrectly stated as a \$700 scholarship – it is \$800.

Thanks to Great Neck Point Garden Club for their support of Council. Unfortunately, their ad was accidentally left out of the CGCVB 2017-18 Yearbook - many apologies.

**2017-2018 Calendar of Events****November 1, 2017****10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane

Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”

November 8, 2017**9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Meeting****CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: “Holiday Designs with Surprises” by Jeremy Schmidt from The New Leaf

Cost: \$10.00 *Ticket required

November 15, 2017

9:00 am--Noon

CGCVB Youth Nature Camp Scholarship

Last day to submit applications

December 6, 2017

Council Wreath-Making Workshop

Landscape Services Building

4141 Dam Neck Road.

December 11, 2017

10:00 am--2:00 pm

Council Decorate the Francis Land House

January 3, 2018

CGCVB Board Meeting

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane

Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”

January 10, 2018

9:30 am – Registration

10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: “Everything You Need to Know About GMOs” by Watson Lawrence, Chesapeake

Agricultural Extension Agent

*\$10 Tickets - available for March Education Program, “Gardening in Containers & Small Spaces”

February 7, 2018

CGCVB Board Meeting

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane

Conference Room - First Floor - the “Atlantic”

February 14, 2018

9:30 am - Registration

10:00 am - Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

Program: “Attracting Birds with Water” by Bob Schamerhorn, Nature Photographer

March Council Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop

Details to be announced

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, Cost: \$10.00 *Ticket required

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 Council Arbor Day

Details to be announced

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: “What We’ve Done & What’s To Come” by Michelle Baudanza, City of Virginia Beach

Landscaping

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
Council Decorate the Francis Land House

May 10
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
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I call the President and Council Rep of each club one week prior to the event to remind you that your club volunteered to bring between 2 and 4 trays of finger foods. Thank you for supporting Hospitality.

NOV 8, 2017 (ticketed event) Betty Ann DesRoches will coordinate setup & takedown.

- 1 – Lake Smith Terrace G.C.
- 2 – Cavalier G.C.
- 3 – Lynnhaven Heritage G.C.
- 4 –
- Flowers – Cavalier G.C.

JAN 10, 2018
1 – Great Neck Point G.C.

FEB 14, 2018

MAR 14, 2018 (ticketed event)

APR 11, 2018

Fundraising**Michelle Nettles**MJNettles@aol.com**770-356-5814**

Please join the **Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach** for their semi-annual Fundraiser featuring **New Leaf Florist of Norfolk** on November 8th. The program is “**Holiday Designs with Surprises**” with Jeremy Schmidt of New Leaf. New Leaf has been awarded in the past with – “Best of Hampton Roads-Best Local Florist” and YWCA’s Women of Distinction Award in the Business Category.

It is sure to be a great time with lots of ideas for the holidays, lots of great door and raffle prizes, and a great way to spend a morning with the ladies of your garden club. We hope to see you all there.



The Council of Garden Clubs Virginia Beach, Inc
presents

“HOLIDAY DESIGNS with SURPRISES”

featuring

Jeremy Schmidt

from

The New Leaf

THE UNUSUAL IN FLORAL DESIGN

Celebrating **30** Years

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

10:00 AM at the

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium

TICKETS - \$10.00 PER PERSON

Open to the Public

For tickets and information, contact Michelle Nettles @ 770-356-5814

Francis Land House
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It is time to start thinking holly and ivy, mistletoe and snow! At the November 8th meeting, I will have the signup sheet for decorating the Francis Land House for the Christmas holidays. So, be ready to choose your space.

That fun-filled day will be December 11th between 10 am and 2 pm. Remember, the staff has requested no fresh fruit be used (they attract rodents). Also, use no artificial fruits, flowers or ribbons. Try to use only greens and flowers found in this area at this time of the year. A few suggested materials are: cotton, oyster shells, okra pods, feathers, pine cones (flowers made from pine cones, too) and other dried materials you find in our gardens and woods here. You will think of many more – you always do a super job!

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

Thank you for your input!

FYI: Council? District? What's the Difference?

There is sometimes confusion about the various gardening organizations available to us as garden club members. There are basically two branches of the garden club organizational hierarchy “tree”.

The first “branch” is the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach (CGCVB) to which any Virginia Beach garden club may join. The Taproot is this organization’s newsletter. Dues are required and should be sent to the Treasurer, Pauletta Anglin.

Virginia Beach garden clubs may also join the second “branch” which starts with the Tidewater District, one of six districts in the state organization, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC). The Tidewater District is composed of Virginia garden clubs located in areas from Williamsburg to Suffolk, Virginia Beach to the Eastern Shore. When a garden club joins the Tidewater District, they also join VFGC under the umbrella of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). Members receive two newsletters, Tidewater News & Views and the Old Dominion Gardener. Dues are required to both of these organizations and should be sent to their respective Treasurers: Mary Dixon of the Tidewater District and Kathy Ward of VFGC.

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Why join both “branches”? Your city organization, CGCVB, keeps you informed of all local gardening activities in Virginia Beach and offers programs related to these activities and other gardening topics. Among its programs are scholarships to Virginia Tech and to Youth Nature Camp.

Regional and state organizations, the Tidewater District and VFGC, offer programs beyond the city and include a broader range of educational opportunities including Flower Show School and Landscape Design School. VFGC also offers Youth Project Grants and College Scholarships. At this level, members may sponsor NGC-accredited flower shows. NGC programs and opportunities are also available to VFGC members.

For further information, you may visit the following websites: vbgardencouncil.com, viriniagardenclubs.org and gardenclub.org.

Publicity

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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

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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

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We hope you will check out the new Conservation Tab on the Council of Garden Club's website. The tab includes information about what we can all do to be good stewards of the environment as well as contact information about conservation groups. I would love any suggestions you may have on other information that you think would be good to include.

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

757-496-5992

It may seem early but it's not too early to start collecting soup cans for the Empty Bowls flower arranging in March, 2018. I have a few cans but will need some more so please save your large soup cans (like Progresso) and you can bring them to me at our meetings. I won't know until January 2018 when the Empty Bowls dinner will take place.

Nature Camp**Audrey Kelly**

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The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach has a scholarship for a young person. It is an \$800 Youth Nature Camp Scholarship that is being offered to a Virginia Beach applicant. 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 1st – November 15th. 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 you have any questions, please contact Audrey Kelly: wmyluv1943@g.mail.com, phone # 418-6100.

Announcements**Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club**

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 new club in its fundraiser ~ we appreciate it!

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



Join with gardeners from around the region for a day dedicated to the love of gardening!
Lunch * Winter Plant Sale * Silent Auction * Garden Bookstore

Must-Have Native Plants for the Home Garden

Trista Imrich, Wild Works of Whimsy & Lynnhaven River NOW

Annuals That Can Survive the Long, Hot Summer

Les Parks, Norfolk Botanical Garden

A Eulogy for Color? I'm not Ready to Gas Up the Hearse!

Mike Likins, Plant Pathologist, Chesterfield County

Hardscape for Homeowners

Trevor Buckley, Timmons Group

Design Ideas and Plant Combinations for Winter Gardens

C. Colston Burrell, Garden Designer, Lecturer, Author and Photographer

Register at www.HomeGardenDay.org Early Bird rate is \$85 and ends on December 1, 2017

For more information, please contact Stacie McGraw at program@mahsc.org
Home Gardener Day is presented by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE!

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” following lunch. David Pippin and Al Brockwell will create designs side by side using similar containers and flowers! Will those designs be offered to our guests? – YES!

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Ballroom in Williamsburg, Virginia for this spectacular day! Tickets are \$30 and available now!

Contact Glenda Knowles ggknowles@cox.net 757-651-0401 or Patsy Cameron pecameron@cox.net 757-575-2155. We expect this event to be a sell-out!!! So, order your tickets NOW.

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 Talk

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