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Pins are still available for sale!

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2017-2019 Officers

President	Laura Jacobson - Church Point
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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."*

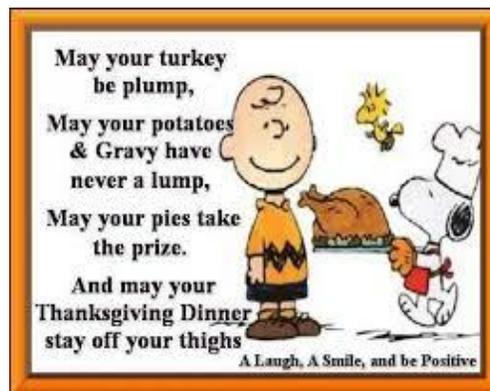
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A Message from the President**Laura Jacobson**belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com**757-237-7524**

As our weather becomes cooler, my thoughts begin to focus on the celebrations of the holidays to come. 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, traditions are important, such as sharing family recipes at Thanksgiving and Christmas, delighting in good food and reflecting on things for which to be thankful. It is also 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 enchanting Holiday floral creations by David Pippin of David Pippin, Inc. on **Tuesday, November 13th** at 10am. I am so excited to have him as our guest and I promise that 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 5th and our Holiday decorating at the Francis Land House on December 10th. 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. I'd like to close with a few thoughts from the Peanuts Gang.

Laura***Contributions from You******Did you know...? (A History Lesson)***

Submit your articles on the history of your garden club.

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

Submit your articles on your garden club's activities in the community.

Recommended Reading

Submit your favorite book titles.



Calendar of Events

The following calendar of events covers activities from November, 2018 thru January, 2019.
The complete calendar is published in the Council's yearbook and in the September 2018 Taproot at www.vbgardencouncil.com.

November 7, 2018

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

Conference Room - First Floor - the "Atlantic", 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

November 13, 2018 (Tuesday)

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB Fundraiser - *Ticket required - Cost: \$10

Program: "Garden Inspired Floral Designs for the Holidays" by David Pippin

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

November 15, 2018

CGCVB Youth Nature Camp Scholarship - Last day to submit applications

December 5, 2018

9:00 am--Noon

Wreath-Making Workshop, Landscape Services Building, 4141 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

December 10, 2018

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Decorate the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

January 2, 2019

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CGCVB Board Meeting

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

Conference Room - First Floor - the "Atlantic", 4445 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach

January 9, 2019

9:30 am – Registration, 10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting*

Program: "Gardening for Wildlife" by Tom Houser, Norfolk Botanical Garden

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach

*Tickets available for the March Fundraiser, "Dueling Designers" - Cost: \$10.00

January 25-27, 2019

Tidewater District Flower Show

Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Treasurer

Pauletta Anglin

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It is time to pay Council dues (\$1 per member) for 2018-19. After December 1st, there is a \$5 penalty for each late month or portion of the month, as our Bylaws state in the yearbook. THANK YOU to the clubs below who have already paid their dues to support the Council:

Church Point GC

Colt GC

Country Gardeners GC

Fairfield GC

Great Neck Point GC

Lake Smith Terrace GC

Larkspur GC

Linlier GC

Lynnhaven River GC

Lynnhaven Heritage GC

May Farm GC

Pembroke Meadows GC

Princess Anne Plaza GC

Thalia GC

The GC of Greater Kempsville

Virginia Beach GC

West Neck GC

Presidents & Treasurers: Please be sure that your club has paid Council dues to avoid the penalty. Send dues and all other contributions to:

Pauletta Anglin

921 Atlantic Ave., Unit 1102

Virginia Beach VA 23451

Conservation/Ecology

Demaris Yearick

way4@juno.com

757-422-1618

Virginia Beach Notable Tree Program

Old growth trees have been an important part of our Virginia Beach history but, sadly, by the mid 20th century, almost 95% of these forests were gone. The Notable Tree Program, started by LynnhavenRiverNow allows old growth trees to be identified, catalogued, memorialized and publicized. You may nominate a tree at:

www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/notable-trees-program.

These trees may not qualify as Champion Trees but, will receive a certificate if they are 60-74% of the size of the smallest trees in the Virginia Big Tree program. Trees that have a unique cultural, historic or community interest may also receive a certificate.

If you know of an outstanding tree on your property or in your neighborhood, please consider participating in this program. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the importance of our trees!

Corresponding Secretary**Susan Porter**srporter24@gmail.com

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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 committee articles and club announcements to me by November 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. Thank you for your input!

Francis Land House**Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

Gather your holly and ivy and put on your holiday hat! We will have the Francis Land House sign-up sheet at the Tuesday, November 13th general meeting. You can choose your favorite area to decorate for the holidays.

Remember that the date for decorating the home is Monday, December 10th, 10 AM - 2 PM. Remember to use only natural materials available in the period of 1805 – 1810. For example, carnations were not growing here in December. You may create flowers from pinecones, cloth, seeds, etc. Some other suggestions are oyster shells, okra pods and feathers. You will think of many more items to add to your arrangements. We look forward to seeing your beautiful creations on December 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

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.

Yearbook Ads**Suzie Duckworth**Suzied44@cox.net

757- 363-1050

I have been the Chairman for the ads for the past fourteen years and would like to start training someone to take over my position. I would like to train two people – it's just too much for one person to do. You must be able to work on a computer. I do not mind getting the ads - I just do not want to do the billing and delivery of the books. If you can find it in your heart to be of help, please contact me at 757-363-1050. Many of the ads have my endorsement so, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls

Janet Bacuzzi

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757-496-5992

It is not too early to start collecting cans for the Empty Bowls Workshop in March 2019. I have depleted my collection. Please save your large soup cans like the Progresso brand and bring them to me at any of our meetings.

Penny Pines

Audrey Kelly

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Penny Pines is a National Presidents Project in which an Individual/Group or Garden Club can contribute by donating \$68.00 to a Penny Pine Plantation as part of the cost of replanting and/or replacement of trees that live naturally in a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural misfortune (These do not have to be pine trees). \$68.00 covers the cost to plant approximately 200 seedlings, covering one acre. You can also designate a special state to which you wish to benefit from this contribution. The time period for your donation to count is from January 1 to December 31 of each year. I am encouraging all Clubs to participate in this national project. The form can be found on the NGC Website: www.gardenclub.org.

Please send in your form with \$68.00 check made out to NGC – Penny Pines:
National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

For each \$68.00 donation, you will receive a Penny Pine Certificate from National Garden Clubs, Inc. made “In Honor of” / or “In Memory of” a special someone who has made a difference.

Penny Pines Donation Form

Name of Club: _____ Date: _____

District: _____ State: _____

This donation is to benefit: _____ National Forest (State)

Total \$ enclosed: _____ (must be in increments of \$68)

Please make this certificate: In Honor Of: _____ - or - In Memory Of: _____

Sent from (name): _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Certificate will be mailed to the above address unless otherwise noted.

Nature Camp
Audrey Kelly
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An \$800.00 Nature Camp Scholarship is 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 grades 6 – 12 are eligible. Applications are accepted between September 1 and November 15. Scholarship winners will be notified no later than January 1st. Documentation:

- Completed Youth Nature Camp Scholarship Application Form
- A letter of recommendation from one or more of the following: school, civic, minister, community leader, professional person, etc. (preferably not a relative) stating the individual's qualifications.
- An essay, no longer than 1 typewritten page, written by the student stating his/her interest in Nature Study and telling why they want to go to Nature Camp.

If you have any questions, please call Audrey Kelly 418-6100 or email wmyluv1943@gmail.com.

DEADLINE: November 15th

RETURN TO: AUDREY D. KELLY
 2830 Shore Drive, Unit 1301
 Virginia Beach, VA 23451-1343

Youth Nature Camp Scholarship - Application Form

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

___MALE___FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PHONE: _____

E MAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

Zip

Have you ever been to Nature Camp? If so, how many times? _____

Include recommendation letter and essay with this form.

Announcements

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. presents...

“Garden Inspired Floral Designs for the Holidays”



featuring... David Pippin, Floral Designer & Garden Consultant, David Pippin, Inc.

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, 10:00 am
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium
Ticket Cost: \$10.00 per person in advance, \$12.00 at the door

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

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 Andrea Davis at 757-385-8157.

**Master Gardeners November Gardening Talk – Monday, November 26
Introduction to Hydroponics**

Brian Tromley, Owner, I Love Hydroponics

Discussion of types of hydroponic systems, pH and the advantage of hydroponic gardening vs. growing plants in soil. Learn options for indoor lighting and hydroponic systems that work great outdoors.

Free and Open to the Public, No Registration Required, Monday, November 26, 7 - 8 PM
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

**Master Gardeners December Gardening Talk – Monday, December 3
Orchids 101**

Frank Drew, Past President & Show Chairman, Tidewater Orchid Society

Learn tips on care, culture, bugs, repotting and re-blooming of orchids.

Free and Open to the Public, No Registration Required, Monday, December 3, 7 - 8 PM
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452



2019 Home Gardener Day
Rethinking the Modern Garden

Presented by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation

Explore low maintenance gardens, easy care plants, and design techniques to create a beautiful and bountiful garden and still have time to smell the roses. Join with gardeners from around the region for a day dedicated to - the love of gardening. Enjoy a catered lunch, visit educational booths and garden vendors, place a bid at the Silent Auction, shop the bookstore, and take home a few additions for your garden from our newest feature - Winter Plant Sale. Afternoon workshops round out the day with hands-on projects.

Monday, January 14, 2019
 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST
 Founders Inn & Spa
 5641 Indian River Road Virginia Beach, VA 23464
 757-523-4734
 info@vahort.org

2019 Lecture Topics

Landscaping in Small Spaces - Big Ideas for Little Gardens by Bryce Lane
 Vegetables Love Flowers by Lisa Mason Ziegler
 Change How You Garden by Pam Beck
 Hardy Ferns for Tidewater by Jim Orband
 MOSS: Rethinking Today's Garden for Year-Round Green Appeal by Mossin' Annie Martin
 Gardening in Containers – the Trend that Keeps on Growing by Bryce Lane

Registration includes all six sessions, refreshments, hot lunch, free parking and one ticket to enter into the door prize drawing. Register at HomeGardenerDay.org - Early Bird rate until December 2, 2018!

CGCVB Ongoing Fundraiser

It's here! Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach - 16oz. Tervis Tumbler....
 To purchase the tumbler for \$20, contact Michelle Nettles,
MJNettles@aol.com - or - 770-356-5814



**VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener Tree Stewards
Legacy Tree Planting Grant Program**

The Virginia Beach Master Gardener Association (VBMGA) Tree Stewards' grant program is designed to increase the Virginia Beach urban canopy 'one tree at a time'. Grants are available in \$100 increments from the VBMGA to non-profit organizations for the purpose of acquiring and planting a tree in Virginia Beach. The application deadline is November 30th.

To qualify, applicants must meet all Grant Criteria listed below:

1. Program is open to non-profit organizations (i.e., garden club, horticulture society, beautification society) or Virginia Beach affiliated / municipal locations such as historic houses, city-owned municipal and neighborhood parks, schools, etc. This program is not open to the general public, homeowners, commercial businesses or Virginia Beach Master Gardeners.
2. Application must include evidence of project approval and completion of all official pre-approval requirements permitting tree installation.
3. Application must demonstrate that the type and size of tree selected is appropriate for the site.
4. Application must demonstrate tree installation date while tree is in dormancy (November 30 – March 1).
5. Application must be received from the person in charge of the project and include contact information.
6. Applicant is responsible for additional resources for successful installation & post-planting tree care.
7. Applicant may apply for multiple grants but must complete a separate application for each \$100.
8. The funds must be used by grant recipient(s) to purchase tree(s) for their pre-approved project.
9. The applicant is responsible for site selection, site preparation and proper tree installation.

A "Right Tree / Right Place" brochure can be downloaded from our website on VBMG.org. Visit the following website to search for invasive plants for the Coastal Plain region: dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/ip.

Some trees are non-native to our area or may be considered invasive. While many non-native trees are readily available in the retail marketplace, we encourage you to become good stewards by selecting a tree that protects our environment from invasive species and helps support our native pollinators and wildlife. Some trees to avoid are Bradford Callery Pear, Princess Tree, Red mulberry, Chinaberry, Ginkgo (female), Leyland cypress, Mimosa, Tree of Heaven, and Norway maple.

Legacy Tree Grant Program: Site Assessment and Species Selection Worksheet

(Southampton Roads Hardiness Zone = 8a)

Purpose: Screening Specimen Energy Saving
 Location: Street Lawn Wooded Landscape Light: Sun Shade
 Site Limitations: Parking Walkway Driveway Roadway
 Utilities: Overhead Power Lines Underground Utilities
 Growing Conditions: Salt Spray Road Salt Dry Site Wet Site pH Poor Drainage

Desired Tree: Size: Small (<30') Medium (30'-50') Large (>50')
 Type: Evergreen Deciduous
 Form: Columnar Round Pyramid Vase
 Other: Low Maintenance Pest Free Disease Resistant
 Features: Wildlife Native Seasonal Color

VBMG Tree Stewards' \$100 Grant Application: Due: November 30, 2018

Date of Request: _____ Name of Organization: _____

Project Manager Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Location / Address: _____

Project Official Pre-approval (required): _____

Expected planting date (during tree's dormancy, November 30-March 1): _____

Please attach a sheet with the following information:

1. Describe location where tree will be situated. *Tip: Take into consideration site suitability, permitting requirements, Miss Utility, public safety and long-term goal for location selected.*
2. Have you already purchased your tree? If so, provide tree information and describe how your tree is suited for your location and objectives. *Tip: If you have not yet selected a tree, please refer to our 'Right Tree, Right Place' Brochure, and read special notes on tree selection below. You may also find the Site Assessment and Species Selection Worksheet helpful.*
3. Describe planting site preparation. *Tip: Your plans should include a soil test.*
4. Describe who is planting your tree (landscape professionals, trained individuals, etc.) and who is overseeing installation to ensure the tree is properly planted.
5. Describe your post-planting tree care plan for watering, protecting from root compaction, weed whips, mulching and pruning.
6. Applicant must submit written certification of project approval with the application. The approving official may be the property owner, project manager or other approving party.

Disclosure:

Grant recipient(s) assume all responsibility, liability and risk for public safety and longevity of the tree planted. Growers may provide a warranty for trees purchased from them. If you need consultation, please contact a certified arborist. You may also contact the VCE Help Desk with questions at (757) 385-8156 or email the Help Desk at VBMGHelp@vbgov.com

Applications will be reviewed and approved by the VBMG Tree Steward volunteers. Stewards may visit the planting site as needed to assist in their review process, to ensure "Right Tree / Right Place" or to provide feedback to the applicant.

Upon approval, a Tree Steward volunteer will notify grant recipient(s) and the funds will be disbursed. Tree Stewards reserve the right to reject any application that does not meet the requirements and criteria.

There are no reporting requirements. Your only obligation to VBMG Tree Stewards is to provide pictures of the tree planting and/or the planted tree for our website to encourage and show others of our program success. We also ask grant recipients to be responsible stewards of the newly-planted tree with post-planting care to encourage the long-term health of the tree.