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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
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Corresponding Secretary	Susan Porter - Thoroughgood
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## 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)

In keeping with this President's theme, we are discussing the Bee City USA designation with the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department. Bee City USA fosters ongoing dialogue in urban areas to raise awareness of the role pollinators play in our communities and what each of us can do to provide them with a healthy habitat. As a designated BEE City USA, the City, along with Council, would develop and implement a Pollinator Habitat Plan consisting of a recommended native plant species list, a list of local native plant/seed retailers/wholesalers and an Integrated Pest Management Plan. For more information, go to: [www.beecityusa.org/](http://www.beecityusa.org/) and please share your opinions and thoughts with me and other Board members.

The VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener Tree Stewards Legacy Tree Grant Program is opened to non-profit organizations. Program details and the application is printed on pp.10-12. The application deadline has been extended to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have not forgotten our Plant Shower recipients. The Council is prepared to continue the effort based on your response. The possibilities (maybe after some additional fundraising) are endless!

Finally, please join us on November 13<sup>th</sup> for our fundraiser "Secrets of Decorating Colonial Williamsburg & Your Home". Laura Jacobson and Michelle Nettles worked to keep the ticket price reasonable. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Betty Ann

*"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." - Theodore Roosevelt*

**Contributions from You**

**Did you know...? (A History Lesson)** - Submit articles on the history of your garden club.

**Who's in the News? (Club Submissions about Activities in the Community)** - Submit articles on your garden club's community activities.

**Recommended Reading**

*"Native Plants for Southeast Virginia"* This guide, provided by 25 Hampton Roads organizations, features the attractive variety of plants native to Southeast Virginia. [www.deq.virginia.gov](http://www.deq.virginia.gov) go to: Native Plant Guides

**2019 – 2020 Calendar of Events**

The following calendar of events covers activities from November, 2019 thru January, 2020. The full calendar is published in the Council's yearbook and was listed in the September, 2019 Taproot.

**November 6, 2019****10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane Conference Room-First Floor- the "Atlantic"

**November 13, 2019****9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Program****CGCVB Fundraiser**

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

Program: “Secrets of Decorating Colonial Williamsburg &amp; Your Home” by Susan Duppre

Ticket required: Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

**November 15, 2019**

Submission deadline for 2020 Youth Nature Camp Scholarship

**December 1, 2019**

Deadline to pay Council membership dues

**December 4, 2019****9:00 am - Noon****Wreath-Making Workshop**

City of Virginia Beach Landscape Services Building

4141 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

**December 9, 2019****10:00 am – 2:00 pm****Holiday Decorating**

Whitehurst-Buffington House

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach

**December 11, 2019****10:00 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Whitehurst-Buffington House

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach

**January 8, 2020****9:30 am – Registration****10:00 am – Meeting****CGCVB General Meeting**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library – Auditorium

“What’s New for Your Garden in 2020?” by Les Parks, Director of Horticulture, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Note: Tickets available for March Fundraiser, “Spring Fling” Cost: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

**January 24-26, 2020****Virginia Flower & Garden Expo****Tidewater District Flower Show Flower “Planting A Party”**

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach

*“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” - John F. Kennedy*



**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements****First Vice President - Yearbook****Jessica O'Connor**[joc800link@gmail.com](mailto:joc800link@gmail.com)**428-3994**

There are still a few clubs who have not picked up the Council Yearbook for the 2019-2020 club year! If you are planning to attend the Council Program on November 13<sup>th</sup>, I will bring all of the books with me so you can pick up the books for your club. I will try to deliver some that are not too far away from me during the first week in November. Call me or send an email if I can help to get the books to you.

**Treasurer****Dennie Kelley**[mdkelley@aol.com](mailto:mdkelley@aol.com)**757-496-3990**

Thank you to all of those clubs who have already paid their dues for the year, and I want to encourage your club, if you have not already done so, to pay your dues no later than December 1. Dues paid after December 1 include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.

Send your dues to:

Mary Dennis Kelley  
2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Thank you for your support.

**Corresponding Secretary****Susan Porter**[srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com)**757-460-7890**

Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published and distributed via email to all Club Presidents and/or Council Representatives on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at [www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com). Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by November 15<sup>th</sup> at [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com) for the December 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!

**Publicity****Adele Lundquist**[lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net)**757-717-1953 (C)**

It is a challenge to have photos published in the Beacon these days, but it is still possible. There are two ways to accomplish this. One is by completing the on-line form, located at [www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos](http://www.pilotonline.com/beaconphotos). Another is by sending an e-mail to [thebeacon@pilotonline.com](mailto:thebeacon@pilotonline.com). Even more challenging, I find, is trying to publish your event in the Virginian-Pilot, either on-line or in print. The Pilot has launched a new event calendar system, called "CitySpark" and you must have a "CitySpark" account to use it. You may also access it through Google or Facebook.

**Annual Bus Tour****Laura Jacobson, Chairman**[belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)

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WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME!!!!

It was a beautiful day! The Docents at both Maymont and Agecroft were outstanding and the Jefferson Hotel had a beautiful and yummy lunch waiting for our arrival. And, once again, our Bus Driver, Beverly, did an amazing job transporting us through very tight corners and the usual Tunnel traffic.

Thank you to all the ladies on the bus who joined me and for the kind notes you sent. It was truly my pleasure to provide this opportunity for a fun-filled day!

Stay tuned for my announcement in the Spring for Bus Tour 2020!

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

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For the first time in three decades, the September 23, 2019 issue of Time magazine dedicates the entire issue to the environment. Time speculates what our earth may be like in 2050 if we do not act now to curb global warming. 2050 is considered the pivotal year when we must have already made changes to keep average global warming to 1.5 degrees C above 19<sup>th</sup> century levels. Scientists agree that temperatures above this will result in even more disastrous changes - extreme weather, rising seas, wildfires and a deepening refugee crisis.

We, in Hampton Roads, will be especially susceptible to the effects of climate change with increasing flooding, storm surge and extreme drought and rain events. The task ahead is daunting but each and every one of us can make small changes which together will have a big and positive impact on the environment. We will be sharing some suggestions in future issues of the Taproot.

If you don't have access to this must-read Time magazine issue, please go to the website: [Time.com/2050](http://Time.com/2050) for more information.

**Reducing Our Use of Plastic**

About 10 billion plastic bags are used each week. Only 1% are recycled. Please use reusable bags.

**Wreath Workshop****Ellie Kreassig, Chairman**[kreassig1@verizon.net](mailto:kreassig1@verizon.net)

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Wear your crazy holiday sweater and bring your gloves and clippers for the Annual Wreath-making Workshop on Wednesday, December 4th, 9 am – Noon, at the Virginia Beach Landscape Services Building, 4141 Dam Neck Road in Virginia Beach. The staff will supply tools, staple guns and helpers. This event is popular and a lot of fun.



*“Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.” - Charles Dickens*

**Historic Houses****Peggy Caverly****757-490-0925****Kay Slover Eckhardt****757-486-7328****Floral Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House  
November (Wednesday) Assignments**

Place arrangements between 1:00 & 3:30 pm at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House - 2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Pick up containers on the following Wednesday, same time. Please call Peggy Caverly or Kay Eckhardt with any questions.

November 6: Marlene Hennings, Lake Smith Terrace GC

November 13: Nancy Good, Little Neck GC

November 20: Jan Many, Church Point GC

November 27: Adele Lundquist, Lynnhaven Heritage GC

**Winter Holiday Decorations**

Thanks to the following garden clubs, we have completed the sign-up roster for decorating the downstairs area at the Whitehurst-Buffington House on December 9<sup>th</sup> for the winter holidays:

Cavalier GC

Church Point GC

Lake Smith Terrace GC

Lynnhaven Heritage GC

Little Neck GC

May Farm GC

Thalia GC

Thoroughgood GC

**Award of Merit****Janet Bacuzzi****[jmbacuzzi@cs.com](mailto:jmbacuzzi@cs.com)**

Another expression of gratitude from an Award of Merit recipient:

Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum  
1113 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Dear Mrs. Bacuzzi,

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum and the deWitt Cottage garden Club wishes to thank you, the Award of Merit Committee and the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. for this wonderful recognition and award. We are humbled by this wonderful selection.

It is because of the hard work of our newly formed garden club, the deWitt Cottage Garden Club, that we believe we find ourselves receiving this award. We are proud of our garden club President, Jacky Richards and her small but very effective group of members.

Sincerely,  
C. Lynn Hightower  
Director

**Scholarships****Sylvia Brewington**[sylvbrew@cox.net](mailto:sylvbrew@cox.net)

757-340-0907

For future Virginia Tech scholarship donations, please make your checks payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach & send them to Dennie Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

**Nature Camp****Audrey Kelly**

757-418-6100

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The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach Youth Nature Camp Scholarship in the amount \$800.00 is being offered to a Virginia Beach applicant. The application must be written by the applicant stating interest in nature study and must be willing to share his/her camp experiences. Boys and girls going into the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible. Applications are accepted between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship winner will be notified no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Documentation: A letter of recommendation by one or more of the following: A relative (over 18 years), school, minister, civic, community leader, etc. For more information on Nature Camp, go to [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net). If your club has budgeted to donate to the Youth Nature Camp Scholarship but has not sent in your check for this year, please do so. If your club has not budgeted to donate, I hope you will - next year.

**Fundraisers****Laura Jacobson, Chairman**[belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)

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**Michelle Nettles, Co-Chairman**[MJNettles@aol.com](mailto:MJNettles@aol.com)

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Our November 13<sup>th</sup> fundraiser “Secrets of Decorating Colonial Williamsburg & Your Home” will feature Ms. Susan Dippre of Susan Dippre Designs.



Susan began her career in the gardens of Colonial Williamsburg in April, 1980. Her first assignment was Gardener at Carter’s Grove Plantation located on the James River. She assisted with the holiday decorations and fell in love with the beauty of the location and the creativity of design. After 8 years at “the Grove”, Susan moved to “town”, where she worked at the Colonial Guest Houses on Francis Street. In 1990, she was promoted to Foreman, responsible for the maintenance of the gardens and grounds at the Williamsburg Inn and, later, Merchant Square. Shortly thereafter, she renovated the rooftop garden at the DeWitt Wallace Museum.

Susan became a Supervisor in the Historic Area in 1995 inheriting the responsibility of decorating the entire area for the holidays. The task began with approximately 50 exhibition buildings and grew into decorating well over 100 buildings in the Historic Area, Merchant Square and the Visitor Center. She coordinated a team of a dozen gardeners and half a dozen carpenters who installed a majority of the Hotel Holiday decorations, including both the interior and exterior trees, streets, parking lots and the front of the Williamsburg Inn. Her favorite part of the job was doing demonstrations, workshops and working with all of the designers to create the beautiful and original décor gracing many of the buildings throughout Colonial Williamsburg.

Please join us at the Princess Anne Country Club at 10 am for Holiday cheer and Susan's demonstration of Colonial Williamsburg designs in wreathmaking and other home accents. Light refreshments and food will be served following the program.

Tickets will be available at the Council General Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. All ticket sales will be handled by Co-Chairman Michelle Nettles. See our flyer in this edition of the Taproot.

## Announcements

### Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Speaker Programs

If you are interested in a program given by a Master Gardener on various topics, please visit the website [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org). There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Davis at 757-385-8157.

### Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Gardening Talks— Free and Open to the Public

11/18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Advanced Technology Center, 1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach  
**“Gardening for Songbirds”** by Jessica Ruthenberg, Biologist, Audubon Society of Watchable Wildlife  
 Grow wild! Learn how to attract songbirds, hummingbirds and other desirable creatures to your property with these gardening and landscaping tips.

### Rain Barrel Workshops

10/12, 9:00 am - 10:00, Virginia Beach Farmer's Market. Workshops are \$50 and registration is required. Participants will build a 55-gallon sealed rain barrel and will be given a free diverter kit to help with installation on their existing down spout. This is a family friendly event - children are welcome to participate with their parents!

\*Registration opens one month in advance of the workshop date. Go to: <https://www.vbmg.org/>

1. Click on: Events
2. Click on: Register for Events
3. Choose event and register.

The Water Stewards can set up a custom workshop for your group (scout troop, garden club, PTA, etc.), building three or more barrels. Contact the VBMG help desk at 385-8156. Register at [vbmg.org](http://vbmg.org)

**Princess Anne  
Garden Club**  
hosts  
**9th Annual Party in the Park**  
**Saturday November 2nd, 1-4 pm**

**First Landing State Park, 2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach**

**Enjoy Live Music, Silent Auction,  
NC BBQ, Slaw, Brunswick Stew, Hush Puppies,  
Desserts, Beer & Wine and a Cash Oyster Bar**

**Tickets are \$40 Pre-Sale and \$45 Day of Event  
Tickets available August 1st at [www.CoVaTIX.com](http://www.CoVaTIX.com)**

**Proceeds benefit First Landing State Park and  
other community projects.**



*“It took me three weeks to stuff the turkey. I stuffed it through the beak.” - Phyllis Diller*

*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” - John F. Kennedy*



The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. *presents*  
**“Secrets of Decorating Colonial Williamsburg and Your Home”**



*featuring* **SUSAN DIPPRE** of *Susan Dippre Designs*

Floral Designer, Demos, Workshops, Landscape Design & Consulting

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 10:00 am**  
Princess Anne Country Club  
3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

**TICKET COST: \$20.00 per person (\$25.00 at the door)**  
(For Tickets and Information contact: **Michelle Nettles @ 770-356-5814**)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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*“Planting a Party”*

**An NGC Standard Flower Show**

An Event at the Virginia Flower & Garden Expo - Virginia Beach Convention Center, Hall C

*Floral Designs \* Craft Displays \* Horticulture Exhibits*

Friday, January 24, 2020, 11 am - 7 pm  
(Note: Convention Center opens at 10 am)  
Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10 am - 7 pm  
Sunday, January 26, 2020, 10 am - 4 pm

**Sponsored by Tidewater District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

Note: *If you are interested in receiving a copy of the schedule and/or participating in this flower show as a volunteer or an exhibitor, please contact: Susan Porter: [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com) or 757-650-5231.*

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*“Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is.” - Ernest Hemingway*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**"DIVAS & DESIGNS"**  
**Presented by Tidewater District, VFGC**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2020**  
**Fashions by Chico's, Williamsburg**  
**Themed Basket Auction**  
**Luncheon**  
**Designs by the "Dueling Designers"**  
**David Pippin and Al Brockwell**

**Colonial Heritage Ballroom, Williamsburg**  
**10:30am ~ \$30 Donation**  
**Contact Glenda Knowles for Tickets**  
**757-651-0401 or ggknowles@cox.net**



### **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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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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](http://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.

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### 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

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### VBMG Tree Stewards' \$100 Grant Application (Due: November 30, 2019)

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.

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**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](mailto: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.



*“The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.” - H.U. Westermayer*

*“I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.” - Erma Bombeck*

*“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” - Oprah Winfrey*