

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

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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

“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.” - Unknown

October is one of my favorite months in Virginia Beach, as we reclaim our oceanfront and enjoy seasonal changes.

Predictable – we have our first meetings and I’m a year older (rats!). Unpredictable – the weather... 34 years ago, we were dressed in fall attire for our wedding and the temperature was 95 degrees! We had to embrace the unpredictable, and so, do many of our precious plants - most of the time they hang in there, sometimes because of our encouragement.

I am taking a moment to focus on what makes our citywide garden club, CGCVB, a powerful, stable & predictable force, even in the face of change and unpredictability – the Board members! What an amazing group of knowledgeable, experienced, talented and caring women! We have a couple of positions still open, so think about enjoying a rewarding experience with us. Also, there is *so* much to learn from the speakers* we have at general meetings, planned for ALL of you!

The second grounding force in our Council is *you and your garden club*. 😊 Just imagine what we can do for the environment in our city, individually and together... please share your ideas after each meeting; let’s embrace change together!

*Please join us next Wednesday, 10/09 - Trista Imrich, a VCH, VSLD, CBLP & the owner of *Wild Works of Whimsy, Conservation Landscape Design and Consultation*. Recommended by Mary Reid Barrow, Trista’s presentation will be *Sustainable Gardening Practices in the Face of Climate Change*.

See the words for the fall season of some known and unknown writers throughout this newsletter.

Betty Ann

“Autumn... the year’s last, loveliest smile.” - William Cullen Bryant

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

“The Hidden Life of Trees, What They Feel and How They Communicate” by Peter Wohlleben
- *New York Times best seller*

2019 – 2020 Calendar of Events

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

October 2, 2019**10:00 am – 11:30 am****CGCVB Board Meeting**

Office Space and Solutions, LLC

4445 Corporation Lane Conference Room-First Floor- the “Atlantic”

October 5, 2019

Deadline to submit final payment for the Council bus tour.

October 9, 2019

9:30 am – Registration

10:00 am – Meeting

CGCVB General Meeting

Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church

136 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach

“Sustainable Gardening Practices in the Face of Climate Control” by Trista Imrich, Wild Works of Whimsy,
Conservation Landscape Design & Consultation

October 18, 2019

Council Bus Tour

Leave Pembroke Mall @ 8:00 am, arrive no later than 7:45 am

Registration required

October 24, 2019

12:00 pm (Noon)

VBBC Annual Luncheon Meeting

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

Luncheon Reservation Required

October 29, 2019

9:30 am - Registration & Coffee

10:00 am – Meeting

Tidewater District General Meeting

Program: To be announced

Colonial Heritage Clubhouse

Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg

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 & 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

“There is something incredibly nostalgic and significant about the annual cascade of autumn leaves.” - Joe L. Wheeler

CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements

Treasurer

Dennie Kelley

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As stated in our bylaws and published in the yearbook, Council dues are paid as follows:

Active Clubs pay \$1.00 per member. Associate Clubs pay \$50.00 per year. Dues are payable from September 1 to no later than December 1. Dues paid after December 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5.00 for each month or part of a month that they are late.

Club Treasurers: Send your dues and contributions to: Mary Dennis Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Thank you for your support.

Corresponding Secretary

Susan Porter

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The next Taproot will be published on November 1st and distributed via email to all Club Presidents and/or Council Representatives. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at www.vbgardencouncil.com. Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by October 20th at srporter24@gmail.com. I am also looking for articles for: *Did you know...? (A History Lesson)*, *Who's in the News?* and *Recommended Reading*. Thank you for your input!

“Delicious Autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird, I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns.” - George Eliot

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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. Another is by sending an e-mail to thebeacon@pilotonline.com. I check the Beacon each Thursday and Sunday, hoping to see your Club in print.

Historic Houses**Peggy Caverly**

757-490-0925

Kay Slover Eckhardt

757-486-7328

**Floral Arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House
October (Wednesday) Assignments**

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

October 2: Sue Harper, Lake Smith Terrace GC

October 9: Nancy Good, Little Neck GC

October 16: Janet Bacuzzi, Broad Bay Point Greens GC

October 23: Janet Bacuzzi, Broad Bay Point Greens GC

October 30: Cheryll Klobuchar, Lynnhaven GC

Attention: The sign-up sheets for weekly arrangements at the Whitehurst-Buffington House will be available at the October 19 general meeting. Do not miss your chance!

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 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

If any clubs still wish to decorate an area at the Whitehurst-Buffington House (your club gets credit for participation), please contact Peggy Caverly and you may choose a mantel or window in one of the two bedrooms upstairs. Unless we get all areas covered, we will not decorate upstairs. So, call ASAP – I am listening for the music of my ringing phone!

“Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have.” - Unknown

Award of Merit**Janet Bacuzzi**jmbacuzzi@cs.com

Award of Merit recipients expressed their gratitude in the following letters:

Capital Senior Living
The Waterford at Virginia Beach

I was delighted to receive the Award of Merit for maintaining an attractive and litter-free premise. It was a pleasant surprise to receive this award.

Not only do we strive to have a nice curb appeal for the general public; we want our community to be a beautiful place for the Waterford residents.

We will proudly display this award. Thank you for your recognition.

Sincerely,
Sue Chrissley, Executive Director

Potter & Company
Commercial Real Estate

We are thrilled to receive recognition in the Award of Merit from the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc. in cooperation with the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. We live and work in the area, and certainly take pride in consistently maintaining an attractive and litter-free premises. It is important for us to provide a very welcoming and inviting center where all guests, customers and employees feel comfortable shopping or dining. Thank you again and we will continue to do our part to keep Virginia Beach such a great place to live and visit.

Warmest regards,
G. Brock Potter, Jr.

Scholarships**Sylvia Brewington**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**wmyluv1943@gmail.com

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 6th – 12th grades are eligible. Applications are accepted between September 1st 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, minister, civic, 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 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
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 757-363-7524

Michelle Nettles, Co-Chairman
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Our November 13th 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.

Awards

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There have been a few changes to the Awards in the CGCVB yearbook. Some awards have been moved to different sections. There is also a new award sponsored by the new president, Betty Ann DesRoches. Please check out the changes below.

Council Awards—page 30 (these awards were listed under the Council President’s Awards last year)

5. *Historic Homes Christmas Decorating Award*
6. *Historic Homes Weekly Floral Arrangement Award*

Council President’s Awards—page 33 (this was the Julia Dunaja-Ann Brown Arranger’s Award listed under the Individual Awards)

11. *Ann Brown Arranger’s Award*
27. *Betty Ann DesRoches “Control the Flow” Award*

“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.” - Lauren Destefano

Yearbook
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Check out page 4 - Information about Pollinators - the information was written by Stuart McCausland who is the photographer of the Cover. The three pictures on page 4 were also taken by Mr. McCausland. The first-place winner of the #12 award, Georgia Fletcher Garden Paper Award, is published in the yearbook each year. You will find Jessica O'Connor's "What Being a Garden Club Member Means to Me" on page 74.

A few new names have been added to the **City of Virginia Beach Contacts on page 85** and some phone numbers have been changed.

Corrections to 2019-2020 Yearbook

Page 54 -- Treasurer should be: Cathy Maston, 2237 Windward Shore Drive

Page 85 – City Manager is now Tom Leahy

Page 21 – December is now December 11, Board Meeting @ Whitehurst-Buffington House

Page 21 – December is now December 9, Decorate Whitehurst-Buffington House 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Page 30 -- #5 & #6 (Last sentence in each award should read) Nominees will be submitted to the Awards Chairman by the Historic Houses Chairman.

Page 35 -- #20 (Last sentence should read) Nominees will be submitted to the Awards Chairman by the Historic Houses Chairman.

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." - Shira Tamir

Announcements



The Virginia Beach Garden Club

Fall Flower Festival

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Virginia Beach Convention Center, Hall D

Annuals and Perennials

Shrubs and Trees

Original Garden Art

Unique Vendors

Live Demonstrations



10:30 – Cool Season Container Gardening – Jane Booth

11:30 – Botanical Collections – Indoor Gardening – Kelly Goggin

12:30 - Wandering Petal Floral Design – Nicole Turkenkopf

1:30 – Grace & Gratitude Etched Pumpkins – Kayleigh Felderman

Instagram @vbgcfallflowerfestival

Facebook @ va beach garden club fall flower festival & marketplace



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. 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

10/7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Advanced Technology Center, 1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach
“Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening” by Tom Etter, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener
 Learn practical advantages and disadvantages of vegetable gardening in raised beds.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Workshops

“Pollinators and Art from the Children’s Garden”

by Terri Belkhov & Mary Hubbard, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

10/5, 9 am – Noon, Virginia Beach Farmers Market, Children’s Garden

This workshop is for children ages 4 – 10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register at art2.eventbrite.com
 Learn about pollinators who live in the children’s garden. Collect native plants from the garden, dry them and create beautiful works of art.

“Constructing a Raised Bed for Vegetable Gardens”

10/26, 9 am – Noon, Virginia Beach farmers Market, Kitchen Garden

Join VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners for a demonstration of the steps to construct a raised bed for vegetable gardening. Register at rbed1.eventbrite.com

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

Lynnhaven River NOW's Annual Fall Festival

Mount Trashmore
310 Edwin Drive (on the Lake Trashmore trail side)
Saturday October 12, 2019
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



This **FREE** family-friendly event will include educational exhibits, workshops, live music and children's activities. 70+ vendors will offer **healthy, local and sustainable** products and services.

Lynnhaven River Now is a local nonprofit that works with residents, businesses, faith communities, schools, and community leaders to restore and protect our Virginia Beach waterways. We seek to educate attendees at the festival about the importance of Virginia Beach's beautiful & bountiful natural resources that impact our daily lives.

This year's festival will kick off LRN's *Planting for the future* Tree campaign. Trees have an amazing ability to clean and improve the environment in nearly every way. Throughout the year, we hope to emphasize the super powers that trees harness.

To find more information on our organization and how you can help, please visit our website at: <http://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/> -or- follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/LynnhavenRiverNOW/>



CGCVB ANNUAL BUS TOUR

**Tours of Maymont Mansion & Gardens & Agcroft Hall Mansion & Gardens
Lunch at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Venture Tours bus will depart from the Pembroke Mall parking lot at 8:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 7:45 am. The cost is \$100 per person which includes bus fare, tip, admission to Maymont and Agcroft Hall Mansions and Gardens and lunch at the Jefferson Hotel, featuring a "Taste of Italy" Buffet.

48-HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY!

A Registration form and payment of \$100 (or \$50 deposit) is required to reserve your seat. Balance is due by 10/5/2019. Due to the nature and cost of this tour, there is a 48-HOUR CANCELLATION policy in place in order to receive a reimbursement.

CGCVB BUS TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

CONTACT INFO: (Please indicate the best method for confirmation)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

AMOUNT INCLUDED (\$50 deposit or \$100 full payment): _____

Make check payable to: CGCVB. Once payment is received, your reservation will be confirmed and sent to you via email or mail. ** Please have your copy of your confirmation on the day of the tour because the reservation list of names will be checked at that time.

Send the registration form and payment to: Laura Jacobson, 1320 Front Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23455
email address: belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com, Phone: 757-363-7524



You are cordially invited to attend

*The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's
Annual Fall Luncheon*

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Noon

Princess Anne Country Club

3800 Pacific Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA

Speaker: Emily Spruill Labows -- Director of Cultural Affairs

Menu

Butternut Squash Soup

Fall Seasonal Salad w/ Grilled Chicken

Warm Apple Pie Ala Mode

(See registration form – next page)

I/We will attend the Annual Luncheon on October 24, 2019

Name and Number of person/s attending _____

\$20.00 per person (tax and gratuity included)

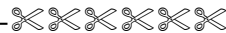
Please make check payable to VBBC and mail to:

758 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

by Thursday, October 17, 2019

For more information, please contact Cheryl Klobuchar at

757-463-4885 or E-mail c-klobuchar@cox.net



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

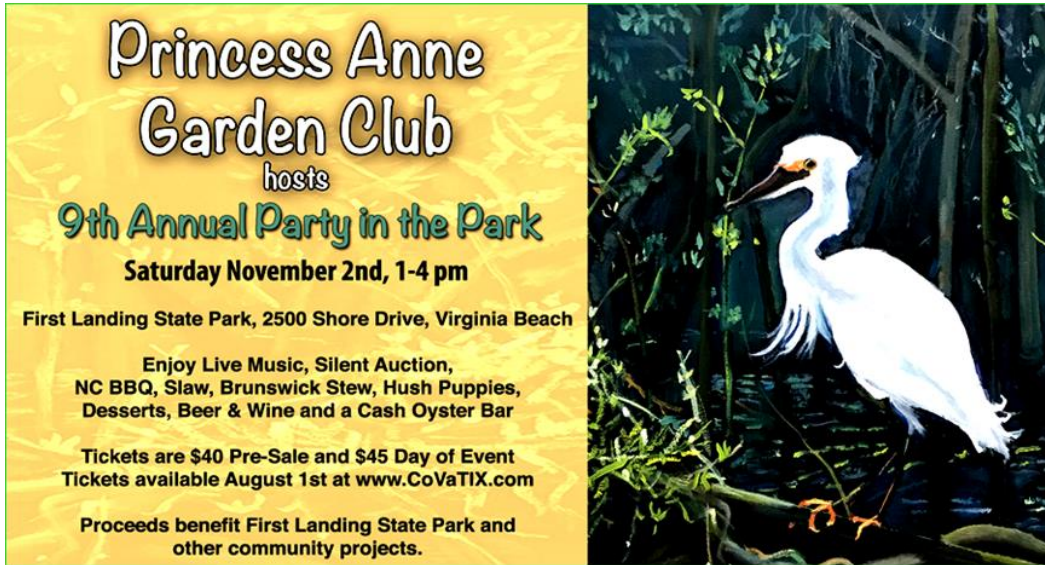
Princess Anne Country Club
3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

TICKET COST: \$20.00 per person (\$25.00 at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For Tickets and Information contact: **Michelle Nettles @ 770-356-5814**

“How beautiful the leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days. - John Burroughs



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

Proceeds benefit First Landing State Park and
other community projects.



“Planting a Party”

An NGC Flower Show

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

*Floral Designs * Craft Displays * Horticulture Exhibits*

Friday, January 24, 2020, 1 pm - 7 pm
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 participating in this flower show as a volunteer or an exhibitor, please contact Susan Porter: srporter24@gmail.com or 757-650-5231.

Ongoing CGCVB Fundraiser



Still available is the 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.



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

"Confetti Squares" Recipe by Ellie Kressig



- 1 can Pillsbury Crescent Dough sheet
- 1 8-oz. package soft spread cream cheese
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- 1 tsp. dill weed
- 8 oz. finely shredded Colby, Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese
- Finely chopped carrots, broccoli and cauliflower

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake dough sheet until golden brown. Cool for 15 minutes. Soften cream cheese and mix in dill weed and dry Ranch dressing. Add sour cream. Spread mixture over cooled dough and sprinkle vegetables on top. Pat down and sprinkle with the finely shredded cheese. Makes 50-55 squares.

Served at the Club Presidents' Coffee
 September 25



"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." - Jim Bishop

"Wild is the music of the autumnal winds amongst the faded woods." - William Wordsworth

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."
 - Henry David Thoreau

"Autumn is the hardest season. The leaves are all falling, and they're falling like they're falling in love with the ground." - Andrea Gibson

"Autumn leaves are falling, filling up the street; golden colors on the lawn, nature's trick or treat!" - Rusty Fischer