

# TAPROOT

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Pins are still available for sale!

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## 2017-2019 Officers

President	Laura Jacobson - Church Point GC
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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****Laura Jacobson**[belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)**757-237-7524**

Wow, it's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end - I hope you've had some fun family outings and time away to relax.

We have another exciting year of informative programs, floral design events, and a long awaited Council Bus Trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. My summer was spent with family and friends plus a few moments away from the Beach. One was a getaway with my husband to New York. I love New York! It was great to wake up to honking horns, whistle sounds from doormen hailing taxis and an occasional siren. We were fortunate to see two fabulous Broadway shows, Hello Dolly with Bette Midler, and Harry Potter and The Cursed Child, as well as wonderful food. Best of all, no flight delays! I'm now looking forward to a new Council year and another opportunity to visit your Clubs and see all the wonderful ways your groups contribute to this City and your neighborhoods.

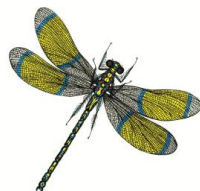
The Taproot will be expanded to include a "Recommended Reading" category. This will consist of suggested books, articles, or other Garden-related materials that you have found helpful in gardening, conservation, organic gardening practices, floral design, or any other related topics.

The idea was sparked by research for my Arbor Day speech last April. While reading an article in Horticulture Magazine, I came across fascinating comments from a book called "The Hidden Life of Trees, What They Feel and How They Communicate" by Peter Wohlleben. I highly recommend this book for all readers and tree-lovers alike. Here is a book review from his book that I especially liked. "Are trees social beings? In this international best-seller, Forester and Author, Peter Wohlleben, convincingly makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending danger. Wohlleben also shares his deep love of woods and forests, explaining the amazing process of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in his woodland. Once you have read his book, a walk in the woods will never be the same again."

This book referenced a State of Virginia affiliated non-profit organization known as the Healing Harvest Forest Foundation whose mission is "to address human need for forest products while creating a nurturing co-existence between the forest and human community." This foundation supports community-based forestry initiatives and promotes the use of horses, mules, and oxen to remove felled trees and the practice of removing single trees that are struggling when harvesting timber, leaving the healthiest standing. This is one of several groups that embrace opportunities for changing how we view the importance of trees and forestry management.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and sharing another great year.

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

#### ***Recommended Reading***

“The Hidden Life of Trees, What They Feel and How They Communicate” by Peter Wohlleben

### **2018 – 2019 Calendar of Events**

The following calendar of events covers activities from September, 2018 thru June, 2019. This calendar is also published in the Council's yearbook. Future editions of the Taproot will cover events for one to two months in advance.

#### **September 12, 2018**

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

CGCVB General Meeting\*

Program: “History of deWitt Cottage 1865-2018”

by Lynn Hightower, Director of Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum

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

\*Tickets will be available for the November Fundraiser, “Garden Inspired Floral Designs for the Holidays” -

Cost: \$10.00

#### **September 15, 2018**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

19th Annual Fall Gardening Festival “Growing Solutions: Planting with a Purpose”

Presented by the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach

#### **October 3, 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

#### **October 9, 2018**

Council Bus Tour to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Tour

Leave Pembroke Mall @ 8:00 am

Cost: \$60.00

**October 10, 2018**

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

CGCVB General Meeting

Program: “Cape Henry - A Community by the Seaside 1898-1904” by Kasey Zronek

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

**October 18, 2018**

12:00 pm

VBBC Annual Luncheon Meeting

Program: “Meet the City Council Candidates”

Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

Luncheon Reservation Required

**October 25, 2018**

9:30 am - Registration & Coffee, 10:00 am - Meeting

Tidewater District Fall General Meeting

Program: “Plants for Fall Interest” by Les Parks, Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club, 7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Virginia Beach

**February 6, 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

**February 13, 2019**

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

CGCVB General Meeting

Program: “The Elizabeth River Project” by Casey Shaw

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

**March, 2019**

Empty Bowls Charity Dinner Workshop - date & time: TBD

**March 6, 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

**March 13, 2019**

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

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

Program: “Dueling Designers” featuring Betty Ann Galway & Frances Thrash

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

**March 14, 2019**

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

Tidewater District Spring General Meeting

Program: To be announced

Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

**April, 2019**

Arbor Day - date & time: TBD

**April 3, 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

**April 10, 2019**

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

CGCVB General Meeting

Program: “Garden Week in Virginia, Arrangements, Garden Restored” by Dana Parker

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

**April 27 - May 4, 2019**

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

**April 29, 2019**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

**May 10, 2019**

Council Awards & ABC Binders - Due

**April 29 - May 2, 2019**

National Garden Club Convention

Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi, Mississippi

**June 5, 2019**

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

Noon - Luncheon

Annual Awards Luncheon

Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach

**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements****Treasurer**

**Pauletta Anglin**

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Club Presidents and Treasurers: It is time to pay your club's dues, according to our bylaws, published in the year-book, as below:

1. Dues are payable in October and no later than December 1. Dues paid after Dec. 1 shall include an additional fee of \$5 for each month or part of a month that they are late.
2. Active clubs shall pay \$1 per member per year.
3. Associate clubs shall pay \$50 per year.
4. Send your dues and all other contributions to:

Pauletta Anglin

921 Atlantic Ave., Unit 1102

Virginia Beach VA 23451

Last Council year, there were several checks lost in the mail. Therefore, I will send you an email confirmation whenever I receive your checks for dues or other contributions. You may also hand me your checks at Council meetings.

Thank you for your prompt attention to your club dues.

**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 on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure that you send committee articles and club announcements to me by September 20<sup>th</sup> at [srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com). Thank you for your input!

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

**Garden Therapy/Empty Bowls****Janet Bacuzzi**[jmbacuzzi@cs.co](mailto:jmbacuzzi@cs.co)

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.

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

757-422-1618

**Virginia Aquarium E-Cycling**

An e-cycling event is scheduled at the Virginia Aquarium on Saturday, September 29 from 9-noon. Electronics such as phones, computers and flat screen televisions will be accepted. Cathode ray televisions will **not** be accepted. Hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides and household chemicals will also be accepted. For a complete list, please check the Aquarium website at [VirginiaAquarium.com](http://VirginiaAquarium.com).

**Oceans of Plastic**

Scientists are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of plastic that is polluting our oceans. So far we have dumped up to 14 million tons of trash into the sea negatively impacting marine life and raising health concerns for humans.

Some communities are addressing this issue by banning single use plastics such as straws, eating utensils and bags. Of course, for environmental gains, this will have to be a worldwide initiative. In the meantime, we can all help by not using single use plastic items and reducing the amount of plastic packaging with our purchases. Together we can all make a positive impact!!

**Nature Camp**  
**Audrey Kelly**  
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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 and November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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, civic, minister, 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 and has not sent your check in for this year, please do so. If your club has not budgeted to donate, I hope you will - next year.

**Announcements**



Virginia Beach Master Gardeners **FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL**

**GROWING SOLUTIONS: PLANTING WITH A PURPOSE**

**Garden Lectures & Demonstrations**

Garden Yard Sale  
 Garden Art Market  
 Silent Auction

**Children's Activities**  
 Garden Tours  
 Food Trucks  
 Garden Societies  
 Plant Sale

**RAIN/SHINE**

**FREE PARKING & ADMISSION**

**Saturday 9/15/18 10am - 3pm**

[www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org) **HRAREC, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd.**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension**  
Virginia Tech - Virginia State University



**Save the Date** *Saturday October 27th 1-4pm*

**Princess Anne Garden Club**

**8th Annual Party in the Park**  
 First Landing State Park  
 2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach

Enjoy live music from the 70's, 80's and 90's by The Intangible Cats. Explore our Silent Auction offering fabulous gift baskets, art, wine, jewelry, vacation homes and a variety of beautiful and eclectic items on which to bid, or buy some 50/50 raffle tickets. Leisurely dine on NC BBQ, Slaw, Chicken Chili, Hush Puppies, Desserts, Beer, Wine and Cash Oyster Bar.

Tickets are \$40 Pre-Sale and \$45 Day of Event  
 Quantities limited.  
 Tickets available August 1st at [www.pagardenclub.org](http://www.pagardenclub.org)

Proceeds benefit First Landing State Park and other PAGC projects.



### 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](http://www.vbmg.org). There, you can request a program through the site. If you have any questions, contact Kay Eckhardt at 486-7328.

#### Master Gardeners Rain Barrel Workshop – Saturday, September 8, 2018

Rain barrel workshops are held at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market, 3640 Dam Neck Road, 9-10 AM. Pre-registration is required at [www.vbmg.org](http://www.vbmg.org). Cost: \$50 per barrel.

### 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



#### CGCVB Fundraiser

It's here and it's custom! Introducing the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach - 16oz. Tervis Tumbler....

To purchase the tumbler for \$20, contact Michelle Nettles, [MJNettles@aol.com](mailto:MJNettles@aol.com) or 770-356-5814.