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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](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)

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Greetings Gardening Friends!

Many of you are wisely suspending your monthly garden club meetings for a while – this is when your Council can step up, in a team effort, to be sure our learning and planning continue via Zoom remote meetings. I'm hoping that we can still have interactive sessions.

Refer to the Calendar of Events for the program schedule. Please join us! For those without computer access who want to participate, please let one of us know. If you have never joined a Zoom meeting, don't worry – it's easy and we will be happy to do a trial run to help you.

Plans for 2021 will follow soon, with the likes of Marie Butler, Dr. Laurie Fox and Mike Andruczyk agreeing to teach and inspire us. Also, Laura Jacobson is planning an exciting fundraiser and a cool bus tour on March 10 and April 9, respectively.

**Building 2 Memorial**

I received a note from Symsi Denson, with a Building 2 update:

*“Hi Betty Ann – I just wanted you to know that the plants you all donated for the Memorial will be replanted at our Emergency Operations Building 30. In the coming months, many of us will be going through those doors as we are called up for Storm response or other emergency events. It houses our 411 and 911 employees. The plants were so well received and appreciated for the memorial. I hope you also got to see them numerous times on the news!”*

Thank you all again for your contributions that made this planting for the memorial possible – between your Council donations and those from individual garden clubs, we were able to fund all 24 planters!

**Virginia Beach as a Bee City USA member!**

The Council Bee City committee met a few times during the summer and some of them will be presenting our joint plans with the City at next week's CGCVB meeting! I hear that bee guru, Frank Walker, might even pop his head in the meeting 😊. The committee is finalizing a brochure and we're lucky to have graphic designer, Barbie Sherrill (Princess Anne GC) to make it attractive. The success of this ongoing project depends on efforts from each of the individual garden clubs, whether it be through funding or an ABC Project. At this time, we need a sponsor for our new brochure – do you know someone who might be interested?

I look forward to a Garden Club year in which we can work together to beautify our city, while also supporting each other's individual club efforts. Please keep in touch about your club's plans so we can rally participation.

Here's to a beautiful Fall!

*Betty Ann*



## 2020-2021 Calendar of Events

**September 9, 2020****9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in****10:00 am – Zoom Meeting****Council General Meeting**

Program: “Our *Bee City USA* Partnership with the City” by Symsi Denson, Parks & Landscape Division and Council Committee members

**October 14, 2020****9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in****10:00 am – Zoom Meeting****Council General Meeting**

Program: “If You Love Birds, You Need to Love Bugs” by Shawn Dash, PhD, Assistant Professor, Evolutionary Biology-Zoology-Entomology, Hampton University

**November 18, 2020** (*Note: this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday since 11/11 is Veteran’s Day.*)**9:45 am - Zoom Sign-in****10:00 am – Zoom Meeting****Council General Meeting**

Program: “Floral Designs for the 2020 Holidays” by Nicole Turkenkopf, owner of *The Wandering Petal*

**March 10, 2021****10:00 am****Council Fundraiser**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium

Program: “Le Quattro Stagioni ... The Four Seasons” by Pam Beck

Ticket required: Cost: \$15.00 (\$20.00 at the door)

(*see Announcements for more information*)

**April 9, 2021****8 am – 6 pm****Council Annual Bus Tour**

The Barrier Island Center, Historic Eyre Hall Gardens

Catered lunch & wine-tasting at Chatham Vineyards & Winery

(*see Announcements for more information*)



**CGCVB Committee Reports and Other Announcements****Corresponding Secretary****Susan Porter**[srporter24@gmail.com](mailto:srporter24@gmail.com)

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Taproot. The Taproot can also be found on the Council website at [www.vbgardencouncil.com](http://www.vbgardencouncil.com). The next Taproot will be published on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please 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)

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For future Virginia Tech scholarship donations, please make your checks payable to Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach with a note on the Memo line and send them to Dennie Kelley, 2316 Mariners Mark Way, Unit 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

**Publicity****Adele Lundquist**[lundquac@cox.net](mailto:lundquac@cox.net)

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With Covid-19 creating our “new normal”, many clubs have temporarily ceased meeting in person. However, if your club is participating in any activity, please let me know so that we can consider publicizing your good works. In case you missed it, there was an article on the Council with a photo of Sherry Kern in both Bayfront Living (June 2020) and Little Neck Living (July 2020) magazines. There is an article in the Old Dominion Gardener (Fall issue) about the Council supplying funds for the plant materials on display at Building 2 during the Remembrance for the mass shooting victims. If you are doing anything at all, I would love to hear about it.

**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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Hello to all and we hope you and your families are well.

Our March Fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library Auditorium pending any restrictions with COVID-19.

Our plan is to make tickets available in January, 2021. Should restrictions at the Library impede the normal distribution of tickets, we will be offering an opportunity to request and hold tickets via email. Arrangements for payment and tickets will need to be made with my Co-Chair, Michelle Nettles (contact information above). Ticket cost is \$15 prior to the event and \$20 at the door.

Feel free to copy the flyer (see Announcements) for distribution to members. In these uncertain times, Michelle and I ask that you help to spread the word. Our hope is to be gathering together, in person, for this wonderful event in the new year.

**Yearbook****Cheryll Klobuchar**[c-klobuchar@cox.net](mailto:c-klobuchar@cox.net)

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An email was sent out earlier this summer explaining the decision by the Yearbook Committee not to publish a yearbook for the CGCVB 2020-2021 year due to the Covid-19 virus. The cost of the yearbook is offset by the ads from business and garden club ads. The Yearbook Committee felt that many, if not all our advertisers, are trying to keep their heads above water and didn't feel comfortable asking them for money. With so much uncertainty, it was impossible to publish a Calendar of Events, therefore the Calendar of Events will be published in the Taproot each month. An updated Garden Club Roster will be sent out by Susan Porter to the garden clubs. Please print this out and attach it to your 2019-2020 CGCVB Yearbook. If your garden club has changed officers and needs a yearbook, please contact Jessica O'Connor. Jessica has some 2019-2020 yearbooks. The basic information in the yearbook (awards, ABC, officers, etc.) has remained the same.

This is an unusual year, but with a little patience and ingenuity we will get through it. Stay safe & healthy!

**Yearbook Business Ads****Suzie Duckworth**[Suzied44@cox.net](mailto:Suzied44@cox.net)

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The following businesses have helped to support the funding of the Council's annual yearbook by placing ads in the yearbook. Because the yearbook will not be published this year, this recognition reflects our appreciation for their support. Thank you!

Baker Jewelry	Bartlett Tree Service	Blinds and More
Bread Box	Butcher's Son Restaurant	Charles Barker Auto
Chick's Oyster Bar	Coastal Lightscapes	Computer Convenience
Custom Jewelry by RK	Dressology	Savage, Sabol & Visser Orthodontics
Eddie Barnes	Edward Jones	Feathered Nest
Friends of Historic Homes	Herb Pettway	Inlet Fitness
London Bridge Greenhouse	Lowenthal Furs	Lynnhaven River Now
McDonalds Garden Center	Norfolk Botanical Garden	Paramount Greenhouses
Raymond James Financial	Republican Women's Club	Rock-A-Bye Baby
New Leaf Florist	Shoemaker Vision Center	Tidewater Chem Dry
Topiaries Florals and Gifts	VA Flower and Garden Expo	VA Horticulture Foundation
VB Beautification Commission	VB Surf and Rescue Museum	VA Musical Theatre
Whitehurst Buffington House		

**Guest Speakers List****Patsy Cameron**[pecameron@cox.net](mailto:pecameron@cox.net)

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An updated list of "Guest Speakers" for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach is available now. The list has been emailed to all club presidents to share it with their respective program chairmen. Thank you to those who shared information on new speakers and responded to the request for updates, deletions and new speaker suggestions. If you find errors in the new list, please notify me right away and corrections will be made. If you would like a copy of the new list, you may receive one by contacting me by email.

**Conservation/Ecology****Demaris Yearick**[way4@juno.com](mailto:way4@juno.com)**757-422-1618**

Our Bee City USA committee has been keeping in touch these past few months and we are close to finalizing the educational brochure. A big thank-you goes to Barbi Sherrill of the Princess Anne Garden Club for all of her help with formatting and the graphic art in the brochure.

Our application has been a bit delayed as Virginia Beach has faced some challenges during this time. We are hoping the project will be presented to City Council for approval in September. We will be sure to keep everyone updated. In the meantime, we are encouraging everyone to help our bee populations. Fall is a great time to add plants to your garden. Please consider including plants that are beneficial to bees such as *Black-eyed Susan*, *Coneflower*, *Salvia*, *Joe Pye Weed*, *Aster*, *Abelia*, *Holly* and *Blueberry*, just to mention a few.

**Historic Houses****Peggy Caverly****757-490-0925****Kay Slover Eckhardt****757-486-7328**

Hello & Happy Fall – hope you all stay well!

Good news - the Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House is now open under its normal hours, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 pm – 3:30 pm. Social distancing and masks are required.

Many thanks to Broad Bay Island GC, Lake Smith Terrace GC, Broad Bay Point Greens GC, Cavalier GC and Lynnhaven Heritage GC for providing floral arrangements in August. The September floral arrangement assignments are:

September 5: Virginia Beach Garden Club  
September 12: Church Point Garden Club  
September 19: Colonial Oaks-Lake Trant Garden Club  
September 26: Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Place arrangements at the W-H House on Wednesday between 1:00 and 3:30 PM. You will be given a reminder call. “Donated by” signs can be found in the drawer on the table where the arrangement will be placed. Pick up your containers on the following Wednesday, same time. Please call Peggy Caverly or Kay Eckhardt with any questions.

Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House  
2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Directions from the Francis Land House:

- 1) EAST on Virginia Beach Boulevard.
- 2) RIGHT on Lynnhaven Parkway.
- 3) LEFT on Holland Road.
- 4) RIGHT on Dam Neck Road.
- 5) LEFT on Princess Anne Road (Cross Nimmo Parkway, Princess Anne Middle School on the right).
- 6) RIGHT at the “T” onto North Landing Road (Princess Anne Road continues on the left).
- 7) (Travel a short distance ... pass on left Liberty Tax, Fresh Faire Company, Insurance Boutique and Sal’s Pizza).
- 8) NEXT LEFT at the parking lot entrance, Veer to right onto W-B House driveway.
- 9) W-B House is at the end of the long picturesque driveway.

**Historic Preservation**  
**Kay Slover Eckhardt**  
**757-486-7328**

Francis Land Historic House Formal Garden

In 1975, the City of Virginia Beach purchased the Francis Land Historic House and its surrounding property and the physical work of restoration began. The May Farm Garden Club of Kingston took on the task of establishing a formal garden. Under the leadership of Patsy Cameron, President, Wanda Hudgins, Project and Committee Chairman for the Francis Land House Formal Garden Installation and Glenda Knowles, the Committee visited several Virginia historic properties to research the layout of formal gardens. Once the plan was approved by the City, May Farm Garden Club donated plants and materials, including heirloom boxwoods. In May, 1988, a dedication of the Formal Garden and a celebratory grand reception were held at the spring meeting of the Friends of the Francis Land House with Mayor-elect, Meyera Oberndorf, as the guest of honor. The May Farm Garden Club maintained the Formal Garden until it was no longer feasible for them to do so.

As fate would have it, the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club (chartered in March, 2013) was looking for a long-term project in which to work with the City in their beautification efforts. The Francis Land Formal Garden suited their purpose perfectly and May Farm Garden Club was pleased to have Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club adopt the project. Under the leadership of Bev Hunter, President of Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club, this new club with only eight members set to work. They sent samples of the ailing boxwoods to Virginia Tech's Agricultural Research and Extension Center for care plans and guidance, amended the beds and provided plant material from members' gardens, including the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club's flower, the heirloom Columbine, *Aquilegia vulgaris*. With the City's help, benches were painted and fences/gates were repaired. Members re-laid the pathway border bricks and pathway clamshells.

Seasonal color has continued. Thanks to the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club and the May Farm Garden Club of Kingston, Mrs. Francis Land would be truly proud to visit her beautiful Formal Garden today.

*Note to Council members:* Does your garden club have projects involving historic properties? If so, please forward information to Kay Eckhardt at 1073 Downshire Chase, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-7328.

**President's Award - Control the Flow**  
**Betty Ann DesRoches**  
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The CGCVB President's Award gives credit to clubs for their participation in the Lynnhaven River NOW Pearl Homes program in Virginia Beach. For a Pearl Homes application, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pearlhome>

The President's Award *Control the Flow* information can be found in the 2019-2020 yearbook on page 37. An application form can be found in the June, 2020 *Taproot*. The application is due on May 10, 2021.

**Awards**  
**Cheryll Klobuchar**  
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Any work or projects done by your garden club for the 2019-2020 club year will be combined with the 2020-2021 club year awards (due May 10, 2021). Therefore, keep your 2019-2020 records and add them to your 2020-2021 entries.

## Announcements



### 2021 Vision of Beauty Calendar

If you're not a member of the Tidewater District, VFGC, please consider purchasing a 2021 Vision of Beauty calendar.

Calendars are sold by the Tidewater District to support the National Garden Clubs. Calendars cost \$6.00 each and include lovely floral arrangement photos as well as a social calendar. They make great gifts for speakers, new members and are possible incentives for "budding floral arrangers". Also, the Exhibits chairperson in each club should have a copy purchased by the club for their committee.

When purchasing calendars, make checks payable to "**Tidewater District, VFGC**" (no orders without checks) and place orders by **Thursday, September 10, 2020**.

Let me know if you need more time and I will try to accommodate you.

These are the calendar distribution/pick-up options:

- I will deliver to Virginia Beach addresses – I will leave on your front porch.
- You pick-up from my house (my front porch) – I live in Virginia Beach.
- We meet at a central location like the library, a church, or other.
- I will mail calendars to club representatives if the clubs pay shipping costs.

To re-cap:

Place your order by **Thursday, September 10, 2020**. Cost is \$6.00 per calendar.

Mail check (payable to **Tidewater District, VFGC**) with your order and send to:  
Sue Harper, 696 Harris Point Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-4755

Email or call me when you send your check so that I may be looking for it. Thanks.

Sue Harper

[sueharper6@cox.net](mailto:sueharper6@cox.net)

757-536-8396 (C)







### LAKE SMITH TERRACE GARDEN CLUB

Our Garden Club is gearing up for the coming year and Oh, what a year it will be!



We are planning on hosting Zoom meetings including programs on garden themes, flower arranging, exhibits and judging - everything but the refreshments. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Contact Debbi @ 630-9090 (c) for meeting ID and password.



We are also scheduling our Pansy Sale/Garden Sale with pre-orders due by October 12th. Pick-up date is Saturday, October 17 at 4700 Crossborough Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

This sale includes home-grown plants and “gently used” garden art/pots. Credit cards welcome.

For Pansy Pre-Sale, order by calling Teen @ 335-0574 (c) or Keren @ 589-8463 (c) or Barrett @ 681-6875 (c)

### BLUEBIRD HOUSES FOR SALE

#### Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club

Beautiful Bluebird Houses Made to Order  
Information sheet is included.

**Cost: \$30.00**

To order contact:

Bev Hunter 340-8679  
[Bhunt25@hotmail.com](mailto:Bhunt25@hotmail.com)

Cheryll Klobuchar 463-4885  
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*Fatsia Japonica*  
*Grasses*  
*Bear's Breeches*  
*Windmill Palms*  
*Lynnhaven Carpet*  
*Lamb's Ear*  
*Asters*  
*Chives*  
*Plant Containers*  
*Vases*  
*And much more...*

**Great Neck Point Garden Club Plant Sale**

to benefit

**OCEAN PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**

**AT THE SHORE DRIVE MARKET**

Lynnhaven Beach Square  
2945 – 2949 Shore Drive

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

(Rain date: October 5)

9 AM – NOON



***Fundraiser: March, 2021***

The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, Inc.

*presents*

**“LE QUATRO STAGIONI ... THE FOUR SEASONS”**

*featuring*

**PAM BECK**  
of  
**Pam Beck Gardens**

**Pam Beck is an award-winning, freelance garden writer, photographer and popular lecturer who has written for regional newspapers as well as State and National magazines.**

**She is a published author and frequent gardening radio guest.**



**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:00 am**

**Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Auditorium  
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**ADVANCED TICKET COST: \$15 PER PERSON  
TICKET COST AT THE DOOR: \$20 PER PERSON**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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



**COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BUS TOUR**

*sponsored by*

**THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF VIRGINIA BEACH, INC.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2021**

**THE EASTERN SHORE OF VA**

*TO INCLUDE:*

THE BARRIER ISLAND CENTER

CATERED LUNCH AND WINE TASTING AT CHATHAM VINEYARDS & WINERY

HISTORIC EYRE HALL GARDENS

... AND A FEW SHORE SURPRISES

**TOUR INFORMATION**

The bus company, Venture Tours, will depart from a designated area in the Pembroke Mall parking lot at 8:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Plan to arrive by 7:45 am to insure a prompt departure time. The cost will be announced in the January, 2021 issue of the Taproot. Our tour includes bus fare and tip, admission to the Barrier Islands Center, catered lunch at Chatham Vineyards & Winery featuring Chef Amy Brandt and a tour of Historic Eyre Hall Gardens.

Note: Wine-tasting at Chatham Vineyards will include a separate fee for those wishing to participate.

**THERE ARE ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR SO, RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!**

**\*\*TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT CONTACT LAURA JACOBSON via**

Phone: 757-237-7524 or Email: [belle\\_of\\_the\\_mall@hotmail.com](mailto:belle_of_the_mall@hotmail.com)

NO DEPOSITS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO COVID-19. PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE MADE IN FULL AND DUE BY MARCH 1, 2021. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR THIS TOUR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRIP CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19.

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!!**