

# G R O U N D C O V E R

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APRIL 2019



Wednesday, April 17  
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Ellen Sinclair presents our Year End Slideshow

Horticulture and Class D arrangements by 10:00 am

Annual Business meeting 10:30 am



A wonderful March Meeting  
with Gina Forresta



lots of  
daffodils



camellias  
are in bloom



Thank you  
to our guest  
floral designers  
at the  
March floral  
Design  
Workshop!

Molly Trapani  
&  
Meredith Lauter

*Crucial Steps to Protect the  
Chesapeake Bay*

Governor Ralph Northam has released his final phase of a 15 year effort to save the Chesapeake Bay. So far, the regional approach, with the new regulations & ways of doing things, has produced some encouraging results but the progress is fragile. Northam's Phase III Watershed Implementation plan, as it's officially know, could make a real difference. It will need the support of the public and elected officials. Please read the plan: [deq.virginia.gov](http://deq.virginia.gov) comments are through June 7th

It's that time of the  
year again!

THE VBGC  
PROPAGATION  
WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 11th

10:00 am at

Donna Eure's Home  
124 Pinewood Road

We will be using the Forsythe Method of propagation which is very easy. Please bring your clippers. If you have any soft woody plants, just cut a stem or two with leaves attached and bring a bucket of water.

supplies and lunch provided

RSVP

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BY JUNE 4TH



## *Fall Flower Festival*

The Website will be live April 17th  
for Pre-Orders  
[www.vbgardenclub.org](http://www.vbgardenclub.org)

Follow us on Instagram  
vbgefallflowerfestival ~ like and share posts  
with your friends

**Accepting Donations to Garden Art  
please deliver to Demaris' porch  
700 Crytal Lane**

BASKETS, BIRDBATHS, BIRDBOUSES, CORNUCOPIAS,  
FRAMES, GARDEN POTS, GARDEN STATUARY, GLASS  
CONTAINERS, LAMPS, MIRRORS, OUTDOOR FURNITURE,  
PLANT STANDS, TABLES, TRELLISES, UMBRELLAS  
AND CHAIRS, WREATHS



## CALENDAR

May

- 1 HGW Virginia Beach Tour  
7-9 GCV Annual Meeting,  
Portsmouth VA  
15 VBGC Plant Exchange  
and Awards Lunch  
home of Karen Woodard 204 74th St.  
16-19 GCA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
22-23 GCV Horticulture Field Day,  
Orange, VA  
30 Zone VII GCA Photography  
Workshop Norfolk Botanical  
Garden - See Dana Parker
- June 11 Propagation Workshop  
10:00 am Donna Eure's home

### VBGC Fund

In memory of Gene Shiflett,  
given by  
Martha Goodman, Betty Miles &  
Alice Koziol

**REMINDER....Most grocery stores have bins for  
recycling Plastic Bags**

**We hope that you are reducing your use of plastic  
bags by using reusable bags. Many of these bags  
are used to make TREX products.**

**The following can be recycled for TREX products:  
grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry  
cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood  
pallet bags, zip lock storage bags, produce bags,  
bubble wrap and cereal bags..REMOVE FOOD RESIDUE**

The Virginia Beach Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday March 20, 2019  
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members - 52 Associates - 8

**President Lou Flowers** called the meeting to order at 10:34AM. She thanked Reilly Warlick and PJ Barton for organizing the meeting. Lou thanked Alice Koziol for organizing the arranging workshop led by Meredith Lauter and Molly Trapani and for the arrangements they provided for the tables today. She also welcomed our program speaker, Gina Forresta. Bev Sessoms offered a collect.

Lou announced the following: Joyce Klingensmith's husband Bruce recently passed away in Dallas. Margrit Corcoran's kidney transplant went beautifully and she is recovering. VBGC's 2019 Founder's Fund vote goes to the Winchester-Clarke Abrahms Creek Wetlands Preserve Project. The GCV Bessie Bocoock Carter Conservation Award is pending.

#### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- The February Membership Minutes were approved as submitted.
- **President Lou Flowers** thanked Karen Woodard and Jane Booth for their work on the Groundcover.
- **Corresponding Secretary, Jane Booth** asked members who have missed more than two meetings to submit a letter of explanation.
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** thanked members who brought horticulture to the meeting. GCV Daffodil Day is on March 26. We will have a seed workshop in the fall. Dahlia is the bulb of the year.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** (Lou Flowers spoke on Audrey's behalf) noted that our application for the GCA Founder's Fund will be seconded by the Norfolk Garden Club. Lou asked members who are concerned about offshore drilling to consider signing a letter of opposition authored by Ann Wright. The draft was circulated to members during the meeting.
- **Historic Garden Week, Donna Haycox** announced that tour tickets are \$25 and members may purchase two tickets at this discounted price. She provided an update on publicity, guidebooks, and job assignments.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lou reminded members of the upcoming April Business Meeting.
- Molly Ill noted that VBGC history will be archived at the Virginia Beach Central Library. We will make a donation of \$250 to thank them for their effort.
- Dana Parker announced that Thursday May 30 there will be a Photography 101 class at Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Cost is \$125. Interested members can sign up on the GCA website.
- Ellen Sinclair shared details about HGW Painted Garden Art Show and asked members to share their photos from HGW with her for use in the May slide show.
- Kay Shifflett announced the Caladium sale to benefit Mary's Garden.
- FFF will be held on October 2nd and 3rd. The Second Hand Roses were recognized for their tremendous contribution over the years. They will be joining other areas of the sale.
- Anne Crenshaw presented the 2019/2020 Community Projects proposal, totaling \$18,750 as follows:
  - Brock Center Green Roof - \$10,000
  - Norfolk Botanical Garden - \$5000
  - GCA Scholarship Fund - \$1000
  - Mary's Garden - \$1000
  - Nature Camper \$950
  - Camp Grom (for annuals) - \$350
  - Library Foundation (Archives) - \$250
  - GCV Fund - \$100
  - Lynnhaven River Now - \$50
  - Scenic VA- \$50
- Ann Malbon presented the 2019/2020 Proposed VBGC Budget. The Club will vote on both at the April business meeting.

**Vice President Latane Brown** introduced Gina Forresta who presented "Make Way for Edible Plants."

*The meeting was adjourned at noon for lunch.*

*Allison McDuffie*

*VBGC Recording Secretary*