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FEBRUARY 2019



Wednesday, February 13th

10:00 am Joint Meeting with JVBGC at PACC
David Pippin, Garden Inspired Floral Design
~ Challenge the Designer ~
bring a unique container & hope he chooses
yours for an arrangement !



Growing Good
times
at the January
Meeting



Lovely blooms
from our
gardens...
keep 'em
coming for our
March Meeting

Big Thanks to Pam Pruden for your phenomenal Arranging Workshop



Ann attended
2018/19
VB education
Foundation
Awards
Night

VBGC
acknowledged
for underwriting
a hydroponic
education
project at the
Old Donation
School

2019 GCV Conservation Lobby Day

Ann Wright

All of us attending Conservation Lobby Day on Jan. 30 felt it was worthwhile. Lynda Strickler, Meg French and I came from our club and Nancy Knewstep represented the Princess Anne. We met with the legislative aides to Delegate Miyares and Senator DeSteph. This year we had "leave behinds" that included bill numbers, a few talking points plus space for each of us to say why the bill mattered to us and give our names and contact information. The aides really liked that new wrinkle. We had a brief photo op with Senator DeSteph and were able to thank him in person for his off-shore drilling bill that was crushed in committee. I think our advocacy efforts are getting more refined, more effective and more fun. We need more depth on our bench, however, so I hope other members will consider trekking to Richmond next January.



Did you know a single oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day?



Chesapeake Bay Foundation encourages anyone that can plant an Oyster Garden to participate

www.cbf.org/vaoystergardening

2019 GCA
PLANT OF THE YEAR:
Aristolochia macrophylla
(Dutchman's Pipe)



CALENDAR

February

- 20 Linda Jane Holden, Author,
The Gardens of Bunny Mellon
Garden Club of Norfolk/NYCC
- 24-27 GCA National Legislative Day
Washington, DC
- 28 VBGC Dues Deadline \$175. & letters
requesting change of status
(due in writing to Jane Booth)

March

- 12 Jane Godshalk, Longwood Gardens,
Princess Anne Garden Club, PACC
- 15 New Member proposals due to VBGC
Admissions Committee
- 19 Flower Arranging Workshop with Molly
Trapani & Meredith Lauter
- 20 VBGC meeting & horticulture PACC
- 26 GCV 2019 Daffodil Day, Lewis
Ginter Botanical Garden,
Richmond, Virginia

April

- 3 VBGC Horticulture Seed Workshop
PACC 10:00 am
- 17 GCVB Annual Business Meeting
and Slideshow

THE VIRGINIA BEACH FUND

In honor of
Molly Rueger

for service as Senior Warden
of Galilee Church
Given by:
Cheryl Jordan

In memory of
Gene Shiflett

Given by:
Betsy Agelasto
Jane Booth
Mary Denny
Donna & Rae Eure
Molly III
Cheryl Jordan
Margaret Joyner
Julie Mackinlay
Connie Owen
Audrey Parrott

Shout Out to
Connie !

Look for her beautiful
photographs scrolling
the

GCA website homepage

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VBGC Seed Workshop
Wednesday April 3rd
10am PACC

Sign up with
Kate
katemichaels@cox.net

**The Virginia Beach Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 14th, 2019
The Home of Lou Flowers**

Attending: Lou Flowers, Jane Booth, Molly Ill, Audrey Parrott, Donna Haycox, Mac Houfek, Ann Malbon, Latane Brown, Kate Michaels, Katherine Richardson, Allison McDuffie

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm. There were no Board minutes to review because the Board did not convene the previous month.

President Flowers made the following announcements:

- Kay Shifflett's husband, Gene, passed away.
- Beth Munford will accompany Lou to Boston in May 2019 for the GCA Annual Meeting.
- 2020 will mark the centennial anniversary of the GCV. Festivities, including a formal gala, are planned for May 13/14, 2020 in Richmond. GCV leadership encourages clubs throughout the state to acknowledge the centennial with parties and activities. A suggestion was made to put a house on the Garden Tour that was part of the tour 50 years ago.
- Dues of \$175 are due on 2/28. The fee covers VBGC, GCV, and GCA. Board members discussed enabling members to pay dues electronically next year for a minimal convenience fee.
- New member proposals are due 3/15 and sponsors should be mentoring their new members for two years.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Latane Brown announced that Jill Bieri from the Nature Conservancy will speak to the club during our January meeting. David Phippen will be coming from Richmond to speak to a joint meeting with the junior club in February.

Treasurer Ann Malbon reported that the operating account has a current balance of \$33,196.10. The VB Garden Club Fund balance is \$93,125.34.

Corresponding Secretary Jane Booth announced that change-in-status letters are due 2/28. The January issue of Groundcover is complete.

Horticulture Kate Michaels reported that horticulture will be judged during the January membership meeting. Propagation and seed workshops will be combined into one event this year. The date will be announced. Horticulture Field Day will be held May 22-23 in Orange, VA.

Conservation Audrey Parrott proposed that we apply for a Founder's Fund grant. The proposed project will be a green roof for a new education building at the Brock Center. The 2019 Nature Camper has been selected. GCV Legislative Day is scheduled for 1/30/19.

Historic Garden Week Chair Donna Haycox announced that Katie Hand and Helen Junkin, co-chairs of the 2019 Garden Tour, will make a presentation at our January membership meeting.

Fall Flower Festival Co-Chair Katherine Richardson reported that next year's sale will be held on October 2nd/3rd in Hall A of the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Allison McDuffie, Recording Secretary