

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
Joint Membership Meeting
Norfolk Yacht and Country Club
January 13, 2016

VBGC Attendance: 34

The joint meeting, hosted by The Garden Club of Norfolk, was called to order by their president, Gillian Caddy at 9:30a.m. After a warm welcome to those attending, Mrs. Caddy introduced an activity for the meeting where designated members were presented with certain social situations that required easy but creative arrangements. The members excused themselves to get their particular arrangements in order. In the meantime, the meeting's speaker, GCV President, Jeanette Cadwallender was introduced.

President Cadwallender proceeded to talk about the history and work of The Garden Club of Virginia, highlighting GCV's relationship with Virginia's state parks. Her program ended with a video explaining the importance of these parks, produced by the Virginia Association for Parks and The Partnership for Parks Campaign. Mrs. Cadwallender was featured in the film, advocating support for our state parks and encouraging increased visitation and use of the parks.

Following the program, President and CEO of Norfolk Botanical Garden Society, Michael P. Desplaines delivered a presentation of the upcoming extravaganza "**Lantern Asia**" a colossal installation of an Asian lantern festival, "Art by Day, Magic by Night" to be held at Norfolk Botanical Gardens early this spring.

The morning's meeting ended with a creative display of the flower arrangements assigned at the start. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 for brunch.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary