

## The Virginia Beach Garden Club

### **General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**The Home of Kathy Carter**

Vice President Molly Ill presided for Lynda Strickler, who was attending the GCA Meeting in Rochester. After calling the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m., the Carters were thanked for hosting the club in their lovely home. The collect was given by LaVerne Crown.

**Officer Reports: Joan Lyons, Treasurer** – The total current balance was reported to stand at \$65,090.66 to include General Funds at \$15,983.30, Ways and Means at \$47,107.36 and \$1,500 in both the Small Flower Show and Hort. Speaker funds.

**Committee Reports: Julie McKinley, VBGC Fund** – Julie encouraged members to support the VBGC Endowment Fund as well as the GCV Annual Fund, stressing the goal of 100% participation over the amount of the gift. She also announced that GCV will now fund a “Conservation Fellow” in addition to a “Restoration Fellow” acknowledging the importance of conservation to the GCV agenda. Kudos were given to Martha Goodman for her GCA award for photography. **Betsy Cromwell, Conservation** – Betsy was pleased to announce that we had collected 150 lbs. of batteries for proper disposal. **Tina Minter** emphasized the importance of Lynnhaven River Now and the Pearl Home Project to new members. **Susan Wynne, FFF Second Hand Rose** – a call for items for the fall fundraiser was made stating that jewelry and objects d’art were particularly good sellers. **Ann Malbon, Nancy Freeman, FFF** – reminded members that flower orders were due June 1 and that many had submitted orders online. **Lucy Lee, Flower Shows** – asked for members’ orange lilies for the GCV flower show, June 18, in Middleburg. **Emily Mills, HGW** – Emily thanked all for their hard work to make HGW 2015 a success. Emily reported that 1,238 attended; The Brock Center received 211 visitors; total income came to \$49,575; 211 and expenses came to \$11,538. The VBGC goal was exceeded by \$10,000. **Ellen Sinclair** called for interested members to assist with the flower arrangement to accompany a painting in the Chrysler Museum Impressionist exhibition June 12. **Joan Stumborg, Marine Science Museum** – Joan expressed a need for help in weeding the wildflower garden. **Margaret Joyner, Jude Kelly, Special Awards** – In addition to Susan Husak’s GCV Horticulture award, additional awards were announced.

GCA AWARDS: Horticulture – Meg French; Conservation – Tina Minter; Medal of Merit – Donna Eure

VBGC AWARDS: Sandra Baylor Award – Susan Gentry; Dale Page Henderson Horticulture Award – Demaris Yearick; Dottie Award – Betty Sundin

Vice-President Molly Ill thanked all for their hard work this year and read a note of appreciation from the President, Lynda Strickler. Judy Terjen, non-resident member, was welcomed and members were told of a good year of programs to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. for the annual May luncheon.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary