

## The Virginia Beach Garden Club

### General Membership Meeting

October 29, 2014

### The Princess Anne Country Club

President Lynda Strickler called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Nancy Hugo was welcomed as speaker before Betty Miles gave the collect. As there were no changes to the September minutes, they stood approved.

### Officer Reports

**Joan Lyons, Treasurer** – It was reported that The General Fund stood at \$6,870.40 and that Ways and Means remained the same with \$1,500 in both the flower show and future horticulture speaker accounts. All funds totaled \$37,652.76

### Committee Reports

**Betsy Cromwell, Conservation** – Betsy reported that 13 lbs. of batteries had been collected. Also noted was that there may be a proposal to ban mylar, helium balloons. **Tina Minter, Conservation** – Tina reviewed her program at the GCV Conservation Workshop regarding Lynnhaven River Now saying that it was well received and that a push would be made to start similar programs throughout the state. Three other presentations were given at that workshop: virtual flower shows, compiling an A-Z recycling guide and the completion of a brochure by the Native Plant Society from the Northern Neck of Virginia. **Demaris Yearick, Community Projects** – updates included: The Beach House, where beautification efforts, including an herb garden, were continuing; The Butterfly Garden at VB Middle where work is complete; First Landing where Meg French continues to oversee landscape improvements and where they will fund and install their own irrigation system; and The Rain Garden at Pleasure House Point where there will be a grand opening November 16, 2014 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. **Ann Malbon, F.F.F.** – All were thanked for their efforts, especially Nancy Freeman for computer work and Allison McDuffie for her work in pre-sales. Susan Wynne and Tina Minter tied for first place in pansy sales; a second place tie went to Kathy Carter and Mary Whit Haycox. Ann Crenshaw announced that it was our most profitable sale in ten years. **Lucy Lee, Arrangements** – Cathy Cockrell was thanked for entering an arrangement in the Rose Show and noted that the judges seemed to lean toward simple, contemporary arrangements. **Mac Houfek, Nominating** – a slate of eight nominees for the Admissions Committee was presented: Betsy Cromwell, Mary Denny, Margaret Joyner, Jude Kelly, Allison McDuffie, Meredith Rutter, Ann Wright, and Bev Sessoms; four were elected by the membership: Betsy Cromwell, Mary Denny, Jude Kelly and Allison McDuffie. **Emily Mills, HGW** – Details of the 2014 tour were announced. Headquarters will be at The Princess Anne Country Club, the only place where tour day tickets will be sold; where lunch and shopping opportunities will be available; and where bus transportation, with hostesses, will begin and end. The Brock Center will be part of the tour. Ticket pre-sales are encouraged, priced at \$30 ; tour day tickets will cost \$40. **Donna Haycox, Horticulture**- Thanks was given to Susan Husak for her help at the successful horticulture workshop presented at Donna's the day before. Donna and Kay Shiflett will be attending the GCA Zone VII meeting in Staunton October 27-30. Club members were encouraged to plant shrubs and grasses that aid in runoff waters.

**Martha Goodman and Mary Denny, GCA Zone VII Meeting** – As of now, two speakers have been arranged: Anne Swanson, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission and Rachael Guy, a GCA scholarship recipient. There will be two venues: The Brock Center and the Sheraton Hotel. **Jo Ann Peterson, Holiday Party** – Checks are being collected today for the holiday party at the home of Joan Lyons, November 22 at 6:30, \$25/person.

**New Business** – President Strickler said that in spite of inclement weather she attended a good Board of Governor's Meeting hospitably presented by the Dolley Madison Club in Orange, VA. Members were encouraged to continue to give to the GCV annual fund.

**Molly Ill, Vice President**- The Vice President introduced today's speaker, Nancy Hugo, author and plant enthusiast who delivered a delightful program on simple windowsill arrangements.

The president announced that the GCV Common Wealth Award was given to the Ashland Train Station and adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary

