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MARCH 2019



Wednesday, March 20

PACC

Bring Horticulture from your Spring Garden!

enter cut specimens by 10:00 am ~ Membership meeting 10:30 am



Program by Gina Foresta

"Make Way for Edible Plants"



A wonderful February Meeting
with David Pippin



Conservation ~ Changes in local battery disposal

HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS! Virginia Beach residents will be happy to know they can now dispose of their standard alkaline batteries (AA,AAA,C,D and 9 volt) in their household trash. Alkaline batteries no longer contain mercury, which was one of the reasons for Public Works Waste Management accepting them in their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. After many years, of successfully collecting batteries from City buildings and recycling centers, Waste Management has determined that it is a fire hazard to continue to collect rechargeable batteries such as Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), and Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN) batteries using the current system. With these changes comes the removal of the household battery collection boxes from all City Libraries and recycling drop-off centers. Residents can properly dispose of their rechargeable batteries at the Virginia Beach Landfill and Resource Recovery Center, located at 1989 Jake Sears Road, with local retailers such as Lowe's and Home Depot or visit www.call2recycle.org for battery recycling locations nearest them. If you have any questions you may call (757) 385-4650, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday or visit www.vbgov.com/wastemgt.

Seed workshop April 3rd
10-12
at PACC
contact
ktmichaels@cox.net by
Wednesday, March 27th



Spring is coming.....

CALENDAR

March

19 Flower Arranging Workshop with Molly
Trapani & Meredith Lauter
20 VBGC meeting & horticulture PACC
26 GCV 2019 Daffodil Day, Lewis
Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA

April

3 VBGC Horticulture Seed Workshop
PACC 10:00 am with Kate Michaels
17 VBGC Annual Business Meeting
and Slideshow BRING HORTICULTURE

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 Street
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

VBGC FUND

In memory of Gene Shiflett,
given by
Katherine Richardson
&
Holli Wachmeister

Horticulture Field Day

*Save the Date
May 22-23
Orange County*

Horticulture Field Day in Orange County begins at the Market at Gredean, a European style garden shop situated on a 600 acre tree nursery. Take an educational trail tour to learn about special varieties of trees and shrubs, attend a proper pruning techniques workshop, get everything you need to make your own terrarium or just explore the stunning acreage on your own.

Visit the beautiful gardens of Mount Sharon Farm, with English, French and Italian influences, graciously open to us on Wednesday by our hosts Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sellhammer.

Save the date and plan to join fellow Garden Club of Virginia members in May.

Please pick up your HGW guidebooks and brochures, for distribution, from Emily Mills garage if you have not already done so. The tour will be here before we know it.

GCV Daffodil Day, Richmond, makes for a lovely spring afternoon. March 26th

Save the Date for GCV Horticulture Field Day, Orange County. It's always a super field trip with many activities, May 22nd - 23rd

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday February 13, 2019
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members - 50 Associates - 7

President Lou Flowers called the meeting to order at 10:06AM and offered a prayer.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The January Membership Minutes were approved as presented.
- **President Lou Flowers** announced that Kay Shifflet's husband, Gene, passed away. She thanked Alice Koizol and Pam Pruden for Tuesday's arranging workshop. She asked members to vote on the Founder's Fund today at the meeting or via email. Club dues of \$175 include membership to both the GCV and the GCA. Lou reminded attendees that the club has eliminated the mandate to purchase a ticket to HGW and contribute to the flower fund. New member application forms are due to the Admissions Committee chair, Cheryl Jordan, no later than 3/15. Members who have been active for at least two years can propose one candidate and second another. Nominations should be placed in Emily Mills' milk box.
- **VB Fund Cheryl Jordan** reported that the Virginia Beach Garden Club Fund has a balance of \$98,263.00.
- **Treasurer, Ann Malbon** announced that dues of \$175 are due by 2/28.
- **Corresponding Secretary, Jane Booth** announced that change of status letters are due by 2/28.
- **Finance and Community Projects** committees have met and will present next month.
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** had no report.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** thanked Meg French, Anne Wright and Lynda Strickler for attending GCV Legislative Day in Richmond. They would like to form a committee of people who are interested in conservation. Lou encouraged members to consider attending NAL. **Floral Design Alice Koizol** announced the next arranging workshop will take place on 3/19 at the PACC. Molly Trapani and Meredith Lauter will lead the workshop. Cost is \$50.
- **Historic Garden Week, Donna Haycox** announced that members are encouraged to purchase tickets for HGW tour, but doing so is no longer a membership requirement. Members may buy up to two tickets at the discounted price of \$25. Contact Donna or Kelly Thornton to get tickets. HGW brochure is on Joan's Booth. Members are asked to sign up to pass out guidebooks and posters. You may sign up on Sign Up Genius and then pick them up in Emily Mills' garage.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lou made the following announcements:
 - Thanks to Jane Booth and Karen Woodard for their hard work on The Groundcover.
 - Daffodil Day is on 3/26 at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond.
 - 2019 GCA Annual Meeting will be held in Boston and Beth Munford will be our delegate.
 - The 2020 GCA Annual Meeting will be held May 3-7, 2020 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. VBGC is responsible for the boutique. Mary Denny, Lynda Strickler, and Sandy Burroughs will be looking for at least 10 club members to volunteer to attend all or part of the meeting.
 - Annual Dinner for the VB Beautification Committee will be held at the PACC on 5/16. Cost is \$39.

Vice President Latane Brown introduced David Phippen who demonstrated arranging techniques in his "Challenge the Designer" presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am for lunch.

Allison McDuffie
VBGC Recording Secretary