

**The Virginia Beach Garden Club**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**The Home of Emily Mills**  
**May 18, 2016**

Attendance: 67

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President Lynda Strickler. Donna Eure gave the collect after which the April minutes were approved by the membership. All were welcomed, particularly our three new members, P.J. Barton, Alice Kozoil and Beth Munford. Appreciation was extended to Emily Mills for opening her lovely home and to the day's head hostesses and their committee. Latane Brown was thanked for her work in putting together the monthly newsletter, "*Groundcover*" for the last two years.

**Officer Reports:** **Joan Lyons, Treasurer** delivered the April financial report and the current standing of our funds; the report was distributed. Joan thanked **Ass't. Treasurer Ann Crenshaw** for her help the last two years.

**Committee Reports:** **Betsy Cromwell, Conservation** thanked Tina Minter for her activism and mentorship; Tina then took the floor and encouraged the membership to continue supporting the Pearl Home project. **Audrey Parrot, Kay Shiflett, FFF** asked for full participation in selling pansies. Kay reminded members of the July 1 deadline for ordering lilies. **Julie MacKinlay** stated the importance of full participation in donating to the Virginia Beach Fund to support delegate travel, stressing that full participation is more important than the amount of the donation. **Margrit Corcoran FFF, Second Hand Rose**, announced the need to donate to "Rose" with upscale, gently used items. She also asked for assistance in a one day clean-up of The Adam Keeling House garden. **Weegee Mantz** reported on the informative and enjoyable GCV Annual Meeting in Alexandria that she attended with upcoming president Molly III. **Emily Mills, HGW** thanked the club members for their hard work in this year's successful tour. Emily reviewed attendance numbers and proceeds from the tour day. She announced that the HGW contribution from VBGC to GCV came to over \$37,000. **Ellen Sinclair, HGW The Painted Garden** reported on the success of the fundraiser and thanked sponsor, Towne Bank and Brian at Beach Gallery. All said and done, both PAGC and VBGC earned \$1,750 profit for their respective clubs. Jo Ann Peterson noted that the Junior Club needed to be recognized for their hard work toward making the tour a success. **Nancy Freeman, Ass't. Horticulture**, reported that the propagation workshop would be held June 8, at the home of Donna Eure, lunch will be provided. Nancy then recognized Connie Owen as the winner of the VBGC Horticulture Award for receiving the most points for specimens. Kay Shiflett was pleased to announce the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award winner, Marie Culver, a teacher at Seatack Elementary School. Kay explained that this is a civic award given for dedication to environmental studies. Mary Denny followed with another notable recognition, that of VBGC member, Sandra Baylor, who is featured in the current issue of "*By Design*" quarterly magazine. The article highlights the VBGC Sandra S. Baylor Award given in recognition of an outstanding club member with a nod to novice flower arranging.

This year's awards were presented by Awards Chair, Margaret Joyner and her assistant, Jude Kelly.

GCA Awards: Mary Denny, Martha Goodman - The Zone Award  
Meg French - Club Civic Improvement Award  
Betsy Agelasto - Club Conservation Award  
Dana Parker - Horticulture Award  
Ellen Sinclair - Floral Design Achievement Award  
Molly III - Club Communication Award

GCA Service Certificates went to: Jean Marie Randolph, Sandra Baylor, Mary Whit Haycox, Ann Overman, Peggy Mordecai, Connie Gregg and Ann Beasley

VBGC Awards: Ann Wright - The Sandra S. Baylor Award  
Mac Houfek - The Dale Award  
Molly Rueger - The Dottie Award

**Mac Houfek, Nominating** installed new officers for 2016-2018:

**Molly III - President; Lou Flowers - Vice President; Ann Crenshaw - Treasurer; Ann Malbon - Ass't Treasurer; Weegee Mantz - Recording Secretary; Katherine Richardson - Corresponding Secretary; Betty Miles - Parliamentarian**

The Gavel was then passed from outgoing to incoming president as was the Garden Club of America Centennial Bowl. Humorous gifts and well wishes were exchanged before the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary