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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2018

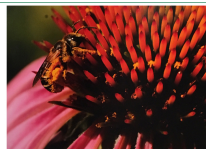
GCA JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
GARDEN CLUB OF NORFOLK  
10:00 NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN, ROSE HALL

SPEAKERS ARE MICHAEL DESPLAINES, DIRECTOR, NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN  
&  
KIMBERLY DECAMP, GCA ZONE VII CHAIR

LUNCH NEEDS TO BE PAID TO ANN MALBON \$27



THANK YOU TO DANA PARKER FOR  
OCTOBER'S PROGRAM ON PHOTOGRAPHY



DANA'S POLLINATOR  
PHOTO ENTRY IN THE  
ROANOKE ZONE SHOW

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE  
HOLIDAY AMARYLLIS BULBS  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FFF



THANK YOU TO  
**JULIE MACKINLAY**  
 2017-2018  
**VBGC AWARD CHAIR**  
 FOR THE NOMINATIONS



THIS WAS THE FIRST  
 "OASIS FREE-  
 FLOWER SHOW"



The GCA Zone VII Meeting  
 in Roanoke  
 "WHAT'S THE BUZZ IN  
 VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE"

### CONSERVATION NEWS FROM AUDREY

In October, Lynda Strickler attended the GCV's 60th Annual Conservation Forum in Charlottesville entitled The Real Dirt on Pesticides: Pollinators Food and our Health. Lynda reported the GCV is encouraging all gardeners to consider organic solutions over pesticides. Pesticides harm pollinators, wildlife, water supply and people. Fresh foods that have been sprayed with pesticides may not have as many health benefits! The conservation tip for fall and winter gardening is something we can all implement. The less-is-more approach is considered environmentally friendly for overwintering pollinators, birds, butterflies, insects and other wildlife. When we strip our gardens bare of leaves, branches and all vegetative matter we destroy these creatures winter habitats and threaten their survival. This fall, instead of "cleaning up" your garden beds, feel good about having a cup of tea and reading another chapter of your book!

### THE VIRGINIA BEACH FUND

*In honor of*  
 Molly Ill  
 & Julie Mackinlay given  
 by Mac Houfek

*In honor of*  
 Dana Parker,  
 with appreciation  
 from VBGC for her wonderful  
 photography program  
 on October 17th

*In memory of*  
 Julian Jacobs, Martha Goodman's father,  
 given by Meg Campbell

*In memory of*  
 Lee Moomaw, given by Mary Whit Haycox

*In memory of*  
 John Munford (Beth's father in law) &  
 Deon Branch (Dee Oliver's father)  
 given by Ann Malbon

ELLEN  
 CAPTURES  
 OUR MEMBERS  
 IN THEIR  
 FALL  
 COLORS

Carrie Goodman,  
 President of the  
 Princess Anne Garden Club  
 with Lou Flowers  
 at GCV Board of  
 Governors in  
 Alexandria October 15

November Judges  
 workshop  
 attendees in Baltimore  
 Martha Goodman  
 Nancy Freeman  
 Dana Parker

Holiday Cocktail Party  
December 8th  
6:00 pm  
The Home of  
Nancy & Steve Freeman  
1400 E. Bay Shore Dr.

\$35/per person  
to Sally Kitchin by  
November 28th  
husbands or special friend  
are welcome

Holiday Coffee  
December 12th  
10:30 am  
The Home  
of Jodie Berndt  
805 Cavalier Drive

## C A L E N D A R

December 8    Holiday Party

December 12    Holiday Coffee

January 15    Flower Arranging Workshop

January 30    GCV Legislative Day  
Richmond, Virginia

### Floral Arranging Workshop

with  
PAM PRUDEN  
January 15, 2019  
PACC - \$45.

**Pam will delight and guide us in creating an Asian inspired  
floral arrangement**

Pam has been a garden club devotee of four separate clubs for decades. She has  
designed professionally at a Governor's Inauguration,  
many weddings and events, Galilee Church and the Chrysler Museum.

For more information,  
contact Alice Koziol  
koziolga@cox.net

The Virginia Beach Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday October 10, 2018  
PACC

Attendance: Active Members - 56 Associates - 11

**President Lou Flowers** called the meeting to order at 10:35AM. Mary Denny delivered the collect. Lou thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to the FFF. Molly Ill reported on the GCV Fall Symposium which was well attended and included a presentation by Meg French. Nancy Freeman worked on horticulture placement. Lou attended the GCA Zone VII meeting in Roanoke with Audrey Parrott as her delegate. Several members were recognized for their showings in Horticulture, Botanical Arts and Flower Design. Two GCA Zone Awards were presented: Donna Eure, Horticulture and Mac Houfek, Civic Improvement.

#### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The September Membership Minutes were approved as presented.
- **Vice President Latane Brown** reported that our next meeting will be jointly convened with the Garden Club of Norfolk on 11/14 (please note the date change). The meeting will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Cost of lunch will be \$27. Please make your check payable to VBGC and get it to Ann Malbon by November 8. Our holiday party will be at Nancy Freeman's house on 12/8. The cost is \$35 per person. Checks should be payable to Sally Kitchen and are due by 11/28.
- **Treasurer Ann Malbon** reported that we have a balance of \$37,377.96.
- **VB Fund Lou Flowers** reported that the Virginia Beach Garden Club Fund has a balance of \$101,214.00.
- **Corresponding Secretary Jane Booth** announced that she has several amaryllis varieties for sale.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** spoke about the Great Healthy Backyard Project and how the use of pesticides in our own yards leads to pollution. The hormone disruptors associated with pesticides lead to many issues that affect our environment. She encouraged anyone who is not already Pearl Home-qualified to get an application from Joan's Booth. She announced that the GCV Conservation Forum will be in Charlottesville on 10/25. The topic is "The Real Dirt on Pesticides."
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** reported that many of our members were recognized at the Fall Symposium. Over a dozen members entered horticulture specimens at our meeting. Kate and Connie (and judges Donna Eure and Kay Shifflett) were thrilled and encouraged members to continue bringing specimens. They are happy to help with grooming and display. The next opportunity to display horticulture will be at the January meeting.
- **Historic Garden Week Donna Haycox** reported that sign-up sheets will be emailed to all members shortly. Mark your calendars for arranging on 4/30 and Tour Day on 5/1.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Demaris Yearick announced that the Council of Garden Clubs will host a fundraiser on Tuesday 11/13 featuring an arranging workshop with David Pippen.
- Anne Crenshaw was recently featured in "Inside Business" magazine.
- Ellen Sinclair was selected to design this year's Neptune Festival Commemorative Poster.
- Meredith Rutter has updated the VBGC website.
- There will be no business meeting in November and it will be limited in December. Members should get anything they want reported to Lou as soon as possible.

Latane introduced Dana Parker who presented "Photography in the GCA - Everything You Need to Know, But Were Afraid to Ask."

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:06pm.

Allison McDuffie