

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
 General Membership Meeting
 Tuesday October 22, 2019
 Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members - 54 Associates - 12

President Lou Flowers called the meeting to order at 10:40AM. Susan Husak offered a collect. The September minutes were approved as submitted. Lou reported that she had attended the Board of Governors meeting at Stratford Hall on 10/15-10/17. She announced that VBGC's selection, the Peter Paul Development Center and Playground Enhancement submitted by the Boxwood Garden Club of Richmond, was awarded the Commonwealth Award. Centennial registration is available online. Alice Koziol reported that the 10/15 arranging workshop was a huge success. The next workshop will be in the spring and she welcomed suggestions for designers. She is also considering a "back to basics" class.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Vice President Latane Brown** noted that the joint meeting will be held at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Wednesday, 11/20 at 10:00am (Please note the time change.) Jean Gilpin will be the speaker. Members who plan to attend can pay \$20 for their lunch on Eventbrite or directly to Beth Munford. Our holiday social will be on Wednesday 12/18 at 4:00pm at the home of Alice Koziol. The club's January meeting will be held on 1/15 at 10:30am at the PACC and we will have a speaker from Norfolk Botanical Gardens.
- **Treasurer Ann Malbon** announced that her financial report is available on Joan's booth.
- **Corresponding Secretary Jane Booth** thanked Karen Woodard for her help on the Ground Cover. There will now be hyperlinks to allow easy access to more in-depth information. If members ordered bulbs they may pick them up today. Jane will offer a potting workshop at her home on 11/3 from 2-4pm. Lou thanked Jane for her hard work and reminded members that proceeds from this project go to the Fall Flower Festival.
- **Fall Flower Festival Katherine Richardson, Meredith Rutter and Holli Wachtmeister** thanked everyone for their hard work and announced a net profit in excess of \$18,000. Lee Trant will co-chair the sale with Holli next year. Please send any suggestions/ideas to Holli. Emily Mills asked members to turn in any receipts this week.
- **Historic Garden Week Donna Haycox** announced that the 2020 tour will take place in the Ubermeer neighborhood of the North End. Our tour will take place on 4/22. Ticket prices will be \$35/in advance and \$45/day of. Please see Kelly Thornton, ticket chair, to purchase. Lunch and headquarters will be at the PACC and there will be shuttle service to the homes. The Painted Garden will take place at Beach Gallery again. Donna reminded members that we will all need to volunteer as arrangers, arranger's helpers, hostesses, etc. Lou thanked Donna for her hard work.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** was absent so Lou announced that the field trip to the Nature Conservancy on 10/24 has been postponed. A new date is TBD. Pearl Home information and applications are available on Joan's booth.
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** thanked members for their exhibits and thanked Kay, Donna and Nancy for judging. She thanked Connie Owen for exhibiting at the Board of Governors meeting. The next opportunity to bring horticulture is the January meeting.
- **Nominations/Admissions Molly Ill** presented the following slate for the 2019-2020 Admissions Committee: Tessa Davis, Dee Oliver, Molly Rueger, Meredith Rutter, and Cheryl Jordan (last year's chair.) The slate was approved by the membership.
- **Awards Kay Shifflett** attended the GCA Scholarship Committee meeting in New York. She thanked members for donating to this worthy cause and noted that there is a link on website.
- **Community Projects Ann Crenshaw** shared that we had approximately \$18,000 to donate this year. The following commitments are due:
 - \$5,000 to Norfolk Botanical Gardens
 - \$10,000 to the Brock Environmental Center for a green roof
 - \$1,000 for our Nature Camper

Please send ideas for the remaining \$2,000 to Ann.

- **Photography Dana Parker** announced that registration for the Photography Show at the Annual Meeting Flower Show opens on 11/1. Please see Dana for further information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Members are asked to fill out interest forms in as much detail as possible.
- Lou asked members who needlepoint to consider making a club ornament for the GCA tree.
- Latane will attend the President's Council in Lou's place. Molly Ill will also attend as Zone 7 Programs Chair.
- PACC's Party in the Park is on 11/2.

Latane introduced Laurie Klingel of Eyre Hall and the meeting was adjourned for the program at 11:25am.

Allison McDuffie
VBGC Recording Secretary