

The Virginia Beach Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday September 16, 2019  
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members - 53 Associates - 13

**President Lou Flowers** called the meeting to order at 10:36AM. Kathy Carter offered a collect. The May minutes were approved as submitted.

Lou wished members "on the mend" well as several are undergoing chemotherapy or surgery. Theresa Kotarides was introduced as our junior representative for the year. Lou thanked Chic Grones-Gall for compiling the yearbook and noted one addition: Molly Ill will be this year's GCA Zone Representative for Programs. She also thanked Karen Woodard and Jane Booth for their work on the Groundcover and Katherine Richardson, Holli Wachtmeister, and Meredith Rutter for their hard work on the Fall Flower Festival. Donna Haycox attended Historic Garden Week bootcamp. Lou and Beth Munford attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Boston. Meg French is on the GCV Centennial committee. The Propagation Workshop at Donna Eure's house was a success. Mac Houfek was a guest on WHRO's "Hearsay with Cathy Lewis" and talked about Coastal Gardens. Connie Owen won two photography awards at the GCA Annual Meeting and has been featured in Focus, GCA's online photography magazine.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Vice President Latane Brown** announced that our October meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10/22. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. Laurie Klingel of Eyre Hall on the Eastern Shore will speak. Our November joint GCV meeting will be held at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Wednesday, 11/20. Members who plan to attend need to RSVP and pay \$20 for lunch to Reilly Warlick no later than 11/13/20. Please make checks out to VBGC.
- **Treasurer Ann Malbon** will collect orders and checks for lunch on FFF set-up day. Her financial report is available on Joan's booth.
- **VBGC Fund Cheryl Jordan** reported a balance of \$104,827. She encouraged members to continue to donate to the fund.
- **Corresponding Secretary Jane Booth** announced that she will pot amaryllis bulbs for sale again this year. Payment can be made at the October meeting and any that are not sold in advance will be available at the November meeting. Proceeds from the sale go to the FFF.
- **Fall Flower Festival Katherine Richardson, Meredith Rutter and Holli Wachtmeister** passed out a schedule for the sale and members were asked to note times that they planned to be away from their station. Members were asked to continue to promote the sale on social media and via email and phone calls. All committee chairmen were thanked for their support of this year's sale.
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** welcomed new members to the Horticulture Committee. She encouraged members to bring in horticulture for the October, January, March and April meetings. The plant exchange will take place in May.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** encouraged members to attend the 10/24 field trip to the Virginia Coast Reserve on the Eastern Shore. The tour will run from 11:30 -1:00 pm. Members wishing to attend can sign up at Joan's booth. Please note the upcoming events: a field trip is planned in April to the Brock Center Rain Garden, Legislative Lobby Day is 1/30/2020, and NALS takes place in Washington, DC 2/23-2/26,2020. Please refer to the Groundcover for an up-to-date list of recyclables that are accepted. We received thank you notes from our Nature Camper and the director of the camp. The club is in the process of applying for a Founders Fund grant to support construction of a Living Wall at the Brock Center.
- **Floral Design Alice Koziol** announced a design workshop on 10/15 led by Mary Carpenter of Baltimore. Workshop fee is \$65. If you wish to sign up and have not done so, see Alice today.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Lou reported that the 2020 GCA Annual Meeting hosted by Zone VII will take place in Asheville, NC. All eighteen clubs will participate. VBGC is responsible for the Boutique. Lynda Strickler, Sandy Burroughs, and Mary Denny are Committee co-chairs and encourage members to volunteer in Asheville if at all possible.
  - Lou noted that members are encouraged to exhibit at the Flower Sale.
  - Beth Munford reported on her trip to the 2019 GCA Annual Meeting in Boston as a delegate. She and Lou had a wonderful time. They found the meeting to be professionally run and interesting. They especially enjoyed the gardens they visited and the women they met from all over the country.
  - Meg French updated members on preparations for the GCV Centennial celebration. She encouraged members to attend 5/12 - 5/14, 2020.
  - Lou plans to attend the President's Council meeting in Kentucky.
- Lou turned the meeting over to Jane Booth and Nancy Freeman who led an "herb challenge."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.