

The Virginia Beach Garden Club  
General Membership Business Meeting  
Wednesday April 17, 2019  
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members - 44   Associates - 7

**President Lou Flowers** called the meeting to order at 10:37AM. Margaret Joyner offered a collect. The March minutes were approved as submitted.

Lou announced that VBGC selected the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve for both the Bessie Bocock Carter GCV Conservation Award and the Founders Fund Award. Anne Crenshaw presented the Community Projects ballot which was approved as proposed. Ann Malbon presented the 2019/2020 budget which was also approved as proposed. Cheryl Jordan announced that the VBGC Fund has a balance of 102,177.66.

Jane Booth announced the following changes in status: Betty Sundin, Carol Temple, Joan Lyon, and JoAnn Peterson are going associate; Wanda Sellers has resigned; and Selby Smith will be an out-of-town member.

Cheryl Jordan introduced the slate of new members. They are Leslie Reid Baker, Frances (Frannie) Lindsay Beasley, Maria Goodman Hillebrandt, Marion Patrick Taylor, Lelia Graham Lewis Webb, and Heyden Kennedy Wittmann.

The membership voted and all nominees were approved for membership. Members who nominated prospective members should deliver letters today. Cheryl will host a new member tea on Thursday 4/25 at 3:00pm. Lou thanked Cheryl and her team for their hard work this year.

#### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Vice President Latane Brown** reminded attendees that the May meeting and plant exchange will take place on 5/15 at Karen Woodard's house. She announced that the first two meetings for next year will be held at the PACC on Wednesday 9/18 and Tuesday 10/22. Lou thanked Latane for a great year of programs.
- **Historic Garden Week Donna Haycox** announced that tour tickets are still available. She thanked all volunteers and encouraged hostesses to park in the lower lot at Galilee Church on tour day. Donna also asked for volunteers to help in the garden at Camp Grom. Date to be determined.
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** thanked everyone for bringing in specimens. She thanked Kay Shifflett, Donna Eure, and Jane Booth for judging. Kate announced that the propagation workshop will be held at Donna's house on Tuesday 6/11. Horticulture Field day is on 5/22-23 in Orange, VA. All members are encouraged to attend. Connie Owen announced that the GCV test collections will now be available for direct purchase. There is more information on the test collections on Joan's Booth and Lou will send an email with instructions for placing orders.
- **Conservation Audrey Parrott** announced that the Zone VII Founders Fund representatives will be in Virginia Beach on 5/30 to look at our roof project at the Brock Center. Audrey encouraged members to visit the GCA website and look at the Conservation Watch. She also asked members to explore the healthy Backyard Pledge. Ann Wright has written a letter to BOEM regarding offshore drilling. Members who are interested may sign the letter on Joan's Booth. Lou thanked Audrey for her initiative on the Founders Fund submission.
- **Fall Flower Festival Katherine Richardson and Holli Wachtmeister** announced that FFF will take place Wednesday 10/2 and Thursday 10/3. Please note date changes and inform your customers. FFF will return to Hall D at the Convention Center. They thanked everyone who has been working over the winter. There will be a hypertufa workshop on 5/28. More information will follow. This year we will concentrate on the "3 P's" of the Pansy Sale:
  1. **Participate.** 100% participation from members
  2. **Presale.** Jodie Berndt and Molly Ill will lead the Presale effort. They passed out sale order forms. Please turn in your orders to Captains by 6/10. Members are challenged to sell two more flats than their total from last year. Please note new items available this year.

3. **Promote.** PJ Barton and Dee Oliver will serve as Publicity Chairs. They asked everyone to follow the sale on social media and share on their own pages across all platforms. They will promote the sale using digital and print resources.
- **Centennial Meg French** will serve as liaison to the Kent Valentine House. The GCV is encouraging clubs around the state to plan for a year of Centennial events. Please refer to the GCV website to see a multitude of events that are planned statewide.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- GCV Annual Meeting will be in Portsmouth 5/7-9. Pam Pruden is our delegate.
- GCA Annual Meeting will be in Boston 5/17-20. Beth Munford is our delegate.
- Lou congratulated Molly Ill for being named GCA Zone VII Representative for Programs.
- GCV test collections are now available for direct purchase.
- Officers and Committee Chairs should update their notebooks and get everything in order for next year. Lou reminded the group that committee chairmanship terms are two years.
- Please send in any changes/updates so they can be incorporated into the yearbook.
- Lou noted that Mary Reid Barrow, a good friend to VBGC, is retiring from The Virginian Pilot.
- GCA scarves are available for purchase. They cost \$135 and there are four styles.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm for lunch.

Allison McDuffie  
VBGC Recording Secretary