

## Virginia Beach Garden Club

### General Membership Meeting

#### Princess Anne Country Club

April 19, 2017

Attendance: Members-70 Luncheon-57

President Molly Ill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Molly welcomed all members and associates. **Molly Ruegar** gave the collect and the March Meeting Minutes stood approved.

**Officer Reports:** **Lou Flowers, Vice President** thanked all for their wonderful contributions to the "Virginia Beach...Naturally" photography show including **Emily Mills** for her contribution of the display grid. The president encouraged all members to enter photographs in **GCA Flower Show**. **Dana Parker** was recognized for recently winning a blue ribbon for her photography entry in the "**L'Orange**" Flower Show presented by the **Garden Club of Palm Beach**. Dana's photograph of Philadelphia's Independence Hall won in the "A Place in Time" Class. **Ann Crenshaw, Treasurer** distributed the **Estimated Budget for 2017-2018 year**. The March expense report was located on Jane's Booth. Total General Funds: \$26,139.34; Total Ways and Means: \$19,966.47; Small Flower Fund: \$1,500; Total Workshops: (\$31.34); Total of all Funds: \$47,574.47. Please turn in expenses to Ann. She noted that the payment has been made to **Camp Grom**. She reminded members to notify the **Meeting Arrangements Chairs** if you will not be attending luncheons. Ann moved that on behalf of the **Finance Committee**, and with approval of the Board that the **2017-2018 Budget for the VBGC** be approved as proposed. Ann spoke to the motion with a summary of the budget. Discussion continued and a vote was taken. The motion carried. Molly thanked the **Meeting Greeters, Wanda Sellers and Pam Pruden**. Molly reminded members to submit payments for missed meeting luncheons. **Ann Malbon, Assistant Treasurer** reported that **FFF** is gearing up for next year. Please submit **HGW** receipts to Ann no later than **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Cheryl Jordan, VBGC Fund** noted contributions to the fund are a wonderful way to honor a member and discussed distribution of the funds. She was pleased to announce that contributions for 2016-2017 were \$1,960. **Katherine Richardson, Corresponding Secretary** reminded members to submit a note to her if they have missed three or more meetings. **Joan Stumborg, HGW** noted that there was an article in the newspaper covering the **HGW**. She thanked everyone for their hard work on the tour. She reported that **Connie Fulton** would be on TV April 20<sup>th</sup> describing the tour. Joan reviewed details of the tour including ticket prices, cookie deliveries, location of homes, parking access and shuttle departures. There will be a **Garden Market** at the PACC this year with 10 vendors who are listed in **Ground Cover**. Hostesses and arrangers who have not been notified of their job assignments are encouraged to contact their committee chairs. **Allison McDuffie, Conservation** announced that there will be a **GC Forum** at **ODU** next Tuesday and that the topic will be **Blue Planet-Climate Change**. Allison noted that the federal government is cutting funding to clean up the bay and encouraged members to reach out in support of **Congressman Scott Taylor**. A link will be sent out to members. **Donna Haycox, Community Projects** thanked the following members of the committee: **Demaris Yearick, Kay Shiflett, Margrit Corcoran, Lee Trant, Ellen Sinclair, Meg Campbell and PJ Barton**. The Proposed Projects were distributed to the members and Donna moved that on behalf of the **Community Projects Committee** and with the approval of the board the **VBGC** approve funds for the **2017-2018 Community Projects**. Donna Haycox spoke to the motion with brief comments noting that the **FFF** provides funds for meaningful projects that go directly back into the community. The **Camp Grom** landscaping will be postponed until the fall, however the hardscaping will be put in place now. Discussion ensued concerning the **VB Education Fund** and the Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation Project. **Ann Crenshaw** noted that there will be a breakfast meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the **PACC** at 9:00. This will be an opportunity for members to meet **Don Lipski**, the artist of the **Public Art Sculpture**. Please contact Ann if you are interested in attending. **Molly Ill** read the motion again and a vote was taken. The motion carried. Appreciation was given to **Donna Haycox** and her committee. **Susan Wynne** read an introduction regarding the proposed new member **Kelly Thornton**. Ballots were distributed to active members and Kelly was voted into the membership. **Audrey Parrott, Meredith Rutter, Latane Brown and Jodie Berndt** presented information about the **FFF** for next year. The set-up day will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> with the sale date being October 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due June 5<sup>th</sup> and may be submitted online or by paper forms. **Susan Gentry** will be providing the **Dale Henderson Primrose** for the sale and **Demaris Yearick** will be offering **Hypertufa** planters. Order forms are available on the website. **Susan Wynne, Second Hand Rose** announced next year's committee and encouraged all to turn in donations to the storage unit. **Nancy Freeman, Horticulture**-Nancy announced important upcoming events: **GCV Field Day** in Gloucester May 31<sup>st</sup>, **GCV Lily Show** in Tappahannock June 22nd, **GCA Annual Meeting** in Baltimore May 4-5 and the **Propagation Workshop** June 7<sup>th</sup>. The **VBGC** received an **honorable mention** for our entry in the **Daffodil Show**. Nancy thanked members who brought in horticulture and encouraged participation in the May plant exchange. Contact **Demaris Yearick** if you are interested in attending the **Council of Garden Club Awards Luncheon**. The **VB Master Gardeners Sale** will be held at the Farmer's Market May 6-7th.

**New Business:** Molly expressed thanks to **Latane Brown** and **Audrey Parrot** for the meeting arrangements. **HGW** tickets and **Daffodil Sale** info is on **Jane's Booth**. The **JVBGC Flower Sale** is today at Galilee from 10-3. The **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** will hold a reception on May 9th at the Brock Center at 5:00. All members are welcome. Please RSVP. An update sheet for the yearbook will be circulated at the next meeting. Please notify **Chic GronesGall** of any changes for the yearbook. **Alice Koziol, PJ Barton** and **Beth Munford** were commended for their leadership roles as new members. **Claire Cassada, Mary's Garden** noted that **Calladium Sale** information is on **Jane's Booth**. **Pat Procter** sent a thank you note to the club for last month's joint meeting and a donation was made in honor of the **VBGC** to the **GCV**. The next meeting will be held at home of **Sally Kitchin** on May 10th.

Members enjoyed popcorn while watching a beautiful year end slide presentation provided by **Karen Woodard, Historian**. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for the luncheon.

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary

