

The Virginia Beach Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting with VBJGC  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
Galilee Episcopal Church

Attendance: Active Members-62 Associates Members-10

The meeting was called to order by President Molly III at 10:02. Molly welcomed all including our speaker, Mark Weathington. She announced that the Junior Club will be joining us following their meeting. The collect was read by Sally Kitchin and the January Minutes stood approved.

#### **Club News**

Our **President Molly III** welcomed a new baby granddaughter, Molly Bealle. Betsy Agelasto's father passed away, as well as Karen Woodard's father. Laverne Crown's father also passed away.

**GCA Founders Fund-** Ballots were distributed. Betty Miles read the finalists for the **2018 GCA Founders Fund Award**. They included Roots Rising, proposed by the Lenox GC; Dunbar Garden Kitchen proposed by the Little Rock GC and A Therapeutic Garden proposed by the Kenilworth GC. A vote was taken. The President noted that ballots vote will be taken online in the future.

#### **Officer and Committee Reports**

**Vice President, Lou Flowers** reminded us that the next meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the New Cavalier Hotel at 10:30. Lunch will be \$30 to be paid at the meeting. **Treasurer, Ann Crenshaw**-the financial report is on Jane's Booth and dues should be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>. The financials stood as follows: General Funds: \$57,928.63; Ways and Means: \$9,869.94; Small Flower Show Fund: \$1,500 for a total balance of \$69,298.57. **Assistant Treasurer, Ann Malbon** reminded the members she is collecting \$40 for the **HGW tickets**. **Corresponding Secretary, Katherine Richardson** was thanked for the Ground Cover. Any **changes in membership status** need to be mailed or emailed to Katherine by February 28<sup>th</sup>. **Admissions Committee, Emily Mills**-applications for new member proposals are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. The applications are located in the back of the yearbook. The requirements for candidates were reviewed. **Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Denny** presented the **Slate of Officers for 2018-2020** as follows: **President, Lou Flowers; Vice President, Latane Brown; Recording Secretary, Allison McDuffie; Corresponding Secretary, Jane Booth; Treasurer, Ann Malbon; Assistant Treasurer, Emily Mills**. A vote will be taken in April. The **Flower Arranging Workshop** is Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit checks for \$40 to Becky Mason. **Aquarium, Wanda Sellers**- the weeding schedule and sign up sheet is on Jane's Booth. **Horticulture, Nancy Freeman** invited all to sign up for the **Horticulture Seed Workshop** on March 14<sup>th</sup> at her home. The sign up sheet is on Jane's Booth. **GCV** is looking for volunteers to help with **Daffodil Day, March 27 and 28**. The **GCV Centennial Daffodil** is the **Green Arrow. Council of Garden Clubs, Demaris Yearick** announced there will be a container garden workshop presented by Robert McDuffy on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$10. See Demaris for details. **VBJGC Fund, Cheryl Jordan**-Balance \$103,159.00. **The Juniors were welcomed to the meeting. JVBGC Flower Sale, President Leslie Cutchins** thanked all who have ordered flowers from the Juniors. The Flower Sale will be in a new location this year, the Vibe District of Virginia Beach. Some proceeds from the sale will go to the Nature Trail at Camp Grom. **HGW, Joan Stumborg**-the brochures and guidebooks are in. **Lee Trant** is in charge of the **Signup Genius** which will be available March 1<sup>st</sup> online. Free tree seedlings will be handed out by Bartlett Tree during the tour. Please carpool to the event. **Meredith Rutter** is in need of more hostesses for the homes. **Conservation, Allison McDuffie** attended **Lobby Day** along with Lynda Strickler and Ann Wright. They met with lawmakers concerning the Off Shore Drilling Issue. Allison circulated a letter opposing Off Shore Drilling along with a signature sheet for members to sign if interested. The letter and signatures will be sent to the Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior. The **Sunday Virginian Pilot** will feature an article about recycling. The **Nature Camper** this year will be Molly Teague.

#### **Announcements**

**Dana Parker** announced that the Norfolk Botanical Gardens will be holding a Gala Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> featuring **Lantern Asia**. The tickets are \$100 and it will be a great event for the 80 year old gardens! Please contact Dana if you are interested.

**Julie MacKinlay**-the New Cavalier Hotel will be hosting tours daily from 9-4 until the hotel opens in early March. **Southern Living Magazine** featured an article about the **Daffodil Show**. Molly III thanked the Head Hostesses Betsy Cromwell, Julie MacKinlay and hostesses Tess Duquette, Betsy Agelasto, Mary Denny, Ann Malbon, Becky Mason, Joan Stumborg, Susan Gentry, Sandra Baylor, Ann S. Wright, Sarah Creech, Kelly Schrott, Laura Rixey and Nicole Legum.

**Lou Flowers** introduced our program speaker, Mark Weathington, Director of the J. C. Ralston Arboretum who presented **"Gardening in the South."**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 for the luncheon.  
Recording Secretary, Weegee Mantz

