

The Virginia Beach Garden Club

Joint Meeting with the JVBGC

February 15, 2017

Galilee Church

Attendance: 70 Luncheon: 55

President Molly III called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The collect was then given by **Dee Oliver**. Molly welcomed all to the meeting, including our speaker Patty Hankins, associates and guests. The January minutes stood approved.

Betty Miles read the three proposals for the **GCA Founders Fund Award**: 1) **Project Dogwood: Staunton's Tradition Reborn** proposed by the Augusta Garden Club, Zone VII; 2) **Bee Healthy Garden at Greater Milwaukee's Camp Whitcomb Mason** proposed by the Kettle Moraine Garden Club, Zone XI; 3) **Moon Terrace Learning Lab at The Santa Fe Botanical Garden** proposed by the Santa Fe Garden Club, Zone XII. A vote was taken.

Officer Reports: Lou Flowers, VP announced that next month's meeting will be held on March 15th. The PAGC has been invited to join us for the program with Tony Avent. The program will be open to member's guests and Juniors. **Ann Crenshaw, Treasurer** announced that dues should be submitted by the end of the month. The Budget for next year will be presented soon. The Treasurer's report is available on Jane's Booth. General Funds: \$22,482.52; Ways and Means: \$29,966.47; GCV Fund: \$496.28; Small Flower Fund: \$1,500; Horticulture Speaker Fund: \$1,500 for a total balance of \$55,945.27. **Katherine Richardson, Corresponding Secretary** noted that Susan Wynne and the **Admissions Committee** are seeking proposals for new members. The deadline for these applications is March 15th. **Nancy Freeman, Horticulture** announced that the **Seed Workshop** will be held at her home March 7th at 10:00. The **GCA Freeman Medal** was presented this year to the **Magnolia ashei**, a native plant of Florida. Information concerning the winner of the **Freeman Medal** is noted in this month's **Ground Cover**. The new **Garden Delight** section of the **Ground Cover** features the following members this month: **Kathy Carter, Julie MacKinlay** and **Susan Gentry**. **Allison McDuffie, Conservation** expressed appreciation to those who participated in the **Ecycle Day**. **Allison McDuffie, Betsy Agelasto, Ann Wright** and **Kay Shiflett** attended the **Conservation Lobby Day** in Richmond. **Betsy Agelasto** has compiled a list of legislators' email addresses, phone numbers, etc. The information may be used to contact legislators regarding conservation issues and is published on the GCV website. **Joan Stumborg, HGW** announced that the **Sign-up Genius** for distribution of brochures will be available in March. Members are encouraged to sign up to be hostesses or arrangers for **HGW**. The **PAGC** is seeking more gentlemen to help monitor the walkways.

Announcements: The **Flower Arranging Workshop** is sold out at this time, however, there is a waitlist on **Jane's Booth**. Molly thanked **Pam Pruden, Nancy Freeman** and their committee for the luncheon. **Michelle Adams, President** of the **JVBGC** and their members were welcomed to the meeting. We all enjoyed the interesting facts Molly shared about the history of the **JVBGC**.

Lou Flowers introduced our program speaker, **Patty Hankins** who presented "**Smart Garden Photography with a Smart Phone.**"

GCA Founders Fund Nominee Project Dogwood was announced as the winner of the VBGC vote. **Tina Minter** sends many thanks for all of the cards and well wishes. **Dana Parker** reminded us of the upcoming **GCV Daffodil Show** in April. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 for the luncheon.

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary