

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2018
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members-49 Associates-6 Luncheon-43

The meeting was called to order by President Molly III at 10:30 a.m. Molly welcomed all to the meeting including our speaker Brent James. The collect was read by Martha Goodman and the December minutes stood approved.

Club News

Becky Mason welcomed a new grandson, Hunter Cooke. Meg Campbell is recovering from a fall. Margaret Joyner's 98 year old mother, Sarah Bowers of NC passed away.

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer, Ann Crenshaw- dues should be submitted by the end of February. The financial report is on Jane's Booth and the report stood as follows: General Funds: \$21,947.30; Ways and Means: \$16,294.94; Small Flower Show Fund: \$1,500 for a total balance of \$30,742.24. **Corresponding Secretary, Katherine Richardson-**Molly thanked Katherine for the **Ground Cover** and announced that any **changes in membership status** need to be mailed or emailed to Katherine by **February 28th**. **HGW, Joan Stumborg** and her committee have been busy planning for the HGW. Signup sheets for arranging, hostessing and cookies are on Jane's Booth. **Community Projects, Donna Haycox** thanked her committee and noted that the committee is looking for new ideas for community projects. She reviewed the current community projects. They include The VB Education Foundation, Mary's Garden, Adam Keeling Meadow, The Brock Center Rain Garden, The Sculpture on the Lesner Bridge and the Camp Grom Arbor. **Photography, Dana Parker-**the president recognized Dana for her position as **Photography Zone Chair**. Members are encouraged to visit the photography section of the **GCA** website and enter the photography shows. There will be a photography 101 workshop in September. **Lou Flowers and Dana Parker** are planning a cell phone photo show in May for the membership. **Council of Garden Clubs, Demaris Yearick** reminded us that the VB Convention Center is accepting horticulture entries for the upcoming show. **Conservation, Allison McDuffie-**Concerning the collection of unused and expired medications, please remember to remove all personal identification from prescription bottles and submit medications in a separate container. The **E-cycling Event** will be held at the Aquarium on January 27th. Check the website for more information. The **GCV Conservation Lobby Day** will be held January 22nd. The Brock Center will be collecting cardboard for their new garden. Allison attended the seminar, "**How is Virginia Beach Planning for Sea Level Rise**" and shared information she learned with the club. Allison encouraged members to voice their opinions to the **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management** concerning Off-Shore Drilling. **Horticulture, Nancy Freeman-** The **NGC Standard Flower Show and the VA Flower and Garden Show** will be held at the VB Convention Center January 26-27. Information flyers are available on Jane's Booth. Nancy invited members to visit the wonderful winter garden at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. She thanked those who brought in horticulture for the meeting and encouraged everyone to continue to check their gardens for specimens to bring in to the club horticulture shows. Please continue to bring in horticulture. **Admissions Chair, Emily Mills-** Emily and the committee are accepting new member proposals. Completed applications must be submitted to Emily by March 15th. **JVBGC, Laura Kraus** reminded us that order forms are available for the Annual Flower Sale and they are offering a 10% early bird special. **Aquarium Weeding, Wanda Sellers-** a signup sheet is on Jane's Booth.

Announcements:

A signup sheet is on Jane's Booth for the March 20th **Flower Arranging Workshop** presented by Lynda Briggs and Molly Rueger. Contact Becky Mason for more information. For those who have not filled out an **Interest Form**, please go to Jane's Booth. Kay Shiflett is recognized on page 51 of the **GCA Winter Bulletin**. The **2018 Founder's Fund Finalists** are listed in the GCA Bulletin as well and a vote will be taken at the February meeting. The **Garden Club of Norfolk** presents **Laura Dowling, Flowers in the White House Style** on February 1st at NYCC. See the **Ground Cover** for more information. The president reminded us that the February meeting with the Junior Club is on a Tuesday.

Lou Flowers introduced our program speaker, **Brent James, Oyster Restoration Coordinator with Lynnhaven River Now**.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 for the luncheon.

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Recording Secretary