

## The Virginia Beach Garden Club

### General Membership Meeting

January 18, 2017

Princess Anne Country Club

Meeting Attendance: 58 Luncheon: 45

President Molly Ill called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Molly welcomed all to the meeting and the collect was then given by Mac Houfek. In membership news, Betsy Agelasto and Betty Sundin welcomed new grandbabies. The December minutes stood approved.

**Officer Reports:** **Lou Flowers, VP** reviewed the programs for the second half of the year. Lou was excited to announce that the club will hold a **Members Photography Exhibition, "Virginia Beach ...Naturally"** in April. She reviewed guidelines for photography and encouraged everyone to submit photos that portray the natural beauty of Virginia Beach rather than local landmarks. **Ann Crenshaw, Treasurer** announced that the financial statements for the last two months are on Jane's Booth as well as an envelope to collect next year's dues. General Funds: \$16,080.08; 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 \$49,542.83. The final date to submit dues is February 28<sup>th</sup>. **Katherine Richardson, Corresponding Secretary** announced that **new member proposals** should be submitted to **Susan Wynne** and the Admissions Committee by March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Member change of status** is due February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:** **Leslie Cutchins, JVBGC** reviewed information on their upcoming **Flower Sale** April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Junior Club will offer over 105 varieties of plants and they will be available to order online until February 24<sup>th</sup>. **Allison McDuffie, Conservation** noted that the **E-cycle Day** will take place Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Aquarium. **GCV Legislative Day** is set to be held in Richmond on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Allison encouraged members to visit the **GCV Conservation** website to read the list of issues that will be discussed. **Tina Minter** announced that our new **Nature Camper** is **Ava Dodson** and read the wonderful letter the Ava wrote. **Joan Stumborg, HGW** thanked all of those who have signed up to help with **HGW**. The **Sign-Up Genius** for distribution of flyers will be available online Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The flyers may be picked up in **Emily Mill's** garage. Joan will be attending the **GCV District 6 Meeting for HGW** in Smithfield. **Demaris Yearick** was thanked for her help with the holiday decorations at the **Francis Land House**. **Nancy Freeman, Horticulture** thanked all for their entries. Every entry was recognized. Handouts on forcing bulbs and branches are available on **Jane's Booth**. **Horticulture Field Day** will be held in Gloucester May 31- June 1. Online registration will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:** **The Flower Garden Expo and the Tidewater District Flower Show** will be held at the Convention Center January 27-28. Horticulture entries are welcome. For more information contact **Demaris**. **Cheryl Jordan** reminded members to contribute to the **VBGC Fund**. Molly encouraged members to pass along any suggestions to **Donna Haycox** for **Community Projects**. **Becky Mason** noted that there is a sign-up sheet on **Jane's Booth** for the March 14<sup>th</sup> **Flower Arranging Workshop, "Arranging Crescents"** presented by **Alice Koziol**. Molly announced that the **2017 Founder's Fund** finalists are posted in the **GCA Winter Bulletin**. The finalists will be voted on at the February meeting.

Lou Flowers introduced our program speaker, **Gerry Smith** who presented **"The Art of Ikebana: An Overview."**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for the luncheon.

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary