

Virginia Beach Garden Club

Business Meeting

Home of Sally Kitchin

May 10, 2017

President Molly Ill called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Molly thanked Sally Kitchin for hosting the meeting and Emily Mills read the collect. New member Kelly Thornton was introduced and welcomed to the club. The April minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports and Committee Reports:** **Joan Stumborg, HGW** thanked everyone for their help and announced that the tour was a great success. Joan expressed appreciation to all of the chairs including Connie Fulton and Anne Lanning of **PAGC**. She also thanked the gentlemen for all of their help and noted that guests particularly enjoyed “strolling” to each home this year via the walkways. The total amount raised for **GCV** was \$32,000 and there were over 1,500 guests in attendance. **Lou Flowers, Vice President** noted that next year’s first meeting will be held at the Virginia Aquarium on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will include a tour of the wildflower garden. Molly will email the full calendar later this summer. **Ann Crenshaw, Treasurer**- General Funds: \$24,130.72; Total Ways and Means: \$19,966.47; Total Workshops (\$31.43); Total of all Funds: \$44,065.85. **Cheryl Jordan, VBGC Fund** encouraged members to contribute and announced that the fund now stands at \$92,000. **Katherine Richardson, Corresponding Secretary** requested that members report to her any garden club activities they participate in this summer so that they can be added to the Ground Cover. **Allison McDuffie, Conservation** reported that the collection of recycled material will be expanded to include items marked 1-7. Clam shells will now be accepted as well. **Nancy Freeman, Horticulture** announced ribbon winners at the **GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show**. Nancy Freeman was recognized for winning the **Novice Blue Ribbon Award**. **Jane Booth** received a blue ribbon in the Botanical Arts division. **Dana Parker** and **Connie Owen** submitted photographs. The **Propagation Workshop** is set for 10:00 on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Donna Eure**. Please bring cuttings for forsythe pots. Home Depot and Lowes have sold some plants that were treated with a chemical that is lethyl to pollinators. Please check the labels of your purchases and destroy any plants that have been treated. **Kate Michaels** attended the annual **GCA** meeting in Baltimore as a delegate. Her report is in the **Ground Cover**. A tally of the club horticulture awards for the year was announced and **Susan Husak** received the most blue ribbons. **Tina Minter** encouraged members to support the Chesapeake Bay and noted that the number to call for support is on the website. The **FFF** order forms are due back to your team captains by June 5<sup>th</sup>. **Dana Parker, flower arranging** announced the **GCV Lily Show** is in Tappanhannock on **June 22**. Please contact **Pam Pruden** if you have any lilies in your garden that the committee may use. There will be a meeting of the Lily committee May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00. The **GCV Fall Symposium** will be held in Richmond September 26-27. There will be a flower show and speakers. Members are encouraged to attend. Molly announced that anyone interested in attending the **Council of Garden Clubs Awards Luncheon** on June 7<sup>th</sup> to please see **Demaris Yearick**. **Daffodil Collections** are available from **Connie Owen**. Information is available on the **GCV** website. **Chic Gronsgall** reminded everyone to update their information for next year’s yearbook.

This year’s awards were presented by Award’s Chair, **Julie Mackinlay**.

**GCA Awards:** Horticulture Award- Lynda Strickler  
Club Appreciation Award- Tina Minter  
Civic Improvement Commendation- Mary Lee Barrow  
**GCV Awards:** Horticulture Award of Merit- Kay Shiflett  
**VBGC Awards:** The Dale Award- Meg French  
The Dotty Award- Dana Parker  
The Sandra S Baylor Award-Susan Wynne

**Announcements:** The president thanked **Sally Kitchin** for opening her lovely home. She also thanked the head hostesses and their committee. **Susan Wynne, Second Hand Rose** reminded members that collection of items will begin in August. At the **GCA** annual meeting in Baltimore the **Founder’s Fund Award** was given to the **Bee Healthy Garden in Milwaukee**. **Kay Shiflett** was recognized for receiving the **GCV Horticulture Award of Merit** and the new **GCA President, Dede Petri** was installed. **Molly Ill** and **Latane Brown** will be attending the **GCV** annual meeting in Fredericksburg. **Ellen Sinclair** announced there will be an Art Show to support **LRN** in the Vibe District this weekend. **Mac Houfek** announced that Norfolk Botanical Gardens will be selling plants this weekend. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:23 a.m.

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary

