

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 19, 2018
JT's Camp Grom

Attendance: Active Members - 48 Associates - 7

President Lou Flowers called the meeting to order at 10:35AM. Tessa Davis delivered the collect. Andrew Yancey, Chairman of the Virginia Gentlemen Foundation, gave an insightful presentation about the development of Camp Grom and its ongoing mission to serve wounded veterans, children and others with disabilities as well as their families. Lou welcomed our new members Joan Berlin, Susan Gill, Joan Wagner, Elizabeth Ware, Jenny Ware and our Junior Club representative Katie Wynne. PJ Barton, Reilly Warlick and Latane Brown were thanked for making the arrangements for the meeting. Lou noted that we have a yearbook change. Molly Ill will serve on the Board as Immediate Past President. Lou attended the GCV annual meeting in Martinsville on May 15-16 with Alice Koziol as delegate.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The May Membership Minutes were approved as presented.
- **Vice President Latane Brown** announced meeting specifics for October and November.
- **VB Fund Cheryl Jordan** reported on the VBGC fund which currently has a balance in excess of \$101,000.
- **Hospitality Joan Stumborg** pointed out that you can still drop your recyclables as well as sign up for flower purchases and other Garden Club events at Joan's Booth.
- **FFF Chairs Katherine Richardson and Meredith Rutter** updated members on preparations for the FFF with a date change to October 1 and 2. Members may pick up at 3pm on Tuesday. Members were encouraged to follow @VBGCFallFlowerFestival on Instagram and be on the lookout for communications from committee chairs. Katherine thanked the leadership team.
- **Conservation Allison McDuffie** (standing in for Audrey Parrott) reported that our nominee, Maurice Cullen, won the Garden Club of America (GCA) Joan Abernathy Hull Award which recognizes people who have made a tremendous impact on educating young people about our natural world. She announced that our 2018 Nature Camper was Molly Teague who enjoyed two weeks of camp in July. She also announced the following dates:
 - E-cycling at the Virginia Aquarium 9/29 (9AM-12PM)
 - GCV Fall Symposium, Richmond, VA 9/25-26
 - GCV Conservation Forum, Charlottesville 10/25
- **Horticulture Kate Michaels** encouraged members to attend the GCV Symposium and reported on the success of the propagation workshop in June. 16 members met at Donna Eure's house and learned about making Forsythe pots. There is a story on the GCA website and it was also featured on a storyboard at the Shirley Meneice Conference in Pennsylvania. Nancy Freeman was unable to attend because of Hurricane Florence, but we will be represented through our propagation workshop. Mountain Mint is the GCA plant of the year.
- **Test Collections Demaris Yearick** has order forms on Joan's Booth for the GCV Lily Collection. Connie Owen announced the centennial daffodil and noted that they will be delivered at the October meeting to those who ordered.
- **Community Projects Ann Crenshaw** reported that "Canoes" is installed and encouraged members to get an up-close look at this public art project that we supported. All commitments for 2018/2019 have been paid except for our 2019 Nature Camper.
- **Floral Design Alice Koziol** announced two upcoming workshops - January 15 with Pam Pruden and March 19 with Molly Trapani.
- **Historic Garden Week Donna Haycox** reported that the GCV statewide 2018 Tour had a net profit of over \$636,000. This year's tour will be homes and gardens at the Cavalier Residences. Donna thanked all of her committee chairs and head hostesses and arrangers.

NEW BUSINESS

- Our club chose "Dream a Different Future" submitted by the Elizabeth River Garden Club for the Commonwealth Award.
 - The GCA Zone 7 Annual Meeting will be in Roanoke October 9-11.
 - Lou thanked Molly for her service for the past two years not only in her role as President, but also in her behind the scenes work to clean out years of files, pictures, etc.
 - Meg French shared her thoughts on our reflection garden at Camp Grom and the ways it will benefit visitors.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:06PM for lunch and a tour of the Reflection Garden.

Allison McDuffie

VBGC Recording Secretary