

## The Virginia Beach Garden Club

### **General Membership Meeting**

**January 21, 2015**

### **The Princess Anne Country Club**

Vice-President Molly Ill called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m. presiding for Lynda Strickler. After the collect was given by Meredith Rutter, the Vice-President welcomed members, associates, our speaker, Debbie Oliver, and Allison Grant from The Virginia Beach Junior Garden Club to the first meeting of the New Year. The December meeting minutes stood approved.

Junior Club member, Allison Grant promoted her club's spring flower sale to be held April 15 at Galilee Episcopal. Exciting new vendors and a wide array of spring annuals and perennials were described. Allison also reported that their new website was easy to navigate to view product pictures and place orders for the sale.

### **Officer Reports**

**Joan Lyons, Treasurer** – Joan announced that the balance stood at \$36,632.99 in the General Fund, down \$48.06 from last month. A call for the payment of dues was also made.

### **Committee Reports**

**Betsy Cromwell, Conservation** – Betsy reminded the club that 9V batteries need to be taped at the terminals, even when dead, because of the possibility of explosion and that there will be a computer and electronics drop off at the Aquarium January 24. Tina Minter will attend the GCA NAL (National Affairs and Legislation) Conference in Washington D.C. as well as the GCV Legislative Day in Richmond on January 27. Ethan Sorrell will be sponsored as Nature Camper in Lexington, VA this summer.

**Donna Haycox, Horticulture** – Horticulture was displayed prior to today's meeting. The following members were recognized for their work: Donna Haycox (1 blue, 2 red, 1 yellow, 1 white); Susan Husak (1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 white); Nancy Freeman (1 blue); Ellen Sinclair (1 red). Donna added that she will provide horticulture judging tips before the 2015 Zone VII meeting in VB.

**Demaris Yearick, Community Projects** – Demaris requested suggestions for community projects. Demaris also encouraged attendance at the March 11 meeting of the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs with floral designer, David Pippin. **Kay Shiflett, Scholarships** – Kay announced the availability of the \$2,000 GCA Clara Carter Higgins Summer Scholarship open to college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for self-designed research programs. **Joan Stumborg, Wildflower Gardening** – Joan encouraged signing up for an hour's worth of weeding and trimming at the Aquarium wildflower garden. **Emily Mills, HGW** – The Club was reminded that our HGW tour would be April 22 and that we were still in need of one head hostess, one head arranger plus additional arrangers.

Molly Ill reminded the club that proposals for new members need to be given to Jude Kelly, Admissions Chair, by March 15 and that requests for changes in status should be sent to Latane Brown, Corresponding Secretary, by February 28. The club was encouraged to review the by-laws carefully regarding these matters. Additionally, membership was reminded to contact Margaret Joyner, Awards Chair, with suggestions for Club Awards, as soon as possible. Molly asked associate, Sandra Baylor, to discuss The GCA Bulletin. Sandra proceeded to promote the excellent articles, notations, photography and design of the publication encouraging all members to read it regularly and thoroughly. Club members enjoyed being reminded of the Sandra Baylor Novice Floral Design Award, this year presented to Kathy McCullough, Kanawha Garden Club, at the 2014 GCA Zone VII meeting. Also noted was The Creative Leadership Award, given to Mary Denny and the Conservation Award which went to Betsy Agelasto. The program returned to Molly Ill who advised members to read the Founder's Fund Finalist information in the GCA Bulletin for a vote at the February meeting. This next meeting is to be a joint one with the junior club at Galilee Episcopal Church where beekeeper, Pamela Fisher, will speak. It was also noted that there was an error in the directory and that any other errors should be brought to the attention of the President, Lynda Strickler. Thanks was given to Weegee Mantz and Wanda Sellers for organizing the lunch to follow. Mary Denny then introduced the morning's speaker, Debbie Oliver, a member of the Cincinnati Town and Country Garden Club and GCA Floral Design Judge who presented an enjoyable program on Botanical Arts.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:55a.m.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary