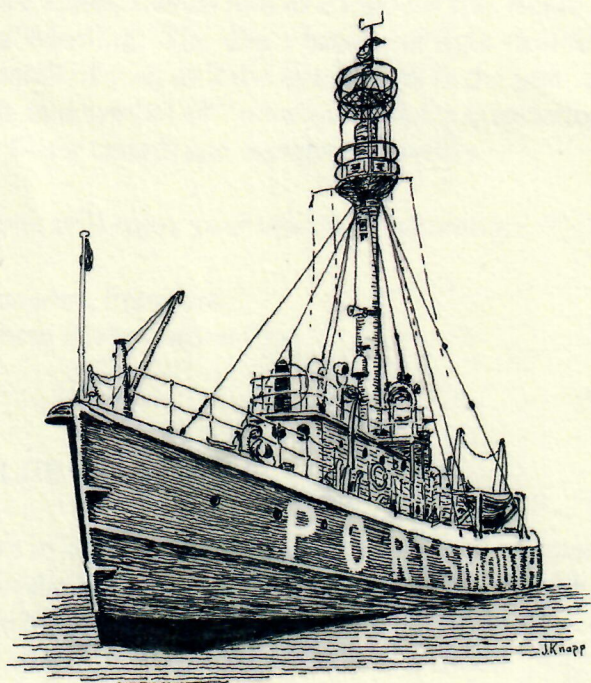


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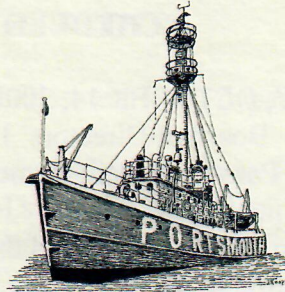
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

**October 14, 15, 16, 2008
Portsmouth, Virginia**



The Elizabeth River Garden Club

WELCOME



Greetings to all of you from The Elizabeth River Garden Club. We are so pleased to have you visiting our city. It is our honor and pleasure to host the 89th Garden Club of Virginia Board of Governors' Meeting.

The Lightship PORTSMOUTH, located next to the Renaissance Hotel, was chosen as a logo for this Board of Governors' Meeting. The ship's beacon of light expresses our welcome to all of you, as it did to mariners in the past, and the ship stands as a symbol of Portsmouth's long association with the Navy, the Coast Guard, and maritime activities.

We hope you will enjoy your visit to Portsmouth.

Sharon Knowles, President
The Elizabeth River Garden Club

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"My Father in heaven, help me never to forget Thy love to me. It comes with the light of the morning and it remains with the light of the stars of the night. It looks up at me in the beauty of the flower. It shines upon me in the smile of a friend. All beautiful things are the gift of Thy love. Help me to be thankful and to link every beautiful thing with Thee. Amen."

John Henry Jowett

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

12:30 p.m. Board of Directors' Luncheon and Meeting
Pam Kloeppel's home, Swimming Point

1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration at the Hotel Renaissance,
downtown waterfront

1:30 p.m. Optional walking tours, meet at front entrance to hotel:

1. Olde Towne with Col. Crawford, a founder of Portsmouth, played by Eric Price in period costume.
2. Steeple to Steeple Tour of historic Olde Towne churches with Dean Burgess, a local historian.

5:30 p.m. Dutch Treat Cocktails, Dinner Cruise and Tour on the "Carrie B". Princess Elizabeth, Robin Dunbar of the Elizabeth River Project, will be our tour guide. Rubber soles recommended. Meet at front of hotel to walk to the tour boat.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008

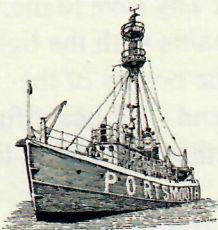
6:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the hotel at the delegate's expense.

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Speaker: Randi Strutton, a founder and Executive Director of the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve

12:15-2:00 p.m. Luncheon in homes of club members in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Meet at front entrance to hotel.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:00-4:00 p.m. After Lunch Activities, tours will depart from your luncheon site:

1. Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve Tour given by Randi Strutton, an Elizabeth Cabell-Dugdale Award Recipient.
2. Guided Walking Tour of Olde Towne by Col. Crawford, including a visit to the 1846 Courthouse Courtyard, a GCV Restoration, for refreshments.
3. Steeple to Steeple Tour of historic downtown churches with local historian Dean Burgess, including a visit to the 1846 Courthouse Courtyard for refreshments.

6:15 p.m. Meet at front of hotel to walk in groups to the Sports Hall of Fame.

6:30 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner

The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, Downtown Portsmouth, an interactive museum, is a short three-and-a-half block walk from the hotel.

Dress: Cocktail attire and walking shoes—sandals, dressed-up tennis shoes, etc. Be creative!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the hotel at delegate's expense.

8:30-12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Round Table Discussions

12:00 p.m. Box lunch hosted by the Nansemond River Garden Club at The Patriot Inn, corner of North and Crawford Streets, a short block from the hotel.

Departure



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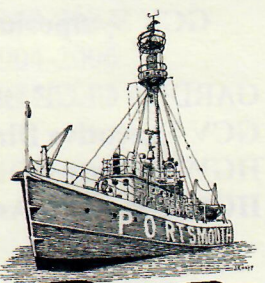
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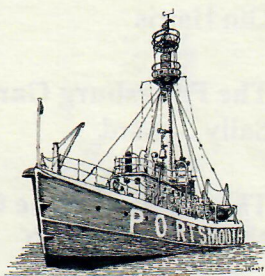
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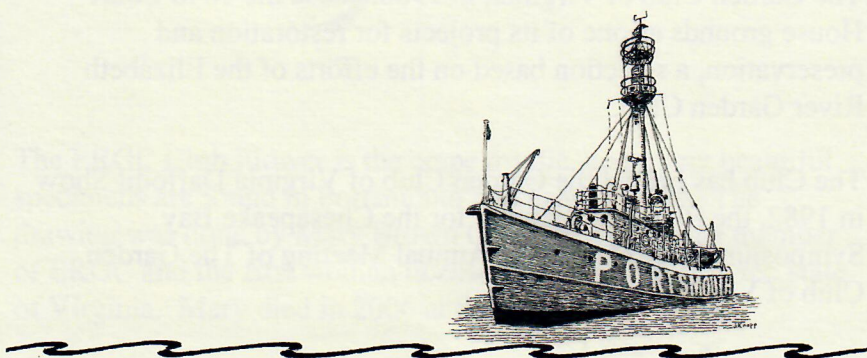
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ELIZABETH RIVER GARDEN CLUB

The Elizabeth River Garden Club was formally organized on April 7, 1927. Approximately thirty women from downtown Portsmouth formed the nucleus for the Club, the purpose of which was to contribute to and aid in the beautification of the city.

The creation of Portsmouth's first downtown public park, Swimming Point Park, was the Club's first project, followed by a large tree planting effort which consisted of 261 pin oaks being planted along the city's main arteries.

Two very early interests of the Club are being carried on today. As early as 1938 the Club was fighting the erection of unsightly billboards, and in 1948 a sundial was placed in the 1846 Court House lawn in memory of those who gave their lives in World War II. 1952 saw the start of the Azalea Gardens in City Park. This was a project of continuing interest until 1964 when the area was incorporated into the city's Friendship Garden.

In May of 1975, the Club became the forty-fifth member of The Garden Club of Virginia and presented its first home tour as part of Historic Garden Week.

The Garden Club of Virginia, in 1980, chose the 1846 Court House grounds as one of its projects for restoration and preservation, a selection based on the efforts of the Elizabeth River Garden Club.

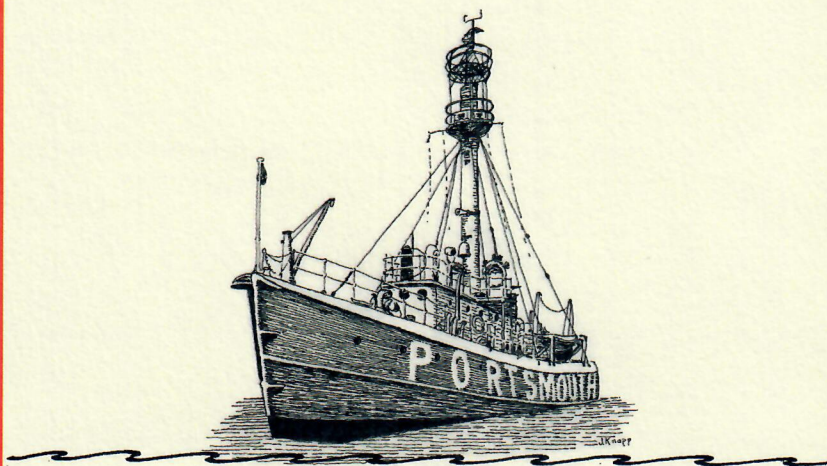
The Club has hosted the Garden Club of Virginia Daffodil Show in 1982, the Regional Meeting for the Chesapeake Bay Symposium in 1984, and the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Virginia in 1993.

In 1991, members produced and published a guidebook titled Styles of Flower Arranging—A Primer. A second volume, Styles of Flower Arranging—Contemporary Designs, was published in 2006.

In June 2002, at a luncheon and annual meeting held at the new Renaissance Hotel in Olde Towne Portsmouth, the Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. In honor of the occasion, donations were made to the Elizabeth River Project, the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Refuge, and the Portsmouth Museums Foundation for landscaping of the Fresnel Lens Pavilion on the downtown waterfront.



The ERGC Club Flower is the crape myrtle, and many beautiful specimens are found in Portsmouth and nearby areas. The drawing was done by Mary Brown Channel, a longtime member of ERGC and the first woman licensed as an architect in the state of Virginia. Mary died in 2006 at the age of 98.



The Lightship PORTSMOUTH

Built in 1915, the Lightship PORTSMOUTH served for 48 years off the coasts of Virginia, Delaware and Massachusetts, guiding mariners safely into harbors at night. She was retired to Portsmouth in 1964 and renamed for her new site according to lightship naming customs. The PORTSMOUTH was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989 and now serves as a museum, interpreting the lightship service and the life of the crew who served aboard for months at a time.