

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER CLUB:

## *The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula*



The Garden Club of Virginia has blossomed with the addition of our 47th member club, the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula. Dootsie Wilbur (Mrs. William N. Wilbur), GCV

Admissions Committee Chairman, announced at the 1997 Annual Meeting that, after a two-year study, the Admissions Committee had enthusiastically recommended the approval of our newest member club. The proposal for membership was submitted by The Garden Club of the Northern Neck and seconded by the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club. In May the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula was unanimously approved for membership and invited to join The Garden Club of Virginia. In a letter to club presidents, Mrs. Wilbur wrote, "We (the committee) were impressed by their talents, enthusiasm, contributions to the community

and their familiarity with the activities of The Garden Club of Virginia."

The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula was organized in 1994 under the expert guidance and supervision of former GCV President, Helen Murphy (Mrs. W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.) of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck. This 50-member club is comprised of dedicated women from four counties, Essex, King & Queen, King William and Middlesex, who have planned many exciting club programs for the upcoming months.

The club has assisted the Garden Club of the Northern Neck with Historic Garden Week and sent members to our GCV Lily Show, Rose Show and Artistic Judging School in Richmond. In December 1995, the club held a Christmas Historic House Tour which earned enough money for them to sponsor four students at Nature Camp and to replace a window and help with landscaping at Old St. John's Church in King William County. How fortunate we are to have all of this wonderful energy and talent focused on The Garden Club of Virginia!

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