

The meeting of Gardeners By The Sea was held at Bearhole Farms, aquaponic grower, in Selbyville, DE, on October 12, 2018.

The group was divided into small groups to learn about propagation and aquaponics.

WELCOME: Cherie Dorfman, acting president, greeted members and new members. There were no guests to introduce.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda Kerber, treasurer, reported that income to date is \$4,067 ~~ fundraising \$1,682 (tea party & plant sale), membership \$2,070, and awards \$315. Expenses to date are \$2,008 ~~ club expenses \$1,777 (meeting room \$400, federation dues \$520, website \$197), community project \$231, leaving a cash balance of \$8,639.52.

NOTICES/UPCOMING EVENTS: Ria Carraro reminded members of the Wine and Cheese party to be held at the home of Terry Stea on Friday, Oct. 26. The Ways and Means committee will have their next meeting at her home on Oct. 17. An outing to Mt. Cuba will be in May, and members can sign up for it at a later date. Ria mentioned that she would like to organize an Ikebana class to be held at Baywood in the spring.

Brenda Kerber announced that members can sign up for events on the club's new website.

Information was presented from Lisa Arni on scholarships our club awards to deserving students. One \$2,000 one has already been given to Caitlin Molmar from Frankford, and in the spring, a \$1,000 one will be awarded to another student. Lisa wants to remind us of the DFGC meeting on Nov. 14. For a cost of \$30, breakfast, lunch, and a program will be offered.

Martha Gallagher reported that the Garden Therapy committee will be volunteering at Brandywine Assisted Living facility in Fenwick at holiday times

to assist the residents in designing floral arrangements. The first one will be on Nov. 25 at 11:00. She urges members to help with this project and sign up with her.

Sallie Melvin, Hospitality chair, thanked the team of hostesses responsible for today's refreshments ~~ Ria Carraro, coordinator; Martha Gallagher, and Maureen Eisenhart. Cherie Dorfman reminded members that it is necessary to honor your commitment to be a hostess, and if you are unable to perform that duty, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Marty Pratt reported that the Ocean View Historical Society is having a Christmas Open House on Dec. 8 and is planning to sell holiday wreaths at their visitors' center, Paul's Store. They requested that our club members help to make the wreaths, with the cost of materials being covered by them. Please let Marty know if you are interested in participating in a workshop, the date to be determined.

Two books were recommended to read pertaining to today's program: "The Complete Geranium Book: Cultivation, Cooking, and Crafts" by Susan Conder and "Hydroponics for Beginners" by Erin Morrow

There was no Horticultural Moment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Hoffman, Acting Secretary