



GARDENERS BY THE SEA

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

September 9, 2016

President's Welcome: President Jean Sewald welcomed members of Barefoot Gardeners and GBTS members and guests for lunch and a special joint program.

Program: Vice-President Maureen Ryan introduced our speaker, Ruth Rogers Clausen. Ms. Clausen is a horticulturist trained in England who currently lives in Easton, Maryland and serves on the board of the Delaware Botanical Gardens. Together with Thomas Christopher, she has written 50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants and Essential Perennials. Ms. Clausen presented Essential Perennials: Add Panache to Your Garden with Perennials and through beautiful slides of plants and gardens took us through the calendar year to illustrate how perennials can provide interest year-round. Both of her books were available for purchase and autograph following the presentation. Ms. Clausen encouraged attendees to support the Delaware Botanical Garden. It was announced that we collected \$113 at this meeting!

President's Announcements: Jean called the meeting to order and reminded all to sign in. New Member, Judy Stuhl, was welcomed. Ria Carraro introduced Arlene Hubler and Ellen Downing introduced Marie Minelli as guests at this meeting.

President Sewald expressed appreciation on behalf of our membership to Brenda Kerber and Margaret Woda for their work and dedication to put together an outstanding Handbook for 2016-2017. The Yearbook is dedicated in memory Mary Register, a former member of our Club. The Yearbook will be submitted to DFGC for an Award later this month. We hope this yearbook will be forwarded to National for consideration for an award!

Gardeners by the Sea will be listed as a donor for the Botanical Gardens' Farm to Table event in September, acknowledging contributions we collected throughout the year and donated in June.

Ocean View Presbyterian has requested our support for their Fall Jumble on October 8th. They asked for members to donate plants, drop off at the church on October 7th.

Sheryl Swed announced that the Botanical Gardens is in position to meet the challenge goal to receive matching funds. Congratulations!

Vice-President: Maureen announced that next month's program is *Fairy Gardens in Broken Pots, Oh My!*, presented by Lisa Arni.

Treasurer's Report: Lenora Gentry opened with appreciation for the cards and well wishes as she recovered from recent foot surgery. She reported that our ending balance as of 8-31-2016 was \$8,614.67. A review of the financial records of the Gardeners by the Sea was conducted in August 2016 by Kathy Lesperance, Diane Monhollan and Lenora Gentry and considered accurate. The Board has approved a budget of \$6,920.00, leaving a balance of \$1,694, for discretionary expenses.

A check in the amount of \$2,000 was donated from our budgeted Scholarship dollars to Delaware Technical Community College in June, 2016 which was awarded as scholarships to 2 Sussex County students pursuing their education. A thank you letter was received from the college in late June, expressing their appreciation of our generous donation.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of our June meeting were approved as distributed.

Welcome Design: Alva Hutchison introduced the Welcome Design, a new feature at our meetings, which was approved by the Board. Members are urged to sign up to bring a floral design to our meetings, with the purpose to educate & learn about Design, stimulate an interest in Design and provide an opportunity for creative expression. The theme of our 2017 Flower Show is *A Visual Vacation*. Alva brought two designs depicting *Fly, Fly Away* to two different garden destinations: Monet's Giverny where the famous Impressionist painted his water lilies and the vegetable gardens at the Moss Mountain farm of P. Allen Smith in Arkansas.

Committee Reports

Awards and Membership: Maureen Eisenhart: our membership is full at 55 members and 7 are on the waiting list.

Flower Show: Maureen Ryan and Pat Drizd: The Club is hosting a Standard Show at Salt Pond Club House on June 23-24, 2017. The Theme is *A Visual Vacation*. The Chairs are pleased to announce that all of the committee chair positions for the Flower Show are filled but volunteers are needed for many committees. (See addendum listing Show committees and chairs) Signup sheets were available for volunteers. We are seeking 6' tables, curtain hooks used to hang entry cards, clear glass jars for horticulture and one more card table for the table setting class. Ellen offered a card table. Members were reminded that exhibitors must own the horticulture for at least 90 days prior to entry in the Show. Samples of the Entry Ticket were distributed for our members to become more familiar with the information needed to complete the card. The Horticulture Moment will include completing the ticket, as if the specimen was being entered in our Show. Lenora showed a sketch of a travel vignette she is developing for the art of the Flower Show. The design includes luggage, with a shell for the wheel and a lady-bug, the Delaware state insect. Once complete, the design will become the foundation for the schedule, publicity, staging, signage and colors featured throughout our event.

Historian: Pat Fulton encouraged committees to take photos at their activities and submit for the DFGC newsletter. **Publicity:** Pat Fulton – There is a publicity request form for our events and activities. The next DFGC newsletter deadline is October 10th, so Pat needs information no later October 8th.

Horticulture Moment: Lisa Arni discussed mini hostas, preference for shade and their place in our gardens. It is important not to overwater in the winter. Lisa reminded us the Genus is to be underlined on the Submission Card and the species and cultivar are not capitalized. Lisa demonstrated the glass bottle and the proportion needed for exhibiting a miniature species, such as mini hostas.

Hospice Tree: Sandy Leahy announced that the tree will be decorated on November 30th, so members are able to attend the December 1st trip to Longwood Gardens. Last year there were 18 trees and this year the

goal is to have 20 trees in 2016. The GBTS committee will be meeting to determine the theme of our tree and start planning and making decorations.

Hospitality: Nancy Hoffman thanked Barbara Kopey for serving as Hostess Coordinator and Pat Drizd, Peggie Ravida, Sandra Lopez and Evelyn Watson served as Hostesses. Nancy thanked Ria Carraro for stepping in as a substitute. Sandra Lopez and Pat Drizd provided the lovely table arrangements. Nancy reminded members that the recycling is for bottles and cans only. Paper and food items are placed in the trash cans.

Coastal Clean-up: Pat Fulton announced that the Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. Seven members have signed up to volunteer and will receive information about the event.

Ways and Means: Ria Carraro announced that attendance and space at Wine and Cheese party is limited, so it is open to only Club members and their guests. The Carraro's are hosting this fundraiser at their home on October 28th. Tickets are \$30 per person. Sandy Leahy volunteered to do a floral arrangement. The committee is doing two baskets to raffle and members are encouraged to get items for the basket to Ria or Linda Eaton. Tickets are also available for the trip to Longwood Gardens on December 1st. Members were urged to pay for their ticket (\$65) as soon as possible, as there is great interest in this trip, including members from Barefoot Gardeners. The day will include lunch at Buckley's Tavern before arriving at Longwood Gardens.

Yearbook and Website: Brenda Kerber thanked all who got their information to her for the Yearbook. She and Margaret Woda provided yearbook covers in stock grade paper, corrected calendar of events and new tabs for Leadership and Appendix to complete our binders. Brenda urged members to visit our website for the most up-to-date information about our Club and she welcomes feedback on the website to make it the best for our membership. www.gardenersbythesea.com

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hutchison

Secretary