



GARDENERS BY THE SEA

March 10, 2017

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

Call to Order

In the absence of our president, Vice-President Maureen Ryan called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all and reminded everyone to sign in. There were no guests.

Program:

Lisa Arni introduced our speaker Betty Kramarck. Betty is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge and a past president of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (2003-2005). Betty reviewed horticulture requirements and our Flower Show schedule. Betty discussed the preparation and grooming of horticulture entries. (Handout attached) Members brought plant specimens and container plants as if they were entering in the Flower Show. Betty reviewed the correct way to complete the entry cards. She shared the NGC book *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*, which is a supplement to the Handbook for Flower Shows. This book provides specific information for exhibiting and the considerations for judging horticulture. The book is available online from NGC website.

President's Report

Maureen Ryan led a discussion about the recognition of passing of GBTS member Claire Sileo. The Club made the decision to honor deceased members with a tree or shrub in the Delaware Botanic Gardens with a donation of \$100. After further discussion, it was decided to wait until April, the official beginning of the DFGC program to provide plantings at the Botanic Gardens.

The GBTS committee roster was circulated at the meeting for members to select their interest in committees for 2017-18.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the February meeting were corrected by Nancy Hoffman with a modification of the changes in Hospitality team in February. The minutes were approved and filed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Lenora Gentry reported balance of \$10,141.55 as of February 28, 2017. She reminded members to register for the DFGC meeting at Cripple Creek on April 19. The lunch and meeting fee is \$30. Lenora shared she received a copy of the Annual Report of Delaware Technical Community College, which list Gardeners by the Sea as a donor for our scholarship as the college is celebrating the 50th Anniversary.

Welcome Design

Alva Hutchison recognized Lisa Arni to share the stunning design she brought. The destination was *Carnaval Brazil*. The plant materials had been dried and painted purple: fan palm leaves that had been clipped, and dramatic dried Shubertii Allium. The tall cylinder and plant materials were wrapped in twisted acrylic ribbon. Lisa shared that the creative line designs are currently used more frequently in Flower Shows over the more traditional mass designs.

Alva shared a prototype of the centerpieces we will be making as the host club for the April DFGC meeting. Our Lisa Arni will be installed as State President and Gregg Tepper will be presenting a program "Best Trees and Shrubs for Delaware". Alva is planning a workshop in early April to make the 20-22 woodland scene dish garden centerpieces and will advise members when the date and time for the workshop is confirmed.

Scholarship Committee

Brenda Wimperis reported that Del Tech Community College has made a few changes in their scholarship program. Students apply between Feb 1 and April 15. A committee at the college reviews the applications and makes decisions. The funding is split between the two semesters. There is an opportunity for Brenda, Judy Stuhl and other interested GBTS members to attend the awards luncheon and when our scholarship is presented to the awardees.

Hospice Tree

Brenda Wimperis has accepted the role of chair for next year. Brenda requested that those interested stay after this meeting to set a time to meet to determine the 2017 theme and begin working on the tree this spring, rather than waiting until the busy summer time.

Garden Therapy

Cherie Dorfman reported that 50 Valentines were made by the committee for distribution through the Meals on Wheels program.

Hospitality

Nancy Hoffman thanked Maureen Ryan for coordinating the lunch today. Carol Bishop, Eileen Mulhaney, Peggy Udinski, and Denise Boswell were on the committee. Brenda Wimperis was the greeter. Nancy thanked Karen Plis for providing a special crafted cover for the Recycle can to help encourage members to discard our trash appropriately.

Ways and Means

Ria Carraro brought jewelry and calendar pages which are for sale now and at the Show. Members are reminded to prepare plants and other items for the Plant Sale at our Show.

Flower Show

Pat Drizd reminded members that there are still a few volunteer needs for the show, including Horticulture Placement and volunteers for the two days of the Garden Tour. Horticulture must be grown by the exhibitor 3 months prior to Show. March 23rd is the deadline for purchasing new plants to enter.

Alva and Lisa encouraged members to sign up for Design entries. Lisa reminded members that Dottie Howatt is presenting our April program on Miniature and Small Designs. Following the meeting, Dottie will go with our designers who will be entering Designs to Salt Pond club house to review designs and placement and to provide guidance and suggestions. This is a unique opportunity to learn with the expertise of Dottie!

Maureen Ryan announced a terrarium workshop will be hosted by Peggie Ravida at her home. Peggie suggested Thursday, March 16 at 2 pm. Bring container, plants and decorative accessories, special pebbles, etc. We have a few jars which have been donated and can plant terrariums for sale at the Flower Show. Please contact Peggie if you are interested in participating in the workshop.

Announcements

Margaret Woda announced that Plantation Lakes Garden Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Winterthur on May 3rd. The fee is \$65 and includes the transportation and 2 guided tours, of the mansion and the gardens, plus free time to enjoy lunch. Details are on their website, PlantationLakesGardenClub.org Contact Margaret if you are interested in participating.

Adjourn

There was no further business and Vice-President Maureen Ryan adjourned our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva P. Hutchison

Secretary

