



GARDENERS BY THE SEA

June 9, 2017

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

Welcome

President Jean Sewald called the meeting to order and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Jean welcomed everyone to our annual June picnic. She thanked Nancy Hoffman and the hospitality committee for planning the pizza, salad and desserts for our celebration. Jean reminded all members & guests to sign in.

Jean announced that Sandra Lopez has accepted the chair of Garden Therapy. Jean is still looking for a Horticulture Chair. The chair arranges for members to provide a report to the general membership at each meeting on gardening, plant tips, a favorite or unique plant. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Lenora Gentry was away and there was not a treasurer report. Jean Sewald reminded members that in absence of treasurer, she is accepting our annual dues and the reservations for the June 21st DFGC meeting.

Membership

Maureen Eisenhart introduced Kris Mancini. Kris shared that her interest in gardening and flowers was inspired by a trip to France. We welcome Kris.

South Coastal Library Beach and Bay Cottage Tour

Alva Hutchison thanked all who have volunteered to be a hostess. She announced that there is one slot open for afternoon volunteer on Wednesday, July 26th. The Gardeners by the Sea house is in Salt Pond. Please contact Alva if you are able to volunteer in the afternoon.

Ways and Means

Ria Carraro announced that she is holding a Ways and Means Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at 10 am at her home. She reminded members to bring plants and garden items for the plant sale at our Flower Show. She thanked Brenda Kerber for volunteering to chair the raffle at the Flower Show. There are many items in the Raffle. Brenda requested volunteers to sell the raffle tickets both days of the Show.

Yearbook

Brenda Kerber presented the option to have a smaller binder for our yearbook. After reviewing the options and much discussion, a vote was taken and an overwhelming majority of those present voted to continue the 8 ½ x 11 binder notebook.

Brenda reminded committee chairs that she needs the committee information for the Yearbook and the website.

Flower Show

Pat Drizd reviewed important aspects of our upcoming Flower Show. We are still looking for more volunteer to assist with the Horticulture to avoid delays. The role is to confirm the proper names of the Horticulture and also for the placement of the specimens and plants. Pat, Peggie and Sandra reminded us that ALL members are expected to enter horticulture. They reminded us to identify the botanical name and to groom the Horticulture you will be entering. Entry cards were available at the meeting and we are urged to complete the cards BEFORE coming to the Show. It was suggested to use return address labels for your name & address on the Entry Cards. Members can contact Pat, Peggie or Sandra for additional Entry Cards.

Please review the Schedule for the details of the Show and detailed requirements for each Class and entry. There are specifications for horticulture and design entries, including height, # stems, etc. Please use bubble wrap to hold horticulture stems upright & in place in clear glass bottles. Bubble wrap was available at the meeting.

Lisa Arni again reminded those who entered Design to fulfill your obligation. It is imperative that each Class has all four entries. Our schedule indicates all Designs must have an underlay. We thank all who have registered to enter Design and we are depending on you to participate. If we are missing an entry, we do not have a Show!

Lisa reviewed the criteria for judging a Flower Show and that there is a panel of 3 Judges who are charged to judge the overall Show. Criteria includes that the schedule meets all of the requirements as a Standard Flower Show, the effective staging of the show, # and quality of entries in both Design and Horticulture, the theme and how it is conveyed throughout the Show with signage, posters and displays, etc., appropriate recognitions, awards and ribbons, along with Special Exhibits and Educational displays. The Judges will let our chairs know following the judging if we scored about 95. The Chairs will receive a summary of the Show from the Judges at a later date. A score greater than 95 qualifies our show for an Endeavor Award from the Judges Council.

Gardeners by the Sea members who have the green Club apron are encouraged to wear it at the Show for identification.

Pat and Maureen are holding committee meetings before the Show. Reminders and more information will be distributed to the membership by email.

Youth

The Children at Lord Baltimore Elementary have worked on their chairs to exhibit at the Flower Show. The committee shared thank you notes at each table from the second grade class. Pat passed around an example of the certificates of appreciation children were given. Invitation to the Show were given to the children to take home. The Chairs are available for sale, although several are already pre-sold.

Thea Chandross announced that there will be a work day to clean up the gardens at Lord Baltimore Elementary School on Thursday at 9:30 am.

Hospitality

Nancy Hoffman thanked members of the Hospitality Committee for hosting our Pizza Picnic. Members of the committee joining Nancy as hostesses were Eileen Quigley, Barb Kopey, Karen Plis, Brenda Wimperis, and Carol Bishop. The committee prepared the Mason jar flower bouquets for each table. Alva Hutchison provided an arrangement in a watering can for the food table. Nancy reminded us that all members are expected to serve as hostess at least once during the year.

Announcements

Jean announced that the Botanic Gardens will hold their Farm to Table fundraiser on September 28th. They are also holding a lecture at the Lewes Library on Sunday, September 10, time to be determined. Piet Oudolf will be the speaker. Mark your calendars!

Respectfully submitted,

Alva P. Hutchison

Secretary

