

**Venice Area Garden Club  
Members Meeting  
March 7, 2013**

President *Susan Mather* called the March members meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. There will be no regular business meeting today because we are having a special speaker. We have a big week-end coming up with our home tour which raises money for scholarships, civic beautification, and other projects.

*Joan Piper* led the invocation followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA led by *Susan Mather*.

*Susan Mather* welcomed all guests and visitors. She thanked members of North Port Allamanda Garden Club, Lemon Bay Garden Club, and Lakewood Ranch Garden Club for attending. Lemon Bay Garden Club will be having their flower show the first week-end in April.

*Dee Feeney* introduced 4 new members, *Karen Schultheis*, *Jeanne Hood*, *Donna Amatucci*, and *Elaine Hudon*. We will have another 5 new members next month, and 3 more people announced they want to join.

*Mary Lou Levy* announced that we have 5 beautiful homes for the tour on Friday and Saturday; everything is in order, thanks to all the committees' good work. We have 13 baskets to be raffled off at the garden shop at the Russell Johnson home, some worth \$300-\$400.

*Tracy Ivey* reminded Friday hostesses to leave hostess ribbons for Saturday hostesses, and tell the Saturday head hostess where the signs are.

*Susan DiNapoli* asked Friday ticket sales people to take the money home or leave it in the cash box with the list of the number of tickets sold. Bring some money for change and take it back at the end of the day.

*Lynn Fromer* reported that *Emy DeNert* is 1 or 2 hostesses short for her house in Mission Valley; please see her if you can volunteer.

*Susan Mather* announced that she and *Bea Holt* have tour books; if any houses are short, call them on their cell phones and they will deliver them.

*Susan Mather* reminded members of our special trip in April; see *Maxine Ginn*. Money is due today.

The Gardening Studies Course II (of the 4 part series) will be next Wednesday and Thursday. Because people are interested in seeing the Earthbox presentation on Wednesday, the class has been made available for that day only for \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

*Wayne Clifton* will be presenting a hands-on grafting session, not the plant development class that was previously announced. The class is not filled up yet, both days are available for \$45. Monday is the deadline, so we can give the final number to the caterer.

*Jan Durr* announced that she has the misters that *Kathryn Hamilton* and *Evelyn Brown* paid for.

*Carol Bundy*, head hostess for our April members meeting, announced that she needs more hostesses to bring sandwiches or desserts for the April meeting.

*Bea Holt* introduced today's speaker, *Kymrie Zaslou*, well-known floral designer from West Hartford, Connecticut. She will create 7 designs, to be raffled off, 6 for \$5, or \$1 each.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. followed by the program.

Submitted by, Carol  
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Secretary