

Venice Area Garden Club
Members Meeting
June 6, 2013

President *Sandy Walters* called the June members meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. at Shamrock Park Pavilion.

The quorum for meeting was not met (there were 22 members and 1 guest present).

The invocation was led by *Bette Ann Parry* followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA led by *Sandy Walters*.

Presidents' Report: (*Sandy Walters*)

-*Sandy Walters* announced that since we did not have a quorum, we could not enact any business, but we would have an informational meeting.

Recording Secretary's Report:

-*Sandy Walters* reported that the minutes from our last meeting are approved and online.

Treasurer's Report: (*Susan DiNapoli*)

-The Treasurer's Report is here, if anyone wants to look at it. We are now in our new fiscal year.

Susan DiNapoli announced that *Lynn Fromer* has typed up new name tags for people who have taken up new positions.

Joan Piper will start as Recording Secretary at the September board meeting.

We have a new Boutique, co-chaired by *Linda Thivierge*, *Elaine Hudon*, and *Bette Ann Parry*. *Linda Kenfield* has been volunteered to mentor and will be glad to help.

Sandy Walters has created a new title, called Mentoring. *Andye Healy* has agreed to chair.

Susan DiNapoli made the decision for our donation to the Venice Museum and Archives to be directed to the Triangle Inn (rather than the Lord-Higel House).

We decided at the last board meeting to chair a **Flower Show School**. *Sandy Walters* made the decision to have it in our area, not Sarasota. Lemon Bay Garden Club is interested, too. We really need more judges.

We also decided to do **Floral Design Classes**. The cost will be as reasonable as possible, and are scheduled to be held at the Audubon building. Mark your calendars:

Classes 1-3 will be October 15, 22, and 29, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For the first 3, the class provides the materials.

Classes 4-6 will be November 12, 19, and 26, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Attendees will bring their own materials.

Classes 7-9 will be January 7, 14, 21, 2014 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

These are the classes to get you ready for flower shows.

Bring your own lunch; it will be casual. All classes stand on their own, with a small review of the previous class and preview of the upcoming class. If you miss one, it's okay. *Sandy Walters* will select the instructors and put the information in *The Florida Gardener*. It takes \$200 for 1 unit, divided by attendees.

We will no longer do designs to bring to the next meeting, unless members want to do as a show and tell.

All committee chairs need to meet with *Susan DiNapoli* to give her yearbook information.

Susan DiNapoli, *Tina Bird*, and *Dee Feeney* have all been collecting names and addresses of new members.

Elaine Hudon will be the new Membership List keeper; she is familiar with spreadsheets and will keep the members list up to date.

Sandy Walters asked for a volunteer to be chairman of the Floral Design Classes. She will get all the instructors; they usually bring their own flowers.

Bette Ann Parry volunteered; we will add Floral Design Classes Chair to the committee chair list. If we have a lot of people, we could possibly get the room at the Jacaranda Library.

Bev Yaros made a beautiful quilt with a bamboo and floral design to raffle off at the state convention. *Sandy Walters* showed us the quilt. Since it has a bamboo design and she has bamboo in her yard, she is going to make a bamboo rod to hang it from.

Sandy Walters mentioned that there was a leaf manipulation class at Sarasota Garden Club on Monday, and 9 of the 20 attendees were VAGC members.

Our new state president is *Sue Angle*, we are privileged to have her. *Janice Hamlin*, of Sarasota Garden Club, is the new district director, and her assistant is *Barbara Jacobson* from Lemon Bay Garden Club (Englewood).

Sandy Walters asked if anyone would volunteer to be Flower Show Chair. We already have Schedule people and *Tracy Ivey* will work on staging, but we need a chair. The show will be January 2015 because there are not a lot of shows in January and it is easier to get judges. We are losing a lot of judges due to attrition.

Linda Thivierge volunteered to chair the flower show, with *Maxine Ginn* mentoring.

Sandy Walters said others will help, including *Alice DeSomma*, *Linda Kenfield*, and herself. *Maxine Ginn* has the Flower Show Handbook that *Linda Thivierge* can access; the new book will not be ready until 2017.

Bette Ann Parry recommended getting vendors for the flower show and *Sandy Walters* agreed with the idea. We do not have a place, but we have a title "Mardi Gras", and *Tracy Ivey* has agreed to do signage. She has already done a design for it.

Sandy Walters advised *Linda Thivierge* to have a lot of meetings with the flower show people, which can be in people's homes. *Linda Thivierge* lives in Rotunda and was concerned that many would think this is a long distance. *Linda Kenfield* said she could alternate sites, and there is always the Audubon building which is usually available.

Sandy Walters mentioned that we are very proud of our scholarship program. Wednesday's Herald had an article about one of our scholarship recipients.

Sandy Walters announced that we may change the January members meeting from January 2 to January 9 because of the holiday and people traveling at this time may present a problem in having a quorum. She asked how members felt about this. She will check with South Venice Community Center to see if it is available on January 9. *Tina Bird* can email reminders if we change the meeting date.

Sandy Walters wants to make sure all members are getting their Florida Gardener 4 times a year. All membership must be updated with the state to get it. Please let her know if you are not receiving it.

Tina Bird is working on having a joint session with Lemon Bay Garden Club. Maybe we could have a tour of their garden, picnic, and see their crafts they do every Friday.

Pat Kautz and *Sandy Walters* are going to Ramada Inn to check out the food on Monday at 11:30. The inn is lovely and could possibly be used for the Flower Show School. Workrooms and testing rooms for all 3 days of each unit are needed.

Sandy Walters had everyone in the room introduce themselves.

The next meeting will be our board meeting on September 26.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned about 11:00 a.m.

Ed Wolfenbarger was scheduled to do a wildlife presentation, but announced that he had been sick with bronchitis. Then, the last 2 1/2 days he had to take pictures of the buildings and property of the parks, in case there is flood damage; FEMA reports require before and after photos. (We were having a very intense rain storm during the meeting and a tornado warning).

Carol Malott showed members our new club projector and shared a PowerPoint presentation about the Spring Fling Adventure Tour to Amelia Island members attended in April.

Submitted by,
Carol Malott
(For Joan Piper, Recording Secretary)