

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

President *Sandra Walters* called the November meeting to order at 10:06 am. *Elaine Hudon* led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Guests and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*)

Carol Malott and *Susan Mather* will approve the minutes of the November membership meeting.

Nancy Jacobson volunteered to be the Awards Chairman and *Tracy Ivey* will serve as the Advisor. Club Chairmen were reminded they must work with the Awards Chairman.

Recording Secretary's Report: (*Joan Piper*)

Minutes of our last membership meeting on October 3, 2013 are posted on the website, approved and filed.

Treasurer's Report: (*Susan DiNapoli*)

The Treasurer's Report was read and it was noted that VAGC has three main accounts. A collection was passed for the Coral Reef Restoration Project.

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

Walters Sandra attended a symposium in Sarasota. She thanked *Carol Malott* and *Susan Mather* for attending and assisting.

Environment: (*Tracy Ivey*)

Constitutional Amendment forms for conserving land and water in Florida are available on the back table. They must be signed and returned today.

Adventure Tour: (*Sally DeGrave*)

The Spring Fling, which will feature gardens on Florida's east coast, will be March 25 and 26, 2014. Flyers will be available at the Holiday Luncheon.

Civic Beatification: (*Carol Sbabo*)

On November 16, 2013, 9am, Civic Beautification will work with the VHS Interact Club in their butterfly garden.

Garden Therapy/Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

The Garden Therapy Committee was thanked for their work on two large projects; The Loveland Center Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden at the Summit.

Garden Tour: (*Andye Healy*)

The Garden Tour is Saturday, November 9th 9-12. Carpool meeting places are Bonefish parking lot and Sun Trust in Nokomis.

Holiday Decorations: *(Rose Rodriguez)*

The holiday decoration schedule is:

Gazebo: 11/19, 9:30am

Library: 11/22, 9:30am

Laurel Civic Center: 11/25, 10am

Blalock Park Trees: 12/12, 9am

Home Tour: *(Mary Lou Levy)*

The membership must begin selling advertisements for the Home Tour Book. Also members can begin signing up for the Patrons' List.

Flower Show: *(Maxine Ginn)*

Following today's membership meeting, there will be a meeting at *Maxine Ginn's* home to discuss the design schedule.

New Business:

Sandra Walters reported the Francis Bourne Library has requested floral designs for their 20th anniversary during January 20-25, 2014. A motion was made by Susan Mather for VAGC to provide a different design for each day. The motion was seconded and passed. *Rosario Fredrickson* will chair the project.

Announcements:

Sarasota Garden Club, "Table Scapes, Trifles and Tea" – November 14th 1-3pm, reservations: 941 955-0875, \$20

Butterfly Gardens, Nov 16th, 9am, VHS

December 7th, VABI Boat Parade tickets, \$40

NGC needs images of old homes with gardens that were specifically designed to attract pollinators, bees and butterflies.

Opportunity tickets for State Convention are still available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08am

Submitted by,
Joan Piper,
Recording Secretary