

Venice Area Garden Club
Member's Meeting
April 3, 2014

- President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
- The President declared a quorum had been met.
- Bette Ann Parry* led the invocation, followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the USA.

Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*)

Carol Malott and *Tina Bird* were appointed to approve the minutes. *KÁnna Black* will co-chair the Hospitality Committee.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

- She has been asked to shorten the meetings, but it is important members are aware of the club's activities.
- Please bring horticulture for the FFGC Convention. *Susan Mather* will explain more later. If you can hostess, there is a sign-up sheet in the back. If you are going to just the Flower Show, there is not cost, but there is a parking fee.

Vice President: (*Tina Bird*)

The program this month features *Erin Alvarez*, Extensions Agent. The title of the program is Guerilla Gardening.

Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)

The minutes from the previous meeting have been approved and placed on file and are posted on the VAGC website.

Treasurer: (*Susan DiNapoli*)

The new Budget was presented. Questions were entertained. It will be placed on file.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Gerry Glass was introduced and welcomed as new member.

Adventure Tour: (*Sally De Graves*)

Sally De Grave was thanked for planning and executing the recent trip. It was a huge success.

Civic Beautification: (*Carol Sbabo*)

The garden in the Atrium has been adopted. Thank you to all who helped with the Bromeliad Garden. It has been completed and is beautiful

Floral Design: (*Tina Bird*)

This past Tuesday *Sandra Walters* conducted a workshop for Pop Art. Examples are displayed on the side table. This will be one of the designs in the January Flower Show.

Flower Show: (*Althea Bednarek*)

The VAGC Standard Flower Show will be held on January 16 & 17, 2015. The title will be Mardi Gras. She thanked the scheduling committee for having the schedule ready for today's meeting. The new schedule was passed to the membership and they were advised to pick out an event to enter. Horticulture must be owned 90 days prior to flower Show. Please sign up to help:

-Hostess- *Josette Aramini*

-After Glow- *Lynn Fromer*

-*Sandra Walters* volunteered to be in charge of Awards.

Home Tour: (*Patty DalCortivo*)

-This Home Tour broke previous record for attendance and money made. The Grand Total generated from the Home Tour was \$36,994.

-Next year's Home Tour is scheduled for March 13 & 14, 2015.

-The membership was thanked for their participation. *Mary Lou Levy* requested that the Home Tour Committee members send any revisions for the Master Home Tour Guide Book to mll151@comcast.net.

Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

-Saturday, April 12th, *Andye Healy* will conduct a workshop on Hypertufa at her home.

-The next Garden Tour is May 3rd. We will meet at the Laurel Nokomis School, 9am.

-June 15-18, 2015 a short course in Garden Design will be held in Gainesville.

-“Gardens as a Form of Art”, is being presented by Kevin Costello every Thursday through May 8th (10am to noon) at Conservation Foundation of Gulf Coast, located in Osprey. Call 918-2100 for more information.

Library: (*Peggy Schmidt*)

-All library books should be returned as the library is closing today. We have a new book “Tidbits” and also a book that was purchased on the Adventure Tour.

-FFGC Calendars are available to order.

Scholarship: (*Jan Fessler*)

-VAGC received a Thank You letter from *Kelsey Mahoney*, one of last year's scholarship recipients.

-Six scholarships have been awarded this year. Five are for the amount of \$3,000 and one is for \$5,000.

-The recipients and *Mr. John Susek* will be at the Spring Luncheon.

Trees: (Jeffrey Parsons)

Gladys Susek's tree in Centennial Park has been removed. Her husband *John* selected a Hong Kong Orchid tree growing near the old tree. A new sign has been installed.

New Business:

-The new budget was passed and changes discussed. *Susan DiNapoli, Tina Bird, Sandra Walters* and *Tracy Ivey* served on the Budget Committee. Our financial success with the Home Tour has allowed for increases in some budget areas. *Susan Mather* made a motion that VAGC accept the budget as presented. The membership voted to accept it.

-District VIII has scheduled its next meeting on May 8th at the Boca Royale Country Club. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by April 17, 2015. Lemon Bay Garden Club is sponsoring the event.

-An Emeritus Membership will be presented to *Doris Doersam* as she will be moving from this area.

Submitted by,

Joan L. Piper
Recording Secretary