

## **Venice Area Garden Club Member's Meeting**

**JANUARY 8, 2015**

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

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.

### **Reports of Officers**

#### **President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)**

Guests were introduced. Information about the February meeting was presented. The meeting will be in honor of past president, *Dorothy Gifford*. To celebrate her contribution the Past President's Council will prepare food from her recipes.

#### **Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)**

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

#### **Treasurer: (*Susan DiNapoli*)**

*Tracy Ivey* was thanked for her contribution during *Susan DiNapoli's* absence.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Floral Design: (*Sandra Walters*)**

The floral design group will meet on the first Tuesday of February to make designs for the Audubon's fifteenth anniversary dinner

#### **Flower Show: (*Althea Bednarek*)**

All design entry cards must have the plant materials written on 3x5 cards. Designs can be brought to Flower Show on Wed after 12: noon to 4pm or Thursday 9:am-11:30am. Cut blooms may be entered before 11:30 on Thursday.

She reported all the classes have been filled and she will need everyone to help with the Flower Show.

There will be twenty vendors attending the show. Volunteers are needed to help with the staging. Contact Tracy Ivey if you can help. The After Glow Party will be held on Thursday, 5:30-7:00. Spouses are welcome.

**Home Tour: (Mary Lou Levy)**

*Maida Adkins* will hold a potting session on January 24, 9:30am, at her home. Crown of Thorns will be potted for the home tour.

*Dee Feeney* will be in charge of the Home Tour Hostesses. *Mary Kopp* is in charge of advertising for the ticket book and *Susan Mather* will be in charge of member and retail tickets.

Eight restaurants, on the Island, will offer 10% discounts on lunch during the home tour. They are listed in the ticket books.

**Membership: (Dee Feeney)**

*Cheri Cetone* was reinstated as an associate member. *Kathy McGrath* was welcomed as a new member.

**Unfinished Business:**

*Marianne Arlauskas* will be in charge of selling ticket at the Flower Show for the quilt. They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

**New Business:**

*Linda Thivierge* will chair the nominating Committee. *Tracy Ivey* will represent the VAGC Board. The three from general membership are *Elaine Hudon*, *Maxine Ginn* and *Carol Bundy*.

**Announcements:**

The District 8 Judges' Council has planned a delightful program on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Tampa Garden Club. Coffee and registration at 9:30, with program to begin at 10:30. Please let *Sandra Walters* know by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Program:**

*Tina Bird* introduced *Devin Hitt*, owner of The Venice Skin Studio, 125 West Miami Avenue. She presented a program on Plants for Your Skin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by,

Joan L. Piper

Recording Secretary