



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: OCTOBER 2, 2023

Mission Statement: SBGCA is a community-based organization providing a link between the members of six garden clubs in the greater Melbourne area, potential gardeners and the general public. It's objective is to increase the knowledge of horticulture, conservation, civic beautification and environmental focus.

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton at 10:00a who then led the group in the pledge to the American flag.

Carol Nicholson, VP gave this inspirational reading:

FOR THE GARDEN OF OUR DAILY LIVING

Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses...

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- 1) Peace of mind
- 2) Peace of heart
- 3) Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1) Squash gossip
- 2) Squash indifference
- 3) Squash grumbling
- 4) Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1) Lettuce be faithful
- 2) Lettuce be kind
- 3) Lettuce be patient
- 4) Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1) Turnip for meetings
- 2) Turnip for service
- 3) Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

- 1) Thyme for each other
- 2) Tyme for family
- 3) Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Joyce Barton thanked the Indian Harbour Beach Garden Club for hosting the meeting today.

Olivia Kelly, VP Indian Harbour Beach Garden Club introduced the speaker, Leslie Thomas, owner, The Seaside Succulent, shop in Cocoa Village. She provided a Succulent Pumpkin demonstration.

Board Members present include:

- Joyce Barton, President
- Carol Nicholson, Vice President
- Joanne Bertone, Secretary
- Robin Chang, Treasurer

The revised **minutes** of the 05/01/2023 General Meeting and the 08/21/2023 Executive Board Meeting are posted on the SBGCA.org website and a copy is available here for anyone to review.

Meeting Participants: Including the Board & Guests: **36**

Guests:

- Marie who is Marcie's daughter
- Evonne who came on her own. Port Malabar Garden Club is closest to her.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Balance as of end of September \$1,939.67
 - Launch Credit Union account has been opened. This will be the bank going forward.
 - TD Bank – Joyce closed the account
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GARDEN CLUB UPDATES:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach: Joyce Barton, President, reported:

- This is the final report for this garden club as it is being disbanded.
- In their last meeting, they donated \$1500 to the Town of Melbourne Beach.
- Joyce asked the Island Club to consider taking over the booth at the Melbourne Beach Founders Day event.

Garden Club by the Sea: Jeri Ronaldson, President reported: Charlotte Underwood and Alice Williams

Number of Members

- 45

Number of Members Present

- 4

Last Program/Meeting Update

- Rain Barrel presentation by Vinnie Touranto
- Two weeks ago

Next Program/Meeting Update

- November 11th
 - Lily Park Veterans Day Celebration
 - Lily Park location: Corner of 8th Avenue and South Riverside Drive
 - There will be finger food

Special Projects or Events

- March 3, 2024
 - Pollinators Event
 - Time: 11-4p

- Education event
- Vendors: 30 are secured
- Food Trucks
- Childrens area
- Family friendly

Event Notes: This event has “just taken off”. This is not a fundraiser for the club, but it is for the clubs scholarships. They are hoping the Garden Club will join or any other garden club to have an area/tent. There is not a fee.

Club Announcements

None mentioned

Other Items of Interest

None mentioned

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club: Linda Kuhl, President reported:

Number of Members

- 60

Number of Members Present

- 21

Last Program/Meeting Update

- May: They had the installation of officers at Suntree Country Club
- September: They had a Native Butterfly and Flowers presentation

Next Program/Meeting Update

- October 18th: Eaton worms presentation is planned. They will bring buckets of worms
- Oct 25th – Planning a Succulent workshop
- Nov 15th – Planning for the Tropical Fruit Club

Special Projects or Events

- Zon Outreach Program: October 6th – This Friday some members will go to the assisted living. They sometimes conduct presentations or do a craft.
- January 24th: Bunco, this event is not priced yet \$20ish

Club Announcements

None mentioned

Other Items of Interest

None mentioned

Island Garden Club: Julia Hill, President. Reported by: Kathryn Merry

Number of Members Present

- 3

Number of Members

- 25

Last Program/Meeting Update

- September: Nothing to report

Next Program/Meeting Update

- October 11th: We will be enjoying an eco kayak excursion at the Sebastian Bayside Marina (Sebastian State Park) bring own lunch and then meeting

Upcoming

- Nothing to report

Special Projects or Events

- Barrier Island Center: Our club conducts a monthly raffle - members donate items- all proceeds go directly to the Barrier Island Center discretionary fund to support the native plantings.

Announcements

- Recommend: The 14th annual Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour Saturday October 14th 9:00 am - 4:00 tickets are 10\$ and available on Eventbrite.
- No club announcements

Melbourne Garden Club: Lydia Barbour, President, reported:

Number of Members Present

- 5

Number of Members

- 32

Last Program/Meeting Update

Sept 1: Presentation was by Elfrieda Tullar of IHB GC. The Thrill, Fill and Spill presentation provided new and very useful information to many of the members. In addition, our own member Heather Elko gave a 5 minute talk about her wildflower garden.

Next Program/Meeting Update

Sept 6: Presentation will be by Stacey Matrazzo, Executive Director of the Florida Wildflower Foundation. She will be telling us about Growing a Native Garden. In addition, Paul Merry will take 5 minutes to tell us about feeding their tortoise.

Special Projects or Events –

Blue Star Memorial Marker: Over the summer, MGC ordered a replacement for our damaged Blue Star Memorial Marker. In addition, we began a fundraising effort to cover the cost of the replacement marker and the landscaping that will be done. We set a goal of \$2000, and have already raised \$2205, which will help with ongoing maintenance as well. The community really responded quickly to our appeals for donations!

Monthly Field Trip:

Sept 7th: We will go on a tour of Heathcoat Botanical Garden

October 12: Planning a trip to the Orlando Wetlands for a guided tour on their tram

Club Announcements

We are working toward a fundraiser in March but have been so busy with other things that we have not settled on whether we'll do one or two. Last year we held two major fundraising events from which we realized net income of \$1337.

Other Items of Interest

We have undertaken a major overhaul of our Bylaws, Standing Rules & Procedures. We found that many items had not been updated to reflect current practices.

Port Malabar Garden Club: Becky Savage, President, reported

Number of Members Present

- 5

Number of Members

- 29

Last Program/Meeting Update

- September 8: Our speaker was Lisa Basset from Turkey Creek and she gave a virtual history/tour
- Plant Tree: Turkey Creek Arbor Day

Next Program/Meeting Update

- October 13 - Our Meeting Speaker: Andy Harrell/A & D Hives, LLC Honey & Hives Field trip
- October 26 - Orlando Wetlands Park

Special Projects or Events

- We maintain the garden at the signage at Turkey Creek Sanctuary Working with Native Plant Society, Audubon Society and city of Palm Bay to help with installation of a native educational garden at City Hall. There is not a start date as of now.
 - Bunco Fund Raiser: November 8th at Broken Barrel Tavern/Restaurant. \$10.00 buy-in, cash at the door only. There is a max of 40 people which is a small event. The event is on Facebook or contact Robin Wells (robinwells1967@gmail.com) for more information.
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Committee Reports

Sunshine Report: Terri – Every one was healthy. She did not send out any cards

Plant Sale Report: Marci – She took in donations for each plant, \$41.00 was collected.

Door Prize Drawing: Charlotte Underwood - Income was \$24.00. The plant went to Claire Babcock from Port Malabar. **CONGRATULATIONS CLAIR!!!**

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Nothing to report

Newsletter: This months newsletter is short as Joyce is running for Mayor. **GOOD LUCK JOYCE!**

Announcements:

- October 9th: Conradina Chapter meeting @ Satellite Beach Civic Center. You need to register to attend.
- October 10th: Free garden show **WHERE?**
- SBGCA next meeting will be December:
 - There will not be a standard meeting!!
 - Place: Melbourne Library, Fee Ave
 - Silent Auction: Only nice, slightly used items
 - Food: Pot Luck
 - Fundraiser: Main one of the year

SBCGA Next Meeting: February

Hosts: Port Malabar & Garden Club

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15p