



## **SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2022**

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The meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton, at 10 AM. She introduced the speaker, Lydia Barbour, of Port Malabar and Melbourne Garden Clubs, who made her presentation, “A Happy Transplant, Learning to Develop a Sustainable Florida Landscape.”

Joyce then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lisa Robinson provided the inspiration: “I’ve always felt that having a garden is like having a loyal friend” quoting C.Z Guest. And went on to quote William Kent who advises “Garden as though you will live forever.”

Board Members present:

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- Joyce Barton, President
- Lisa Robinson, Vice President
- Lydia Barbour, Secretary
- Kathryn Merry, Treasurer

Secretary’s Report: The Minutes of the December 6 meeting were distributed and corrections were received. Minutes were corrected and posted on the website and a copy was available during the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of end of January was \$2163.04. It includes a donation of \$100 and income from door prizes raffle and donations for plants of \$367.00.

### **Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:**

**Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach** - 1 members attending. Joyce Barton, President, reported:

- Their next monthly meeting is March 15 at 6:30 PM. Speaker to be announced.
- Melbourne Beach Magazine wrote a nice article about the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Garden Club by the Sea** – 3 members attending. – Charlotte Underwood reported:

- Last meeting was a Zoom meeting during which they conducted business, no program.
- Next meeting’s program will be by Joanna T Helms of Mama Joes Sunshine Herbals who will speak about the Healing Garden..

**Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club** – 2 members – Robin Chang, President, reported:

- They are creating 300 valentine cards in lieu of flower pots to be delivered by Meals on Wheels.
- On February 16, Marty Falk, the Bromeliad Guy will be the speaker.
- They currently have 60 members, 2/3 of the members they once had

**Island Garden Club** – 2 members – Julia Hill, President reported:

- The in-person meeting included a presentation by Stephanie Whittier, who grows microgreens in Floridana. She delivers them to Organic Girly among others.
- They are partnering with Florida Native Plant Society, Conradina Chapter, and the Environmental Action Board, to apply for a VIVA Wildflower Grant for a garden at Oak and A1A
- Nicole Perna will speak at their next meeting.

**Melbourne Garden Club** – 2 members attending – Kathryn Merry, Vice- President, reported:

- Currently have increased to 39 members,
- General meetings are in-person with masks & social distancing. Board Meetings are via Zoom.
- March 4 will be the annual auction fund raiser.
- The Blue Star Memorial Marker is located near the Ice House on Route 1. Landscaping is being planned. The City preferred that the installation be done with a wooden pole for safety reasons.

**Port Malabar Garden Club** - 15 members attending – Becky Savage, President, reported:

- Marge Hendon, FFGC President, and Suzi Bailey, District VI Director, will be attending their meeting Friday to discuss the possibility of Port Malabar rejoining FFGC
- Yearbooks have been updated and distributed in January.
- Work is beginning on a butterfly garden at the entrance sign to Turkey Creek Sanctuary. The first effort is to work with the Park Staff to create pavers to begin the hardscape installation.
- A Yard Sale will be held March 18 at Peace Lutheran Church on Port Malabar Road. This is the annual fundraiser. There will be two baskets raffled, one with alcohol and the other with gardening stuff.

**Meeting participants in today's meeting including the Board & Guests: 28**

### **Committee Reports**

**Sunshine Report** – Harriet Mirsajadi is the new Chairman. Anyone who knows of a person who needs a get well or condolence card should send a request to Harriet at [harriet32934@yahoo.com](mailto:harriet32934@yahoo.com).

**Plant Sale** – Marcie reported that plants were still available for a donation.

**Door Prize Drawing** –Charlotte brought a petunia for the raffle which was won by Nancy K. of Port Malabar.

### **Old Business:**

- Joyce will provide everyone copies of the Florida Department of Agriculture Certificate. She recommends having them available at any event that plants will be sold.
- Joyce showed the pages for each club created on the SBGCA website! She asked that each club include dates & times of meetings on their page. A separate page will be created for minutes which are currently on the Resources Page. There is a new page for recipes.

- The decision about awarding scholarships or donations with the \$2000 available will be made at the March meeting. Suggested recipients included: Brevard Zoo, Marine Resource Council, Barrier Island Center, or for landscaping around a school or other community projects. Bring suggestions to the March meeting.

**No New Business.**

**Announcements:**

- 2/19 – Florida Friendly Landscaping seminar at Eau Gallie High School
- 2/19 – Ocean Treasures Food Festival at Barrier Island Center
- 3/5 – Downtown Melbourne Botanical Fest
- 3/12 & 13 – Leu Gardens free admission
- 3/26-27 – IFAS plant sale at Cocoa

**Next month's SBGCA Meeting is March 7**, hosted by Beach Gardeners in Melbourne Beach. The speaker will be Kate Wells on Birding in Your Backyard. The meeting will be in the Community Center at 509 Ocean Avenue at 10 AM. Per Joyce, parking fees will be waived and you may need to see her to get a pass.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM. Port Malabar provided lunch.**