



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 5, 2022

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 10:10 am who then led the group in the pledge to the American flag.

Joyce gave the inspirational reading for Lisa, providing a Holiday Blessing of peace, gladness and love.

Board Members present include:

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

The revised **minutes** of the November General Meeting were distributed to each GC for their review and correction. They will be posted on the SBGCA.org website..

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of November 1:	\$1406.67
Income from Door Prize and Plants	70.00
Disbursement for TD Bank Service Charge	25.00
Balance at the end of November	\$1551.67

Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach (1 of 16 members present) Joyce Barton, President, reported:

- No meeting in November due to the election equipment still being in the Community Center.
- Their December gathering is for a luncheon at the Sunny Side Caf
- e.
- Their first meeting in the new year will be a planning session for the year.

Garden Club by the Sea (2 of 45 members present) – Valerie Karas, President. Charlotte & Lisa rereported:

- The Holiday Party was held at a member's home on Merritt Island that was beautifully decorated.
- The January meeting will be a workshop to be determined.

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club (6 pf 70 members present) – Suzi Hodge, President. Robin Chang reported:

- November 16 gathering was a silent auction and lunch instead of a meeting. About \$400 was raised.
- December 14 will be the Holiday Luncheon at Crown Plaza.
- Their Bunco fundraiser will be January 25 at 10 am at Gleason Park. Tickets are \$20, and will only be sold in advance. Call or text Robin for tickets at 619-665-6895

Island Garden Club (5 of 25 members present) – Julia Hill, President. Kathryn Merry reported:

- The Holiday Luncheon will be at Julia's house, River Pearl, December 14.
- Poinsettias have been installed in the park, which has been weeded.

Melbourne Garden Club (6 of 31 members present) – Lydia Barbour, President, reported:

- Sadly we lost Ann Stott on October 10, two days after her 102nd birthday. Her ashes will be buried in Bonafay, FL where her husband is buried. We believe there will be a memorial service here sometime in January.
- The November meeting was a Fun with Flowers workshop with Betty Moore, and was a great success. This program was developed by FFGC and is delivered by FFGC Judges, for the most part.
- On 11/19 we celebrated our 90th year of being members of FFGC. It was a great success.
- Our December meeting was canceled in favor of having a great holiday luncheon at The Mansion.
- Our January program will be by Bert Alm about the importance of native plants for birds. Later that month we hope to visit a club member who rescues birds.
- We are considering a spring fund-raiser, location TBD.

Port Malabar Garden Club (5 of 41 members present) – Becky Savage, President, reported:

- November's program was a member-run workshop, pressing dried flowers into candles.
- December's luncheon will be at Yellow Dog.
- January's program will be the YouTube talk by Doug Tallamy about the Homegrown National Park.
- There will be a plant and yard sale fundraiser March 18.
- Recently Becky secured history records formerly held by the Historical Society and is finding the write-ups summarizing each decade to be fascinating.
- Some of the history relates to the Blue Star Marker that Port Malabar installed in 1963. It is currently at Valkaria Gardens and the stories about how it got there are varied. The owner of Valkaria Gardens does not want to give it up and The Club is getting advice from the Historical Society and a lawyer, about how to recover it without alienating the owner.

Meeting participants in today's meeting including the Board & Guests: 23

Committee Reports

Sunshine Report – Harriet has not yet heard from anyone requesting cards. She agreed to have her contact information posted on the SBGCA website. Harriet can be reached at harriet32934@yahoo.com

Plant Sale Report – Marci McLean brought a limited number of plants.

Door Prize Drawing – Charlotte Underwood - the plant went to Carol Nicholson.

No other business was held

Announcements:

Kathryn Merry invited everyone to attend a wreath making workshop offered by the Conradina Chapter, FNPS. It will be Monday December 12 at 5:30 PM at the Fee Avenue Library. No charge and lots of fun.

SBGCA's next meeting will be February 6 at the Fee Avenue Library, hosted by Port Malabar GC. The program will be by Yaupon Brothers American Tea. The tea is made from the Yaupon Holly and is prepared following techniques used over a thousand years ago by the Native Timucua People of Florida.

The meeting was adjourned so the auction could begin! We netted about \$300.