



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCT 07, 2019

Following the program given by Shari Blissett-Clark of the Bat's Belfrey; the SBGCA meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton at 11:05 am. Joyce thanked Shari for her very informative program on the Myths of Bats and to the Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club for hosting the meeting place and luncheon to follow.

Board Members present include: Joyce Barton, President, Carol Robitschek, Treas, Kathryn Merry, Sec. Absent: Judy Ying, VP

The minutes were approved as received. The Treasurer reported \$2,096.09 in the SBGCA account.

Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach (1) Joyce Barton, President, reported the program on Oct 15th will be Shari Blissett-Clark of Bat's Belfrey Inc.

Garden Club by the Sea (2) – Barb Dial, President, reported the program for their Sept 18th meeting was Simon Stratford, Arborist speaking on “Proper Pruning for Healthy Trees”. The program for their Oct 16th meeting will be Carlos Cuevas of Brevard County Environmental Specialist on “Loving Our Lagoon”.

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club (19) - Sheri McGregor for Robin Chang, President, announced the program for their Sept 19th meeting was Caity Savoia, SavetheIRL.org, speaking on Saving the Indian River Lagoon, and the Oct 16th speaker will be Trent Smith, NASA Project Mgr, on ‘NASA Space Farming’.

Last May 15th, they hosted a successful District VI Spring Meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel with Lori Thompson, guest speaker.

Island Garden Club (1) - Michele Wernow, SBGCA Rep, announced their Sept 11th meeting was their annual member plant swap and the Oct 9th program will be Dave Grover, Sun Harbor Nursery. They also will be supporting the Barrier Island Center in assisting with landscaping needs.

Melbourne Garden Club (6) – Sandy Dix, President, announced the program for Sep 06 was Judi Fulks, from JudisButterflies.com, on “Butterfly Gardening for the Home Gardener”; for Oct 4th was Joyce Schofield, Master Gardener & IHBGC member, speaking on “Repurposed Glass and Other Items for Home and Garden” and our Nov 1st meeting will Clifton Best, President, Brevard

Backyard Beekeepers speaking on “Bee-Friendly, Native Gardening Practices”. Melbourne Garden Club will host the SBGCA meeting on Nov 4th and Carey Minter, PhD, Assistant Professor UF / Indian River Research & Education Center will speak on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council “FEPPC”.

Port Malabar Garden Club (5) – Colleen Farrell, President, reported their Sept speaker was Nancy Johnson on the Importance of Laughter. Field trips to Valkaria Gardens and will tour Turkey Creek Sanctuary.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Report – Ann Stott has cards to send; please give her names, addresses, garden club affiliation and the reason for the card.

Plant Sale Report – Marci McLean has lots of plants including seeds, house plants and succulents.

Door Prize Drawing – Charlotte Underwood conducted the drawing with Marci McLean winning.

Announcements

Conradina Native Plant Society meeting will be held at the Melbourne Library Mom, Oct 14th meeting will be Nash Turley speaking on “Lawns to Wildflowers” at 8:30 at the Melbourne Village Hall. The FMPS Native Plant Landscaping Tour will be Sat, Oct 19 from 9 am to 3 pm. Kathryn has tickets (\$10 ea).

On behalf of Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club, Bunny Armstrong extended a warm thanks to members for hosting the luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.50.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathryn Merry, SBGCA Sec