



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton, at 10 am via Zoom. Thirty three participants including the Board were in attendance. Joyce gave an inspirational reading and lead the group in the pledge to the American flag.

Speaker Presentation:

Brendan (Skip) Healy, Owner of Change of Greenery, LLC; a Florida native plant company who does landscape design, installation and limited sales. Nursery is open by appointment only. Anyone interested in consulting with Skip can contact at him (321)536-0655 or changeofgreeneryfl@gmail.com. His program was titled Turf Alternatives with Native Wild Flowers and Ground Covers. The program was followed by Q&A.

Board Members present include: Joyce Barton, President; Kathryn Merry, Secretary; & Carol Robitschek, Treasurer. Absent: Judy Ying, Vice President.

Secretary's Report: Kathryn reported that the Minutes of the August 24th Board meeting are posted on the SBGCA.org website.

Treasurer's Report: Carol reported the balance as of Sept 31st is unchanged at \$1,461.34.

Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach (4) Joyce Barton, President, reported the October program will be Susan Hall, Landscape Architect, with a program via Zoom titled Decorating Your Front Entry for curb appeal. Susan's contact info is: Website: hall-la.com Phone: (321) 449-0790. She also reported that Beach Gardeners have been working the Town of Melbourne Beach to encourage homeowners to install a swale on their property to help control rain run-off.

Garden Club by the Sea (3) – Gloria Mandel, Rep. (technical difficulties – no report given)

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club (10) – Robin Chang, President, reported thanked Skip Healy for today's presentation; their October speaker is Sally Scalera and Skip will return to speak at their November meeting and that Barbara Vennman instigated a secret pen pal program, already in place, with Zon Retirement Community.

Island Garden Club (4) – Julia Hill, President, reported their Sept meeting which was held in Douglas Park with their annual plant exchange as the program. Their meetings for Oct will be held in Douglas Park and the program will be maintenance of FL native plants in Douglas Park and in November we will add poinsettia plants to Douglas Park for the Holidays. We completed the KBB-FFL Grant-Phase II in May at the Barrier Island Center (BIC). Kathryn added that the

BIC will be highlighted in Conradina's FNPS Garden Tour on Monday, Oct. 12 virtually, as all 4 sites will be. No cost for this year's virtual Yard Tour. Also, KBB will not be offering the KBB-FFL Grant for this next year attributed to loss in County funding.

Melbourne Garden Club (4) – Sandi Dix reported that their October program on Oct 2nd was Tim & Anna, owners of Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC on-site via Zoom at their new retail location at 82 SW Irwin Ave in West Melbourne (Hours: Saturdays 9am to 2pm & Mondays 9am to 4pm). Member, Ann Stott, will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Oct 8th – club members will host a drive by & honk horns. Cards may be sent to Ann at 205 E Avenue, Melbourne 32901. The Board voted to purchase & submit the 10 Opportunity Tickets from FFGC. If a ticket is a winning ticket, then that items will be auctioned off within the club. The Nov 6th MGC meeting program speaker will be Paul Merry on Gardening Tool Maintenance, and we will host the Nov 2nd SBGCA meeting with speaker Sarah Rhodes-Ondi, Sea Turtle Conservancy Community Stewardship Coordinator.

Port Malabar Garden Club (4) – Becky Savage, President. (technical difficulties – no report given)

Committee Reports

Sunshine Report – No report. Ann's contact information, should you need a card sent, is 321.723.2752. Please provide her the name, address, reason for card and garden club requesting.

Plant Sale Report – Currently not active due to meeting restrictions.

Door Prize Drawing – Currently not active due to meeting restrictions.

Old Business:

- SBGCA website is up-to-date except 2 member sections and the SBGCA Annual Itinerary. For the Itinerary, each club needs to provide that information to Judy Ying at kkying10@hotmail.com.
- Joyce announced that the contract for hosting SBGCA.org will expire this coming year. If a member has a suggestion of different host, please contact Joyce.

New Business:

- Fundraising: SBGCA is dependent on the annual auction, typically held in December meeting, as the means of their income for community-based donations. With the current meeting restrictions, this auction will not be held at the Library. Alternatives were discussed. The following decisions were made:
 - Members voted not to make donations this club year.
 - Find a creative way to conduct a fundraiser: Each club to create an item to auction & SBGCA, at their Dec. 2nd meeting, will host a virtual auction. Each club will be responsible for conducting the transaction of collecting auction funds and providing

the item won to the recipient. Presidents & reps are to take idea back to club for discussion.

- Next Board meeting will be announced, as needed.

Announcements:

The Conradina Chapter of the FNPS is meeting virtually monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month. Information to access is in their Newsletter sent 1 week prior to meeting. If you are not receiving the Newsletter, you can sign up at <https://conradina.fnpschapters.org/newsletters/>. Conradina's 11th annual "Landscaping with Native Plants" garden tour is featured online on Conradina Grandiflora on YouTube. On Saturday Oct 17th starting at 9 am online. Conradina will host 4 homes and the Barrier Island Sanctuary with beautiful native plants. Q & A will be included.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Merry, SBGCA Sec