

Town and Country Garden club minutes, Nov. 3, 2021

The November meeting of the town and country Garden club was held at the lovely home of Norma Seymour, our hostess this month.

Our president, Ann Baker brought the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. Appreciation was expressed to Norma and the co-hostesses , Paula Lubenow, Marlene Elkins, and Andrea Waterhouse for providing a wonderful lunch for the members present. Ann also thanked the program chairs, Peg and Mary Gay, for arranging the special guest presenters, Ed Furner and Abbie Oscarson from Mariani landscape.

Membership report by Sally Steele:

Current membership stands at 29 active members, and nine associates. One guest, Corine Donewald, was introduced today by Sandy Marquardt.

Treasury report by Rise' Barkhoff:

Money market account - \$5074.99, an increase of \$.42 from last year.
Checking account ≈ \$12,220.05

Civic report:

The signs have been collected. Jennifer Rielly is planning a holiday arrangement for the containers at Cook.

Joyce Geib brought up the idea of doing two containers at the library also. Some discussion followed, and it was agreed that it would be discussed further at the board meeting next week.

Programs report by Mary Gay:

Our next meeting will be at the White Deer Run on December 1st. The program will be a presentation by Katie Ford on flower arrangements. There will be a plated lunch and a raffle for three of Katie's beautiful arrangements.

Publicity report by Paula Lubenow:

Paula will write a press release regarding the upcoming December 1st program with florist Katie Ford at the White Deer Run.

Paula mentioned that the Libertyville Township food pantry is accepting donations of leftover Halloween candy. Other organizations accepting these donations include; St. Joe's shelter, GiveNKind candy drive (via Pilates PT), Fill A Heart 4 Kids (via Highland school) and District 70 schools.

Also Swalco is having a pumpkin composting event, 'Pumpkin Smash' on Saturday November 6th from 9-4pm at Adler Park pool parking lot. On the same day , it is also happening at CLC from 9-noon, and other locations in Grayslake, Gurnee and Mundelein. Please see the following link for more details.

<https://www.swalco.org/433/Pumpkin-Composting>

Paula posted the Halloween candy Food Pantry donations and Pumpkin Smash event on our club's Facebook page this week.

Conservation report by Anne Stranberg:

Anne reported on post - Halloween events. Donate leftover candy to the food pantry, as Paula mentioned and recycle your pumpkins by composting them or eating them. They also can be put out in yard waste containers.

Anne also told a short story with a wonderful message - ' If you recycle it shows you care about other people'.

Horticulture report by Marlene Elkins:

Marlene has been researching planting bulbs. She has found the easiest tool to use is a power planter auger which she demonstrated for members. It attaches to your electric drill and makes for a much easier and faster task.

Scholarship report by Jennifer Rielly:

The scholarship application is on our website and several others. Hardcopies have been sent to Vernon Hills and Libertyville high schools. The deadline is March 1st.

Sunshine report:

November birthdays were recognized, and news that Nancy Bloomer is home now.

Unfinished business:

Garden walk. Rise' reports that we have five gardens for next June, and one garden as a back- up.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Gay and seconded by Marlene Elkins.

Following our meeting the guest speakers, Ed Furner, from Mariani Landscape and his associate Garden Specialist Abbey Oscarson were introduced by Mary Gay. They provided members with a very interesting and informative presentation on "Tried and True Perennials for Tight Gardens."

It was very well received. Ed and Abbey stayed for lunch and to answer more questions . Members enjoyed a great presentation and a wonderful lunch that followed. Thank you to all who made that possible.

A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS FOR MEMBERS:

1. The new garden club book is usually assembled in February. If anyone has any changes or corrections to be made to their information, such as new phone, email or address would you please notify Sally so she can make corrections before printing. Thank you.
2. Our next meeting is our Holiday Luncheon at White Deer Run Golf Club on Dec. 1st. This will be plated lunch. Cost is \$40. We will be raffling 3 of Katie Ford's amazing flower arrangements. Guests are welcome. Watch your email for further information.
3. Thank you to everyone who signed up for hostess and co-hostess positions next year! We still need 3 hostesses for October. Anyone interested please let Jennifer know.
4. The December meeting is the last one for this year and it will not include a business meeting. This is just a reminder that we usually collect for the food pantry at this meeting. You may send a check to Rise' for your donation and dues if you like.

HOWEVER , PLEASE make your check out to the Garden club and NOT to Rise', and we also request that you make out separate checks. Thank You so much!

5. Town and Country bookmarks are available for anyone who hasn't gotten one yet. Please contact Ann or Paula if you'd like one.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Cochran