

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2017**

Orinda Country Club
9:30 am social, 10 am Speaker
10:58 am Meeting

Welcome-Margie Murphy thanked our speaker, Michael Stehr, for a very interesting talk titled "Painting with Flowers; Monet's Gardens at Giverny". **Margie** commented on the terrific turnout for the speaker and meeting today. She announced that next month, the General Meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month, April 20. **Judy Gray** moved that the February 2017 Minutes be approved as emailed, and with no corrections, **Kirsten Whitsett** seconded.

Treasurer's Report-DD Felton stated that next year's budget is being worked on, and that members should let her know if any changes are needed for their committee.

Fundraising-Louise Diracles announced that Tea in the Garden tickets will be passed out at the April General Meeting. She requested that members email her if they have a specific garden at which they wish to start the tour. Tickets can be picked up at **Louise's** house if members cannot attend the April meeting. She thanked **Jean Rowe** for the fabulous job she did on the garden tour website. Silent auction items were described, and she announced that photographer Terri Riggins will attend the April General Meeting to describe her auction offering. **Lynn Garrett** was thanked for arranging for Terri Riggins' participation. **Cathleen Sodos** described the elegant cocktail party which will be held at **Dayna Sayres'** home the evening of the garden tour. She encouraged members to purchase tickets and attend. **Laurie Smith** announced that a signup sheet is being circulated to volunteer to make cookies or cheese straws for the garden tour attendees. **Nita Roethe** and **Barb Boster** encouraged members to purchase chances for the wine raffle, and hope to complete the raffle at the April meeting. **Lisa Jorgens** encouraged members to spread the word about the garden tour, to friends and the community.

Conservation-Kirsten Whitsett encouraged members to attend the final Partners for Plants of the season. A signup clipboard was passed, and also one to sign up for a 2 day trip to see the redwoods in northern CA on 6/20-22.

Horticulture-Laurie Smith announced a field trip to Frog Hollow Farms on May 19. **Sue Andersen-Berger** reported that the trip to American Soil was a great success. On Thursday April 27, at 10 am, **Joyce Nelson** will hold a propagation workshop on clematis at **Sue Andersen-Berger's** home.

Beautification-Nita Roethe thanked **Joyce Nelson** for having suggested that more daffodils be planted at the off ramp, they look great this spring. During Orinda Action Day, OGC will be

working at the triangle garden. She stressed that members must wear safety gear provided by Caltrans when working at the off ramp.

Raffle of topiary bunnies by **Pamela Stefan** and **Lisa Jorgens** was very well received.

Program-Kris Anthony announced that Lady Katherine Astor will be our April speaker. She is well known as an expert on the history and care of English Gardens.

Membership-Cathleen Sodos informed us that there are 7 prospective new members, and thanked members for sponsoring.

Founder's Fund-Lisa Stefan handed out ballots for the members to vote on which project they prefer. Kettle Moraine Garden Club in the Greater Milwaukee area-Camp Whitcomb Mason Bee Healthy Garden expansion was the favored project within the OGC. Final results will be announced in May.

NAL Report-Suanne Inman suggested members observe what is blooming in their gardens now, thinking ahead to entering the flower show next year.

Bay Visions-Pam Wiley described the 6 club cruise from Oakland to Treasure Island and Angel Island on the USS Potomac on October 3. A signup sheet was circulated by **Linda Thompson**, to determine interest. Results showed a good deal of interest.

Library Flowers-Judy Gray passed a sign up sheet. OGC provides flowers weekly in July and August.

Floral Workshop-Phoebe Kahl announced the spring flower workshop at St Stephens' Church on April 11, 9 am. Cost is \$50, and signup sheet was passed.

Joyce Nelson is holding a potting class for milkweed at her home on March 29, 2-5 pm.

Hospitality-Pam Goode announced the May General Meeting will be at **Lorene Quist's home**. She encouraged members to order their box lunches early.

Margie Murphy adjourned the meeting, participating members attended Mini Luncheons after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Schneider,
Recording Secretary