

Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Orinda Country Club
9:30 am Social/Event Sign Up, 10 am Meeting

President's Message:

Cathleen Sodos, OGC President, welcomed the members and their guests at 10:05 am. The October 2017 Minutes had no corrections, and are approved as sent via email. Cathleen gave the group some history of our club, which became a GCA member in 1980. Thanks were given to the entrants of our Photography Show.

New Member Welcome:

Lisa Jorgens introduced one of our new members, **Shand Green**, to the membership for her sponsor **Rhonda Zakskorn**.

Holiday Tea:

Leslie French and **Tina Locke** announced 100 holiday wreaths will be decorated at OCC on December 1 at 9 am, just prior to our Holiday Tea, and encouraged everyone to help out. Then, on Saturday, December 2 at 8:30 am, the wreaths will be hung around Orinda, and they encouraged the membership to help out. The meeting place is the Bank of America parking lot, and the Boy Scouts will be helping to hang them.

Gwen Manfrin described the tea vendors who will be at our Holiday Tea.

Flower Arranging Workshop:

Chris Stoneberg announced that the holiday arrangement workshop scheduled for December 15 is full, with a waitlist. **Shari Bashin-Sullivan** will be holding the workshop with her, and that there will be another one in February.

Beautification:

Nita Roethe thanked **Laurie Smith**, **Linda Thompson**, **Tina Locke** and **Ann Cinderey** for participating in the Weeding Party at the Triangle Garden on November 7. The scarecrows displayed around town will need to be collected and stored until next year by their respective owners by November 28. **Nita** plans to offer the hay bales displayed with the scarecrows to the community on Nextdoor.

Horticulture Report:

Lisa Jorgens and **Linda Thompson** announced that there will be an espaliered mini fruit tree meeting at Orchard Nursery in early 2018.

NAL Nugget:

Jan Formanek encouraged members to read the GCA Position Papers on conservation, and become educated. She explained that the GCA suggests withholding support for the tax bill, because it allows oil drilling in the Alaska wilderness, and that the GCA wants it removed from the bill.

Visiting Gardens:

Laura Sawczuk announced a trip to Alcatraz on January 12 to visit the Florilegium there. Sign up on Virtual Clipboard. **Tina Locke**, **Joyce Nelson** and **Laura Sawczuk** have watercolor paintings included in the collection. She noted there will be a UC Botanical Garden Holiday Pop-up.

Did Felton reported that members should see her for SF flower badges if interested.

Annual Meeting/Flower Show Report

Margie Murphy and **Janet Riley** encouraged members to attend the Annual Meeting Flower Show April 28-29 at the San Francisco Hyatt. There will be a cocktail party on Friday, April 27 from 5-7 pm, and spouses are invited as well.

Yoni Mayeri encouraged everyone to vote for their favorite photograph on display at our in-house Photography Show today.

Cathleen Sodos adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am, and invited **Deb Stephenson** to announce our Guest Speaker, Max Gill, floral arranger.