

**Orinda Garden Club General Meeting  
January 23, 2014  
Minutes of the Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Riley at 3:05 p.m.

Raffle

Susie Romak thanked the contributors of the Raffle, Chris Stoneberg and Jean Schommer and reminded people there was still time to buy tickets for the draw at the end of the meeting.

Hospitality

Nita Roethe welcomed the group and described the Manressa cocktail that would be served after the meeting, which consisted of Sorrel leaves, Lemongrass and Celery Bitters.

Treasurers Report

Lisa Stefan reported that we are on budget and financials will be posted on the website. She asked that members please remit reimbursement forms and money collected in a timely fashion.

Tri-Club Meeting

Phoebe Kahl reported that the February 11 meeting will be a Tri-Club meeting hosted by Marin and also including Piedmont Garden Club. If you are interested in taking the bus, the fee is \$10 and will leave from the upper parking lot at OCC at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross. The speaker will be Eric Haskell who will speak about "French Gardens". Refreshments will be served and the bus should be back in Orinda by 1:00 p.m.

Conservation

Judy Shallat reported that there will be a tour of the Oakland Museum's new Science Gallery on January 20 at 2:00 p.m. Bring toxins to the March meeting for collection.

Pam Wiley reported on the history of Penny Pines and Save the Redwoods. In 2018 at the GCA National meeting in San Francisco, members would like to tour the grove. Funds are needed to repair bridges and provide restoration so that the grove is open to the public for tours. You can make donations to Save the Redwoods League and put GCA on the memo line.

Horticulture

Charlotte Guppy reported that twelve people attended the field trip to the UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens. She also advised that this is the time to prune your roses.

Club Flower Show

Margie Murphy reported that we have two months until the Club Flower Show and sign-ups are still available. The date for Photography was extended until February 27.

### President's Report

Janet Riley asked for a motion to approve the General Meeting Minutes for September, October and November. This motion was approved. Janet asked members to participate in the GCA member survey. She asked that if you were appointed to a one year position, to please let her know if you chose not to continue for another year.

### Rose Garden

Ann Cinderey reported that the next pruning date at Heather Farms is Wednesday, February 5.

### Beautification

Laurie Smith reported that six members showed up for the January Triangle clean-up. The OGC received applause at the Mayor's meeting for their Holiday Wreath project. Next clean-up is Tuesday, February 4 at the off-ramp at 10:00 a.m.

### Holiday Events

Mary Read reported that the Holiday Wreaths were a great success with more members than expected showing up for both the wreath making and hanging. Pam Goode reported that we had over 125 in attendance for the coffee, with over 35 contributing finger food. For the evening portion, there were 100 attending the dinner at OCC.

### Membership

Mary Read reported that a Membership Committee of Jenifer Brunk, Dona Snow, DD Felton and Lorene Quist have been approved. Please send any change of status to Dona Snow by March 1. Sponsor forms are available and are due by March 15. Mary reviewed the procedure for sponsoring a new member.

### Annual Meeting

Carole Wolfman reported that the theme for the 2018 GCA meeting in San Francisco will be "How the West Was One". They need a logo for this theme so please send in any ideas you may have to Carole.

### Scholarship

Ann Seclow introduced the OGC scholarship award winners, Zephyr Taurel and Shirley Hargrove from Merritt College, who spoke about their background and interests in landscaping and thanked the Club for their awards.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. and Lisa Jorgens introduced the speaker, Cynthia Sandberg, who owns Love Apple Farms in Santa Cruz who will speak about Bio-Dynamic farming.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Lowery