



**Orinda Garden Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2014 at OCC**  
**9:30 a.m. Coffee, 10:00 a.m. Meeting/Program, Noon Past Pres. Luncheon**

President Janet Riley called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. She commented on the pumpkins at the off ramp, the new pots, the past presidents luncheon, and Marie Krenz' book signing at Orinda Books Wed., 10/29, at 4:00. Janet passed around a flyer about the Hillsborough Flower Show 4/23-25: [hgcfloresworldpress.com](http://hgcfloresworldpress.com). Janet announced that June Cunningham was honored at the Wine and Roses Event. Jeanette Howard died; she helped create Heather Farms.

The minutes of the last general meeting September 25, 2014 were approved as emailed with the exception of the spelling of Bryn.

Sandy Barnett's treasurer's report is posted on the website.

Raffle tickets were sold and prizes displayed.

Ruth Fortune announced that there are several spots still open for the \$35. Tues., 10/28/14, 10:00 am Flower workshop in the Orinda Room and she asked participants to bring scissors.

Diana Kennedy announced the 8/28/14 dissolution of Visions of San Francisco, Inc. She added that show assets were split between Orinda, Woodside Atherton and Hillsborough Garden Clubs. Orinda's share will be housed in a storage unit in Moraga.

M.J. Walburg announced the next opportunity to participate in Partners for Plants Program will be Tues., 11/4/14, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. It will again be focused in the Hegenberger Ave. area.

Carole Wolfman announced the goal of the joint collaboration amongst six garden clubs to be restoring the bay, where fresh water meets the estuary. There will be a Bay Visions conference in the Presidio in January of 2016.

Joyce Nelson from Hort reported on the Miniature Gardens Class. Many of the miniature gardens were on display in the foyer today. Joyce encouraged everyone to come to her house on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014, at 1:00 pm for a bulb refresher class and an opportunity to buy bulbs. She said there is a new 12" paper white bulb that may not need Vodka to stunt its growth. She will have 300 bulbs on hand.

Linda Thompson reported that the next general meeting on Thurs., Nov. 13, 2014, at 10:00 am, at Orinda Country Club, will feature a presentation by Lana Chernyovsky on "Trends in Floral Design."

Linda Thompson and Birthday Girl Ann Cinderey reported on their Sept. 28-Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Meneice Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. They showed a visual presentation on some of the activities that they participated in. Louisville has 113 city parks and most of the parks are connected by rivers or pathways. Four new parks will be completed in the next four years. The Children's Park is accessible. Linda and Ann passed out bourbon balls from the Woodford Reserve Distillery Tour.

Dona Snow introduced her membership committee members: Lisa Stefan, Betsy Bingham, Susie Romak and Dena Raffel. She encouraged members to invite prospective members to the next general meeting 11/13/14 as it's guest day.

Lynn Garrett and Lorene Quist are ready to help us all make wreaths for wreaths around town. Making the wreaths will occur on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at Orinda Country Club, and hanging the wreaths will begin at the Bank of America parking lot the next morning at 9:00 am.

Jean Schommer announced that Jean Haaf will be in charge of the Holiday Tea beginning at 10:30 am on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at Orinda Country Club. She asked us all to sign up to bring either sandwiches or cookies for the tea. The charge will be \$8.00/person.

Jane Ryan, Susie Romak, and Dayna Sayres announced the deadline for our \$90/person checks for the fabulous Holiday party on Friday, December 5, 2014, at Orinda Country Club from 6:00 to 9:00 pm will be Nov. 25 as we have a late Thanksgiving this year. Mary Ellen Schneider will receive your checks.

Jane Ryan asked everyone to pick up their Roster. Please contact Jane with any corrections.

Laurie Smith reported from the Mayor's Meeting that this weekend's Mixology Party will support the Orinda Arts Council. She encouraged us all to vote in the upcoming election.

Laurie also reported from the beautification committee that the display at the off ramp is very eye catching with the hay bales, pumpkins and Marty DeJonghe's scarecrows. Perhaps after Halloween, turkeys could be added and after that the hay can be used as mulch.

Gina Field reported on the Cal Trans/OGC clean up project behind the Shell Station. Volunteers will be supplied with vests and hard hats while working near the freeway. A grant will help with the cost of mulch and bulbs. Other garden clubs will participate in this clean up project.

Shari Bashin-Sullivan and Julie O'Melveny said that the Crossroads Pot Replacement Project is nearing completion. Urban Ore (arranged by Cathleen Sodos) picked up the old concrete pots for reusing/recycling. Thirty new pots have been placed, filled with dirt and planted. There are ten more coming. Janet Riley presented Julie with a Queen of Diplomacy crown and Julie presented Shari with a bouquet of flowers. They both have worked very hard on this project!

Chris Stoneberg said that the Bouquets Committee has new rust proof cans and new waterproof labels. Jane Wisner noted that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of FAGS/Bouquets providing the County Hospital in Martinez beautiful nose gay bouquets monthly.

As there was no new business Janet Riley adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Lisa Jorgens introduced our speaker Ernesto Sandoval from the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory who gave a Power Point Presentation on Plant Hormones. He also sold plants to support the Conservatory.

After the presentation, Susie Romak and Rhonda Zakskorn pulled the winning tickets for the raffle prizes: Diana Kennedy won the spooky witch. Judy Gray won the Stoneberg succulents in pumpkin, Lisa Jorgens won the Friendly Witch Basket and Pamela Croce Goode won the Schommer planter basket. In all, the raffle raised \$550.

Phoebe Kahl explained that the 18 past presidents to be honored already have table assignments but other participants will draw a number for their table. 70 members were adjourned to the luncheon at 11:54 am.

#### **KEY DATES:**

**Nov. 6 Board Meeting /Chris Stoneberg's**

**Nov. 13 Gen. Meeting/Guest Day/OCC**

**3:30 Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Social**

**9:30 a.m. Coffee, 10 a.m. Meeting**

*The purpose of Orinda Garden Club is educational and charitable and shall be: to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to cooperate in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage and to encourage and assist in the beautification of the community.*