

Orinda Garden Club General Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013
Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Janet Riley. Janet thanked Jane Wisner for opening up her home for our September kick-off meeting; the Orinda Garden Club's 76th year. Janet welcomed new members Chris Stoneberg, Dayna Sayres, Lisa Hallahan and Sandra Holland, as well as the many Associate and Sustainers that attended. The floral centerpieces are for the new members as well as Janet Riley and Jane Wisner. Janet mentioned longtime members in attendance, Muffy York (60 yr. member) and Jeanne McCormick (35 yr. member). She also thanked Nita Roethe and Phoebe Kahl as well as the shuttle drivers, traffic monitors and all who helped with the logistics of the meeting.

Fun in the Garden - Tina Locke

Recommended members take a trip to Alcatraz for a viewing of the Botanical Paintings being displayed September - March.

President's Report - Janet Riley

This year Janet would like our Club to focus on our stated purpose: education, beautification and conservation. The minutes from the May General meeting were approved. Our Club has eight people attending the Judges workshop next week. This workshop focuses on Horticulture, Floral Design and Photography. Janet and MJ Walburg will be attending the Shirley Meneice Hort Conference and asked for seeds from our gardens to bring to this event as members from different regions will all be sharing their local seeds. Our zone will be hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting; our club will be having a brainstorming session on October 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Janet Riley's to come up with a theme.

Louise Diracles attended the OGC Centennial celebration in New York last June. She toured the OGC headquarters, attended the reception at the Metropolitan Museum and was present for the dedication of the Founder's Fund project - a revitalized entrance to Central Park

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Stefan

To streamline the Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report will get posted with the General Meeting Minutes on the website. There will only be a general report given at the General Meetings. Since we have gone to paperless statements, we are saving a total of \$75; \$25 for each of the three accounts. We received an anonymous donation for \$1000 again from a donor who would like the money to go to the Beautification of Orinda, preferable in conjunction with the three other Garden Clubs. Penny Pines collection this year totaled \$437.57. The Club taxes

were filed in June. Lisa reminded members to turn in expenses. There are expense forms on the website or Lisa can email a copy.

Website - Jean Rowe

We have a new hosting service for our website. Although the new service is free we have had to change our domain name to Orindagc.org. Members log in has changed and we no longer have our email list through this server. Our By-Laws are now posted on the website in a new Document area. We still need some photos/headshots of members for our online directory. We will be having a section on Family Memberships, since we have about 25 members that have relatives in the Club. Please send any group emails to the updates address and Jean will send out within 48 hours.

FMN - Petra Michel Newton

This new newsletter is made for viewing online. You can now RSVP to events on the website as well as email Petra through this site for any changes. The castle icon on the webpage will bring you to the content page. The deadline each month for submissions to the calendar is the 25th of each month. The deadline each month for submissions to FMN is the 5th of each month. Please keep submittals simple.

Roster - Jane Ryan

Jane brought the 2013-2014 roster to the meeting for distribution. All Club information is now listed in the front of the booklet. The bylaws are also online this year. The rest of the information may also go online.

Historian - Lorene Quist

Lorene and Janet Pease have been busy going through years of Club scrapbooks and history in our storage unit in Rheem. They have condensed much of the information and are only archiving the past 20 years.

Mayor's Meeting - Laurie Smith

The Third Annual Orinda Jazz Festival is being held Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Orinda Library Auditorium. The Wagner Ranch Olive Festival, to benefit the Nature Area, is being held Saturday, October 6, 2013. On Monday, October 21, 2013, there is a fundraiser for the Joaquin Moraga Adobe.

Membership - Janet Riley

Janet gave the results of the Membership Survey. Fifty active members, accounting for 66% of membership participated in the survey. Most liked the idea of one later afternoon meeting with wine and cheese and 1st choice topics requested were Horticulture then Floral Design, in that order of preference. Janet thanked Anne Hetland for reaching out to Associate and Sustaining members to attend our meeting today.

New Members - Margie Murphy

Margie reported that Gail Emmons put on a new member program at her home that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Joyce Nelson will also be having a Hort workshop as part of their first year requirements.

Long Range Planning - Jenifer Brunk

Jenifer is heading up a committee of Janet Riley, Carole Wolfman, Margie Murphy, Evie Cranston, Lynn Garrett, Jane Wisner and Cathleen Sodos. They will be meeting in October and one of the items on their agenda is deciding how to spend the nearly \$4,500 memorial fund.

Holiday Event - Pam Goode and Bobbie Wilson

The event will take place in three parts on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Orinda Country Club. In the morning there will be wreath decorating and then a formal, traditional coffee that is open to guests, chaired by Diana Caldwell. New members will be making special decorations for the tables. In the evening there will be an evening cocktail and dinner party from 6-9 p.m. that will include entertainment.

Education - Lisa Jorgens

Our General Meeting on October 24, 2013, will be a community event and guest day held at the Orinda Library Auditorium. The speaker will be Kevin Feinstein, who will speak on Edible Plants and Learning to Forage. Please take postcard for the event and send out to friends. We are inviting the other Orinda Garden Clubs to this event as well so make sure you get there early as parking will be an issue. The coffee starts at 10:00 a.m. and the program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Hort Report and Gardening Tips - Charlotte Guppy and MJ Walburg

The first hort event already happened this month and was well received. Every month the Hort Committee will report on seasonal needs and tasks in the garden. There will be a member featured every month in the FMN. Some tips for October included planting fruit trees, chill tulips before planting, fertilize lawns before Oct. 31 and planting primroses and pansies. There is a date change for the October Hort Program from October 15 to October 9. This will be a tour and lunch at Western Hills Nursery in Occidental. Meet at the OCC pool at 9:15 a.m. to carpool.

Flower Related Workshop - Ruth Fortune and Catherine Dunne

They will be hosting a Tableaux Workshop on "Table Setting - Design and Style". This will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at St. Stephen's Church Rec Room. Cost is \$25 per person.

Club Flower Show - Nancy Dickmeyer and Nath Schmicker

Nancy and Nath passed out the program for our Club Flower Show, "In Translation". This will center around themes from books and will have entries for Horticulture, Floral

Design and Photography. It will be held March 28, 2014 at the Orinda Country Club from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. They encouraged members to enter either solo or teamed up with another member.

Beautification - Laurie Smith

In June we finished the container clean-up and planted zinnias at the triangle. There is a new contract gardener for the City of Orinda. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the triangle.

Library Flowers - Susie Romak

Susie gave a summer recap and thanked all the volunteers that contributed floral arrangements to the library. She handed off her binder to Lynn Garrett.

Roses - Dena Raffel and Ann Cindery

There were 3 pruning dates at Heather Farms this summer. October 10, 2013 will be the next date so please sign up. There will be a tool sharpening workshop at this pruning led by Joan Andrews. Dena and Anne passed out sachets made with rose petals and lavender from their gardens.

Photography - Cathleen Sodos

GCA would like seasonal photos from members for their newsletter. They would like nature shots with no people or animals included. Due date for submissions is October 7, 2013. On Tuesday, October 15, there is a Photography Gallery Field Trip, at Pier 24 at 10:30 a.m. Mary Pilara, an associate member, has invited Orinda, Piedmont, Marin, Hillsborough and Carmel Garden Club photography ladies to view her private Pier 24 photography collection. We will have a guided tour and then lunch will be served at the site. Please sign up by email at cathleen007@sbcglobal.net. On November 1, 2013, there will be an iPhone camera workshop held by Susan Rossner, an instructor from Filoli.

Bouquets - Tina Locke

Lorene Quist hosted the September meeting and Carole Wolfman will host the October 14 meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Visiting Gardens - Jackie Voigt

There is an OGC trip planned for June 2014 to the Netherlands. Jackie explained how the process works for signing up for these trips and being selected to attend.

New Business

Marty De Jonghe reported for Carole Amstutz that the Wagner Ranch Olive Festival will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 1-4. Judy Shallot and Pam Wiley reported for Conservation to think globally and act locally. They asked members to bring one

example of how they recycle to the October meeting. Every month we they will talk about one thing we can do to “green” California.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Lowery

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	<u>Income</u>			0.00	
	<u>Total Income</u>			0.00	
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	Printing and Repro	postcards for Oct gen mtg	66.75		

	Total Expenses			66.75	
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			Lisa Stefan Treasurer, Orinda Garden Club		