

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
April 25, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Carole Wolfman at 10:25 a.m. at the Orinda Country Club.

Recording Secretary - Ann Cinderey

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes to the March 21, 2013 meeting. The motion passed.

Centennial Tree Project - Diana Kennedy

Diana will meet with the Orinda Country Club in May to discuss continuing the maintenance of the cork oaks around Lake Cascade.

Diana introduced guest Barbara Tuffli, Zone XII Horticulture representative and co-chair of the GCA Centennial Tree Project. Barbara congratulated OGC for its successful Lake Cascade tree project. She noted that 200 GCA Clubs collectively planted 23,500 trees as part of the Centennial Tree Project.

Membership - Carole

The following members have changed their membership status from Active to Associate: Betty Argabright, Erin Gray, Sally Chapman and Janet Pease.

Lexie Corbitt is taking a one-year leave of absence next year and Laura Sawczuk through the month of May.

Treasurer - Lisa Stefan

Annual dues are due on or before May 15, 2013.

Lisa reported on the balances in the Administration, Contributions, and Savings accounts. Lisa then reviewed the list of nonprofit organizations recommended to receive a contribution from the Orinda Garden Club. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contribution list.

The motion passed.

Lisa presented the annual budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Bouquets - Tina Locke

The next bouquets will be on May 13, 2013 at Ruth Fortune's home.

Community Affairs - Laurie Smith

Beautification will meet on May 7, 2013 at the containers. Workers will be hired to help with cleaning up the triangle and off-ramp areas.

Forget-Me-Nots Newsletter - June Cunningham

Deadline for the May issue is Wednesday, May 2, 2013. This will be the final issue for this current year. The next issue will be September.

Horticulture - Nita Roethe

The May Horticulture meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at Midge Zischke's home. The speaker will be Deborah Dietz speaking on "Dazzling Dahlias."

Hospitality - Anita Hughes

The May 23, 2013 general meeting will take place at member Mary Read's Napa home and garden. There will be a box lunch served and members can carpool to the meeting. The lunch is \$22.00 and checks should be mailed to Lynn Garrett.

Membership - Ruth Fortune

Ruth announced the four new members of the Orinda Garden Club. They are: Lisa Hallahan, Sandra Holland, Chris Stoneberg and Dayna Sayres.

Rose Garden - Kirsten Whitsett

Rose pruning at the Heather Farms Rose Garden is scheduled for April 29, 2013.

Visiting Gardens - Pam Wiley

The visit to the Alcatraz gardens is May 6, 2013. There are a few spaces remaining for those who are interested in going.

Wagner Ranch Nature Area - Carole Amstutz

The Wildlife/Earth Day Festival at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area was a great success.

New Business

National Garden Club of America Annual Meeting

The 2018 GCA meeting will be held in San Francisco. Zone XII Clubs will be actively involved in the meeting events and activities.

San Francisco Bouquets to Art

Orinda Garden Club members participating in the flower show were recognized for their beautiful floral arrangements at the de Young Art Museum in San Francisco. Mari Tischenko, Heather Dunne, Gail Emmons, Phoebe Kahl and Diana Kennedy profiled their floral arrangements and accompanying art.

Upcoming Meetings

Old Board/New Board Meeting & Luncheon - May 21, 2013 at the home of M.J. Walburg.

General Meeting - May 23, 2013 at the Napa home of Mary Read.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cinderey

Recording Secretary