

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
February 16, 2012**

President Carole Wolfman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes to the January 26, 2012 general meeting. The minutes were approved. Carole reminded members that Lorene Quist has the attendance clipboard and the clipboards for activity sign-ups are on the entrance table.

It was noted that books authored by today's speaker, Amy Stewart, are available for sale after the meeting.

Joyce Nelson presented a summary of the three finalists for the Garden Club of America Founder's Fund and then distributed ballots for members to vote for one finalist.

Tina Locke announced the next Bouquets will be held on March 12, 2012 at the home of Lorene Quist.

Carole introduced guest Kay Klunder, Garden Club of America's Zone XII Director.

Heather Dunne reported the Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate for next year: Treasurer will be Lisa Stefan, Corresponding Secretary will be Dona Snow, and Ann Cinderey and Laurie Lowery will be co-recording secretaries. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate. The motion passed by a hand vote.

Carole announced the Orinda Garden Club Board has approved the allocation of \$2,000 from Visions for the maintenance of the cork oaks tree project. A motion was made and seconded to use the \$2,000 for the tree project. The motion passed.

Cathleen Sodos provided an overview of the Centennial Tree Project at Lake Cascade. There will be a WalkAround Lake Cascade during Orinda in Action Day April 21, 2012 to bring greater awareness of the cork oaks project to the general Orinda community. Orinda Garden Club members can voluntarily secure sponsors for walking to help raise funds for the tree project.

Linda Thompson reported on her attendance at the Orinda Mayor's meeting. She said the Orinda Rotary has a service called Sunrise Rotary to help seniors with home maintenance projects. The Orinda Hardware store is a partner in the project. The passing of Alvin Ziegler, husband of Orinda Garden Club member Isa Mary Ziegler, was acknowledged at the Mayor's meeting. Linda also noted the Orinda News' March issue will have a "dirt" theme. Mayor Steve Glazer acknowledged the Orinda Garden Club's cork oak tree project at Lake Cascade.

The next Beautification workday is Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

The next Flower Arranging Workshop is on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

June Cunningham noted the deadline for the March Forget-Ne-Nots is Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

For the Horticulture Committee, Nita Roethe reported the terrarium workshop led by Dena Raffel was a success and samples of the terrariums are on display on the entrance table. The next horticulture meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Tina Locke's home and will feature arborist Judy Thomas speaking on trees.

Ruth Fortune reminded members the deadline for active members to change their status is March 1, 2012 and March 14, 2012 is the deadline for submitting all paperwork for new member nominations. This year's membership committee is Ann Cinderey, Lisa Stefan, Linda Thompson, and Mary Read.

Dona Snow noted mini-luncheons will follow the March 22, 2012 general meeting. Members should sign up on the clip board.

Kirstin Whitsett said the next pruning of the Heather Farms rose garden will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Jean Rowe said she is available after the meeting to assist any members who need help registering and logging onto the Garden Club of America website.

Joyce Nelson announced the Founder's Fund entry "Living Learning Roof" project by the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Garden Club received the most votes.

Old Business: Carole has tallied the results of the Visions questionnaire, but due to time limitations, she will report on the results at a future meeting.

New Business:

Carole read a letter from Evie Cranston thanking the Orinda Garden Club for their support of Garden Club of America's New York City Central Park Centennial project.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the home of Jan Formanek.
The March general meeting will be on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Orinda Country Club.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Marty DeJonghe and Lisa Jorgens will be attending the NAL Conference in Washington D.C. from February 27 to March 1, 2012.

Carole Wolfman and Lorene Quist will be delegates to the Garden Club of America Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA from April 15 through 17, 2012.

Carole Wolfman and Margie Murphy will be delegates to the Zone XII Meeting in Portland from May 1 to 3, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cinderey
Recording Secretary

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