

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
February 28, 2013
Orinda Country Club**

The meeting was called to order by Carole Wolfman at 10:06 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Stefan

Lisa gave the balances in the following accounts: Administration \$21,484.01, Contribution \$37,709.01, Savings \$17,326.54. Most of the funds are earmarked for specific expenditures. She is working on a budget that she will bring to membership for approval in the next few months. Lisa is aligning the budget with the fiscal year. She clarified that funds received from Ways and Means were for 2012 and 2013.

Bouquets - Lexie Corbitt

The next meeting will be Monday, March 11, at Jane Wiser's.

Community Affairs - Laurie Smith

The next work day will be Tuesday, March 5 at 11:00 at the Triangle.

Conservation & National Affairs

Carole Wolfman asked anyone interested to please sign up for the March 13, Boat Tour of San Francisco Bay. Ten more spaces are available.

Flower Arranging - Judy Shallat

The Flower Arranging 101 workshop has been cancelled and in its place there will be a Club sponsored Flower Arranging workshop at St. Stephens Church on Tuesday, April 9. The cost is \$45.

FMN - June Cunningham

The next deadline is March 6.

Horticulture - Nita Roethe

Nita thanked Margie Murphy for hosting the last workshop and Joyce Nelson for organizing. The next meeting will be a field trip to Annie's Annuals in Richmond, on Tuesday, March 26. Meet at 10:00 in the lower parking lot at OCC. Presentation starts at 10:30.

Hospitality - Anita Hughes

The end of year meeting/picnic will be held May 23, at Mary Read's home in Napa. We will be carpooling from the lower parking lot at OCC. Check *Forget Me Nots*

for details.

Membership - Ruth Fortune

There has been a change of status for three members, and one opening left unfilled from last year, for a total of four membership openings. March 1, is the deadline for status change and March 15, for sponsoring a new member.

Mini Luncheons - Bobbie Wilson _

We need sign-ups for the March mini luncheons and also people to host and co-host the luncheons.

Nominating - Heather Dunne

The Nominating Committee of Heather Dunne, Phoebe Kahl, Jane Ryan, Gail Emmons and Pam Goode, presented Margie Murphy for Vice President and Janet Riley for President. Both were unanimously elected.

Heather also presented the idea of obtaining passes to the San Francisco Flower Mart for members at the annual cost of \$25 per member.

Visiting Gardens - Pam Wiley

Pam reported that there will be a field trip to the gardens of Alcatraz. This will consist of a one hour tour and then a garden clean-up of the area. This will take place Monday, May 6, and members need to be in San Francisco by 8:00 to catch the ferry to the island. The ferry will return members across the Bay at 12:00, or members can stay longer to tour and catch a ferry back at their own cost. This is limited to 25 people. Those signed up need to bring watering cans and gardening tools.

Rose Garden - Kirsten Whitsett

The roses are all pruned and deadheading will start in May.

Old Business

Orinda Country Club will be providing the rocks and plaque that will transcribe the City of Orinda award to the Orinda Garden Club for the beautification of Lake Cascade and the Cork Oak Project. This will be placed behind the tennis courts, near the Cork Oaks.

Diana Kennedy reported that Visions will no longer be a joint effort between the Zone XII Garden Clubs. Instead, starting in 2015, each club will be designated a year on a rotating basis to produce their own show. This can be either a speaker, horticulture, flower or photography show. The host club will invite the other 5 clubs to their version of Visions. They will also be doing away with the storage unit in Richmond.

New Business

Janet Riley passed out a member questionnaire for Active members to fill out. This will also be available online.

The Flower Show for 2014 will be co-chaired by Nancy Dickmeyer and Nath Schmicker. They have a tentative date that will be announced at a later time.

The GCA Annual Meeting 2018 will be held in San Francisco. All the clubs in Zone XII will have jobs. This will be Co-Chaired by Missy Jensen from Carmel by the Sea, and Sandy Scott of Woodside.

Phoebe Kahl reported that there will be a hands on workshop on April 19, put on by the Flower Guild of Washington Cathedral. The topic is "Flower Arranging for Holy Spaces and Your Home". There is a morning session for \$30 which includes coffee and a lecture, and an afternoon session for \$65 that will include flower arranging. Information will be in FMN.

Orinda Mayor, Amy Worth came to the meeting to thank the Orinda Garden Club for all they do to beautify the City of Orinda. She also spoke about the opening of the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel. She was just elected to the Metropolitan Transit Committee and has been intricately involved in the Caldecott Tunnel Project. She reported that the Tunnel Project is ahead of schedule. They will be landscaping both sides of the Tunnel with native plants. This is the second largest infrastructure project in the country.

Carole Wolfman announced the Carmel by the Sea Plant Sale is this weekend.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 19, Dona Snow's, 9:00 a.m. coffee/9:30 a.m. meeting.*

General Meeting - Thursday, March 21, 9:30 a.m. Social - 10:00 a.m. Meeting @ OCC.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The speaker, Susan Morrison, author of *Garden Up*, was introduced to speak on Small Vertical Gardening for Small and Large Spaces.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Lowery

*Please note these dates are the 3rd Tuesday and Thursday of March