

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
January 18, 2011**

Heather Dunne called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. at the Woodside Priory School in Portola Valley, CA. The minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

Heather noted that December was a busy month for OGC and acknowledged the successful Christmas Party. She thanked Carole Wolfman for sharing her beautiful home for the holiday event. Nath Schmicker presented Carole with a gift as a gesture of appreciation.

Heather read a letter addressed to Pat Winther from the Marin Garden Club thanking the OGC for sponsoring them for membership into the Garden Club of America.

Pat Winther announced that the Marin Garden Club has been invited to attend the OGC April 28th meeting at the Orinda Country Club. The program will feature floral designer Michael Daigian. A buffet lunch will follow the meeting and Pat encouraged members to plan on staying for the lunch. The lunch will be \$17 per person. Jane Ryan is coordinating the lunch.

Heather discussed the introduction of OGC's new email system. Members can now send group emails directly, using the email address: actives@orindagardenclub.org. The email address should only be used for OGC business. The email will reach current, active members. Heather plans to have separate group email addresses for sustainers and associates in the future.

The income and expenses for the Christmas Tea and Party are as follows:

Income:	\$11,163.43
Expenses:	<u>10,504.71</u>
NET TOTAL:	\$ 658.72

More expenses may come in.

Membership: Margie Murphy proposed the following members for the 2011 Membership Committee: Sally Chapman, Ruth Fortune, Pam Goode, and Lorene Quist. A motion was made and approved for the 2011 Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will also be presented to the Board at the February meeting. Margie noted that the New Membership Proposal Form will be distributed at the February General Meeting.

Visions 2011: Phoebe Kahl provided a comprehensive report and update on the plans for the May 12-14, 2011 GCA Major Flower Show in Carmel. A newsletter has been created to keep garden club members apprised of the activities and events as well as volunteer opportunities. The newsletter will be distributed to OGC members via email. A website has been created for the Flower Show: www.visions2011.net.

To date, 13 members of the Club have submitted entries for the show. Quite a few classes have openings and members are encouraged to enter. The following classes have been filled: In Horticulture, classes 1, 4, 25, and 26 are full. In Flower Arranging, classes 3 and 7 are full. In Flower Arranging entries, the participating garden clubs have submitted the following number of entries: Hillsborough Garden Club - 6 entries; Carmel Garden Club - 6 entries; WoodsideAtherton Garden Club - 6 entries; Piedmont Garden Club - 4 1/2 entries; and Orinda Garden Club - 4 1/2 entries.

Volunteers are still needed in a number of capacities; Orinda Garden Club members should contact Cathleen Sodos for further volunteer information.

Tickets are available for the three outstanding speakers at the Show. Club members should contact Pam Goode for additional information and tickets.

There is a need for host houses for the judges' cottage dinners to be held on Friday, May 13th.

Introduction of Guests: Heather introduced two guests attending today's meeting: Kay Klunder, GCA Zone XII Director, and Sally Broughton, GCA Zone XII Chairman. Kay and Sally discussed their roles as representatives for the 18 garden clubs in Zone XII covering the seven western states. Zone XII is the largest zone in the GCA.

Flower Arranging Workshops: Gail Emmons noted that the date for the next Flower Arranging Workshop has been changed to Friday, March 25th at 9:30 a.m. in the Stephen's Church hall. The fee is \$35.00. Sign-ups were

taken at the meeting.

Gail previewed her new floral arranging guide book [Leaf Manipulation: A Beginner's Guide to Working With Leaves in a Contemporary Way](#). The book will be sold as a fundraiser for the upcoming World Association of Flower Arrangers Show to be held in Boston June 15-19, 2011.

Programs: Nancy Dickmeyer thanked the members for attending today's meeting. She then announced that Woodside-Atherton Garden Club member Barbara Tuffli will be the keynote speaker for the February 24th General Meeting. She will be speaking on the "The Art of the Camellia."

Beautification: Gina Field expressed her gratitude to all OGC members who helped plant bulbs at the Orinda off-ramp and noted that the bulbs are beginning to bloom.

Gina then announced that the Orinda Garden Club will be honored by the City of Orinda and The Orinda Association at a special reception and dinner on Sunday evening, January 30th. OGC, along with 3 other Orinda garden clubs, will be presented the William Penn Mott, Jr. Environmental Award for their contributions to beautifying the community. More information and tickets are available on The Orinda Association website. Gina noted that three Orinda garden clubs will be meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 9:30 a.m. in front of Peet's coffee to clean up the containers along Moraga Way. Members are encouraged to come and help out.

Horticulture: Joyce Nelson remarked that the January 11th program featuring Neal Richmond speaking on "Daylilies" was a great success. The next Horticulture meeting will be held at Diana Kennedy's home on February 15th and will feature landscape designer Suzanne Arca.

Conservation: DD Felton announced two upcoming field trips for March and April. One field trip will be a tour of an organic farm and the second field trip will be a tour of the Marin Sanitary's recycling center. Marin Sanitary is the largest recycler in Northern California. Dates for both field fields will be announced. DD Felton will have a sign-up clipboard at the February General Meeting.

Other Business:

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on January 25th to discuss candidates for the vice president position.

OGC Sustaining Member Evie Cranston spoke about the activities that have been planned for the Visions 2011 judges. She also noted that OGC members Carole Wolfman, Nath Schmicker, and Judy Gray will be clerks at the Visions 2011 flower show which involves recording judges' comments as each entry is judged.

Gardens at Heather Farms Roses: Joan Andrews has organized rose pruning for Wednesday, January 26th and Monday, January 31st. Both are at 9:00 a.m. Additional volunteers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Cinderey
Recording Secretary

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