

**Orinda Garden Club  
General Meeting  
January 24, 2013**

President Carole Wolfman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Orinda Country Club. Carole read a letter from sustaining member Evie Cranston complimenting OGC on the cork oak restoration project at Lake Cascade.

Recording Secretary - Ann Cinderey

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes to November 15, 2012 meeting.  
Motion passed.

Treasurer - Lisa Stefan

Lisa provided treasurer's report and account balances.

Bouquets - Tina Locke

January's Bouquets was a great success. All members are welcome to come to the monthly Bouquets gathering. Next Bouquets at Carole Wolfman's home on February 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Community Affairs/Beautification - Lisa Jorgens

Orinda Garden Club applauded for wreaths project at Orinda Mayor's meeting.  
Next maintenance day will be Tuesday, January 5, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the off-ramp.  
Author Dave Eggers will be speaking on February 28, 2013 at the Lafayette Veteran's Hall.  
Kay Aaker has been selected to receive the Orinda Volunteer of the Year award.

Conservation - Marty DeJonghe

Reported on the January 9, 2013 field trip to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model in Sausalito and the Marine Mammal Center.  
Boat trip on the San Francisco Bay with Professor Doris Sloan is Wednesday, March 13, 2013. Cost is \$85 and includes lunch.

Heather Farms - Isa Mary Ziegler

Rose pruning on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

National Affairs - Pamela Stefan

Garden Club of America committed to the environment, and in 2013 GCA will be supporting strategies to address environmental change. Read President Obama's Inaugural message regarding climate change.

Flower Arranging Workshop - Judy Gray

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 all-day flower arranging workshop at St. Stephen's Church. After today's meeting, the workshop will be opened to Piedmont and Marin Garden Club members. Limited number of spaces.

Forget-Me-Nots - June Cunningham

Deadline for February issue is Wednesday, January 30, 2013.  
Heather Farms Valentine's Tea is February 8, 2013.

Horticulture - Joyce Nelson

Propagation class at the home of Margie Murphy on February 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Bring cuttings, seeds, or plants to propagate.

Membership - Ruth Fortune

March 1, 2013 deadline for submitting change in membership status. Deadline for submitting new member candidates is March 15, 2013. Refer to by-laws for membership guidelines.

Mini-Luncheons - Bobbie Wilson

Mini-luncheons will be held after the March 21, 2013 general meeting.

Nominating Committee – Carole Wolfman & Heather Dunne

Carole introduced Janet Riley who has assumed the position of Vice President for the remainder of the 2012-2013 year, replacing DD Felton who must step down due to job commitments. Margie Murphy has been nominated for the position of Vice President.

Publicity - Janet Pease

Excellent publicity coverage of Lake Cascade oak tree restoration and The Wreaths Around Town projects in the local press.

Raffle - Betty Thompson

November raffle raised more than \$900.00.

Visiting Gardens - Pam Wiley

Garden Club of America encourages members to visit gardens while traveling. The GCA has organized trips each year, including this year's trip to Chicago. Members don't have to commit to trip; just put name on the interest list and you will be confirmed later. Pam suggested members consider a group trip to Sante Fe for 2014 for the "Beyond the Adobe Walls" garden tour.

Ways & Means - Pam Goode

No Bake Cupcake Sale raised \$15,600.00; sale of wreaths and topiaries at Holiday Parties raised \$2,155.00 for a total of \$17,755.00.

Old Business

Holiday Tea, Evening Party and Wreaths - Nath Schmicker, Nancy Dickmeyer, Cathleen Sodos, Jane Wiser

Nath thanked Carole Amstutz for her beautiful piano playing during the Holiday evening party and Dayna Taylor for organizing all of the food at the Holiday Tea. Cathleen thanked everyone who helped decorate and hang the wreaths.

Visions - Diana Kennedy

Plans underway for a Visions 2016 at the San Francisco Botanical Gardens. A co-director of the show is needed.

Lake Cascade - Diana Kennedy and Joan Andrews

Received a special award from the City of Orinda for their volunteer work on the cork oak restoration project at Lake Cascade.

New Business

Zone XII Meeting - Carole Wolfman and Janet Riley attended meeting in Carmel

February Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Margie Murphy.

February General Meeting is Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Orinda Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Cindery, Recording Secretary

