

**Orinda Garden Club  
General Meeting  
May 31, 2012**

President Carole Wolfman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes to the April 26, 2012 General Meeting. Carole thanked Midge Zischke for coordinating today's meeting at the Bruns California Shakespeare Theatre.

Jane Ryan reminded members to review the current roster for any final changes.

DD Felton next introduced four of the five new Orinda Garden Club members and their sponsors:

Louise Diracles sponsored by Jan Formanek and Sugar Felice;  
Catherine Dunne sponsored by Pam Goode and Heather Dunne;  
Laura Sawczuk sponsored by Janet Riley and Rhonda Zakshorn; and  
Mary Ellen Schneider sponsored by Lisa Jorgens and Laurie Smith.

The sponsors provided an introduction and biography of the new members. The fifth new member, Shari Bashin-Sullivan sponsored by Gail Emmons and Margie Murphy, was unable to attend the May meeting and will be introduced at the fall meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Lorene Quist reminded members to sign the attendance sheet.

Treasurer Sandy Barnett thanked the members for sending in their annual dues.

Tina Locke announced the last Bouquets of the year will be held on June 11, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at her home. A luncheon will follow.

Diana Kennedy next gave a report on the Centennial Tree Project at Lake Cascade. To date, the fund raising efforts have generated more than \$26,000. The restoration of the trees will continue this summer, and Diana noted that if extra funds are available, the project will address the area at the east end of the Lake near the house.

There are preliminary discussions about having a Visions Flower Show in 2016, possibly being held at the San Francisco Botanical Garden. A co-chair is needed for the event.

For Community Affairs, Lisa Jorgens noted the 1st Tuesday of each month will be for Beautification projects in Orinda. Next Tuesday, June 5, 2012, the Beautification committee will be meeting at the off-ramp to deadhead the bulbs. All members were encouraged to attend.

Marty DeJonghe presented a poster board with photographs she had taken of the Orinda creeks draining into the San Pablo Reservoir.

The deadline for the Forget Me Nots Newsletter will be late August/early September.

The Horticulture Committee thanked Jackie Voigt for hosting the Horticulture meeting on roses at her lovely home and garden.

Carole thanked Rhonda and Anita Hughes for organizing the day's luncheon which followed the general meeting.

Laurie Lowery asked members to sign up for the weekly library flowers for the summer months. Laurie will send an email reminder to members who have signed up for delivering flower to the library.

Carole Amstutz noted that the Wagner Ranch Nature Area's education program is being enthusiastically received by the teachers and students. The Orinda Garden Club's September meeting will be held at the Nature Area.

Kirsten Whitsett thanked everyone who was able to help trim roses at Heather Farms in preparation for the "Wine and Roses" fund raiser to be held at the Gardens on Friday, June 1, 2012.

The recipients of the Orinda Garden Club scholarship program will be announced at the September General

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Evie Cranston has offered for any members who will be traveling to Montana this summer to stop by and visit her garden.

Diana Kennedy and Joyce Nelson presented a re-cap of the Honolulu Flower Show "Echoes of Rainbows" held at the Honolulu Museum of Art May 11-13, 2012. Diana, Phoebe Kahl, Joyce Nelson and Heather Dunne all attended the Flower Show.

DD Felton provided a summary of her attendance at the Garden Club of America annual meeting held in Savannah, Georgia April 15-17, 2012. DD thanked the members for providing her the opportunity to attend the meeting. She found the GCA to be both a wonderful and powerful organization.

Margie Murphy and Carole attended the Garden Club of America Zone XII meeting in Portland held May 1-3, 2012. Margie reported she found the meeting to offer an amazing opportunity to exchange ideas among the garden club members.

Joan Andrews announced the winners of the in-house photography show "Visions of Lake Cascade" and she thanked all of the members who participated in the photo competition.

## Old Business:

Carole reported the holiday events committee will be meeting over the summer to begin the planning for the wreath decorating, tea, and evening party events.

Carole also noted that committee chairs need to submit the total volunteer hours to her by the June 1, 2012 deadline.

Jenifer Brunk presented a special gift to Diana Kennedy for her dedication and commitment to the Lake Cascade cork oak restoration project.

Carole presented Joan Andrews the official Judge Emeritus Award for Photography from the Garden Club of America. Carole honored Joan for her generous involvement in the Orinda Garden Club and the numerous awards she has received for her contributions.

## Upcoming Meetings:

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Carole's home.

The September General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann Cinderey*  
*Recording Secretary*

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