

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
May 23, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Carole Wolfman at 10:38 a.m. at the home of Mary Read.

Recording Secretary - Ann Cinderey

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes to the April 25, 2013 meeting. The motion passed.

Janet Riley acknowledged the five members who had completed their first year in the Orinda Garden Club -- Shari Bashin-Sullivan, Louise Diracles, Catherine Dunne, Laura Sawczuk, and Mary Ellen Schneider. Janet then introduced the four new members -- Lisa Hallahan, Sandra Holland, Dayna Sayres, and Chris Stoneberg.

Treasurer - Lisa Stefan

Lisa reported on the balances in the Administration, Contributions, and Savings accounts. She reminded members to pay their annual dues. Lisa also noted the fiscal year is ending and any reimbursements or deposits need to be submitted to her as soon as possible. A \$200.00 donation will be given to the Gardens of Alcatraz.

Bouquets - Tina Locke

Final Bouquets on June 10th at the home of MJ Walburg. A potluck luncheon will follow.

Beautification - Laurie Smith

Meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month. June will be the containers, July the triangle, and August/September the off-ramp.

Heather Farm Rose Garden - Isa Mary Ziegler and Kirsten Whitsett

Pruning of the roses at the Gardens at Heather Farm will be May 29 to prepare the garden for the annual Wine and Roses event being held on Friday, May 31. There will be two pruning dates in June.

Roster - Jane Ryan

The deadline for submitting changes to the roster is August 15th.

Scholarship -

Ann Seclow will be announcing the recipients of the Orinda Garden Club scholarship program at the September General Meeting.

Old Business

GCA Workshop - Phoebe Kahl

There will be a flower show judging workshop in September in Santa Barbara. Phoebe acknowledged the Orinda Garden Club members who are judges.

Flower Show - Nath Schmicker

Orinda Garden Club will be holding a club flower show on March 28, 2014.

Awards and Achievements

The GCA Appreciation Award was presented to Cathleen Sodos and Jane Wisner for spearheading the “Wreaths Around Town” project to beautify Orinda during the holidays with 100 wreaths.

The GCA Horticulture Award was presented to Kirsten Whitsett for her excellence and service in horticulture, including the Heather Farm Rose Garden, Beautification, and Flower Shows.

The GCA Civic Improvement Award was presented to Diana Kennedy for her exceptional achievement in completing the restoration of the cork oaks and shoreline at Lake Cascade.

50th Anniversary Award was given to Betsy Bingham. Betsy received a special acknowledgement from the Garden Club of America for her 50 year anniversary as an active member of the Orinda Garden Club.

Muffy York was given the 60th Anniversary Award to acknowledge her 60-year milestone as a member of the Orinda Garden Club.

June Cunningham was acknowledged for her dedicated work and achievement as editor of the Forget Me Nots newsletter for 10 years. June has been a member of the Orinda Garden Club since 1969.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Cinderey
Recording Secretary