

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
November 17, 2011**

President Carole Wolfman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting were approved.

Carole reminded members they are to sign in at the front entry table instead of role call. Clip boards are at the table in the center of the main room.

Lexie Corbitt announced the next Bouquets will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2011 at the Orinda Community Center. Members do not need to bring any floral materials.

Lisa Jorgens reported the Beautification Committee teamed up with the Orinda Parks and Recreation Department to plant 1,200 bulbs throughout the City. The Orinda Community Foundation provided a \$600 grant to help offset the cost of planting the bulbs.

Lisa also reported the Orinda Library has significantly increased their inventory of DVD's. The Orinda City Council will be holding a special meeting on November 29, 2011 to discuss road repairs. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the library auditorium.

There is also a new campaign by the Orinda Police to ticket jaywalkers and cars crossing the yellow lines to secure parking spots. Lisa also noted the Orinda Fire Department is making CPR kits available to Orinda residents.

Gina Field noted the four Orinda garden clubs are jointly working on two projects: one, the replacement of the concrete planters in downtown Orinda on Orinda Way; and two, installing a new bench to replace the concrete bench near the Orinda Theater.

Carole announced there are openings for two Orinda Garden Club members to attend the Garden Club of America 2012 Annual National Affairs and Legislative Meeting to be held February 27 - March 1 in Washington D.C. Members interested in attending should contact Carole.

Diana Kennedy noted she is working on plans to have a special event to build awareness of the cork oaks at Lake Cascade. More information will follow at the January meeting.

June Cunningham reported the next deadline for the January Forget-Me-Nots is January 4, 2012.

Nita Roethe noted the next Horticulture Committee meeting will take place at Lisa Jorgens' home on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The topic will be orchids.

Cathleen Sodos updated the members on the plans for the "Wreaths Around Town" project. Sixty wreaths from Boy Scout Troop 237 will be decorated on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Orinda Country Club. The following day they will be installed throughout Orinda. Volunteers are welcome to help with putting up the wreaths as well as taking them down after the New Year.

The next Flower Arranging Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The fee is \$45.00.

Today's raffle prizes will be the arrangements created by guest speaker Ron Morgan.

Rose pruning at Heather Farms will take place on January 30th and February 8th, 2012. Two rose pruning experts will be there to provide guidance.

Kris Rawson is available to arrange transportation to any Orinda Garden Club event for those members who need a ride.

The January Board meeting will be held at the home of Pam Goode on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The January General Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at the Orinda Country Club. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cinderey
Recording Secretary

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