

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting/Guest Day
November 15, 2012
Orinda Country Club**

Meeting was called to order by Carole Wolfman at 10:05 a.m. Carole gave an overview of our Club, our purpose and our endeavors in the community.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Ways and Means - Pam Goode

Pam thanked the membership for support of our fundraiser the "No Bake Bake Sale". She reported that 5 wreaths, created by new members and their sponsors, will be auctioned off at the Holiday Party and that they will be selling topiaries at the Coffee and Party for members to purchase.

Bouquets - Lexie Corbitt, Tina Locke

Dec. 10 is the next scheduled meeting which will be held at the Orinda Community Center. Bring greens instead of flowers. A van is needed for the transport of Christmas trees to the Veteran's Hospital.

Community Affairs/Beautification - Lisa Jorgens

Lisa thanked Julie O'Melveny for getting Boy Scouts to help plant 900 bulbs and also pick up garbage. There will be another Beautification event on Jan. 8, location TBA.

Conservation - Marty DeJonghe

Wed. Jan. 9 is the date for the SF Water Model tour in Sausalito. This tour includes lunch. The Bay tour in March will be led by Doris Sloan, an ex Geology teacher at Cal. This trip will be limited to 30.

Flower Arranging - Judy Gray

Zone workshop is April 9, at St. Stephens Church. This will be an all day FA 101 workshop put on by Zone Judges. Sign-up will be at the January meeting. Cost will be \$195 including lunch. We need a minimum of 20 and maximum of 26 members to sign up.

Forget Me Nots - June Cunningham

Jan. 2 is the deadline for submissions.

Horticulture - Joyce Nelson, Dena Raffel

Joyce and Dena attended the Garden Club of America Shirley Menice Conference in Austin, Texas. They gave a recap of their trip including a trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Center, day trip to the All Glory Ranch, a Texas Bar-B-Q at the Salt Lick and waiting for the evening sightings of the Mexican Foray Bats. A few topics they learned about

included preserving wildflowers and native plants, Native American seeds, “Everything Recyclable” , and sustainability of our environment and it’s resources.

Nominating - Heather Dunne

The Nominating Committee of Pam Goode, Gail Emmons, Phoebe Kahl and Jane Ryan will be meeting in January.

Merchandise Sales - Linda Thompson

Selling bulbs along with other merchandise today.

Nature Area - Carole Amstutz

Carole is talking with Orinda School District regarding their vision for the future.

Rose Garden - Isa Mary Ziegler

Jan. 30 is the tentative date for the big prune.

Old Business

Cathleen Sodos and Jane Wisner reported that the Club will be hanging 100 wreaths about town on Dec. 1, commemorating GCA Centennial. Fifty of the wreaths were ordered from the Boy Scouts and 50 were ordered from the Miramonte Senior Class. On Nov. 26 there will be a pine cone wiring clinic at Jane’s home. On Nov. 30 at 10:00 there will be a wreath decoration workshop and Holiday Tea at Orinda Country Club. People are needed to help hang the wreaths on Dec. 1. If you are available, meet at the B of A parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The take down date is TBA.

Nancy Dickmeyer passed around an envelope for checks for the Holiday Party - \$95/ per person. Deadline is Nov. 16

New Business

Diana Kennedy reported on the Visions meeting that will take place this week at the SF Botanical Gardens. On Dec. 4 they will meet again to make a final decision on where to have the 2016 event.

Joan Andrews and Diana Kennedy reported that OGC is getting an award for the Cork Oak Project from the City of Orinda at the Dec. 4 City Council Meeting. They will be accepting a plaque that will be installed on a boulder around Lake Cascade.

The Garden Club of America will be having their 100 year celebration in New York on June 1-5. There will be workshops and dedications. This event is open to all members.

The next Board meeting is Jan. 22 (**this has since been amended to Jan. 15**). and the next General meeting is Jan. 24.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. and the guest speaker, Natasha Lisitsa, a Floral Art Designer was introduced to begin the Guest Day program.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lowery

