

**Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting
October 28, 2010**

Heather Dunne called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. at the Orinda Country Club. Lorene Quist called the roll.

Heather read an email from the Diggers Garden Club of Pasadena informing the Orinda Garden Club members that Rosie Jones had passed away. Heather also read a letter from OGC Sustaining Member Evie Cranston thanking the Garden Club for the award she received during the Zone XII meeting.

The minutes of the September 23, 2010 meeting were approved.

Heather then read a letter notifying OGC that their "Enduring Classics" proposal for the GCA Founders Fund Award had not been selected as a finalist. Heather noted that changes will be made to the proposal for re-submission to next year's competition.

REPORTS:

Programs: Nancy Dickmeyer announced that the January 18th Club meeting will be a five-club joint meeting in Woodside. Dr. Mark Plotkin, President of the Amazon Conservation Team, will be the guest speaker. Carpools will be organized for the members. The meeting will include lunch.

Nath Schmicker noted that the November 18th meeting is Guest Day. The speaker will be floral designer Jun Pinon.

Merchandise Sales: Judy Shallat noted that today's merchandise sale features bulbs and recycled vases from former workshops.

Zone XII Meeting: Carole Wolfman shared her report on the Zone XII meeting held September 28-29, 2010, hosted by the Woodside/Atherton Garden Club. Heather Dunne also attended the meeting. The keynote speaker at the meeting was Professor David Kennedy of Stanford University who spoke on allocation and distribution of water.

Forget-Me-Nots: June Cunningham noted the deadline for the November issue is Monday, November 1st. The following issue will be published in January 2011.

Visions: Phoebe Kahl and Cathleen Sodos provided an overview of the program and events scheduled for Visions 2011 to be held in Carmel at the Sunset Center, May 12-14, 2011. There will be a preview party on Thursday, May 12th and the flower show will be open to the public on Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th. Cathleen encouraged members to sign up to volunteer for the show.

Conservation: DD Felton and Pamela Stefan reported on the conservation themes for upcoming meetings, to include bottled water, canned goods, household cleaners, and make-up. There will be a field trip to the Marin County Sanitary Re-cycling Center in spring 2011. DD and Pamela also quizzed the Club members on their knowledge of household pets and their environmental impact. Finally, DD and Pamela provided shopping tips for organic foods.

Laurie Smith announced that there will be an e-waste collection in January, sponsored by Miramonte High School.

Bouquets: Dena Raffel announced the next Bouquets gathering will take place on Monday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Carole Wolfman's home.

Christmas Tea & Party: Diana Kennedy reported on plans for the December 10th annual event, to be held at Carole Wolfman's home. Sign-ups for cookies and tea sandwiches were taken. The November issue of the Forget-Me-Nots will have the reservations form for the tea and evening party.

Cork Oaks/Heather Farms: Joan Andrews encouraged members to come to the rose garden at Heather Farms on Wednesday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. for fall clean-up and trimming.

Beautification: Gina Field reported on the City of Orinda's Certificate of Appreciation to the Orinda Garden Club in recognition of the Club's countless hours spent on beautification efforts throughout the City. Gina also noted there is an article on Orinda published in the October 25th issue of The New Yorker magazine.

Several beautification projects are scheduled for November, including four garden clubs meeting on November 2nd to plant the containers on Orinda Way and November 19th when bulbs and wildflower seeds will be planted at Orinda's freeway off-ramp. Both projects begin at 9:30 a.m.

Horticulture: Joyce Nelson announced a paperwhites bulb planting workshop for 10:00 a.m. on November 9th at her home. Members should bring a suitable vase for planting. Kirsten Whitsett reported on the successful field trip to Flora Grubb in San Francisco and her recent trip to Birmingham, Alabama where she represented OGC at the GCA Horticulture Conference.

Public Relations: MJ Walburg shared a recent article on the Cork Oaks Restoration project that appeared in the Lamorinda Weekly newspaper.

Mini Luncheons: Nita Roethe and Mary Read thanked the members who are hosting today's mini-luncheons in their homes.

Other Committee Reports:

GCA Visiting Gardens: Sue Manners reported on a visiting gardens trip to Italy planned for June 2011. More information and trip registration are available on the GCA website.

Other Business: The November Board meeting will be held at the home of Pat Winther on Tuesday, November 16th at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cinderey
Recording Secretary