

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara
General Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018
Music Academy of the West**

President Susanne Tobey called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

President: Susanne thanked the Music Academy of the West for hosting the meeting, Meghan Stoll and Jennifer Crimmins for providing today's refreshments, and April Riessen and Tina Wood for their floral arrangements. She then invited members to introduce their guests.

Minutes: The minutes of the March General Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: No report.

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: No report.

Communications: President Susanne reminded all that Maria Black is adding information and appropriate images to our Instagram account; others, including several nurseries, are now following it.

Conservation: Alex Bongaerts reported that she has scheduled a field trip on April 18, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the UCSB North Campus Open Space restoration project that is returning a former golf course to natural wetlands. We will meet with Dr. Lisa Stratton who is Director of Ecosystem Management, UCSB's Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER). The tour continues indoors with CCBER's Director, Dr. Katja Selmann. Members may carpool from Ladeen Miller's home to meet at CCBER by 10:00 a.m. Further details will follow this week.

Alex reminded all that Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22. What has become a worldwide movement originated as a result of the 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara. This year's free festival in Santa Barbara, *Educate. Inspire. Act.*, will be held on April 21-22 at Alameda Park. Additionally, she itemized nine tips for reducing plastic waste by recycling.

Floral Design: No report.

Garden History and Design: No report.

Horticulture: Sally Fairbanks reminded members that she has organized a trip to Ojai on April 11 to tour the Taft Gardens (\$10 per person admission fee). Attendees will also visit a private garden belonging to Keri Starbuck thanks to Dana Kent who contacted her.

Membership: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Programs: No report.

Projects: In Tisha Ford's absence President Susanne presented requests for project funding to educate guests and prepare members for voting at the May General Meeting.

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History	\$ 25,000	The Puesta del Sol Esplanade
Casa del Herrero	\$ 4,500	Arizona Garden
Explore Ecology	\$ 12,500	School Programs
Santa Ynez Botanic Garden	\$ 1,500	Tree Maintenance

Susanne reminded members of previously approved funds to be given in 2018:

Cancer Center	\$5,000	Oak Tree
Lotusland	\$5,000	Japanese Garden
Olive Grove	\$5,000	2019, Grove Centennial

Visiting Gardens: President Susanne reported on the April 2 to 7 trip to Charleston.

Ways & Means: No report.

Old Business

Members:

President Susanne shared the history of Earth Day.

Bobbie Kinnear thanked all GCSB members who will volunteer for Registration at the upcoming GCA 2018 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

New Business

Members:

President Susanne described community events of interest to members: Lotusland talk and tour of the Insectary with Corey Wells on April 10; Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Native Plant Sale; Santa Barbara Historical Museum's *Florestal: Then and Now* on April 18, about which member Sharon Bradford, the museum's President, added that architect Marc Appleton will give the presentation at the Lobero Theatre (Call Sharon if you'd like to attend the special dinner following.); Pearl Chase Society's Historic Homes Tour on May 20; and, in honor of Earth Day, the County of Santa Barbara's video installation, *Entangled Waters*, to raise awareness and encourage sustainable practices that conserve and protect our aquatic ecosystems and local water

supply. The video installation will open the public shortly after dark on April 13 and 14 in the archway of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse. Alex Morse invited all to attend Lotusland *Lotus Fest* on July 8 and called attention to two recent articles on Lotusland.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The May General Meeting will be on Monday, May 7, 2018
Dan Bifano will speak about roses.
Members are encouraged to bring roses from their gardens.
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Farrand Hall

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, June 6, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
The Valley Club

Program: Susanne McEwen introduced speaker Kate Frey, an author and a Chelsea Flower Show gold and silver award-winning landscape designer whose program was cancelled in January due to Thomas Fire and following mud and debris flows. Kate impressed us with her illustrated presentation, “Adventures in Gardening Around The World.”

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Power
Recording Secretary