

**Garden Club of Santa Barbara  
General Meeting minutes  
December 3, 2018**

**Next meeting: January 7, 2019 at Direct Relief Headquarters 6100  
Wallace Becknell Road  
9:30 Coffee and 10:00 meeting**

President Anne Rhett Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:45 am

**President:** The minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer:** Alex Bongaerts reported that there is a total of \$77532.02 of which \$47,000 is dedicated to the Administrative Account, leaving \$30,532.02 in the checking account.

**Communication:** Tina Wood has been updating our GCSB website, and members are encouraged to visit it. Also, as many members have not recently visited the GCA website, at a future meeting, Tina will demonstrate how to log onto and navigate that website.

Articles for the Budding News are due to Teri Taylor by Friday, December 7.

Lady Buds will take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:30 am at Nancy Read's house. Small arrangements are made and taken to PATH. Please bring or buy flowers to use.

**Horticulture:** Check your email from Sharon Bradford and Amy Mayfield regarding the Arizona Garden at Casa del Herrero. The next work day will be announced.

**Membership:** Norma Jean Shaw reviewed the protocol for proposing new members. The deadline for 2019 completed applications is January 31.

Our next open meeting is February 4, 2017. Since this is after the January 31 membership deadline, members are encouraged to invite their friends even if they will not be proposing them for future membership.

**Visiting Gardens:** Mary Hampson announced the Palm Springs trip for April 3, 2019 through April 5, 2019. Sign ups were circulated for the trip. She will send an email to follow up with details.

**Conservation:** Susanne Tobey announced that she has nominated *Frangula californica* also known as the coffee berry, for the 2019 Freeman Medal.

**Floral Design:** Cheryl Miller announced that the arrangements for the Fireman's Fund Party were a big success and thank you to all who helped. The workshop last Friday was also a success and the book for inspiration is called The Flower Chef. The monthly tip comes from Bobbie Kinnear and she shared that Oasis makes a 100% biodegradable product called Maxlife Floral Foam.

**Ways and Means:** Betsy Coates and Meghan Stoll reported on our May 7, 2019 fundraiser, "The Garden Club of Santa Barbara Entertains with Charlotte Moss". As discussed at past meetings, the event will feature unique tablescapes representing projects that we support. The projects that have been chosen by the Ways and Means committee for these tablescapes are:

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; Lotusland; the Casa del Herrero; the Natural History Museum; the Santa Barbara Zoo; the Healing Garden at the Cancer Center; Explore Ecology; the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden, the Memorial Olive Grove and a table honoring Charlotte Moss.

The teams that will be working on the tables will be announced at a future meeting.

**Programs:** Mari Mitchell and Carol Newman announced that our meeting in January will take place at the Direct Relief Headquarters on January, 7 2019. The speaker is Dr. Mazer and she will be discussing how we can become "citizen scientists". You can arrange a ride with a friend or you're welcome to meet at All Saints parking lot that morning and we will match up drivers and non-drivers. Cars will leave promptly at 9:20 a.m. Please email Carol Newman at [carolnewman7@gmail.com](mailto:carolnewman7@gmail.com) if you can be a driver or need a ride.

The minutes stand.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Announcements:** Thank you to Hospitality for the lovely set up today.

Congratulations to Lou Frost who has been granted Emeritus Status as a floral design judge. She has also achieved 35 years of service.

The Art Museum Tour is full.

Following adjournment, members were asked to go to the gymnasium for refreshments and Hospice arrangements).

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am