

**Garden Club of Santa Barbara
General Meeting minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019**

**Next meeting:
Monday, January 6
Maritime Museum**

Meeting called to order: President Anne Rhett Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and thanked Peggy Ittner and Ellen Pillsbury for organizing the hospitality and Susan Fuhrer and Elaine Toledo for bringing the food and floral display. Anne Rhett also thanked Mary Hampson in advance for hosting lunch after today's meeting. Anne Rhett announced the addition of Cheryl Ziegler to the GCSB as a new sustaining member and welcomed visitor Betsy Bingham from the Orinda Garden Club. Anne Rhett informed members that Laura Kuhn had hip surgery and please wish her well. A card for signing was sent around for Laura Kuhn. Anne Rhett shared the pictures of Dorothy Roberts and Dorothy Riley from last month's slideshow.

The minutes stand as approved.

Anne Rhett gave the Treasurer's report: \$36,470.84 in the Administrative account and \$56,000.00 in the Community account.

All information that you would like to submit for the Budding News is due to Teri Taylor by Friday, December 6, 2019.

Communications: Tina Wood shared the news that the Olive Grove dedication at the Mission was covered by Nooshawk and also announced on K-lite radio. Congratulations to Susanne McEwen and Susanne Tobey for all of their hard work in completing the Olive Grove project.

Conservation: Susanne Tobey reminded members that there will be a trip to The Dangermond Preserve on Friday, December 6, 2019. The group attending will meet at Birnam Wood at 8:00 a.m. and should return by 3:00 p.m. All participants must fill out and sign a waiver for the trip.

Floral Design: Look for information in the Budding News about the January 3, 2020 floral workshop at Cheryl Miller's house.

Garden History & Design: Allyson Hayward has agreed to chair the project to document Susie Bechtel's garden for the Smithsonian archives. Leslie Power will be the photographer for the special project.

There are copies of *View* magazine available for you to take after the meeting.

Thank you to Laurel Barrack for opening up her home for the GCSB visit.

Work continues on the member's album and please let Sarah know if you have any information to submit.

Horticulture: Sharon Bradford and Amy Mayfield announced the Kokedama workshop that will take place at 9:30 on December 11, 2019 at San Marcos Growers. The workshop is \$25 per person.

Sharon and Amy thanked all of those who showed up to maintain the Arizona Garden at Casa del Herrero.

They also thanked Meghan Stoll and Sarah Heatwole for helping to organize the visit to El Cielito.

Programs: Mari Mitchel and Carol Newman announced with Dan Bifano that there will be a rose pruning workshop planned for January 14, 2020 at 9:30 in the Casa del Herrero rose garden.

Our next general meeting will be on Monday, January 6, 2020 at The Maritime Museum. The topic will be a "Tech Talk" with information on the GCA website, Instagram, and other Iphone basics with Tina Wood and Dory Turk.

Ways and Means: Betsy Coates and Meghan Stoll reminded the members to please attend the fundraiser at Field + Fort on December 4, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from the wreaths and paperwhites will go to the GCSB.

They also thanked Alex Morse and Florabundance for the donations of greenery for the arrangements for Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care. Don't forget to shop at our member's boutique after today's meeting. All proceeds go to the GCSB.

Visiting Gardens: Mary Hampson announced more details regarding the GCSB trip to the Bay Area for May 11 - 16, 2020. Please check your email for information.

Old Business: No

New Business: No

Announcements: Lady Buds will meet at Nancy Reed's house on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.