

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara**  
**General Meeting**  
**March 2, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting called to order:** President Anne Rhett called the meeting to order at 10:01

Anne Rhett thanked the Santa Barbara Museum of Art for hosting us and the Hospitality team Peggy Ittner and Ellen Pillsbury for providing us with coffee/tea and thank you to Mimi Owens, Anne Crowe, and Linda Phillips for providing the goodies. The flowers were most appreciated....thanks to Cheryl Miller and Pat Tenney.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A vote to approve the January and February minutes took place. They were approved.

**Treasurer:** Alex Bongaerts shared the account balances:

\$....55,694.50.Total; \$ 56,000.00 is in the community account and \$111,694.50 is in the administrative account. The administrative account is very high because of the Northern CA trip coming up.

**Founders Fund:** Susanne Tobey passed out ballots. A vote was held by secret ballot to decide what project we thought was most valuable. Cheer Mobile, Growing it Green, and Crossnore School. Crossnore School and Children's Home Permaculture Sanctuary in Winston, N.C. won by a strong majority.

**2nd Vice President/Provisional Chair:** Joceleyne Meeker went over Provisional Requirements that are listed in the membership directory book under Standard Rules Part D Provisional Requirements. Quick recap: Attend all monthly meetings; Serve on Hospitality Committee as well as either the Conservation, Floral Design OR Horticulture Committee as well attend the committee meetings; Participate in all fundraising events and all In-house and GCA flower shows; Attend a Board Meeting; Help with a Cancer center floral workshop; Participate in Lady Buds; Attend a Horticulture propagation workshop; Attend a Floral Design Workshop; Provide a Cancer Center floral arrangement; Provide a written description of their garden along with photos to be placed in the Members' Gardens book; Write a brief autobiography to be shared with the membership in October of the Provisional year.

### **Garden History and Design: Gould Estate**

Sarah Heatwole spoke about the Gould Estate:

She showed Peter Riedel photos from the archive and Clara Hinton Gould aka...Mrs. Frederick Gould was the main topic. The Gould Estate sat on a property that used to be called 80 acres and currently is the Ennisbrook development. Those who would like to walk and see the views from current member Betsy Moller's home, who resides in Ennisbrook, will take place on Wednesday, after Lady Buds, on March 4th, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

Please join Sarah for a hike with Sharon Bradford through the woods. It will take place on Monday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. to see the old Gates, the Adobe, the Preserve, and the Angel. A great view of the Gould Estate

Property and the Old Mill will be seen. Call or email Sarah to sign up. Meet Sharon at the clubhouse at Ennisbrook at 10:00 a.m.

**Projects:** Sally Fairbanks and her committee members have carefully chosen our 2020 list of projects that we will support this year: They include:

Santa Ynez Botanic Garden Butterfly Preserve \$1,500.00

Lotusland \$5,227.00 to remove and transplant the Euphorbia

Santa Barbara Natural History Museum \$3,100 to replace the pots that have been damaged in the front courtyard. As well as replant what is inside.

Explore Ecology \$12,500 To hire 4 new coordinators to come in during the summer to maintain the school garden as well as teach kids about nature.

Cheadle Center Vernal Pool \$4,955

VNH -Serenity House \$ 4,805 ...to start a vegetable garden

**Floral Design:** Cheryl Miller spoke about her last recent visit from the PHS Philadelphia flower show. She was a judge for pressed plant material.

On April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. a floral workshop will be held at Cheryl Miller's home.

Pat Tenney spoke about the workshop put on by Occasion founder and CEO Annette Kunz, florist designer, that she and Cheryl attended and led by a Japanese gentleman using paper and copper mesh ...very intricate

and detailed. They brought them to our meeting and they were outstanding! (Yes...I know this is not an action but so worthy to mention).

Floral tip by Cheryl: Use zip-ties to hold the little glass tubes that hold the flowers.

**Programs:** Carol Newman and Mari Mitchell introduced Marc Appleton. Marc Appleton spoke about his grandparent's home, Florestal. It is currently Allison and Jeff Rusack's residence where Marc was hired to restore it. There is a change of date for the tours of the Florestal Estate with Marc Appleton: April 1st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and then again at 2 p.m. Vicki Strickland said carpooling a must! Hat and Sunscreen advised. April 6th's General Meeting at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum will feature speakers Kathy Herring and Kathleen Biggins on Climate Change.

**Conservation:**

Anne Crowe and Suzanne Tobey will speak at the April 6th meeting regarding NAL. It is about sharing scientific data on how to protect our environment.

**Visiting Gardens:** Mary Hampson reminded all that intend to go on the May 11th-16th trip to get in touch with her asap if they haven't already signed up. So far they have about 20 attending.

At the end of April, Mary is putting together a visiting garden trip and lunch in Los Angeles. Date TBD.

**Horticulture:** Anne Rhett shared pictures of past projects.

April 7th, 10:00 Seed exchange and propagation workshop for provisionals held at San Marcos Growers. Please email Sharon if you can attend. They need helpers!

**Old Business:**

Pop Up of Lotusland pictures were shown. Thank you to Dan Bifano and Alex Morse for making it happen.

Thank you to Allison Hayward for arranging an informative and interesting lecture by Robin Karson on Lockwood de Forest held at The Little Town Club. Thanks to Sarah Heatwole for organizing the luncheon as well.

**New Business:** Anne Rhett made a motion to raise the dues from \$190.00 to \$225 ...a \$35.00 increase. It was a unanimous vote. Approved!

**Announcements:**

Lady Buds will take place at Nancy Reed's house on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Signage at Olive Grove: The Memorial sign is Up!!

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:08

Meghan Stoll for Jennifer Kelly (Recording Secretary)