

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara  
General Meeting  
November 14, 2016  
Santa Barbara Zoo**

President Susanne Tobey called the meeting to order at 9:30 am at the Santa Barbara Zoo.

**President:** Susanne reminded members of the meeting time change to 9:00 am social, 9:30 meeting. She introduced Zoo Director Nancy McToldridge who welcomed all. Susanne thanked Sharon Bradford for helping secure our meeting at the Zoo, Peggy Ittner and Ellen Pillsbury for refreshments and Pat Tenny for creating the underwater floral arrangement on display. Being an open meeting, members introduced their guests.

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

**Treasurer:** Carol Newman's written report stated account balances of \$82,724.63 in the Administrative account and \$30,000 in the club's Community account. She wrote asking members to submit a Treasurer's Form when requesting reimbursement for expenses or submitting checks for deposit. It's available on our website *Members' Only* section under Forms. Or request one from her.

**First Vice President:** For her monthly *Scholarship Minute*, Anne Rhett Merrill explained that GCA offers merit-based scholarships at the graduate and undergraduate levels in areas of study from biology to urban forestry. Over \$360,000 was awarded in 2016, individual and club contributions having made possible almost one-third. See the GCA website for details.

**Second Vice President:** No report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Communications:** Vicki Hough announced a November 20 deadline to submit photos for Zone XII's contribution to *eNews* and the GCA website. Please email photos to her; see her for specifics or the GCA website. GCSB's website is being updated and it will soon have a community involvement section. She requested committees wishing "a button" to access committee information, or to add or correct information, please contact her. Check the Members Only section for *Budding News* and upcoming events.

**Conservation:** Ladeen Miller reminded members that GCA was founded supporting conservation and since 1984, now with over 40 participating arboreta, botanic gardens, and other organizations, has been advocating for plant diversity. The C.P.C. is the authority on protecting rare plants in North America and oversees the National Collection of the most endangered plants. California Plant Rescue is part of an endeavor: Seeding the Future, with the mission to bank all existing populations of rare plants in the U.S. and to reinforce existing seed banks.

**Floral Design:** Laura Kuhn invited Pat Tenny to explain how to create a successful underwater arrangement. Gail Emmons' January 9 workshop is wait-listed. Lady Buds' next workday will be announced at our December meeting. The December Flower Arranging at the Cancer Center is cancelled. Beth Leddy has provided *Budding News* with the list for Monday arrangements. See the November issue for important details.

**Garden History and Design:** In Sara Sewall's absence Susanne asked all members to add or update articles and photos describing their home gardens for our Club's book. Contact Teri Taylor for list of points to consider; Mary Dorra offered assistance. Email photos to Teri in actual size.

**Horticulture:** Sally Fairbanks presented the plant of the month, Island Bush Mallow, *Malva assurgentiflora* (Syn: Lavatera). She reminded members that Bruce Reed, Botanic Garden arborist, will speak about trees during the drought on December 12 at 10:00 am in the Garden's Blaksley Library. She encouraged all to enter the Horticulture Division in our upcoming flower show. See *Budding News* issues for committee information.

**Projects:** In Tisha Ford's absence Susanne announced that she, Tisha, Susanne McEwen and Sally Fairbanks, along with their host Ron Dutton, Cancer Center Director of Philanthropy, toured the Cancer Center building new addition and grounds under construction and informed members of the possibility of funding some future garden project.

**Visiting Gardens:** In Norma Jean Shaw's absence Susanne reported that the May 7 – 13 Trip to Philadelphia and the Brandywine countryside is fully subscribed. Members may add their name to the wait-list.

## **AD Hoc Committee Reports**

**Archives, Club Administrator and Roster:** Teri Taylor announced that the 2016-2017 Rosters were available to pick up at today's meeting. Please email/mail any changes to both Teri and Vicky Strickland in order to be included in future correspondence.

## **Old Business**

**2017 Flower Show Update:** Co-chairs Jocelyne Meeker and Cheryl Miller announced they will email members the schedule and advised all, especially those interested in Horticulture and Photography, to check the Timetable page for deadlines and to submit registration forms on time and before classes are open to all GCA members. STAR POWER will be held at the Music Academy of the West on April 19-21, 2017. For inspiration and interesting articles, Susanne recommended members see the Fall 2016 *By Design*, The Botanical Art at the Newport Flower Show. See November's *Budding News* for information about the Fall Photography Workshop, *iPhoneography*, on December 6.

**GCSB Centennial Gala Update:** Jane Buchanan recognized and thanked Gala co-chairs Joan Jackson and Patty Weber. Photos taken throughout the evening are available at <https://www.smugmug.com/>; username: gardenclubofsantabarbara@gmail.com, password: compost; click on the photo of the Centennial Gala; select and download the photo(s) you want. Jane referenced two publications with articles about the Centennial, the November *Montecito Magazine* and the October *Bulletin*, and thanked Teri Taylor for her help in writing the article.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

**Program:** Norma Jean Shaw introduced speaker J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Power  
Recording Secretary