

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara  
General Meeting  
Monday, October 1, 2018**

President Anne Rhett Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**President:** Anne Rhett Merrill thanked the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum for hosting the meeting and introduced the Board President, Wilson Quarre, who welcomed all and discussed the Mission Statement, Education & Lectures available at the Museum. He also highlighted the History of Oil exhibit at the SBMM.

Anne Rhett thanked Susie and Riley Bechtel for the Fall SBGC cocktail party.

Anne Rhett added her goal to our SBGC to “make it fun”!

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2018 General Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer:** The account balance is \$84,533.83. The Community Account is \$47,000.00 and the Administrative Account is \$37,533.83.

**Membership:** Norma Jean Shaw requests that all guests’ names for the November 5, 2018 open meeting are sent to her so that her committee is informed of who is coming and they will make the rounds to meet and greet.

All applications will be due by January, 31, 2019.

**Second Vice President:** Jocelyne Meeker introduced two provisionals, Anne Crowe and Prudence Squier and a bio will be in the budding news for each.

**Communications:** Entries for The Budding News are due by Friday, October 5, 2018. Please use exact wording and no PDF files. The roster was distributed.

Lady Buds is taking place on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at Nancy Read's house at 9:30 a.m.

Beth Leddy has the containers for the Cancer Center Floral arrangements and the sign-ups were passed around.

Susanne McEwen, Jane Roney, and Carol Newman will be heading the floral arrangement workshop at the Cancer Center on 10/21/18.

**Visiting Gardens:** Mary Hampson suggested a possible short trip to Houston during April 14-16 or 17, 2019 to see the Florescence Houston at the Museum of Fine Arts. Some other short trips might include San Francisco in June and a day trip to visit gardens in Los Angeles (date to be determined). A sign up went around to all members. Some other benefits of being a Garden Club member are hosting visitors and visiting other gardens while traveling. You may also host a pop-up party, so please contact Vicki Hough if you are interested in doing so.

**Floral Design:** Cheryl Miller sent around a sign up sheet for multiple opportunities to attend workshops for floral arranging. Cheryl also reminded members that the GCA floral design magazine in hard copy is available for subscription and the online copy is free.

Her Floral tip of the month was to use "U" glue, glue dots for arrangements.

Susanne McEwen informed members that the Santa Barbara Art Museum will have a private screening and tour of Japanese Screens on December 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. There will be weekly floral arrangement installations starting January 3, 2019 through February 7, 2019. Also, plan ahead for the Art in Bloom exhibit in 2020.

**Garden History and Design:** Sarah Heatwole discussed two projects; the update of Member's Gardens and the Archive Disaster (before & after) submissions.

**Horticulture:** Sharon Bradford & Amy Mayfield announced the project will be restoration of the "Arizona Gardens" at Casa del Herrero. The next meeting is October 1, 2018.

**Hospitality:** Peggy Ittner & Ellen Pillsbury announced a November Box Lunch after the Open Meeting at The Music Academy on 11/5/18 for \$15.

**Conservation:** Susanne Tobey has a date for the first committee meeting of October 10, 2018. Susanne discussed the GCA Restoration grant and the opportunity presented by the Montecito Trails Foundation in refurbishing the Ennisbrook Trail.

**Projects:** Sally Fairbanks stated that all applications for possible projects need to be submitted by January, 2019. A consideration was made to combine Conservation & Projects to apply for the GCA fund for restoration after a disaster.

**Ways & Means:** Betsy Coates & Meghan Stoll presented our event called Garden Club of Santa Barbara Entertains with Charlotte Moss on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

**Programs:** Carol Newman & Mari Mitchel reported that all meetings are scheduled. There will be a program presented by Thomas Woltz for the SBGC and selected public community.

**Old Business:** No

**New Business:** No

**Members:** An exciting announcement was made regarding Dorothy Gardner becoming Director Emerita for the Conservancy Board of Directors. Congratulations to Dorothy!

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.