

**Garden Club of Santa Barbara  
General Meeting minutes  
January, 7, 2019**

**Next meeting: February 4, 2019 at Santa Barbara Historical Museum's  
Covarrubias Adobe, Open Meeting:  
"Entertaining with Fun and Flair"  
with author Francis Schultz**

**Program:** Dr. Susan Mazer: How to Become a Citizen Scientist

**Meeting called to order:** Our January General Meeting at Direct Relief International began with our program. Anne Rhett Merrill thanked President and CEO of Direct Relief, Thomas Tighe, for hosting our meeting today. Thomas Tighe welcomed the GCSB and shared a few words. Mari Mitchel introduced our speaker, Dr. Susan Mazer, who spoke on "How to Be a Citizen Scientist".

Meeting called to order: 11:05 AM

**Approval of Minutes:** There are two additions to the minutes: Thank you to Anne Crowe for her presentation on the clean water position and thank you to all who participated in the CALM project for the Holidays. Minutes stand.

**Treasurer:** Our checking account balance is \$75,092.62 of which \$47,000 is earmarked for community projects.

**Communications: Budding News** - Please submit any announcements for Budding News by Friday, January 11, 2019 in email format only NO PDF, please.

**Conservation:** Susanne Tobey announced that Ventura County was awarded as the 1st County ever to set a default of 100 percent renewable electricity through the Clean Power Alliance in 2019. Also, good news that some of our leaking oil wells in Santa Barbara will be capped. Susanne suggested staying informed through the Sierra Club Publication and the Yale Climate Connection.

Tina Wood presented a position paper on Sustainable Agriculture, Seed diversity and Food Security mentioning specific Santa Barbara agencies who practice these programs; Fairview Gardens, SB Botanical Garden Seed Bank, Ted Chamberlain Ranch, and Doheny Ranch. Tisha Ford was unable to attend but helped with the research for this position paper.

**Membership:** Norma Jean Shaw announced that there are five potential new members for the Garden Club of Santa Barbara. Call her directly with any questions.

**Visiting Gardens:** Mary Hampson announced the Palm Springs trip over April 3 - 5, 2019. Please check your email for information. In March the Zone 12 Visiting Gardens Chairmen are coming to Santa Barbara to visit, so please contact Mary if you would like to help.

**Floral Design:** Cheryl Miller thanked Betsy Coates, Puck Erickson, April Riessen, Susanne McEwen, and Pat Tenney for their help with the Museum Arrangements for the Japanese Screen installation. A special thanks to Susanne McEwen for organizing the collaboration between the GCSB and the SB Museum of Art. Please go on the museum website to check it out.

There will be a workshop on January, 16, 2019 at 9:30 at Cheryl's house to make Botanical necklaces or pins.

There will also be a workshop at the end of February, details to follow.

Cheryl's tips include:

1. Dip the end of your sheers in plastidip as a unique way to id them
2. Check out "full pot" for shipping flowers
3. Check out the app on the iphone called "flower wheel"

**Horticulture:** Sharon Bradford and Amy Mayfield will send an email regarding a trip to San Marcos Growers for the Casa del Herrero project. Thank you to Puck Erickson for the design work on the Casa del Herrero project.

**Programs:** The next meeting is an Open meeting on February 4, 2019. The location is the SB Historical Museum and the presenter is author, Frances Schultz. If you and your guest(s) would like to attend the luncheon at the Little Town Club immediately following the meeting , please send \$25 per person to Peggy Ittner by January 28 and indicate your preference for cheese souffle or quiche.

**Announcements:**

Two more helpers are needed for the Cancer Center Floral design workshop on February 21, 2019.

Lady Buds Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Nancy Read's house at 9:30.

Thank you for your help with the Flower's for the upcoming Bucket Brigade event.

Eric Haskell has been made an Honorary member of the Garden Club of America.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45. Members were invited for a tour of the Direct Relief facility