

The Garden Club of Santa Barbara  
General Meeting  
February 3, 2020  
Minutes

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

Thank you to Direct Relief and hostesses

Anne Rhett Introduced Heather Bennett Vice President at Direct Relief.

Anne Rhett welcomed guests; Diane Miller, Betsy Haburg, Travis Krantz, Dani Kent, Connie Burnett, Kelly Lloyd, and Betsy Bingham.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from January still need to be approved.

**Treasurer:** Look for the report in this month's Budding News.

**Communication:** Budding News articles due to Teri by Friday, February 7, 2020.

**Conservation:** Anne Crowe presented a report on GCA's position on conservation and policy pages. Policies are decided at February meetings and available for viewing in GCA conservation publications.

The Healthy Yard pledge was discussed and Diane Lewis' book *The Great Healthy Yard Project* ; GCSB members present stood and took the pledge.

Founders Fund projects need to be voted on at the next meeting. The projects include: The Cheer Mobile Cheer Flower Farm in Rhode Island, Growing it Green Rain Garden Project in Patterson, NJ Crossnore School and Children's Home Permaculture Sanctuary Winston, NC

**Horticulture:** Amy Mayfield announced Kokedama Workshop will be Thursday, February 13, 9:30 a.m. at Sharon Bradford's

Sharon Bradford announced Maze workshop at SB Botanical Gardens 2/18  
10AM

Amy announced a free Seed Exchange workshop on April 7, 2020 at 10:00  
a.m. at San Marcos Growers.

**Garden History and Design:** Sarah Heatwole thanked Teri Taylor for her  
work on the Members Gardens Archives book.

Alex Morse arranged a Pop-Up party at Lotusland on February 4 at 10:00  
for a tour and talk.

So far, Vicki Hough has 32 signed up on her list

Sarah thanked Allyson Hayward in advance for the February 20, 2020  
Lockwood De Forest Lecture at 10:30 a.m. at Little Town Club presented  
by Robin Karson (checks made out to GCSB \$25 sent to Sarah Heatwole)  
and guests are welcome; let Sarah know ASAP.

Sarah presented Casa Dorinda history originally known as “The Bliss  
House”.

**Projects:** Sally will give a report in March.

Anne Rhett discussed the Montecito Triangle renovation in coordination  
with Montecito Community Foundation and county supervisor Das Williams.  
Casa Dorinda has water access in the triangle. There are a couple of  
finished landscape designs but we can design our own as well. The county  
offered some trees if we like; plans to grade and build curb are needed.

Anne Rhett wrote a letter to involved parties asking timing of curb  
installation to keep vehicles and unofficial dumping off site. The committee  
is discussing funding through gifts, grants and fundraising

**Programs:** Carol announced the next meeting on March 3, 2020 at the  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Marc Appleton will speak on his  
grandparent’s home, Florestal.

There will be two tours of Florestal which Marc offered to members on April  
1, 2020 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. carpooling is essential.

Carol hopes everyone remembered to bring favorite vegetable recipe today for lunchtime recipe swap

**Visiting Gardens:** Anne Rhett announced the San Francisco trip May 11 - 16, 2020. Please call Metropolitan Club or Stanford Park Hotel to book your lodging

**Ways and Means:** Betsy Coates thanked everyone for their continued support.

**Floral Design:** Anne Rhett presented the Zone 12 floral subject. It is the month of roses; Anne Rhett presented various facts, lore, and history of roses

**Announcements:** Anne Rhett announced photographer, Stacy Bass, sent an email inquiring about whether any of our members would be interested in sharing their seaside garden with her for an upcoming book.

Groundhog Phil predicted early spring

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 11:05AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Wood for Jennifer Kelly (Recording Secretary)

