

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara**  
**General Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**  
**Annual Meeting Monday, June 3, 2019**  
**Miramar Hotel**

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

Gwen Stauffer welcomed the Garden Club to Lotus Land and thanked the Garden Club for their support with the Japanese Garden renovations. Gwen announced that there will be an unveiling party in mid-June 2019, date to be determined. Gwen also announced "Lotus Fest" on July 7 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Beth Leddy announced sign-ups for the Cancer Center Flower arrangements. She sent a sign-up sheet around and encouraged all members to get involved.

Anne Rhett asked all members to sign a community "card" for Mary Thomas which she passed around.

Betsy Coates' name was chosen for the raffle and she will receive the plates and platter that were graciously donated for the fundraiser by Bonnie Henricks.

The minutes stand approved as distributed.

**Treasurer:** Garden Club of Santa Barbara dues are being collected and are delinquent by July 1, 2019. Alex will make the **GCA** dues payment by July 1, 2019.

The balance in the account is \$151,171.57.

**NAL:** The National Affairs and Legislative conference was attended by Alice Van de Water and Norma Jean Shaw in February 2019 and they gave

a report on their visit; *There were over 300 delegates this year and the Garden Club of America was welcomed enthusiastically to the conference. The National Affairs and Legislative conference is an opportunity to positively impact future generations on major issues and the NAL helps facilitate initiatives that are important to us all. This years' focus was climate change and David Yarnold from the National Audubon Society addressed the group. Read the ten position papers on the NAL website to gain more information. Some bills that were discussed are: the Botany Bill, Land and Water Conservation & Revival of National Park Services. Both Alice and Norma Jean found the conference to be fascinating and recommended it to all interested members.*

**Floral Design:** Cheryl Miller thanked those who helped arrange all 38 centerpieces for the Garden Club Fundraiser event. Arrangement helpers for fundraising event were: Mary Adams, Susanne McEwen, Dani Hahn, Puck Erickson, Anne Crowe, Jane Roney, Amy Mayfield, Carol Newman, Lou Frost, Betsy Coates and Cheryl Miller.

Cheryl has asked Lou Frost, Alice Van de Water, Jane Roney, and Pat Tenney to help arrange the centerpieces for the Annual Meeting. The theme to honor the Arizona Garden at Casa del Herrero is flowers with succulents.

The final workshop was called "Line Design", and it was a success.

There were two floral design tips:

1. When using a tall vase you can fit chicken wire over the top and then insert a foam piece for arranging flowers. It makes your arrangement easier to work with and it looks like it's "floating".
2. Curly willow branches can be "woven" into a form for floral arranging.

**Garden History and Design:** Sarah Heatwole and her committee members have been calling members to remind them of the June 3, 2019 deadline to submit descriptions and pictures of their gardens. Teri Taylor has a list of questions to prompt the written garden description portion and she will send those out to members.

**Horticulture:** Horticulture has ordered plants from San Marcos Growers for the Arizona Garden at Casa del Herrero. Amy Mayfield will make the list available to members.

Sharon, Amy and Puck are working closely to see the next steps of planting and irrigation through to completion.

**Hospitality:** The Annual Meeting will be at The Miramar Hotel on June 3, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP with your check made out to G.C.S.B. in the amount of \$65.00 and send to Peggy Ittner by May 27, 2019.

**Membership:** The provisionals for 2019/2020 are: Louise Casey, Allyson Hayward, Nanette Nevins, Linda Phillips, and Leslie Schneiderman. Dan Bifano will be an honorary member. They will be announced at the Annual meeting on June 3, 2019.

Robin Martin and April Riessen will become sustainers and Sally Beckham will be resigning.

**Programs:** There is a committee meeting on June 7, 2019 at 10:00 am at Carol Newman's house, and there are many projects already in the works for next year.

**Visiting Gardens:** Mary Hampson will send out an email to announce a Los Angeles day trip for garden club members.

**Ways & Means:** Meghan Stoll announced that there were still some items for sale; books/cookbooks.

**Old Business:** No

**New Business:** No

**Announcements:**

1. Teri Taylor announced that there were some yellow scissors left at the Garden Club Event; no one claimed them
2. The Virginia Robinson Gardeners' Garden Tour and Showcase Estate fundraiser "Oh! Naturale" is this weekend (May 18) in Los Angeles
3. There won't be a Lady Buds workshop this month because Nancy Read is out of town
4. Jocelyne Meeker is ordering Garden Club of Santa Barbara aprons. Please contact her if you need one.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 10:55 a.m. and then Susanne Tobey introduced our speaker, Plant Health Care Coordinator, Corey Welles from Lotus Land.