

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara
General Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2019**

**Next meeting: "Sharing our Bounty"
Monday, December 2, 2019
Montecito Covenant Church**

President Anne Rhett Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

The minutes from June and October stand approved as distributed.

Anne Rhett thanked Prudie Squire and Joanie Zacher for the flowers and for the lovely hospitality set up. She also thanked Ellen Pillsbury and Peggy Ittner for organizing the member and guest lunch that will take place after the meeting.

Monica Tucker made a tribute to Dorothy Riley and mentioned all of her many talents and accomplishments in the gardening realm as well as the fact that she was the inspiration for the Shirley Meniece conference that takes place every year.

Norma Jean Shaw made a tribute to Dorothy Roberts who also had a long list of accomplishments. Dorothy Roberts joined Garden Club of Santa Barbara in 1975 and was especially talented at maintaining her beloved roses.

Anne Rhett added some of her own special memories of both women and stated that we are all grateful for women like Dorothy Riley and Dorothy Roberts.

Anne Rhett welcomed all members and guests to the open meeting and asked those garden club members who brought guests to introduce them.

Susanne McEwen and Susanne Tobey announced the ribbon cutting event to take place on Monday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m. for the Olive Grove project at Mission Santa Barbara. The Olive Grove holds great historical significance as it was planted 100 years ago by our Garden Club “ as a memorial peace offering to victory” in World War 1.

Amy Mayfield shared information about her experience at the Shirley Meniece Horticulture conference in Denver, Co.

Norma Jean Shaw shared information on our national parks and asked members to visit the Garden Club of America website to learn more about programs that help maintain our national parks such as the Student Conservation Project.

Garden History and Design: Sarah Heatwole reported that she and Teri Taylor are busy working on the Garden Club Member’s garden book which they hope to complete by the end of this year.

She also reminded people about the November 13 Smithsonian archive workshop event with Susanne Bishop taking place at the Valley Club. There are a few spots left if interested.

Sarah also announced that she will bring back the “Little Moments” of garden history to be shared at future general meetings.

The El Cielito garden tour is on November 14, 2019. This is an exciting opportunity because it is an original Peter Riedel design.

Susie Bechtel has agreed to let her Lockwood de Forrest garden be documented for the Smithsonian archives. The job of documenting a garden involves; the filling out of forms, photographs, descriptions, a plant list, and a plan of the garden itself.

Horticulture: Amy Mayfield thanked Laurel Barrack in advance for allowing the garden club to visit El Cielito on Thursday, November 14.

Amy also reported that the Folded Hills field trip was a huge success and there will be pictures to follow.

Amy announced the November 12, 2019 work party at the Arizona Garden at Casa del Herrero at 9:30 a.m.

She also announced that the December 11 workshop on Kokodama will be available first to the Horticulture Committee and then to members on a first come first serve basis. The workshop will be held at San Marcos growers at 9:30 a.m.

Floral Design: The Equisetum workshop was a success.

Visiting Gardens: Mary Hampson announced the plans for the San Francisco trip May 11 - 16, 2020. All participants will be required to get to San Francisco on their own but once there they will ride the bus to all events. There will be 18 rooms at The Metropolitan Club for the first three nights available on a first come first serve basis. There will be one hotel move to the Stanford Court Hotel in Palo Alto for two nights and day trips will be; Orinda and Piedmont, Marin and the Peninsula (Woodside, Palo Alto).

Mary asked members of the GCSB to volunteer and host a light lunch and garden tour after general meetings. Mary will be hosting lunch at her house after the December 2 general meeting.

Ways & Means: Betsy Coates announced that there will be a special holiday and shopping event at Field + Fort on Wednesday, December 4 from 5-7 p.m. Garden club member, Susie Bechtel, has offered 100% proceeds on specific holiday items to benefit the GCSB. A sign-up sheet was passed around for interested participants.

The GCSB Citrus cookbooks are also available for sale after today's meeting.

Programs: Carol Newman announced the next general meeting to take place on December 2, 2019 at The Montecito Covenant Church. Due to the nature of these general meetings Carol requested help setting up prior to both.

Please bring a gently used “treasure” to donate to the Holiday Bazaar that will raise funds for the Garden Club of Santa Barbara.

Communication: Tina Wood reported on the publicity for the Olive Grove at The Santa Barbara Mission.

She also requested any items for the Budding News be sent in an email to Teri Taylor in the exact wording that you wish to appear.

Announcements: The Lady Buds will meet at Nancy Read’s house on Wednesday, November 6 at 9:00.

The Santa Barbara Bucket Brigade is having a family friendly workday on Saturday, November 16 near Casa Dorinda from 9:00-2:00.

Old Business: no

New Business: no

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.