

NAPLES GARDEN CLUB
Membership Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian Church
1:00 - 3:00 PM - Moss Hall

Sondra Quinn, President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed members, provisionals and guests to the January Membership Meeting. Sondra thanked all the members who registered in advance for the meeting on the website. This allows for planning set up and hospitality.

She introduced, Jean Lemmon, Crowd Control Manager. Jean indicated all exits. Dusti Beabien, Club Chaplin, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Hospitality Committee, Joyce Alfieri, head hostess, and Sue Synnott, designer, were thanked for their efforts.

Sondra quoted from the two thank you letters received from FGCU Foundation and Naples Botanical Garden in response to the recent donations made towards The Club's pledge obligations.

Announcements were made regarding picking up Yearbooks; the introduction of Jane Corbly who is serving as Chair of the Communications Committee. Her responsibilities are the website, newsletter, Yearbook and PR; Liz Chehayl has created a page in the members' section of the website for the minutes of board and membership meetings.

Sondra announced that the upcoming mentor/mentee reception would be held at Audrey Hennessey's home at 3:00pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Members were informed of the upcoming Naples Orchid Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration event on February 2, 2012 at the Moorings Presbyterian Church. Non-members of the Orchid Society are invited to attend. The \$35.00 ticket includes dinner, a program and a silent auction. Please contact Kit Kitchen-Maran.

The meeting was then turned over to Arlene Cluff, House and Garden Tour Chair. Arlene was proud to announce that the tour sold out in 9 days this year, a first for NGC. If anyone knows of any homes for next year, please contact Arlene. The process to obtain tickets now is on our website. Volunteers for the tour are to park in the Windstar parking lot at Naples Botanical Garden which is accessed through the Kapnick Center parking lot. Only handicapped volunteers are allowed

to park in the Kapnick Center lot. All volunteers must display a tag in their windshield. The book signing for *Dream Houses* will be conducted the day of the preview tour in the hospitality room. The cost of the book is \$35.00. There will be no baked goods or monetary donations accepted this year. Items will be donated or purchased commercially.

Judy Brzoska gave an update on the upcoming trip to Floriade and the Chelsea Flower Show.

Gail Pica gave an update on the upcoming Flower Show. Melinda Earle and Gail will be hosting a flower room. Participants in the Flower Show will be able to go on-line and order the flowers for their arrangement. The flowers will be sent to the Botanical Garden for participants to pick up on Thursday afternoon prior to the show.

Mary Pulick gave an update of what openings are left in which classes for the show and encouraged all members to take the upcoming classes.

Irmeen Barsky demonstrated an arrangement without lights on and then with them on. She was available after the meeting to distribute a listing of lighting resources and requested volunteers for staging.

Catherine Ware reminded members not to forget horticulture entries.

Thomas Hecker held the raffle for the Blue Pot Challenge. 12 names were chosen.

Linda Brown held the raffle for those that signed up for the meeting on the website. The Malloys again donated a plant. Ellie Klingbell was the winner. Linda then announced our guest speaker, Ron Morgan, "In the Company of Flowers".

Ron captured the audience with his ability to craft beautiful arrangements right before our eyes sprinkled with his sense of humor, tales of his life as a floral designer and helpful tips.

Sondra Quinn, President, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Candi Child
Corresponding Secretary
(on behalf of Ann Westerfield, Recording Secretary)