



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

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Naples Garden Club

Regular Membership Meeting

Buehler Auditorium

Kapnick Education and Research Center

January 6, 2014

Welcome

Linda Brown, NGC President, convened the NGC meeting at 1:00 P.M., welcoming members, provisionals and guests to the January Regular Membership Meeting.

Linda reminded the attendees that if they haven't registered as a member with Credentials or as a guest with Guest Registration, to please sign their name on the sheet circulating on the clipboards during the meeting.

Sandy Lasch, Development Chair, asked for the following information to be announced: Seven applications for Grants have been received. Recipients will be announced at the March meeting and presented at the April meeting.

Members were asked to remember to support our Sponsors and mention the NGC when patronizing their stores and businesses.

Candi Child will assist anyone requiring help with Website & Registration problems before and after our regular meetings.

As a reminder to all members, if they have someone they wish to join the NGC, please have them come to the February or March meetings if they haven't already attended one meeting. Active Members should stop by the Membership Desk to give Bev Metcalf their prospective member's name and email address. Bev has a letter she will be sending out very soon to prospective new members.

The NBG has requested all members & guests who park in the Kapnick parking lot to use designated areas only or to park in the Administration parking lot to avoid blocking emergency vehicle access.

Kathleen Hawryluk has alerted Linda about a FFGC Judges Council Flower Show being held at her house on Jan. 23rd from noon to 4:00. This is a great opportunity for all members to see what our talented judges create! For more information, contact Kathleen or Linda. A flyer will be sent to you.

NGC will host the 2014 District IX meeting in the fall; Sondra Quinn will chair. More Chairs and Committee Members are needed. Some work will need to be done this spring before many members leave to go up north. Please consider getting involved.

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee

- Our thanks to the Hospitality Committee for organizing today's refreshments and floral design for our enjoyment.
- Head Hostess – Audrey Hennessey
- Designer – Irmeen Barsky

Hostesses

- Connie Kappus
- Ann Howat
- Bernadine Lakefield
- Margaret Brodeur
- Connie Marsocci
- Ann Kinsley
- Lin Sprigman
- Carol McCann
- Barbara Sampson
- Leona Curzi
- Linda Young
- Sharon Hiltonen
- Liz Willard

Invocation

Dusti Beaubien delivered the invocation. The membership and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cyber Drawing - early registration

Linda thanked those who registered in advance on our website. It allowed us to plan for set up and hospitality. She apologized for the website failure which happened for a short time this past week. Gail Duke drew the lucky number and Carolyn Moore received a beautiful Clerodendron/Light Bulb plant donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy.

BUSINESS MEETING

A motion was made to approve the December 2, 2013 meeting minutes on the website. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House & Garden Tour

Arleen Cluff, 2nd V.P., House and Garden Tour Chair, needs volunteers for Hospitality and Tote Bag stuffing (January 30th at 10:00 A.M.). Today was the last chance to sign up for the Preview Tour.

Bette Aymar announced the new raffle procedures. We presently have 72 items. We will consign 8 raffle tickets to members wishing to sell them to friends. (\$5.00 for 1, \$10.00 for 3, and \$20.00 for 8.) We need the name, phone number, and item number on the back of each raffle ticket.

Flower Show

Roberta Ross, 3rd V.P., Flower Show Chair, reminded members to sign up for the design entries with Gail Pica. Entry cards will be available at the next meeting and in our office. Horticulture entries may be double potted as long as the inside pot does not show. For large planting information, contact Marilyn Gross. The combined plants must be owned for 6 weeks, orchids for 6 months, and all others for 90 days. Regarding the Members Challenge, colorful foliage combinations are highly encouraged. All these and other rules can be found in your 2014 Flower Show Schedule, [Alice in Wonderland](#).

Announcements & Introduction of Speaker

Gail Duke, 1st V.P. Education/Programs, announced upcoming workshops

- First Latitudes 2014, January 8, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., Kapnick Center
- Green Door Nursery, January 16, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- Native Garden Tours, January 20, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. NBG
- Regular Membership Meeting, February 10, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.
 - James L Johnson, Distinguished Lecturer and Published Floral Designer will be the speaker

Program

Xavier Cortada was our featured speaker. He has created a series of extensive art installations in the Earth's poles to generate awareness about global climate change: In 2007, as a National Science Foundation Antarctic Artist and Writer's Program Fellow, Xavier used the moving ice sheet beneath the South Pole as an instrument to mark time; the art piece will be completed in 150, 000 years. In 2008, he planted a green flag at the North Pole to reclaim it for nature and launch a reforestation eco-art effort.

Xavier often collaborates with scientists in his art-making. He has worked with a physicist to develop a site-specific art installation capturing the five search strategies used to discover the Higgs-like particle. The five giant banners hang at the location (100meters below ground) where the particles were discovered.

Mr. Cortada has also worked with a population geneticist on a project exploring our ancestral journeys out of Africa 60,000 years ago. He has worked with a molecular biologist to synthesize an actual DNA strand made from a sequence randomly generated by participants visiting his museum exhibit, and has worked with botanists in an eco-art reforest of mangrove, native trees and wildflowers.

This Miami artist has been commissioned to create art for the White House, the World Bank, the Florida Supreme Court, Florida Botanical Gardens, the Miami Art Museum, and the Museum of Florida History.

Mr. Cortada's work spans the globe. His international art projects include: peace murals in Cyprus and Northern Ireland, child welfare murals in Bolivia and Panama, AIDS murals in Africa and Switzerland and eco-art projects in Taiwan, Hawaii, Holland and Latvia.

His corporate work partners include General Mills, Nike and Hershey's. His art work has been featured on National Geographic TV and the Discovery Channel.

Xavier was born in Albany New York and grew up in Miami. He holds degrees from the University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Business and Law. Currently, he is the Artist-In-Residence at Florida International University's College of Architecture & the Arts.

Xavier spoke to us about the project he directs – FLOR 500, an interdisciplinary project which commemorates 500 years of Florida history and combines art, history and nature.

Raffle Winner

Gail Duke announced the Raffle Winners drawn by Raynelle Perkins. The 2 lucky ladies won a ceramic flower made by Xavier Cortada.

President Linda Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Refreshments were served in the Windstar Room.

Attendance

Active Members 106; Provisionals 18; Guests 9: Speaker and Guest 2:

Total 135

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlette Bradley, Recording Secretary, January 6, 2014

