



**NAPLES GARDEN CLUB**  
*nurturing, growing & contributing*  
**General Membership Meeting**

**January 4, 2016**  
**Kapnick Hall**

Roberta Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all the members, Provisionals and many guests to the meeting. She reminded members and guests who had not signed in to do so on the form being circulated. She also reminded the members to pick up their packet of HG&T raffle tickets if they had not done so.

Chaplain Susan Kinkead gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Raynelle Perkins, Crowd Control Officer, made the safety announcements.

**Announcements:** Roberta Ross

- a. Today's refreshments by Lurcat catering will be served on the Loggia after the program.
- b. Those participating in the Member's Challenge were asked to pick up their plants after the meeting, see Judy Perkins or Julie Peterson.
- c. Honorees who were not present at the December Holiday Luncheon to receive their Special Club Awards were called forward. They were Diane Dahl, Carol McMenamy, and Barbara Sampson. (June Kroeschell was not present to accept her award.)
- d. At the request of Catherine Ware, Roberta shared the sad news of the recent death of long time and cherished member Tim Ware.

**Business Meeting**

1. Fundraising Events Chair, Mary Beth Johns announced that all four homes are under contract for the HG&T and that January will be filled with zest, subcommittee meetings and much activity in preparation for the February 6th event. She thanked all involved including Joyce Colvario and Roberta Ross who completed the brochure. She reminded all that we need volunteers and it takes the whole club to present this event.
2. Sudie Minameyer, Education Chair, encouraged members to register for five planned educational events. Details are available on the website.
  - a. January 8 program, tour and lunch at the Collier County Extension office.
  - b. January 11 Design Workshop on Modern Mass Design with color blocking.
  - c. January 18 Plant Propagation at NBG.
  - d. Trip to Butterfly World in Coconut Creek, Florida.
3. Membership Chair, Beverly Metcalf requested that members begin thinking of potential candidates for the Provisional Class 2017. She reviewed the application process and asked that questions be emailed to Diane Friscaro, incoming Membership Chair.

Potential candidates must have attended one General Meeting prior to March. Applications may be submitted starting 9 a.m. on March 1st to March 31, 2016.

4. "Let's get to work" was the theme of Flower Show Chair Mary Raymond's remarks. The success of our show is dependent on NGC members. Programs and workshops have been planned to help members prepare for the NFS. Mary asked members to go home, select a design and call Polly Galliker to register for one of the remaining 21 design openings and, also, to take a good look at their plants, looking for potential horticulture entries and to begin nurturing and grooming them. Lindsey Clark is serving as consultant to the mini-challenge of succulent baskets which will be exhibited. Members are asked to enter, attend and actively support this fun learning opportunity.
5. Renee Lewis, Flower Show Chair Elect, is chairing a Small Standard Flower Show to be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The flower show schedule for this event will be emailed soon. The **Party** theme will be carried out in 14 designs, with a minimum of 20 horticulture entries.
6. Kathleen Maier, Development Chair, encouraged more selling and buying of raffle tickets and planned to be available after the program for those needing their raffle ticket packet or additional tickets to sell. She will also collect raffle money from those who sold tickets. This month the items of jewelry in the raffle were on display at the meeting. All raffle prizes may be viewed on the NGC website.

## **PROGRAM**

Program Chair, Raynelle Perkins introduced acclaimed world renowned designer and artist, Penny Decker. The theme of Ms. Decker's presentation was floral designs inspired by works of art, both modern and traditional. Although each floral design was primary and must be a 'good design in and of itself,' she showed how accompanying creative backgrounds enhanced and changed the overall look of an already good design. She interpreted works by Van Gogh, Rousseau, Mondrian, Gustave Klimt, Mark Rothco, Roy Lichtenstein, Niki De St Phalle and Beatriz Milhazes. The designs were much appreciated and photographed.

In attendance were 112 Active members, 9 Provisionals members and 39 guests, totaling 160 attendees.

President Roberta Ross adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. with light refreshments available for consumption out on the loggia.

Respectfully submitted  
Jean Lemmon, Secretary  
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