



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

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Naples Garden Club Regular Membership Meeting

Buehler Auditorium

Kapnick Education and Research Center

March 4, 2013

Welcome

Sondra Quinn, president, called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M.

Sondra also thanked the members who registered in advance thereby helping us plan and set up the meeting and hospitality.

Invocation and Pledge

Polly Galliker gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Hospitality Committee

The president thanked the Hospitality Committee for organizing the refreshments and the floral design.

Cyber Drawing-early registration

Linda Brown presented a beautiful *Sanchezia sanmartinensis* donated by Mike and Jackie Malloy to Linda Hyde. Congratulations Linda and thank you for registering early.

Business Meeting

Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. Sondra Quinn requested members and guests who did not sign in to sign in on the clipboard being circulated.

2. Linda Brown, 1st VP Program Chair, announced that Diane Dahl is organizing a March 11 trip to Avalon School Global Gardens. There is a wonderful collaboration with the NBG, NGC and the Avalon students who are also participating in our 2013 Flower Show. The last trip will be April 8; a tour of Buddy Poulsen's garden is being planned.

3. It was announced that refreshments would be served in our Garden Club office.

Membership Survey:

To give all members an opportunity to have input into our membership program and ensure satisfaction, a membership survey has been developed and will be put online. Sondra Quinn encouraged all members to take this opportunity to share their opinions and have input into future programs and meetings.

Committee Reports

House & Garden Tour

Treasurer, Peggy Blackburn, announced the proceeds from the H>.

At the present time (with some bills not tendered) our revenue is approximately \$106,810, with an \$80,000 profit.

Membership

Assistant treasurer, Pat McNamara, announced that membership renewal is from March 1, 2013-May 31, 2013. A late fee of \$25 will be incurred after May 31, 2013. The NGC dues may be paid online through PayPal, credit card or a check may be mailed.

Membership Chair, Bev Metcalf, introduced two new active members; Louella McAloose and Michelle Seass. Bev announced that we presently have 20 applications for the 2013-14 provisional class. If any active member is still interested in sponsoring a new member, please have them apply on line as soon as possible.

The Committee Interest Survey was announced and conducted for the purpose of identifying committees on which members would be willing to serve.

Development/NGC Grants Program

Development Chair, Fifi MacMahon, and NGC Grants Chair, Sandy Lasch, announced the organizations that have been approved to receive grant funds from NGC ; FGCU-\$5,000 continuing funds, Grace Place-\$1830, Conservancy-\$5,000, NBG (3 interns' funding)\$ 15,000. All recipients received 100% of their funding for a grand total of \$36,830. The award presentations will be presented at the April 1, 2013 Regular Membership Meeting.

Nominating

The Nominating Committee (Bev Metcalf, Arlette Bradley, Pat McNamara, Raynelle Perkins and Renee Lewis) announced the 2013-14 slate of officers: Linda Brown-President, Gail Duke-1st VP Education/Program, and Arlene Cluff-2nd VP House & Garden Tour.

Flower Show

Flower Show Chair, Roberta Ross, announced that the Design Division is full. She explained the importance and directions for filling out the horticultural entry cards before arriving at the flower show. Taking a picture of a plant and presenting the picture to a local nursery can often aid in finding the correct botanical name of the entry in question. Conditioning plants and cuttings (cut early in the A.M. and soak in warm water) was discussed. Please sign up for the Preview Gala (in the Windstar Room) before March 14, 2013. Michel Franklin will be taking photographs at the Preview Gala. Flower Show hostesses will be wearing black skirts/slacks and white tops.

Program

Linda Brown, 1st VP and Program/Education Chair introduced today's program:

“Restoring the Florida Everglades: History and Opportunities”-William J. Mitsch, Florida Eminent Scholar and Judy Sproul Chair of Wetland Ecology, FGCU.

Dr. Mitsch is the director of the Wetland Research Park, located in the FGCU's Kapnick Center. Bill shared with us how his research team is working toward the restoration of our wetlands in the face of changing climate and sea level rise-and how the NGC can help: water purification, flood regulation and coastal protection, biodiversity islands and corridors, climate regulation and carbon sequestration, location for human relaxation and nature observation/education. One half of the world's wetlands have been lost resulting in a 12 billion dollar restoration project. We need to reduce the phosphorous concentrations and help the storm water treatment measures, as well as support the 2014 Moonlight on the Marsh Lectures. Speakers' housing needs to be funded. The Red Tide and Burmese Python problems need to be addressed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Refreshments served in the NGC Office/Classroom

Attendance: Active- 81, Provisional- 6, Guests 13, Jensens-2, Total 102

Respectfully submitted, Arlette Bradley, Recording Secretary

