



**NAPLES GARDEN CLUB**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2016  
KAPNICK CENTER 1:00-3:00PM**

President, Sandy Lasch called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. She gave special thanks to the Naples Botanical Garden for co-sponsoring the event today.

The invocation was given by Polly Galliker, chaplain for this meeting, who read the poem, "Tis the season...to make the World a Better Place." Following the poem all attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

President Lasch thanked Hospitality Chair Pat Fosberg and Program Chair Raynelle Perkins for the arrangements, the speaker and refreshments for the meeting. Sandy thanked Andrea Grace, of the Naples Botanical Garden for her assistance with the meeting as well as the crew of the Garden for their support.

Sandy also announced that NGC Nominee, Dusti Beaubien, will be a 2017 Women of Initiative Honoree.

Raynelle Perkins conducted the cyber drawing for those members registering on line for the meeting. Liz Chehayel won the beautiful plant generously donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

President Lasch asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2016 General Meeting. Renee Lewis moved and Sondra Quinn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

*Renee Lewis*, Flower Show Chair, announced that Liz Chehayel was the co-chair for horticulture entries and that Polly Gallieker would handle design registration. The Flower Show Schedule will be available after the meeting. Jackie Frodsham has an abbreviated schedule for non-members, who are welcome to enter the horticulture division. Mary Pulick will conduct a workshop on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 1:00pm entitled Flower Show 101. The workshop is open to all members at no cost, but registration is required.

*Sharon Hildebrandt*, Chair of the House & Garden Tour, proudly announced that the event was sold out on the first day. Please encourage friends and family who were not able to secure tickets to sign-up on the waiting list. She thanked Mary Pulick and Peggy

Blackburn for providing an orderly and accurate registration. The House & Garden Tour team is working hard on their schedule of volunteers. If you are contacted, please respond and confirm your choice of task. Our Preview Tour is totally booked but members may register on the waiting list. Over 200 volunteers are needed for this event and everyone is encouraged to participate. Raffle tickets are available after the meeting and are awesome gifts for friends. Please see Lydia Galton.

*Susie Gascoigne*, Education Chair, announced two upcoming workshops:  
Carol Conant Tabletop Designs and Hurray for Bromeliads with Arlene Cluff.

*Pat Fosberg*, Hospitality Chair, announced that the Holiday luncheon would be at Windstar Country Club on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40.

**HISTORY MINUTE:** Linda Brown, club historian, reminded members of the many famous designers and botanists who have made presentations to Naples Garden Club over the years, including Julia Morton, Raymond Jungles and Made Wijaya.

*Raynelle Perkins* announced that the January meeting would feature Chieko Mihori, a Sogetsu Ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arranging) instructor of the highest order, who will present innovative floral designs. The date is January 9, 2017 @ 1:00pm in the Buehler Auditorium.

Raynelle also announced that a celebration of the life of Roberta Ross, past president of the Garden Club, will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Naples Botanical Garden.

*Raynelle* introduced the featured, Jane Godshalk. Jane is an internationally acclaimed floral designer who has represented the United States at the Chelsea Flower show in London, England and at the World Association of Flower Arrangers in Boston and Dublin, Ireland. She teaches at Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania. Her book, "Flower Arranging Secrets – Natural Designs for Everyday Living" will be for sale following the meeting. This was Jane's second presentation to Naples Garden Club members.

Raynelle Perkins conducted the raffle of the fabulous floral arrangements made by Jane during the presentation.

Meeting adjourned. Refreshments were served on the patio.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Duke  
Secretary  
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