



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017

President Lasch called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Sandy welcomed members and guests and thanked all those whose efforts made the meeting a success. Polly Galliker, the chaplain for the meeting, gave an inspirational invocation urging everyone to look ahead to all the good things to come in life.

The historical minute was presented by the historian, Linda Brown. She emphasized the value of the partnership with Naples Botanical Garden during Brian Holly's tenure as Executive Director of Naples Botanical Garden. Brian worked with seven Garden Club presidents and was instrumental in developing the Memoranda of Understanding between Naples Garden Club and Naples Botanical Garden that set the framework for joint programs, the House & Garden Tour and Naples Flower Show.

Sandy Lasch and Renee Lewis, Flower Show Chair, then presented Brian with the *Brian Holley Member Challenge Award* in recognition of the support he has given Naples Garden Club over the years. This award will replace Naples Flower Show's Member Challenge Award in Horticulture starting with the 2017 Naples Flower Show.

Brian thanked the Club for the award and highlighted the importance of the financial support NGC has provided Naples Botanical Garden, especially in the area of internships and scholarships.

Raynelle Perkins thanked all members who registered for the meeting on line. Jackie Malloy drew the number for the lucky winner and a beautiful ginger plant was awarded. Thanks to the Malloys for their generous contribution of the plant.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Lasch asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the General Membership Meeting from December 5, 2016 as posted on the NGC website. Linda Brown moved and Ellen Meister seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

President Lasch asked members to complete a brief survey before leaving the meeting. The survey will help the Board determine how discretionary funds will be budgeted.

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Sharon Hildebrandt, chair, thanked everyone for their work on this year's tour. Tickets once again sold out in one day. Members were encouraged to pick up raffle tickets to sell to friends who will not be attending the tour. Volunteers will be provided with parking stickers for their cars the day of the tour.

FLOWER SHOW

Renee Lewis, Flower Show Chair, reminded members that the show is March 24th and 25th. Photography entries were encouraged. Harriet Schweitzer will help anyone with questions about photography.

EDUCATION

Susie Gascoigne, chair, reviewed upcoming trips and workshops and encouraged everyone to let the respective chair know if they have to cancel, as there are waiting lists for many of the programs.

HOSPITALITY

Chair Pat Fosberg gave special thanks to the members who provided the refreshments for today's meeting.

PROGRAMS

Raynelle Perkins, chair, and guest Tammy Schwab encouraged members to attend the February meeting and the workshop the following day where presenter Laura Eubanks will be designing with succulents.

Raynelle introduced the day's featured speaker, Chieko Mihori. Mrs. Mihori, an Ikebana teacher in the Sogetsu school, presented ten beautiful designs. Each was displayed in a unique container using colorful flowers and branches.

ATTENDANCE

Actives – 125, Provisionals – 11, and Guests 54 + 190

President Lasch adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm and encouraged members to enjoy the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Duke
Secretary

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