



# NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

*nurturing, growing & contributing*

## VISION

Community-wide interest in horticulture, floral design and the environment

## MISSION

Provide opportunities for sharing and learning about horticulture, floral design and the environment  
in a congenial, supportive atmosphere

## CORE VALUES

Teamwork, Creativity, Friendship, Education, Community Involvement

### Board of Directors via Zoom Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

#### Attendance

**Present:** Sally Lutz, Terry Aufranc, Carole Whittemore, Dara Foundyller, Connie Willson, Gail Camalier, Melinda Earle, Polly Galliker, Sandy Lasch, Raynelle Perkins, Sudie Minamyler, Linda LaRue Brown, Jane Ewy

**Absent:** Ellen Meister, Rose Hoepfner, Kathleen Hawryluk, Donna Lindberg, Mary Schmidek

**Call to order:** 9:31 AM

**Motion to Approve:** Board Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2021. **Linda LaRue Brown**

#### APPROVED

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

**Sally Lutz**

#### Covid Protocol

- Discussion ensued regarding procedures with regard to the NGC and the Covid environment.
- Decision: *The Naples Garden Club (NGC) will follow the Naples Botanical Garden Covid Protocol, which incorporates CDC Standards. NGC members will be required to wear masks at all indoor venues and are expected to be vaccinated. As pandemic conditions transform, policies will be reviewed.*

**Motion to Approve:**

**Polly Galliker**

#### APPROVED

- The Covid Protocol decision will be distributed through the ***President's Message*** and added to the online Event Calendar.

### **Event Calendar/Buehler & Kapnick**

- Meeting with Erin Wolfe-Bell assigned our November/December/January General Meetings to Buehler due to NBG calendar issues. This venue has 140-person capacity. February and March General Meetings will be in Kapnick.
- Sally has an October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Erin.
- Walking distance could be an issue with November post meeting member visit to the ***Idea Garden***. Some golf carts possibly provided. We need to ensure that second back entrance gate is open for walking members.
- Workshops generally have ~ 50 participants with ¼ being non-NGC members. Pricing is \$100 for members, \$125 for guests.
- Discussion regarding number of participants per meeting save for ***October 25 Board Meeting***.

### **Next Board Meeting**

October 25 luncheon Meeting. There will be no board retreat this year.

### **Board Member Change**

- Gail Camalier has resigned her VP House & Garden Tour position for 2023. She will be available as a consultant for the incoming candidate. Resignation was accepted.
- The Governance Committee will conduct a special candidate search meeting in this regard.

### **Bolds Solutions**

Personnel changes have transpired. Jeanne Bolds has turned her business over to her employees but will continue in an advisory role. Jess will be admin head and Christina as creative head.

### **Courtyard Committee**

Maintenance of the area outside of the NGC Office has fallen to Raynelle. In the summer she waters but during the year provisionals and Idea Garden Staff could assist. It was decided to go through Donna Lindberg & Provisionals for structured help.

### **NGC Office Condition**

- Ellen Meister not available today. Cleaning staff has been to the office. But NBG staff has used office temporarily and some clean up and item removal is needed inside as well as horticulturally outside.
- Lauren and Erin are aware. Idea Garden members can update the situation.
- October 12 is the first workshop in the office (Vegetable Gardening). Most activity will be outside, however.
- Our storage shed is full. There are doors for the Flower Show in the office. Raynelle will ensure they are moved to our front covered outside space – Okay via Terry.

### **Grant Recipient Returned Gift**

*Friends of Foster Children Forever* has returned our 2019 \$5,000 Grant money. This Charitable Organization no longer needs the funds for the designated grant. NGC will have this returned grant amount to use this season.

### **District IX**

- October 26 there will be a Zoom meeting and April 26 an in-person meeting in Buehler.
- Terry Aufranc is in charge.
- An email blast will need to be sent.
- Sudie is to request Donna McGinnis speak at the meeting.

### **Naples Gulf Shore Neighbors**

Patti Taylor and her husband were featured in the July issue and provided NGC publicity.

Post Meeting note: link to issue

[https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/365ac337-7346-4e96-a42b-b57f6bbfa1fc/downloads/1560\\_Naples%20Gulf%20Shore%20Neighbors\\_Jul21.pdf?ver=1624202080881](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/365ac337-7346-4e96-a42b-b57f6bbfa1fc/downloads/1560_Naples%20Gulf%20Shore%20Neighbors_Jul21.pdf?ver=1624202080881)

### **Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)**

- In the past, the NGC gifted FGCU a \$100,000 endowment.
- Via Patti Taylor FGCU has invited us to attend an Orchid Exhibit: *Shape of Orchids: An Eternal Love Affair* at the FGCU Campus with prospect of wine & cheese at a private viewing. 30 members can view at a time.
  - The Board (with the possibility of inviting spouses and the Grants Committee) discussed viewing dates in early November. Friday, November 12 evening is possible.
  - *Post Meeting Note: November 12, 5:30 PM confirmed with FGCU. Sign up next Board Meeting October 25.*

### **PRESIDENT ELECT**

**Terry Aufranc**

- The NGC Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2020 requires review and potential updating.
- V-P elect is in charge of yearly review of standing rules.
- Governance is in charge of any Bylaw changes. A suggestion was made to include verbiage giving permission to adapt to “special circumstances” such as the pandemic.

### **PROGRAM/EDUCATION**

**Carole Whittemore**

- All events are now listed on the NGC calendar website.
- Events in October, November and December are currently open for registration.
- On the first of every month an additional month will open for registration.
- Member can click to view events in a calendar format.
- October 1 sign up will be open for the January meeting.

## **FLOWER SHOW**

**Terry Aufranc**

- Terry displayed the Cover page of the Flower Show Pamphlet reflecting the name change to, **Visions** and new colors.
- The pamphlet goes to the printer the end of October.

## **SECRETARY**

**Jane Ewy**

- A check was received from L. Shapiro from the Baltimore Community Foundation for \$300 as an online H&GT donation. Sally sent a thank you.
- Sympathy cards were sent to Judy Spann for death of her husband and To Susan Vernia for the death of her daughter.
- Get Well card sent to Eliza Nevins for broken leg.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Sandy Lasch**

- Members have been encouraged to update their Directory Information to be included in the NGC 2021-2022 Member Yearbook which will be distributed at the November 1 General Meeting.
- The “robust” President’s letter may continue in place of *Trowel Prints*, preferably with more photos and less text and published more often.
- Sandy will be recruiting members to help with communications with the suggestion that she contact Donna Lindberg with possible members from the new Active Class. She will bring a communication plan to the October Board Meeting.

## **HOSPITALITY**

**Raynelle Perkins**

- The Holiday Luncheon venue will be at the Kensington Golf & Country Club of Naples at 2700 Pine Ridge Rd.
- A priority was to make the luncheon reasonably priced at around \$50 per person.
- Date is changed to 12/16 from 12/15 to accommodate the venue.

## **IDEA GARDEN**

### **Water Feature**

**Sudi Minamyer**

- The water feature construction has begun with NBG overseeing the build (e.g. Danny & others)
- Octopus Arts (Rich Lewis) is the company contracting the project. They recently created a water feature at the Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita.
- Twelve plant places will be constructed and tubes will be attached for watering. First week of October is the target finish date.
- The structure is 7 feet by 10 feet.
- \$5,000 was targeted for the feature plus an anonymous generous donor provided the rest of the funds.

### **Plantings: Vegetable & Flowers**

- Lauren Hardy is our NBG Liaison. She is very organized. A color scheme has been chosen and the first select vegetables have been planted.

- Unsure about the Ambassador and Pop-up Programs at this time due to Covid climate.

### **Bees**

- Due to an infestation of bees (2.5 feet swarm into shed) the IG had to stop productivity for a while. The queen was placed in a box in order to move hive.
- Hive infiltrated the shed, between walls and part of the shed had to be taken down. The queen box and hive appeared gone on Sunday

### **HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**

**Gail Camalier**

**(See Mary Schmidek V.P H&GT on attached Consent Agenda)**

#### **Additions**

- All sites are chosen: nine stops – 3 public spaces, 6 private homes.
- Floral design – each site will have a separate theme (Raynelle).
- Tote swag is all garden related.
- The booklet cover is an original artist painting of a gate.
- The picnic format will have food in insulated floral bags provided by Abbie Sladick.
- The raffle team, besides an online presence, may display some offerings under a chickee hut.
- 600 guest tickets will be presented.
- Staffing still needs two people to be in charge of site hostesses.

### **PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL CHAIR**

**Linda LaRue Brown**

Working on scheduling the Past President's Meeting, which will include Sally Lutz and Terry Aufranc.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:10 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted**

Jane Ewy Secretary

**Naples Garden Club  
Zoom Board Meeting  
September 14, 2021  
Consent Agenda**

<b>Main Accomplishments Since Last Board Meeting*</b>	<b>Top Priorities Next 30 Days*</b>
<b>President</b> Sally Lutz	
<b>President-Elect</b> Terry Aufranc	
<b>V.P. Program &amp; Education</b> Carole Whittemore	
<b>V.P. House &amp; Garden Tour</b> Mary Schmidek	
<p>Site Acquisition is complete. The Floral Designers are visiting the sites and working on presentation of the themes. Sponsorship has completed their solicitation packet and has been seeking sponsors, donors, and advertisers. They have the handsome, eco-friendly tote bags and the thoughtfully curated swag is arriving. The delightful, insulated Food Totes have been ordered. Food and Beverage have their caterer and menu. Ticketing has the platform ready, just awaiting the final timing schedule. Transportation has the parking sites and is perfecting the trolley matrix.</p>	<p>Next 30 days: The teams will all continue forward. Staffing requirements will be established. The remaining open positions will be filled.</p>

<p>The Booklet Cover with our logo painting is ready. The Raffle Team has many of their items and is readying their online presence.</p>	
<p><b>V.P. Flower Show</b> Terry Aufranc</p>	
<p>Secretary Jane Ewy</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer</b> Dara Foundyller</p>	
<p><b>Assistant Treasurer</b> Rosy Hoepner</p>	
<p><b>Governance Chair</b> Kathleen Hawryluk</p>	
<p><b>VP Elect Program &amp; Education</b> Connie Willson</p>	
<p><b>VP Elect House &amp; Garden Tour</b> Gail Camalier</p>	
<p><b>VP Elect Flower Show</b> Melinda Earle</p>	
<p><b>VP Elect Flower Show</b> Polly Galliker (2022)</p>	

<b>Communications Chair</b> Sandy Lasch	
<b>Facilities &amp; Operations Chair</b> Ellen Meister	
<b>Hospitality Chair</b> Raynelle Perkins	
<b>Idea Garden Chair</b> Sudie Minamyer	
<b>Membership Chair</b> Donna Lindberg	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with Provisionals</li> <li>• Planning Design Seminar and Welcome Back gathering for Provisionals on November 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Finished dues payments for 2021/22 and reported membership numbers to FFGC</li> </ul>	
<b>Past President's Council Rep</b> Linda Brown	