

**Naples Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
December 4, 2017  
Buehler Auditorium  
1:00 PM to 3:00PM**

**WELCOME**

President, *Sudie Minamy*, welcomed the members and guests. She called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

*Kathleen Hawryluk*, crowd control, explained the location of the exits and reminded members that if it were necessary to leave to do so in an orderly manner.

*Polly Galliker*, chaplain, gave the invocation and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donna McGinnis, CEO of the Naples Botanical Garden, thanked the members for the donation to the Replant & Regrow effort to restore plants damaged or destroyed by hurricane Irma. She also showed a short video illustrating the impact of Hurricane Irma on the Botanical Garden.

*Linda LaRue Brown*, historian, presented the historical minute.

*Joan Lewis* won the Cyber Drawing for a beautiful plant donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy. Members who register for meetings online are eligible for the drawing.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

President *Minamy* thanked all who helped working behind the scenes to make the meeting a success. She mentioned hospitality, set-up and registration. She made the following announcements:

*Yearbook Replacement Directories:* New inserts for the Garden Club Directory, Flower Show Schedules and Flower Show Yearbooks are available after the meeting.

*Raffle of Michael Gaffney's Designs:* After the presentation, there will be a brief recess when members may purchase raffle tickets for 10 designs that are available. Members must be present to win.

*Flower Show:* Flower Show Handbooks and the "Naples Style" flower show schedules are available today. Horticulture requires mature plants that have been in the grower's possession for 90 days. Local Gardener brochures are available today and members may take one to encourage non-members to enter the Horticulture Division in the

Flower Show. Arlene Cluff will be sitting at the Schedule Table with the brochures.

House & Garden Tour: The new electronic Raffle was launched this week. It is easy and fun to get tickets. There are great prizes including a \$1,500 garden custom designed and installed at your home. Other prizes are dinner for six at The Bevy, a jewelry making party and many gift certificates for \$100 or more. Abbie will be at the raffle table after the meeting.

Sign-up Genius is functioning well and volunteers are still needed for food and beverage and the raffle.

Educational Workshops and Trips – *Susie Gascoigne*, chair, reviewed the offerings for the months of December and January:

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Inyoni Farm to Table Tour

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Table Artistry

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Flower Show Horticulture Prep

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Fakahatchee Swamp Walk

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Drop in Design

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Creating Petite Designs

January 25<sup>th</sup> -- Trip to Homestead, Florida (waiting list only available)

**President Minamyer adjourned the meeting at 1:23pm.**

## **Program**

*Raynelle Perkins*, program chair, introduced the speaker for today – Michael Gaffney. Michael has appeared on television on the Today Show and HG TV. He is the author of two books: Design Star and Flower Power which will be for sale after the meeting. He teaches at 14 of his flower show schools around the world.

Michael presented a humorous demonstration of flower arranging making 10 beautiful and interesting designs. He provided his basic five-step formula for making beautiful, lasting arrangements.

1. Buy good flowers
2. Submerge flowers in water for 45 minutes
3. Add 1T bleach per gallon of water
4. Use Crowning Glory to ensure freshness
5. Cut a couple of inches off every few days

Finally, Michael taught the art of bunching flowers using the cross to the left and twist to the right technique.

## **Conclusion**

President *Minamy* reminded members to: purchase garden design books and flower arranging boxes and also to secure both the Flower Show Schedule, the Flower Show Handbook and the new directory pages.

Gail Duke

Secretary

December 30, 2017

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Attendance: 112 actives, 19 provisionals, 29 registered guests, 8 non-registered guests and 2 speaker = total 170