

**Naples Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
February 5, 2018  
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.

*Raynelle Perkins*, crowd control, asked attendees to notice the location of the exits and reminded members to “be nice” as they exited.

*Polly Galliker*, chaplain, presented a reading emphasizing the “Qualities of People Who Love Flowers.”

President, *Minamy*, thanked members who registered for the meeting on line and explained that on-line registration helps in planning for seating and refreshments. *Lynn Wardle* was the lucky winner of the Cyber Drawing for a Black Jade Vine donated by *Jackie and Mike Malloy*. Registration on-line qualifies members for the drawing.

**BUSINESS MEETING/Committee Reports**

President *Minamy* thanked all who helped working behind the scenes to make the meeting a success. She gave a special thank you to *Ann Howat, Abbie Sladick* and all members who volunteered for a spectacular House & Garden Tour.

President *Minamy* announced that Yearbook Replacement Directories would be available at the table after the meeting. *Sudie* explained that the Raffle today would be conducted after a 10 minute break for refreshments and asked members to return to the room if they were participating in the raffle.

Approval of the minutes: ***Gail Duke, Secretary, moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2018 General Meeting be approved as posted on the website. Motion: Passed***

House & Garden Tour: *Ann Howat*, House & Garden Tour Chair, reported that the Homeowners felt that the Committee was great. *Ann* thanked *Sudie* for all of her help and told members that new ideas are welcome for next year’s tour. *Ann* announced the revenue for the on line raffle sale to be \$14,000. *Ann* thanked her committee: Sign-up Genius, Transportation, Bus organization and hostesses, Publicity, Floral Design, Tickets, Food and Beverage, Raffle, House Acquisition team, Booklet, Parking and Tote Bags. *Ann* also thanked the Naples Botanical

Garden staff for all of their hard work. She reported that guests raved about the Tour.

Naples Flower Show -*Sally Lutz*, chair, announced that almost all categories were filled. Volunteers are needed for set-up and take down. One opening remains in the “Botanical Arts” design division. *Sally* explained the decoration of a tote with either dried or live plant material and encouraged members to participate. *Catherine Ware* gave an informative demonstration of the Horticulture Division explaining the entry card. She encouraged members to think about entering a leaf, a flower, or a plant that has been in the members’ possession for at least 90 days.

Educational Workshops and Trips – President *Minamy* announced the opportunities for February and March.

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Interpreting the Flower Show Schedule with *Mary Raymond*. There is still space available in this workshop.

February 16 – “Drop in Design at 9” hosted by *Mary Pulick*

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Conservancy of Southwest Florida Tour – Eight openings for the tour remain.

February 20 – “Walk on the Wild Side” @ Naples Botanical Garden – 9:30-11:30 am & 1:00 -3:00pm

February 28 – Flower Show Prep

Future Trip – March 9<sup>th</sup> a special event – an evening walk through Corkscrew Swamp with guests welcome –please sign up on line.

Membership: *Diane Frisicaro*, chair, announced that membership applications would be available on line beginning February 15, 2018 @ 9:00am and closing on March 15, 2018 @ 5:00pm.

Flower Show School: *Sondra Quinn* announced that results from the exam on Session I are in now. Session II will be presented on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Knowledgeable presenters including Penny Decker and Marie Harrison will be instructors. Members are encouraged to participate.

President *Minamy* **adjourned the meeting at 1:32pm.**

### **Program**

*Raynelle Perkins*, program chair, introduced the speaker for today – Reene Tucci. Ms Tucci is a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers. She has done floral arrangements in the White House and she has participated in the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Duke  
Secretary  
February 11 , 2018  
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Attendance: 104 actives, 24 provisionals, 44 registered guests, 10non-registered guests and 1 speaker = total 183