

**Naples Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
November 6, 2017  
Buehler Auditorium  
1:00 PM to 3:00PM**

**WELCOME**

President, *Sudie Minamy*, welcomed the members and guests. She called the meeting to order and thanked the Committees: Programs, Workshops, House and Garden Tour, Idea Garden and Flower Show for all of their efforts over the summer.

*Raynelle Perkins*, 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 a beautiful invocation reminding members to be grateful and kind. Polly led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Linda LaRue Brown*, Historian, talked about the yearbooks illustrating the history of the Naples Garden Club, and reminding members that information beginning in 1953 can be found in our library. There is also a copy of the Naples Garden club History Book written in 2013 on our website under About Us, History.

*Linda Martin* won the Cyber Drawing for a beautiful "Lord Baltimore" Hibiscus donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy. Members who register for meetings on line are eligible for the drawing.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

President *Minamy* asked for the approval of the April 3, 2017 minutes as posted on our website. *Bette Aymar* moved and *Diane Dahl* second the motion. Motion passed.

President *Minamy* thanked all who helped with registration and logistics for the meeting as well as *Raynelle Perkins* for organizing the program and *Pat Fosberg* for hospitality. President *Minamy* announced that white elephant items and well as FFGC and National Garden Club calendars for 2018 would be for sale from *Mary Pulick* after the meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

*Naples Flower Show* -Sally Lutz announced that the "Naples Style" flower show schedules are available today. The dates of the show are March 24 and 25, 2018. The new handbook will be the guideline for the show.

Both the handbook and Members Challenge may be picked-up after the meeting.

*House & Garden Tour* – *Ann Howat*, Chair, reported that all four homes are under contract and that they are amazing. *Tammy Schwab* explained the new electronic opportunity to volunteer using Sing-up Genius. Members go to the Volunteer button and select their assignment. The sign-up will be open on November 15, 2017. The Raffle will also be conducted online.

*Educational Workshops and Trips* – *Susie Gascoigne*, Chair, reviewed the offerings for the months of November and December. Citing a high demand, Susie announced that a second tour for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida had been added.

*Contributions to the Naples Botanical Garden* -- *Eliza Nevin*, Assistant Treasurer, explained that in addition to the \$30,000 the Naples Garden Club had committed to donating, member contributions to this point equaled \$15,000. Eliza is taking donations up to November 22, 2017. If they choose, members are encouraged to donate to the Replant and Regrow effort.

*Idea Garden* – *Linda LaRue Brown*, Chair, reported that the installation of “Irma the Alligator” would take place later than planned because the Botanical Garden staff had been occupied with clean up from the hurricane. *Judy Spann* and her team have prepared programs for the à la Cart presentations in the Idea Garden.

*Governance Nominations* – *Sandy Lash*, Chair, announced that nominations may be submitted for any open position on the Board of Directors by using the forms located on the tables today.

*Flower Show School* – *Sondra Quinn* reported that there are a few seats left for the National Garden Club Flower Show School sponsored by the Naples Garden Club. Sondra encouraged members to participate and take the exam because there is excellent material to be learned from the school, and also that new judges are needed.

### **20 Year Pins**

*Donna Lindberg*, membership ambassador, presented a twenty-year membership pin to Wendy Knauer and Catherine Ware. Each woman has made significant contributions to our club and to the community of Naples.

**Program**

*Raynelle Perkins*, Program Chair, introduced the speaker for today – Adrienne Diaz.

Adrienne entertained the members with interesting and amusing tales of growing plants, including plants which were successfully grown and those that were not. The audience learned that growing spices and herbs in southwest Florida had some unique challenges. Adrienne distributed a “How To” sheet explaining Container Gardening Basics.

**Conclusion**

President *Minamyer* reminded members to: purchase garden design books, donate to the Naples Botanical Garden hurricane restoration effort and to secure both the Flower Show Schedule and the Flower Show Handbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Duke

Secretary

November 15, 2017

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