



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

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**General Membership Meeting at Buehler Auditorium
December 06, 2021**

Pre-Meeting: *Naples Garden Club Flower Show Schedule available to members.*

WELCOME

Call to Order: President Sally Lutz called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Polly Galliker

Motion to Approve: General Meeting Minutes from November 01, 2021. **Polly Galliker**

APPROVED

Business Meeting

President

Sally Lutz

Two images from Naples Botanical Garden *NIGHTLIGHTS in the GARDEN* were displayed from Sally's attendance there. Members were encouraged to attend the lovely seasonal display.

Introduction and Installation of current NGC Board

Catherine Ware

Due to the Covid climate the current Board was not recognized in the April 2020 meeting. Catherine "tied up loose ends" presenting the current board with a ribbon analogy with each holding strands of ribbon "tying" each to each other and together.

Presented:

Sally Lutz President, Terry Aufranc President Elect, Vice President (VP) Flower Show, Carole Whitemore VP Program/Education, Mary Schmidek VP H>, Jane Ewy Secretary, Dara Foundyller Treasurer, Rose Hoepfner Asst. Treasurer, Kathleen Hawryluk Governance Chair, Connie Willson VP Elect Program/Education, Andie Psaras VP Elect H>, Melinda Earle VP Elect Flower Show, Polly Galliker VP Elect Flower Show 2022, Sandy Lasch Communications Chair, Ellen Meister Facilities, Raynelle Perkins Hospitality, Sudi Minamyler Idea Garden, Donna Lindberg Membership Linda LaRue Brown Past Presidents Council Rep

Catherine honored Kathleen Hawryluk as NGC Past President and presented her with a framed certificate and pin for a lifetime membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)

Governance

Kathleen Hawryluk

Kathleen, who is Acting President of the Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas (CFAA) encouraged our designers to attend the CFAA 2022 Seminar SHOWTIME in Orlando, FL. Kathleen is presenting and registration is now open.

Kathleen announced the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, *Pillar of Pride* award recipients nominated by NGC Board for exemplary service to our club. They are **Raynelle Perkins** and posthumously **Pat Fosberg**. Raynelle was presented with a framed certificate and pin. Pat Fosberg's framed certificate and pin will be displayed in the NGC Office.

Hospitality

Raynelle Perkins

Reminder the Holiday Luncheon will be December 16 at the Kensington Golf and Country Club of Naples at 2700 Pine Ridge Road. Raynelle personally knows the chef and he is wonderful. Reservations will be closed Friday, December 10.

House & Garden Tour (H>)

Mary Schmidek

- The cover of the H> brochure (a garden gate) was a painting by member Terry AuFranc's husband. Terry was presented a lovely Christmas ornament of a garden gate to gift to her husband from the club.
- Seven themed gardens are on the tour and the tour is sold out with 500 guests.
- Guests will tour by trolley and receive a picnic lunch tote as well as a garden tote with gifts.
- Members are urged to volunteer and sign up via *Sign-up Genius* monitored by Gail Raymond. Sign up is open after today's meeting.
- Katie Ryan requests two more trolley hostesses and Dara Foundyller two more H> sponsors.

H> Raffle

Martha Phillips

- Martha modeled raffle items - pearls, hat, purse and enthusiastically mentioned several of the other items such as wine & cheese tasting party, Dennis Goodman Gallery original oil of the NBG Children's Garden.
- Raffle items will not be displayed under the tent as in past years with raffle bidding in person. It is important for all members/guests to go online and place bids.

Flower Show

Terry AuFranc

- The Flower Show schedule has arrived and available to all members.
- A sheet of available design openings was handed out with the schedule. Terry will also make a large poster with the available design openings which will be updated for the next meeting.

Flower Show Member Challenge

Judy Perkins

The 12 openings for the Member Challenge: *An Apothecary Garden* have all been filled.

Flower Show Cuttings

Liz Chehayl

- Liz provided four examples of cutting specimens for entry into the flower show.
- Glass vase containers and saran wrap (for straightening and holding the specimen) are supplied at the entry tables.
- Cuttings do not need to be exotic. The purpose is to educate the public as they tour the show.
- Placing cuttings in warm water the night before can prevent wilting.
- Entry cards are in the NGC office and will be available at other venues.
- December 17, 2021 is the deadline for ownership of horticulture entries.

Program/Education

Carole Whittemore

- We have our committees that provide via our NGC Vision workshops in Horticulture, Floral Design and Environment.

- The Program Committee headed by Dee Pietsch includes Mercy Abrams, Susie Gascoigne, Carol Greenwood and Raynelle Perkins. They work to provide our speakers such as today's Rufino Hernandez.

Introduction of Speaker: Rufino Designs for the Holidays

Raynelle Perkins

Rufino Hernandez is an entrepreneur who owns Garden District Design and Golden Gate Nursery. He attended Avalon School (a school we support). He enjoys helping others and contributes his considerable design talents to numerous charity events. He is a long time friend of the Naples Garden Club.

Rufino and his talented assistant, Victoria Marierak created six stunning designs that were raffled off to six very fortunate participating members/guests in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned 2:40pm

Sally Lutz

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Ewy, Secretary