

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club General Meeting

April 25, 2023

Bethany United Methodist Church
Reedville, VA

Lunch was served at 12 noon. Everyone enjoyed the sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Debbie Boze was the Head Hostess with Sandra Ehlert, Annette Jewell, Anne Crawley, Mimi Stoner, and Teresa Neil.

Our program was "Flower Show Preparation". Floral Design Chair Kathie Truxall was the speaker for the program. In preparation for our May Flower Show, Kathie demonstrated a Traditional Mass Design of all fresh plant material, using the grouping technique. She also demonstrated how to decorate a hat. Sharon Stieber demonstrated Creative Line Mass Design. Rebecca Elston, Sharon Lemke, Carol Medlin, and Vivian Basl contributed floral designs to be critiqued. It was very helpful to hear these critiques for the ones who are making these designs for the Flower Show. Kathie also gave some helpful hints for everyone bringing horticulture to the Flower Show.

Business Meeting:

President Sharon Lemke called the meeting to order. She announced:

- Dues for next year are due. They are \$40.
- If anyone wants to join the garden tour of Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury, they need to let Cathie Elliot and Sharon know by April 27th.

Chaplain Cindy Boyce read a prayer. She led us in the Garden Club Prayer and the Conservation Pledge. She wished everyone with an April birthday, "Happy Birthday".

The minutes of the March meeting were emailed to members on April 7.

The **Treasurer's** report can be found on our website under the "Members Only" section. Jacquie will present next year's budget at the May general meeting for the members to vote on.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair Sandra Ehlert reported that we had 31 present at this meeting and a total of 48 members.

Civic Development/Youth Projects Chair Joanne Gills reported that the teams were ready for Ready, Set, Grow on Thursday. She did ask for more volunteers. Planting will be on May 22nd. She asked did any of the members have a rototiller to break up the soil for planting. She also said that she needed volunteers for watering and weeding this summer.

Hospitality Chair Carol Cole reported that the June 21st luncheon for the Installation of Officers was going to cost \$38.28. She will need the checks by June 1st. The food choices were baked flounder or chicken parmesan.

Floral Design Chair Kathie Truxall reported that the floral designs were not judged this month and were used for critiquing designs for the Flower Show.

Horticulture Chair Rebecca Elston thanked the members who brought in horticulture. It was not judged but the members will receive points for bringing in the horticulture. Rebecca asked members to have their cards filled out for the Flower Show.

Old Business:

Flower Show Chair Kathie Truxall gave an update on the Flower Show.

- Set up is May 18th at 1pm at the Tavern.
- May 19th is the Flower Show. Bring in your designs and horticulture from 8am – 11am.
- The judging will begin at 1:30pm.
- The Flower Show will be open to the public on May 20th from 9 – 1 during the Heathsville Farmers Market.
- There were still a few designs and horticulture needed to fill the schedule.

New Business:

Carol Cole presented the nominees for our 2023 – 2025 Officers.

President – Darleen Nelson

1st Vice President – Rebecca Elston
2nd Vice President – Debbie Gwaltney
Recording Secretary – Alice Stieve
Assistant Recording Secretary – Susan Titus
Corresponding Secretary – Anne Haynie
Treasurer – Jacque Konzelman
Assistant Treasurer – Sharon Stieber

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.
Tricia Mrzyglod, **Recording Secretary**

The meeting was vetted by Jacqui Penney and Sue Moore.