

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club General Meeting

February 28, 2023

Bethany United Methodist Church
Reedville, VA

Lunch was served at 12 noon. Everyone enjoyed the sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Sarita Lentz was the Head Hostess with Anne Haynie, Sharon Lemke, Cathy Sarmiento, Kathie Truxall, and Debbie Gillispie.

Our program was “21st Century Gardens of England’s West Country and London”. Anne Olson gave a slideshow of her May tour of 14 gardens. She also included her visit to the Chelsea Flower Show.

Business Meeting:

President Sharon Lemke called the meeting to order. She gave announcements for the club:

- Piedmont District Meeting is on March 20. Cost is \$40 and members attending will need to pay today to Vicky Bowen.
- VFG Convention will be in Staunton on April 23 and 24.
- National GC Convention will be on May 2 – 4 in Sulfur Springs, WV.
- Next month, our meeting program has changed. Cathie Elliot from Rappahannock Garden Club will be demonstrating how to make a garden art. The cost is \$5. She will bring accessories to make the decoration. Members need to bring a teacup and saucer.

Chaplin Cindy Boyce read a spring prayer. She led us in the Garden Club Prayer and the Conservation Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were emailed to members on February 7.

The **Treasurer’s** report can be found on our website under the “Members Only” section.

Corresponding Secretary Debbie Gwaltney reported the correspondence for

January 9 – February 15, 2023

- On February 3, 2023, we sent Sarita Lentz, (999 Holly Harbor Road, Reedville, VA 22539-3566) a sympathy card for the passing of her mother.
- On February 15, 2023, we sent Wonda Allain (1013 Coan Harbour Dr., Lottsburg, VA 22511-2639) a sympathy card for the passing of her husband, Lee.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair Sandra Ehlert reported that we had 26 members attending today. We had one guest, Debbie Burgess and one new member, Peggy Rush. We now have 49 members. The dues for next year are \$40. The Board voted to return the dues to the before Covid amount.

Floral Design Chair Kathie Truxall reported that 5 members came to her workshop and 3 of these members entered exhibits for this meeting. She reminded members that they need to bring their exhibits in before 11:00. Judging begins at 11. The awards for Floral Design:

Sharon Stieber – Blue and Best in Show

Vivian Basl – Blue

Sharon Lemke – Red

Kathie Truxall – Yellow

Horticulture Chair Rebecca Elston reported that Landscape Design School is March 27th and 28th. Rebecca also reminded members that judging begins at 11:00. The awards for Horticulture:

Elizabeth Cali – 5 Blue, 1 Red

Anne Haynie – 6 Blue, 2 Red

Nancy Stogowski – 2 Blue

Sharon Lemke – 1 Blue

Jacqui Penney – 2 Blue

Pam VanScoy – 4 Blue

Sharon Stieber – 6 Blue, 1 Red and Best in Show

Old Business:

Flower Show Chair Kathie Truxall reported that the Flower Show Schedule was emailed to members. She asked members to look it over and decide what they

would like to exhibit and let the entry chairman know what they are bringing to the flower show.

New Business:

The cost of our website has increased. The Board voted to approve the new cost.

Webmaster Vicky Bowen is looking for help to manage the website.

Civic Development/Youth Projects Chair Joanne Gills reported that Ready, Set, Grow program at the elementary school will be April 27th. More information to come.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Tricia Mrzyglod, **Recording Secretary**

The meeting was vetted by Jean Ryan and Alice Stieve