

Nottingham Country Garden Club
Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2012

Call to Order-Sue Straub called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Quorum Present? Yes

Have 35 people here with 6 guest.

Speaker: Jeannie Dunnihoo was our guest speaker. Her topic was *Cooking with Herbs* followed by a question and answer session.

Approval of the past month's monthly minutes-read and approved by the board earlier.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President-Sue Straub

- Thanked everyone who brought food. Refreshments were foods using herbs in the recipe.

Secretary: Gwen Heck

- All monthly meeting notes have been posted on the web.

Treasurer: Gayle Granger

Beginning Balance: \$3,891.40

Expenses: \$599.72

Ending Balance: \$3, 291.68

Membership: Mary Lou Proctor

- 55 paid members
- Remember to fill out a membership form with your membership renewal.
- All paid members will receive a directory in May.

Newsletter: Pat Chislett

- Newsletter is ready to be sent to the website.

Federation: Donna Luther-Absent

Program: Art and the Environment: An Inspiring Approach”

Vicki McMilliam Professional wildlife artist, teacher and conservationist. Ms. McMilliam will share her vast experience as an artist concerned with the environment and how those talents further both art, horticulture, and design concepts.

Also having a trip to Galveston to see tree sculptures.

Hospitality: Susie Griffin/Maddy Gardner

- Sue-Thanked the hospitality committee for the great table decorations using herbs, as well.

Vice Presidents-Programs: Marilyn Frueh/Alice Brown

- A menu choice sign-up sheet is out for the May luncheon at Brookwood. Reservations are required by April 19. Individual advance payment is necessary as the club will be responsible for full coverage unless cancelled by three business days prior to the event.
- We will also have a tour of Brookwood, which is scheduled for 9:30. Be there for 9 am. If you are only coming to the luncheon, the time is set for 11:30. Directions for parking will be sent by e-mail.
- Bring can goods to May meeting.
- Mary Lou Proctor will host the month's extra activity at her home, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. She will talk about her choices in the lovely borders she has created regarding plant needs, size, and bloom cycles.
- Wine Tour-very successful with 19 members attending. Everyone had a great time.

Fundraising: Janet Blowers/Lori Fay

- Raffle plant (butterfly bush) from Frank's Nursery was won by Andrea Kies and the herb basket was won by Norma Beustring.
- Door prizes-Shirley Parma won the cakepan and Marianna Trask won the notecards.
- Plant sale profit: **\$485.65**
- Thanked everyone for their help-working the sale, bringing plants and baked goods, help with set-up and take-down.
- Membership thanked Janet and Lori for all their hard work and such a successful sale.

Publicity: Pat Plesko

- Absent, no report.

Historian: Alice Brown

- Book is out for review.

Parliamentarian: Frankie Green

- Absent. revisions to by-laws are ready for review.

Sunshine: Ana Baret

- No report.

Horticulture: Jean Bays

- 6 specimens were brought in for “show and tell”. Phyllis Mann has donated trees from Arbor Day. Free to anyone who wishes to plant them.

Phone: Ana Barrett/Gayle Granger

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Committee members-will need someone to be Historian. Let Sue know if you are interested.
- Changes to By-laws-proposed revisions to our by-laws have been passed out. Please review. We will vote on this at the May meeting.
- Yearly donations-Board suggestions were the KCM (garden/orchard), Katy Prairie & Conservancy, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Nominations were opened, with no suggestions given. A vote was taken with KCM receiving 6 votes, KP 4 votes and LBJWC 18 votes.
- A motion to donate \$100.00 to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center was made by Pat Chislett and seconded by Janet Blowers. Motion passed.

Announcements:

1. The Lavender Farm in Bellville is open and ready for lavender harvesting.
2. One of our guest is asking for donations of plants for a non-profit Meditation Center. Contact her if you have anything you can share.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd.

Respectfully submitted with corrections,

Gwen Heck, Secretary
April 30, 2012