

# Nottingham Country Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2011

**President Gwen Heck** called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM . Visitors were introduced:

Jewel Cullins

Suzi Kana

Vice President: Susan Straub introduced the speaker, Karen Breneman, Master Gardener, to speak on Gardening with and for Butterflies. Karen was raised in Idaho and majored in Microbiology.

## **Secretary Report:**

Minutes from the November meeting have been posted on the Nottingham Garden Club web site.

## **Treasury Report:**

Gayle Granger reported expenditures of \$620.29, deposits of \$843.00 and a balance of \$2,796.85.

## **Vice Presidents' Report:**

February's meeting will be with speaker: Doug McLeod, Harris County Master Gardener on the topic of Fruit Trees for the Houston area and Spring Vegetable Gardening.

## **Membership Report:**

Mary Lou Proctor reported that as of today we have 45 paid members. Two new members joined: Lori Fay and Gloria Redmon. Sara Cooper is an Honorary Lifetime member and was added to the roster making 46 total number to date for the year: 46.

## **Newsletter Report:**

Jean Bays has posted the January newsletter on the web site. Jean suggested everyone print out the first page of this newsletter as a reference for up coming events, programs and workshops. Also listed are the Ft. Bend and Harris Master Gardener programs and new class information. Jean announced there were three members who submitted their logo ideas for our club logo.

## **Fundraising Report:**

The raffle tickets at this meeting were for two concealed gift bags with the Butterfly theme: one was outdoor items and the other indoor items. Both bags were won by our guest Jewel Cullins!

Plant and Bake sale: Janet Blowers reported that she was still waiting on the final approval at the WalMart in Richmond to hold our Plant and Bake sale there. A reminder was announced to save plants, cuttings, bulbs and seeds for the sale.

The Garden Tour now has 5 homes committed for the May 14<sup>th</sup> NCGC Garden tour and a possibility of 1 to 2 more. Final day for submitting applications is January 20, 2011.

**Sunshine Report:** No official report

**Horticulture Report:**

Alice Brown brought in a variety of six flowers from her garden.

Phyllis Hogue some blooming roses and Gerber Daisies

Margaret Mason brought in herbs; Bay, Rosemary and Lavender for all of us to help ourselves to if we would like.

**Federation Report:**

Donna Luther reported that the speaker this month will be Jesse Cancelmo on "Texas Coral Reefs". This will follow with a workshop by Deana Roberts on Learning to grow Orchids semi-hydroponically.

Meeting will be at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center.

Donna took a vote by show of hands as to how many members read The Lone Star Gardener newsletter that comes quarterly? About 2 indicated they read newsletter. She then asked if the Federation went to an electronic file on line would meet with our approval; majority who read the newsletter agreed it would be OK.

**Old Business:**

Today was the last day to submit logo ideas for the club. Those submitting to date are:

Phyllis Hogue

Pat Plesko

Helen Poole

The Board of Directors will review and determine the winning logo at their next meeting. The winner receives free membership for the next physical year to the Nottingham Country Garden Club.

Gwen Heck reminded everyone of the January 21st workshop at her house, 1-5 PM, for the Butterfly Art Project as our club's contribution to the Holocaust Museum of Houston for the celebration of the 1.5 million children of the holocaust in 2013 at the museum. Everyone needs to bring scissors.

**New Business****Election of President for next year.**

Susan Straub was nominated for Presidency at the December meeting. Today, by show of hands, Susan Straub was elected President by 100% majority of the general membership.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Helsel, Secretary

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