

**Nottingham Country Garden Club**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**January 5, 2012**

**Attendees-**

Board Members present: Sue Straub, Marilyn Frueh, Alice Brown, Gayle Granger, Donna Luther, Janet Blowers, Lori Fay, Susie Griffin, Maddy Gardner, Margaret Mason, Jean Bays, Pat Chislett, Pat Plesko, Ana Barrett, Gwen Heck

Board Members Absent: Frankie Green, Mary Lou Proctor

Quorum Present? Yes

Call to Order-Sue Straub called the monthly meeting to order at 10 A.M.

Approval of the Minutes-The December board minutes were approved by the board earlier. We had no minutes due to the Christmas luncheon.

Officer and Committee Reports:

**President-Sue Straub**

- Happy New Year to all!
- Reminds everyone to let people know about our website and give them one of our business cards. Cards were passed out.
- Thanked hospitality for their great treats!

**Treasurer: Gayle Granger**

Beginning Balance: \$3,387.96

Total Income: \$94.00

Total Expenses: \$263.89

**Current Bank Balance: \$3, 218.07**

**Membership: Mary Lou Proctor**

- Absent.
- 54 paid members

**Vice Presidents-Programs: Marilyn Frueh/Alice Brown**

- Marilyn thanked Gwen Heck for all her help recommending speakers this past year.

- Gwen Heck introduced our speaker today. She is Fort Bend County agent, Dr. Shari Grahmann, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on water conservation appropriate for suburban homes with small lots.
- The extra activity for the month will be January 17th at the home of Gwen Heck. A demonstration will be given for making a trash can rain barrel. Assistance will be provided for those who wish to make a rain barrel to take home. A list of materials to be purchased by attendees and the cost of materials furnished by Gwen will be provided. She will explain more after the presentation.
- Thank you for all the help at the Christmas luncheon.
- Our Candlelight tour on December 9<sup>th</sup> was attended by 10 members and spouses.
- Our February meeting will be a fieldtrip to KCM and Nelson's Water Garden. We will meet at KCM at 9:15 to tour the gardens and see the food pantry. We are scheduled for Nelson's at 11 am for a short presentation on water features for your landscape. Lunch is on your own.
- Our February workshop will be by Frankie Green. She will be teaching us how to paint flower pots.

**Newsletter: Pat Chislet**

- Newsletter will be posted this P.M.

**Fundraising: Janet Blowers & Lori Fay**

- We are currently taking orders for the polo shirts. Members will have time to order the t-shirts today. No late orders will be taken. They must be paid for in advance (\$25.00)
- We have already pre-sold 15 shirts. (\$375.00) Our goal is 20 total so we would like to sell at least 5 more.
- Order will be processed on January 6th and arrive prior to our Plant & Bake sale in March. Actual arrival time will be determined at time of order.
- January raffle was a tea tray with a lighthouse teapot for one, donated by Sandy Helsel and a second raffle of a kitchen composter. Regina Stumpf won the tea pot and Phyllis Mann won the composter.
- January door prize of a garden- themed photo frame was won by Donna Luther.

- Still trying to contact Walmart to confirm the date of our Plant & Bake sale. We are currently penciled in for March 31. We will let publications know as soon as it is confirmed.
- Membership reminded to start getting cuttings and/or dividing their plants.

**Federation: Donna Luther**

- January 13 HFGC General Meeting 9:30am Civic Center
- Program: “Famous Trees of Texas: Big, Bold and Beautiful.” Pete Smith

**Hospitality: Susie Griffin/Maddy Gardner**

- Will need 1 person for March to bring food.

**Publicity: Pat Plesko**

- Houston Chronicle has an article about this meeting.

**Historian: Alice Brown**

- The photo book is up to date. Take time and take a look.

**Parliamentarian: Frankie Green**

- Absent, no report

**Sunshine: Ana Barrett**

- One card was sent out.

**Horticulture: Margaret Mason/Jean Bays**

- We had quite a collection of plants brought in, including firespike, forget-me nots, toad lily, arugula, roses, and calendulas.

**Phone: Ana Barrett/Gayle Granger**

- No report.

**Old Business:**

- Rain Barrel workshop will take place at the home of Gwen Heck on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. Each participant needs to bring a heavy duty plastic trash can that does not have wheels. For \$10.00, you may purchase a kit with all the fittings you will need. You will leave with a finished rain barrel, ready to hook

up. Gwen does need to know who is coming, in order to purchase the correct number of supplies.

**New Business:**

- Election of officers today. Janet Blowers, part of the Nominating Committee, made up of Janet Blowers, Donna Luther, and Gayle Granger presented their slate of officers. They are: Vice President-Alice Brown/Maddy Gardner: Secretary-Marilyn Frueh; Treasurer-Gwen Heck.
- President, Sue Straub asked for nominations from the floor for VP, Secretary and Treasurer. There were no nominations.
- A motion was made by Jean Bays to except the slate of officers as announced and seconded by Pat Chislett. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M. There will be no meeting in February due to the fieldtrip.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwen Heck  
January 6, 2012