

# Nottingham Country Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2011

**President Gwen Heck** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM . Visitors were introduced:

Robbie Wood – found us in the internet

Sharon Cecil – brought by Doris Netto

Kim Patrick – found us in the newspaper and on the internet

Fay Pirooz – found us in the Katy Magazine

Sandra Wolf – found us in the newspaper

Sherry Anderson – found us in the Katy Magazine

Mary Francis Hess – guest

Mary Ann Strauss- found us in the Houston Newspaper

Gwen thanked the Hospitality committee for all the great things they provided for our tables.

## **Treasury Report:**

Gayle Granger reported expenditures of \$235.67 and deposits of \$81.00 for the month of February leaving a balance of \$2,591.32 to date.

## **Vice President:**

Marilyn Frueh introduced the speaker, Carol Brouwer, Harris County Master Gardener, to speak on the ‘Texas Superstars’, great plants for the Houston.

Gwen announced that this presentation would count as one hour credit to all master gardeners

Susan Straub announce that the next meeting will be a field trip and lunch on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will go by car to the Indian Grass Preserve, Katy Prairie conservancy; leaving from the MUD Center parking Lot at 9:30 AM. The tour will begin at 10. The Katy Prairie is what we live in today. Our garden club has donated money and have grown plants from seeds that were donated to the conservancy for planting in the preserve. We are reminded to bring binoculars. Lunch will be at the Salt and Pepper in Old Katy at 12 noon.

Marilyn Frueh announced that our last meeting in May will be a salad/dessert lunch held at the MUD center. Please bring food items that are ready to serve. Everyone is asked to bring any arts, craft or photography projects they have created to be displayed at the meeting.

## **Secretary Report:**

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

## **Membership Report:**

Mary Lou Proctor reported that as of today we have 49 paid members. Our newest members are Mary Frances Hess and Jewel Cullins.

## **Fundraising Report:**

Pat Chislett reminded everyone of the Plant and Bake sale on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups were circulated for a couple remaining openings for workers during the last shift of the day. Drop off of plants and bake

goods begin at 9 AM, the sale begins at 10 AM . There are flyers with instructions on labeling the items donated for both the plants and the bake goods. Use the provided labels on the plants and create your own for the baked goods. Note whether the baked goods have nuts in them. Please package the baked goods as they are to be sold, do not leave anything that needs repackaging. Small plants should be grouped in one pot.

Raffle prizes today were 2 bags, one with a pie plate and mug set and the other with many items with a Texas theme. Both were won by Mary Frances Hess!

**Horticulture Report:**

Margaret Mason presented Donna Luther's contributions: 3 types of Camilla's, Azalea, snowflake, Verbena, and violas.

**Federation Report:**

Donna Luther explained that the Houston Federation of Garden clubs is an umbrella club of 62 other garden clubs that meet September through May. The next meeting will be "Art and Flowers: a Well-known Combination". Designers will interpret local artists' paintings. This meeting will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011

**New Business:**

Gwen Heck told us that it was a good time to visit some of the new nurseries opening up.. Also that on March 12, 2011 the Ft. Bend County Master Gardeners were holding a perennial sale from 9-1. Come at 8 AM for a presentation that will cover all the plants being sold. This will be a multi-vendor sale. Gwen said," Every plant is good, but you must put it in the right place – do your homework and make it grow."

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Helsel, Secretary  
Nottingham Country Garden Club