NCGC December General Meeting December 3, 2015

**President Cheryl Fawvor called the General Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at 3 Olives restaurant. She thanked Chris Rogers, Pat Chislett, and Mary Lou Proctor for finding this location and for arranging today's luncheon.

**Secretary: Linda Warren announced that the board had approved the November minutes and that they are now posted on the website.

**Treasurer Vikki Rogers gave the treasurer's report:

Beginning balance \$7907.59

Income \$1000.00 (for today's luncheon)

Expenses \$345.79 Current balance \$8561.79

**Parliamentarian Kim Patrick announced that the Nominating Committee had successfully found nominees for all open positions. She introduced Claudine Illg (for 2nd Vice President), Vikki Rogers (for Treasurer), Linda Warren (for Secretary), and Jeannie Gordon (for Historian). The election will take place at the January meeting. (Correction: The Historian position will not be on the January ballot.)

**Programs: Pat Chislett reminded members that the speaker in January will be Margaret Sinclair. She will speak on "Is your style in your garden?" She will have a checklist for everyone to figure out his/her style, and then Margaret will discuss how to work that style into our gardens.

Also in January, Pat announced that on Jan. 21 we will have a "Baking with Alice" workshop at which Alice Brown will demonstrate how to make her famous apple strudel. Sign-up for this workshop is on the table and will be at the Jan. meeting. The workshop will be from 9:30-11:30. Eighteen spots are available, and after those are filled, a wait list will be started. Alice will also have strudel already made so that participants can sample this treat!

Mary Lou again thanked Chris Rogers for doing all of the legwork for today's luncheon.

**Hospitality: Gayle Spence urged members to sign up to be hosts/hostesses for March and April. She also thanked Pamela Stephens for heading up hospitality

at the November meeting.

**Federation: Sharon Cecil explained how our membership in NCGC also gives us membership in the Federation, so we can attend their monthly meetings. This month they will meet on December 11 for their Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction. The Federation will deliver gifts to Star of Hope. Anyone who would like to donate money, a gift, or food can call Sharon and she will pick it up and take it to the meeting. She listed many items that are needed by those served by Star of Hope. These should be unwrapped when donated. Last year the Federation helped 1200 people.

The next Federation meeting will be on January 8, and the topic will be Garden Focal Points Personalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.