

## **NCGC February, 2017 General Meeting February 2, 2017**

**\*\*President:** Cheryl Fawvor

Cheryl called the meeting to order and welcomed us at 10:04. She called on Mary Lou Proctor, who introduced our speaker: Kathy Adams Clark on "Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Backyard." After an informative and interesting presentation, Cheryl called the business meeting to order.

**\*\*Secretary:** Linda Warren announced that the approved minutes from January are now posted on the website.

**\*\*Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report as of 1/31/17:

Starting Bank Balance	\$7,563.19
Income	483.00 (raffle, bulb sale, field trip)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>225.93 (speaker fee, MUD room set up)</u>
Ending Bank Balance	\$7,820.26

**\*\*Programs:** Mary Lou Proctor reviewed the upcoming schedule.

Friday, 2/17

Bus Trip to the Cockrell Butterfly Center. Erin Mills is the new director. We will have a guided tour, and we have gotten permission to go to the 7th floor (which is not part of the usual experience). We have reserved 30 spots, and members can still sign up. The cost is \$6 for Cockrell and \$4 for the bus driver's tip and lunch. We will meet at the MUD Building parking lot at 8:45 for a 9:00 departure. After the tour, we will eat lunch at Mia Luna.

Thursday, March 2

Our speaker for the March general meeting will be Darla Harris from the Fern Plantation in Magnolia. She will bring ferns for sale.

Friday, March 10

Bus Trip to the Azalea Trail. There is no fee for this trip, but members will get their own individual tickets. These are for sale now for \$20 at Randall's (and other locations listed on the website for the Trail) – until March 1. On the day of our trip, tickets will cost \$25. Sign-up sheets are out today and will be available at the March meeting. If anyone has a lunch suggestion for this trip, please contact Mary Lou.

Chris Rogers and Pat Plesko are working on the End-of-Year Luncheon.

Let them know if you are interested in helping.

**\*\*Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick had nothing to report.

**\*\*Fundraising:** Lori Fay/Kim Patrick/Nan Righter

Lori announced that a nice rain barrel has been donated and will be given away through a silent auction. The bidding started today and will continue at the March meeting.

The Caladium Sale is continuing. It was clarified that these varieties grow well in shade or sun and do not need to be dug up each year. Flora Tiedt, who has planted these in the past, explained that they are very large, hardy bulbs.

The winners of the drawings and door prizes were:

Welcome Yard Sign (donated by Doris Netto) – Karen Holmes

Ladybug Yard Art and Dip Set – Shirley Parma

Wine and Hand-painted Wineglasses – Jeannie Gordon

Floral Centerpiece – Nan Righter

Jar of Mycorrhizal Fungi (donated and explained by Flora Tiedt) – Phyllis Hogue

**\*\*Historian:** Margaret St. Clair

If any new members have not yet had their pictures taken, please see her. Margaret also announced that last year's scrapbook – prepared by Jeannie Gordon – was on display today.

**\*\*Hospitality:** Pamela Stephens

Pamela asked all of today's hostesses to stand for a thank-you from the club.

**\*\*Membership:** Patti Crawford

Today 44 members were present out of our total membership of 79. We had five guests today.

**\*\*Directory –** Alice Brown

The directory update will be out next month. If anyone has any changes to make – phone #, email, address, etc. – please let her know.

**\*\*Newsletter:** Flora Tiedt

Flora asked each Facebook member to please post before-and-after photos of their yards. Because of the recent freeze, many plants were lost. These photos will help us see which plants might survive well in the future.

**\*\*Publicity:** Pat Plesko had nothing to report.

**\*\*Sunshine and Lunch:** Maddy Gardner

Maddy announced that lunch today will be at Outback.

**\*\*Horticulture:** Jean Bays

Aside from some interesting ball moss brought in by Jean, the freeze cancelled this month's horticultural sharing. Jean suggested that entire plants could be brought in – not just cuttings.

**\*\* Federation:** Sharon Cecil

The Fed will meet on Friday, Feb. 10, and the speakers will be the Houston Designing Women. These talented women interpret works of art through their floral designs. Call Sharon or Cheryl if you plan to attend. Sharon announced that she cannot serve as our delegate next year. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested in this position.

**\*\*New Business:** Cheryl Fawvor

Thought for the day:

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, be a gardener.

- Chinese Proverb