

# NCGC March General Meeting March 5, 2015

**President** Alice Brown gave a 10-minute alert prior to meeting, then she called the meeting to order at 10:00am; she welcomed members and visitors and reminded everyone to silence their cell phone.

**Programs:** Pat Chislett welcomed and introduced speaker Joe Johnson, Director of Shangri-La Botanical Gardens from Orange, Texas. He gave the history and a presentation on the Gardens, which is our planned field trip March 26.

Alice thanked Joe Johnson for his presentation.

Alice thanked Pat Chislett for opening her home for the canning seminar last month; there were over 40 people that attended.

Gayle Spence reviewed the upcoming events for the next several months, including April 4-Bees & Butterflies, April 28-River Oaks Florescence Flower Show, May 7-End Of Year Luncheon

Alice mentioned that new member Pamela Stevens brought a postcard from Peckerwood Gardens, which is located in Hempstead and is a very nice garden to visit.

**Secretary:** The February General Meeting minutes are now on our website.

**Treasurer:** Gwen Heck

Beginning balance	\$4,666.73
Income	735.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Current balance	\$5,301.73

**Membership:** Mary Lou Proctor reported that we have 2 new members and that brings our club total to 82 paid members.

**Newsletter:** Alice mentioned the newsletter was available on our website.

**Horticulture:** Jean Bays

Jean highlighted the flowers/foliage from members' gardens.

**Parliamentarian:**

**Fundraising:** Kathy Burlison and Lori Fay

Our plant sale is March 28 at the Villagio Courtyard from 10:00am-1:00pm, all members are asked to volunteer at some point, a sign-up sheet was passed around. Our club has canvas tote bags for sale for \$25. The door prizes and raffle items were won by the following:

- Garden Fairy-Karen Holmes
- Bird Bath-Linda Warren
- 2 tickets to River Oaks Azalea Trail-Pat Chislett
- Sugar Snap Pea Plants-Karen Holmes

**Hospitality:** Alice asked if all members and guests signed in; the sign-in book was passed around. She also thanked the Hospitality team (Sharon, Doris and Maddy) for wonderful refreshments and all those that brought snacks to share.

**Federation:** Donna Luther mentioned that the Houston Federation meeting is next week Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend.

**Historian:**

Alice mentioned the Historian position for next year was filled by Vikki Rogers.

Alice mentioned lunch will be at Willie's Icehouse located on I-10 at Fry Road and invited all to join. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.