

NCGC April General Meeting - April 7, 2016

****President** Cheryl Fawvor called the General Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Mary Lou Proctor introduced our speaker. Darrin Duling from the Mercer Arboretum spoke on "Finials and Follies – Architectural Garden Features." He publicized National Public Gardens Day (May 5) and upcoming events at Mercer and presented a slide show of beautiful gardens and architecture from around the world. He took questions after the presentation, and there was considerable interest in booking a garden tour with Darrin in the future. Members interested in a New England Tour should let Mary Lou know.

****President:** Cheryl Fawvor called the business meeting to order at 11:10.

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

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

Beginning balance \$6,951.87

Income 1,049.00 (mostly from ticket sales for Backyard Passions
and reservations for the May luncheon)

Expenses \$240.00

Current balance \$7760.87

****Programs:** Mary Lou

Today is the last chance to pay for the End-of-Year Luncheon. It will be on May 5 (Cinco de Mayo Day) at Alicia's. The cost will be \$20 (payment is due when you sign up) and will include fajitas with all the fixings, as well as drinks and tea. Alcohol will be available for purchase in the bar. There will also be a Busy Bee Exchange as well as a food drive for Katy Christian Ministries. Members can call Mary Lou and put a check in the mail if for some reason they cannot pay at the meeting today.

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

****Fundraising:** Tickets are on sale for Backyard Passions, our spring Garden Tour. The date will be April 23. Tickets purchased by April 22 will be \$12. Sheets are also out for members to volunteer to work at the tour. All members are encouraged to volunteer for a three-hour shift. That will leave the other three

hours for touring the yards.

The results of this month's drawings were:

Daylily – Nan Righter

Stained glass (made by Vikki Rogers) – Esther Spencer

Plumeria – Esther Spencer

Wind Chime – Carole Royer

Door Prize (Impatiens) – Marilyn Frueh

****Hospitality:** Alice Brown recognized this month's hosts/hostesses.

****Historian:** Jeannie Gordon asked that all of today's drawing winners please stay for pictures.

****Membership:** Patti Crawford reported that we have 47 members in attendance today, as well as one guest who joined. The Membership Drive has started, and dues should be paid by May 31. Dues can be mailed to Patti or brought to the luncheon.

****Newsletter:** Jewel Munoz handed out hard copies of the newsletter to those without internet access. Cheryl reminded members that there is also a Facebook page and a Facebook group.

****Sunshine:** Maddy Gardner thanked the club for keeping her informed, and recommended that all wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes to the yard tour.

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays was not present, so Kathy Burleson identified a beautiful assortment of April blooms brought in by members.

****Publicity:** Pat Plesko had nothing to announce.

****New Business:** Cheryl announced that we still need volunteers for the Garden Tour, as well as a Newsletter Chairman for next year. Finally, she urged everyone to renew their memberships by the end of May. Lunch today will be at Cheddar's, and Cheryl thanked Maddy and Pamela for taking care of lunch arrangements.

Thought for the Day:

Your mind is a garden.
Your thoughts are the seeds.
You can grow flowers,
Or you can grow weeds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28.