

NCGC February General Meeting February 5, 2015

President Alice Brown 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 Mary Karish as a Harris County Master Gardener, Citrus Specialist, Master Composter and owner of The Three Sisters company. Mary gave an interesting presentation on preserving and storing foods. She open's up her backyard as an open-house for members to stop by, held the second Saturday each April, daylight hours only.

Pat and Gayle Spence reviewed the upcoming events for the next several months. Gayle mentioned that the gentleman sharpening garden tools has completed that task and tools are ready for pickup outside.

Secretary: The January meeting minutes are now on our website.

Treasurer:

Beginning balance	\$4,990.78
Income	242.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>566.05</u>
Current balance	\$4,666.73

Membership: Mary Lou Proctor reported that 42 people were in attendance today and we have 80 paid members.

Newsletter: Alice mentioned the newsletter was available on our website, also check out our club's Facebook page, it's fun.

Parliamentarian: Alice mentioned the proposed changes to the By-Laws are now posted on our website and will be voted on next month. She also mentioned that Linda Warren agreed to be Secretary for next year. Historian is the only position still vacant.

Fundraising: Kathy Burlison and Jewel Munoz

Our plant sale is March 28 at the Villagio Courtyard from 10:00am-1:00pm, Kathy urged all members to share plants from your garden, begin transplanting plants immediately. Kathy also mentioned our club is selling canvas tote bags which has our club logo embroidered on it for \$25. The door prizes and raffle items were won by the following:

- Succulent arrangement: Mary Kyser

- Flower vase: Vikki Rogers
- Bird wall décor: Cheryl Fletcher
- Door Prize: Kathy Glass

Hospitality: Alice thanked the Hospitality team for wonderful refreshments and all those that brought snacks to share.

Federation: Alice mentioned that the Houston Federation meeting is next week Friday 13th and all are welcome to attend.

Alice mentioned lunch will be at D'Amico's Italian Cafe in LaCenterra and invited all to join. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.