

NCGC November General Meeting November 4, 2015

****President** Cheryl Fawvor called the General Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She recognized the visitors and new members in attendance, and she thanked them for coming. Next, she brought up Pat Chislett, who introduced today's speaker: Elizabeth Barrow. Elizabeth presented an excellent program on shade gardening. Cheryl thanked Elizabeth and then called the business meeting to order.

****Treasurer** Vikki Rogers gave the treasurer's report. She also explained that although we have a large balance right now, it is because most of our income comes in at the first of the year. We have expenses all during the year (speaker fees, Federation dues, prizes, etc.)

Beginning balance	\$6989.88
Income	\$1032.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$114.29</u>
Current balance	\$7907.59

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

****Programs:** Pat Chislett reported that the Holiday Luncheon will be on Dec. 3 at 3 Olives. Information regarding the luncheon is on the sign-up table, but we do not need to specify our menu choices until the day of the luncheon. The cost will be \$21 per person, and the sign-up ends today. The registration money is nonrefundable and nontransferable. If a member cannot attend, he/she should notify Pat, not just give the spot to a friend. The money from a cancelled luncheon will be donated to the club.

Looking ahead to January, Pat announced that the speaker 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 will be at the Jan. meeting.

In February, Premier Sharpening will return to sharpen our tools, scissors, and knives.

****Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick announced that a nominating committee has been formed to fill our vacant positions. The members of the committee are Sue Straub, Marilyn Frueh, and Kim Patrick. Vikki Rogers and Linda Warren were appointed to fill vacancies, and they have agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Secretary. So, the only actual opening will be 2nd Vice President/Programs. The election will be held in January. Anyone interested in putting themselves on the ballot for any of these positions should contact Kim. The requirement is that candidates must have been members in good standing for one year. All positions are for a two-year term. For more information, the complete by-laws are included in the directory.

****Fundraising:** Nan Righter and Kathy Buleson
Nan gave an update on the Spring Garden Tour. It will be in April, and we will have a brief written preview of the yards later. Each one will have a different theme or style to appeal to varied interests. For example, one will have a coy pond, one will show how to garden with a relatively small yard, etc. Kathy added that we are still asking for volunteers to add their yards to the tour.

A drawing was held for the door prize and our raffle items. The winners were:
Door Prize (A lovely fall mum donated by Vikki Rogers): Phyllis Hogue
A decorative hanging lantern – Anita Parrott
Wine basket with assorted Texas goodies (donated by Nan Righter) –
Angela Roth (a visitor from the Federation)
Bird Bath – Shirley Parma

****Historian:** Jeannie Gordon asked new members, drawing winners, and others not yet in the directory to stay for pictures after the meeting.

****Hospitality:** Cheryl thanked Pamela Stephens for substituting today for the vacationing Hospitality Chairmen. The hostesses for this month stood and were recognized. Volunteers for January through the end of the year are still needed.

****Membership:** Patricia Crawford reported that we have 81 members, with two new members added today and seven visitors.

****Newsletter:** Jewel Munoz announced that the November Newsletter is on the website and that hard copies are also available on the table.

****Publicity:** Cheryl thanked Pat Plesko for getting out the word on our meetings.

****Sunshine/Phone:** Maddy Gardener asked that members let her or Pamela

Stephens know if they no longer need the monthly reminder call. This call has gotten less necessary because Cheryl sends out a monthly email with reminders about the upcoming meeting. There were no cards sent this month.

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays commented on the wonderful fact that even in November so many plants are still in full bloom. She shared these and identified them. She also asked that members bring exhibits in separate containers so that it is easier to show and identify each plant.

****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 Nov. 13, and the topic will be "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Also, in December, the Federation will have its annual Christmas Fantasy – including a silent auction – on Dec. 11.

Cheryl closed the meeting with a few announcements:

Free/donated magazines and fresh limes were brought in by Pat Chislett and Mary Weatherl.

Lunch today will be at D'Amico's in La Centerra.

Cheryl's thought for the day: In the Spirit of Thanksgiving -
Be thankful for what you have...What if you woke up one day with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

Cheryl thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.