

# Nottingham Country Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2011

**President Susan Straub** called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM with the ringing of her bell. Susan bid welcome to a very large audience this month. There was representation from Tower Oaks and the Chapel Hill Garden Clubs. The Chapel Hill Garden Club announced they were having a special fundraiser on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and inviting everyone to come. Also a special welcome was made to several visiting Master Gardeners.

A special welcome was made to nine new members just joining today.

## **Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the September General Meeting are now posted on the NCGC web site for all to view.

## **Treasury Report**

Gayle Granger reported an income of \$296, with expenses of \$212.20, leaving a balance of \$3096.09

## **Vice Presidents' Report:**

Marilyn Frueh reported on the extra activity for September which was a trip to the Papershell Gallery and Nursery and then a stop at the Master Gardener's garden in Ft. Bend. Gwen Heck provided a tour of the garden and lunch followed the tour at a nearby restaurant in Rosenberg.

It was also announced that business cards are now available with the new club logo and web site for members to distribute to interested, potential members.

October 19<sup>th</sup> will be an extra activity on Herbal Vinegar by Cindy Meredith, Proprietor of "The Herb Cottage,". Bring a pint size jar. Lunch will be with "Gourmet-to-Go" in Katy. Lunch is \$10 and the cost for the workshop is \$10. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Marilyn announced the next meeting will be a field trip to Pepperwood Gardens with lunch at the Salt and Pepper restaurant in Katy. The December meeting is a Pot Luck Lunch at the MUD center with the theme of "Lone Star Christmas". Members may like to bring historical type homemade ornaments for a tree that will be part of the décor. An ornament exchange was suggested using ornaments that might have been used in the early days of Texas. Susan will send emails regarding this.

March 14<sup>th</sup>, of 2012 will be a field trip with a wine tour and wild flower exploration. A Bus is available and we will be going near the Byrne area.

## **Federation Report:**

Next meeting of the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs is Friday, October 14, with a program on "Always Looking Ahead" by Designing Women, speaking on designing outside-the-box. Tickets for the Christmas luncheon are on sale now. The program is a one-act-play on "The 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas". They are also be collecting toys for "Star of Hope". Call Donna Luther for more information.

## **Newsletter:**

Please call Pat Chislett for hardcopies if you do not use the computer.

**Fundraising Report:**

Janet Blower held the door prize drawing of a Watering can that Pat Chislett won. The raffle prize today, a plant from Franks Nursery, was won by Suzie Griffith, a bowl was won by Gwen Heck and a CD from our speaker on the "Lazy Gardener" was also claimed.

Janet also announced that the Plant Sale is secured for March 31<sup>st</sup> .

Meeting adjourned by President, Susan Straub, at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Helsel, Secretary  
Nottingham Country Garden Club