



June 14, 2019

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

CALL TO ORDER: President, Lisa Arni

President Lisa Arni opened the meeting and welcomed our many guests who came to enjoy our Plant Auction.

Special Guest – Lisa introduced Caitlin Molnar, who received our Scholarship and just recently completed her Associates Degree at Del-Tech. Caitlin thanked GBTS for their support and shared that currently she is privileged to work in the Town of Bethany Beach with Melinda Lindy.

MINUTES: Recording Secretary, Alva Hutchison

Alva Hutchison reported that the minutes from the May meeting were distributed. Hearing no further additions or corrections, the minutes are filed and will be posted on our website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: President, Lisa Arni

TREASURER, Kathy Lesperance for Carolyn Clipp

Beginning: \$11,098.44

Deposits consisted of dues and Dine & Donate

Expenses were for various committees, including Dine & Donate

Ending balance: 9,160.75

VICE PRESIDENT, Nancy Hoffman

Nancy continues to plan and secure our speakers for 2019-2020.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

AWARDS, Lisa Arni for Donna Gray – Donna has agreed to continue as chair of Awards. She requests that committee chairs send photos that have already been resized to 3"x 5" picture.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS, Maureen Eisenhart & Lisa Arni

Ocean View Historical Society - Marty Pratt planted ferns in a container and did some clean up on one house. Martha Gallagher was contemplating plantings at the John West House.

Blue Star Memorial Marker - Location - Contacted the Town of Bethany Beach for the location across from Air National Guard and that property is governed by DelDot. DelDot was contacted and they refused our proposal due to safety reasons. We went back to the Town of Bethany and agreed on the corner of Kent Avenue and RT. 26 in the middle of their plantings. This is an ideal location because there is parking close-by and walk path for viewing the memorial.

We have secured funding for \$1,250 of the \$1,530 from the VFW Mason Dixon Post 7234, VFW and their Auxiliary. The Board agreed that GBTS will fund the remainder, \$280 needed to apply and order the marker. We expect to receive the marker from NGC in August in time for fall installation. There are several dates in the fall that we could coordinate our dedication: with SEAs the Day, Veterans Day, the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Plans will begin to organize the Dedication and Reception. Sallie Melvin will chair the Reception. Judy Stuhl will do a memorial wreath to place as part of the dedication. Connie Ryan will handle publicity.

The **Moving Wall** is a half size replica of DC's **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** and it will be at the VFW Mason Dixon Post in October. Lisa agreed that the GBTS will provide flowers and decorations for this event. Brenda Wimperis agreed to chair the committee with Kathy Lesperance, Carolyn Clipp, Maryanne Green, Cherie Dorfman and Karen Plis.

COTTAGE TOUR, Alva Hutchison

Alva thanked all who have volunteered for the 2019 South Coastal Library's Beach and Bay Cottage Tour. GBTS handles the hostesses for Wednesday, July 24th. We are assigned the home of Jackie and Bob Boyd in Bethany West. Alva attended the coordinators' meeting and our members who volunteered will receive more information soon.

HOSPITALITY, Sallie Melvin

Sallie recognized the hospitality committee members who helped set up the pizza party and served as coordinators throughout the year: Nancy Hoffman, Maureen Ryan, Barbara Ware, Eileen Quigley, Marty Pratt, Carol Bishop, Sue Basile and Brenda Wimperis. They are the greatest.

Sallie also reminded the members that we still need 7 hostesses for next year. The critical vacancies are 2 for September, and then 1 each for October and November. There's also 1 vacancy in March and 2 in May. The sign up list was available for members to choose the month and all positions were filled.

MEMBERSHIP, Maureen Eisenhart

Maureen introduced our new member, Cathy Bowen. Cathy has agreed to be our webmaster.

YEARBOOK, Maureen Ryan

Maureen asked all members to review the contact information in last year's book and let her know any corrections. She announced that committee chairs should expect an email from her within the next few days requesting information for the Yearbook. Chairs should review and revise the committee descriptions, events and activities. Please respond to Maureen whether there are changes or if all information is correct. The deadline is July 12.

WAYS & MEANS, Kathy Lesperance for Ria Carraro

Melinda Lindy from Bethany Beach donated the tulips again to us this year. The tulips are available today as part of our Plant Auction. Ria asked that we acknowledge appreciation to Melinda for the generous donation.

The Dine & Donate at Northeast on May 9, 2019 raised \$846.06. Since we did that well with the two this year we feel that this is an easier way for us to earn money, have fun and not have to cook!!!

If anyone has a connection with any of the local restaurants or others please let a member of W&Ms know.

YOUTH, Pat Drizd

Many creative thank you notes from the 2nd grade students at Lord Baltimore Elementary School were displayed at our meeting today. This is a wonderful tribute to the impact this program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Board Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 22 at 1:00pm Officers, 2:00pm Committee Chairs at South Coastal Library.

Kathy Lesperance passed the donation box for the TREE-mendous Tree project for the Delaware Botanic Gardens.

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE, Alva Hutchison

"How to Photograph Flowers" was a favorite GBTS program in November 2018 by Michele Walfred. www.walfredphotography.wordpress.com

Alva offered another "Challenge" for members to take garden photos and share our pictures at our November GBTS meeting. Members must take the picture, but they do not need to grow what is photographed. All photos should feature plants. We ask that photos are 5"x7" size and mounted in a standard white 8"x10" mat. Use a white index card to identify your name, plants and location of the photo. Walgreens can print 5"x7" glossy in their same day. Plans are to place the matted photos on tables, covered with ivory cloths. Members will enjoy mingling and viewing the pictures of our gardens and where we have visited! (See attachment for more details.)

2020 HORTICULTURE FLOWER SHOW, Ellen Dowling and Judy Stuhl

The chairs have selected the theme **"Flowers for Every Occasion"**. Decisions still need to be made for the location and date. There will be many opportunities for members to volunteer. Lenora Gentry has agreed to design a picture to reflect the theme.

The education display could entail 1. Flowers, their meaning and uses. 2. Herbs history and uses. The Botanical Arts includes Artistic Designs and our committee may choose purses, hats and jewelry for this class.

The business meeting was adjourned, followed by our **ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**. Members contributed an abundance of outstanding plants and garden items. We thank the committee who organized and orchestrated a lively and fun auction. Pat Milstead who served as the auctioneer, Cherie Dorfman provided horticulture details on each plant and assisted by Brenda Wimperis and Sue Basile. Kathy Lesperance, Linda Eaton and Marilyn Adams recorded the bidding and collected the donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hutchison

Recording Secretary



GARDENERS BY THE SEA PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

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SO, following the lead of Lisa's bromeliad plant challenge and our goal to have FUN together...we are offering another **"CHALLENGE"**- to take garden photos and to share our pictures at the GBTS meeting in November, 2019.

Open to all GBTS members! Member must take the picture. You don't have to grow what is photographed. All photos feature plants. You are encouraged, *but not required*, to identify the specimens in the picture. It becomes a horticulture moment!

Nothing will be judged...just bring your pictures to share as we mingle and get to know one another better. We will separate our display in "Classes" including pictures of

- 1) Single specimens - close up shot
- 2) The garden - would love to see pictures of the gardens of our members
- 3) Landscapes – your view, a favorite local spot, or perhaps a view where you visited
- 4) Pollinators, insects, birds, animals in the garden

All photos should be 5"x 7", no frames, displayed in simple standard 8" x 10".white mat. Use white index cards with your name and to describe your photo, the location and plants. No fancy enhancements or special techniques - just photography, for this Challenge. All matted photos will be placed flat on tables, covered with ivory cloths.

It will be fun to see the perfect bloom, places people have traveled, a favorite view, what is growing in our garden, etc. Capture it! Garden subjects such as flowers, vegetables, shrubs, trees, insects, birds....It will be fun!



Will you accept this PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE?