



## GARDENERS BY THE SEA

**March 9, 2018**

**Ocean View Presbyterian Church**

In the absence of President Jean Sewald, Vice-President Maureen Ryan opened our meeting, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Program**

Maureen Ryan introduced Valery Cordrey, the owner of East Coast Garden Center. Valery brought us information about favorite shrubs from Proven Winners for Zone 7. She explained a bit about the process of the trials and tests plants must go through to gain the esteemed recognition of a Proven Winner. Valery shared that the industry is listening to the public as we are wanting selections with multiple season interest, blossoms with greater fragrance and deer resistance. Many of the shrubs she shared with us are appropriate for the landscape in our smaller yards. Following her presentation, Valery answered questions. She does a radio show on 105.9 FM every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 am and offered the opportunity to join her on-air to promote the love of gardening and our activities. Past show are available on their website.

[www.eastcoastgardencenter.com](http://www.eastcoastgardencenter.com)

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of our February were accepted as distributed.

Alva announced the South Coastal Library Beach and Bay Cottage is a project of our Club and encouraged members to sign up to be a hostess on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Maureen Ryan reported we had a beginning balance of \$9,630.10. Receipts of \$260 from our last Flower Show in June, Disbursements of \$223.02 for books for the Youth Program, new checks, and other miscellaneous items. Ending Balance is now \$9,700.08.

### **Election of Officers**

Maureen Eisenhart served as the chair of our nominating committee. She presented the following slate of officers: President, Betty Bloomfield, Vice-President, Cherie Dorfman, Secretary, Alva Hutchison and Treasurer, Brenda Kerber. She asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, there was a motion to accept the slate as presented, it was seconded and passed. We welcome our new officers for 2018-2020.

### **President's Announcements**

Maureen Eisenhart welcomed our 3 guests: Kay Houston and mother and daughter, Bev Gordon and Sarah Gordon.

Maureen Ryan is taking reservations for the DFGC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Dover. Registration is \$30, payable to GBTS and due to Maureen no later than April 3<sup>th</sup>.

There was further discussion about the potential to partner with Barefoot Gardeners for a joint program on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> featuring Holly Shimizu at the Lewes Library. Holly is a nationally recognized horticulturist with a home in Lewes. Following the program, participants will have the opportunity to view her

gardens. She was the Executive Director of the US Botanic Gardens and the host of a former PBS TV show, *Victory Garden*. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members to indicate interested in co-sponsoring this program and attending. The plan is to still hold our regular business meeting on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that our membership dues are due next month and officers will be installed in May.

### **Ways and Means**

Linda Eaton and Pat Milstead are taking reservations for our Fancy Hat Tea planned for April 27<sup>th</sup> at Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$30. The Tea starts at 11:30 am, ending by 2:30 pm. All attendees are encouraged to wear a fancy decorated hat. A prize of \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the "best hat". Centerpieces will be arrangements using straw hats available from the committee in an assortment of colors. The plan is to sell the arrangements at the event for \$15 each. The committee is accepting donations of purses, gloves and scarves to be sold at the Tea. Members are encouraged to buy tickets, sell tickets, to provide a centerpiece in the straw hats and to donate the items for the sale table.

### **Garden Therapy**

Sandra Lopez shared that Janet Thomas donated small baskets for this month's project. The committee led the group to make lovely small arrangements. Sandra encouraged members to participate in Garden Therapy which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

### **Historian**

Pat Fulton brought the scrapbook she has created to capture the activities of our Club. Great job! Pat's term as Historian is ending and she encouraged someone to take this position.

### **Horticulture Moment**

Sheryl Swed brought the plans for the meadow at the Delaware Botanic Garden. The meadow will be known as the Piet Oudolf Meadow. Among the 70,000 plants selected for the meadow are Echinacea, Rudbeckia and Aster. Members are encouraged to volunteer to plant the meadow; 30,000 in May and more in June. Volunteer information is on their website.

### **Youth Project at Lord Baltimore Elementary**

Betty Bloomfield shared our ladies recently guided a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class in a creative lesson about migratory birds. Betty provided scarves for each child to spread their wings and follow our migrant lead bird, Pat Powell, around the room!

### **Hospitality**

Nancy Hoffman recognized Karen Plis as the coordinator for today's luncheon. Hostesses were Carol Bishop, Eileen Quigley, Betty Bloomfield, Carol Mankus and Alva Hutchison. Carol Bishop, Betty and Alva provided flowers and designs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day theme. Alva was the greeter at the Welcome Desk. Nancy's term as Hospitality chair ends this year and a new chair is needed. Everyone appreciates the fantastic job Nancy has done to manage and plan Hospitality the last 4 years.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Alva Hutchison*  
Secretary



