

Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone Minutes
Meeting 3-14-2019

- The blessing was given for our meal by the President; a moment of silence was observed for Jo Manson and family. Jo's son passed away unexpectedly. Please keep Sharon Timm in your prayers. Sharon is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- President Bonnie Schaschek called the meeting to order
- Hostesses were thanked for a delicious lunch: Susan Edmonds (chair) is especially thanked for stepping in to take over for Jo Manson due to her recent loss; Sue's helpers were Deborah Brooks, Sara Ford, Joan Eremenko, and Mary Jacobs
- Birthdays of the month were celebrated with song, for Sharon Rowe, Barbara Touchette, Glo Romaine, and Kay Somers

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes for past meetings were voted upon and accepted unanimously; there was no report from the Finance Committee
2. Please pay your dues. Active members owe \$50.00, and Associate Members owe \$60.00. Robin Perks is collecting the dues.
3. Election Committee Report by Jenny Boyenga, chairperson: We have sign-up sheets for new committees; the election committee is "working on getting nominees for committee head positions". The club needs a 1st VP of the Programs Committee and a 2nd VP for the Communications Committee. Cathie Elliott, current 2nd VP of the Communications Committee, discussed some of the duties of the position. The duties include working on placing document updates on the website, dealing with publicity, the newsletter, email broadcasts, brochures and the yearbook. There was further discussion of how to get positions filled, and how the club by-laws deal with committee set-up. It was announced that Mary Hutya has agreed to be the next President of the RGC.
4. Nomination sheets for the "most valuable gardener" are on the welcome table. Please list 3 names, and if you would like, describe why you have nominated the person. In three or four weeks the top candidates will be notified, and voting will take place later.
5. Please sign up for judge, clerk, guide, cookie. Sheets are now available for the members.
6. Spring District Meeting—March 18, 2019 at the Four Points Sheraton

Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, RVA 23235. Business Meeting /Program 10:30 A.M. Details may be found in the Winter issue of FOOTPRINTS (currently posted on the website). The cost is \$30.00 (including tax, gratuity, and program cost).

7. VFGC 2019—85th Annual Convention, March 31—April 2—The theme is “A Gardener’s Path...Can Take You Anywhere”, will take place at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA. The registration form is online, and also in your Old Dominion pamphlet.
8. SAR (South Atlantic Region) 2019 Convention takes place March 29th—March 30th: Again, the Doubletree Hotel in Williamsburg is the location of this event. Registration forms may be found in the Old Dominion pamphlet, or online. The theme is: “The Beauty of Nature—Protect, Preserve, Enjoy”.
9. The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs now has a Facebook page. The RGC also has a Facebook page which you are able to link to your personal FB page. Deborah Brooks keeps the RGC FB page updated.
10. Cathie Elliott reminded the members to sign up for the RAL “Art and Flowers” exhibit. The event takes place April 5-6. Six members from RGC have already signed up to participate. See Cathie Elliott for details.

NEW BUSINESS

1. March 20th there will be a presentation by Dr. David Gaines—Virginia Dept. of Health Entomologist—regarding Ticks and Tick Borne Diseases. The presentation will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Transportation Building located behind the Rice Hotel/Hughletts Tavern in Heathsville, VA.
2. There are three Flower Show Handbooks available for purchase. New members, in particular, should acquire one of these. See Robin Perks.
3. The State website and NGC website currently have their “Newscape” and “Staying in Touch” newsletters available online.
4. A member raised the question of why so few members are presenting Artistic Design for judging. Discussion among members ensued. A concern stated by one member is that the “theme” set forth each month is sometimes too difficult to interpret. Another member encouraged folks to join the Program Committee in order to offer their

ideas for the monthly themes, so that club members could have the benefit of their suggestions.

MARCH HORTICULTURE and ARTISTIC DESIGN RESULTS

HORTICULTURE

Deborah Brooks 10 - blue + Best in Show
Mary Ann McKay 5 - blue
Ann O'Bryant 1 - blue 1 - red
Cathie Ward 1 - red

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Susan Edmonds 1 - blue + Best in Show

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

RGC Club Member, Debbie Burgess, presented an engaging program regarding "How to Prepare Flowers for Show". Tips included when and how to cut peonies, sunflowers, snapdragons and zinnia. Debbie recommended two good books: Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging, and Vegetables Love Flowers.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Brincefield, Recording Secretary