

Rappahannock Garden Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021

At 1 PM, President Mary Hutya called the meeting to order. Birthdays announced for this month were Jan Litsinger, Alexa McGrath, Betty Otley, and Robin Perks.

The Chaplain, Joan Eremenko, read a lovely poem for the group. This is her last meeting since her conflicting activities make it difficult for her to attend Thursday meetings. We shall miss her and hope to see her again.

The President announced the next meeting in December which is Thursday, December 9th at Indian Creek Country Club. Open bar is at 11:30 with cash bar and luncheon is at 12:30. We look forward to this festive occasion and will enjoy either the grilled salmon lunch or chicken marsala. We shall be seated in the center room and enjoy also the new renovations. RGC will be the only event in the building.

Cathie Elliott was in charge of the November program, having told the group through emails and in person at last month's meeting about the flower arrangement session. Foliage, fruit, and vegetables are involved, and the colors and design involve balance, texture, color, differing vegetation, and imaginative designs. It was announced that design rules would not apply.

The general guidelines for doing this type of presentation were given:

- 1-Pick a bottom layer of foliage for your damp base and place it.
- 2-Select second layer of foliage and place it, higher, being sure to hide the base.
- 3-Select a third layer of foliage and place it a bit higher.
- 4-Scatter more foliage-lower perhaps-- to create texture and balance---such as curly kale, spinach, collards
- 5-Choose components of color and balance, keeping the main feature to the right
- 6-Choose smaller components to complement the first one-put them together to add movement and drama to your arrangement
- 7-Continue to add differing vegetables and fruit to the arrangement, following contrast ideas
- 8-Fill in with fluff, ferns, and show off your vegetables or fruit (gourds, peppers, pears, etc.)
Stick fruit and veggies gently with toothpicks or longer sticks to insert in arrangement.

Be sure that base container remains moist to keep your arrangement fresh and beautiful.

Members were enthusiastic, and pictures were taken by Recording Secretary Trisha Tetlow. The energy and enthusiasm made this a fun meeting. Amazing colors and dramatic arrangements were seen for each participant.

Thank you, Cathie Elliott, for bringing your own fauna and flowers of all kinds for members' use.

By 1:30, arrangements were done and members enjoyed seeing their handiwork and the beautiful arrangements of other members.

The next meeting is RGC's Christmas lunch at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club on Dec. 9th. A form to make a menu selection was distributed. Menu selections and a check for the lunch payable to RGC in the amount of \$27.56 should be set to Mary Hutya no later than November 30.

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