

Rappahannock Garden Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Hutya, at 12:10 pm.

The Blessing was given by the President filling in for the Chaplain, Joan Eremenko.

Birthdays: The club will not meet in July and August. Therefore, birthdays for June and those months were recognized. The following members were wished Happy Birthday.

June: Carol Clark, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Marcia Robison, Betty Baylor and JoAnn Smith

July: Helen Johnson Trish Tetlow, Bonnie Schaschek and Aleta Hoffman

August: Mary Snyder

Announcements: Members were reminded that the May minutes are posted on the website for their review. The President said that the Executive Board positions of Historian and Recording Secretary were still vacant and members were needed to fill those positions. Additionally, the post of Chairman of the Judges Committee is still vacant.

Note: After the meeting concluded, Ginni Baron confirmed that she will take on the position of Historian for the RGC.

Survey: During the May meeting, it was decided the membership should be surveyed on the future direction of RGC. The survey was prepared and distributed to members attending the June meeting. These members were asked to complete the survey during the meeting and told that the survey would be emailed to non-attending members.

The survey served to generate discussion on club projects and activities. Topics discussed included to what degree RGC should participate in National, State and District club activities; horticulture and design exhibit scheduling; lunches during the monthly meetings and the location of meetings. Some suggestions were: eliminate horticulture/design exhibits in January and February; stop putting table cloths on the tables; have members bring their own lunch with the club providing dessert; eliminate lunch and start the meetings after the lunch hour. Members felt the survey would provide results to guide decisions on the various items discussed.

Programs 2021-2022: Debbie Burgess, chairman of the Program Committee, presented what everyone felt was an excellent recommendation for programs for upcoming RGC meetings. Programs starting in September will include a plant exchange; a tour of the Good Luck Winery in October; Christmas Workshop in November; and, Christmas lunch at the Indian Creek Country Club in December. Cindy from The Wild bunch will start the New Year off in January. We'll listen to Cindy and enjoy an Afternoon Tea as well. The Garden Guru, Carrie Mullins will speak in February on "What Works in the Northern Neck" followed by Cindy Balderson from the Food Bank in March. April will bring a tour of RGC members' gardens and in May we'll tour Maymont Gardens. A pot luck luncheon is planned for June along with installation of new officers.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Program Schedule proposed by the Chairman of the Program Committee. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Free Health Clinic Garden: Debbie Burgess briefed the members on the progress of changes to the Free Health Clinic Garden. In brief, areas of the garden are being replanted with pollinator plants which should make garden maintenance easier. Ms. Burgess detailed the work so far identifying the new plants and thanked some members who have grown plants for the garden. There is a problem with the irrigation system which will not be repaired until October. Ms. Burgess has asked for volunteers to take a week at a time to keep the garden watered and for any members who find themselves in the area near the garden, to stop by and water and weed if necessary.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.