

Rappahannock Garden Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President, Mary Hutya.

Birthdays: The following members were wished happy birthday: Nancy Peterson, Margie Redlin and Anne Skerritt.

Program: Debbie Burgess, Program Committee Chair, introduced the owner of Good Luck Cellars Winery, Ms. Kate Kropp. Ms. Kropp talked about how she and her husband got started in the business and shared amusing anecdotes as well as interesting information on what it took to prepare the land to grow grapes; selecting the grape varieties they grow; maintenance of the vineyards and, how they protect the vineyards from disease and pests. Members were fascinated to learn that Ms. Kropp has dogs that live in each of her fields. She cares for the dogs and they in turn protect the vines from deer and other foraging animals. Ms. Kropp's charming and experienced presentation was entertaining and professional. Members thoroughly enjoyed an informative and very pleasant afternoon. Thank you to Debbie Burgess for arranging this event and to Debbie, Cathie Elliott, Margie Redlin, Marcia Robison and Carol Clark for providing excellent refreshments.

November Meeting: RGC Member and Artistic Design Chair, Cathie Elliott, will lead a hands-on workshop entitled "Fun with Foliage, Fruits and Vegetables." Members will bring three types of interesting foliage plus floral items to coordinate with three components such as artichokes, pomegranate, minipumpkins, gourds, bell peppers, etc. Cathie Elliott shared with the group an arrangement she made demonstrating what the group will do. Members will receive more information by email. This will be workshop fun and easy for everyone! Social time starts at 12:30; the business meeting starts at 1 p.m. followed by the workshop. Lunch will not be served nor will we have horticulture and artistic design exhibits in November. The meeting will be held on November 11, at Grace Episcopal Church.