

Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: RGC President Debbie Burgess open the meeting at 12:20 welcoming all to our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

INTRODUCTIONS: Special guest; The Piedmont District President, Sally Harrison and past Piedmont District President, JoAnn McNabb. Sally stated that 60 years is a very long time and we should be proud. Debbie also had her say a little about the upcoming District meeting on October 17. There will be two designers that will be creating designs using the same container and plant materials but one will be a creative design and the other a traditional design. The deadline to get our checks in Oct 7.

Asked each of the following group to stand and be recognized: attending Past Presidents - Ann Burgess, Sandra Harris (on Facetime), Aleta Hoffman, Joann Smith, Anita Shawver, Cathie Elliott, and Mary Hutya; Guest (too many to identify); and former members.

Emeritus members were than asked to stand and were presented with a small gift to thank them for their many years of contributions to the club

Cheryl Brown Davis was introduced and she lead us in the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America"

President said that her theme for the year is 'Sixty Years of Nurturing Gardens and Friendships'. Our club was created to learn and share garden knowledge and for nurturing friendships in doing so.

Cathie Elliott talked about up coming Shoreline Ecology tour at Tides Inn on October 13. Also showed us our newly printed tri-fold of this years monthly events. She pointed out all the exciting stations throughout the room for everyone to check out, including items for sale; plants, garden books, garden tools, garden decorations, baked items, etc. She gave a big thank you to Christy Smith who made our 60th Anniversary cake which incorporated RGC symbols.

September birthdays announced; Ginni Baron, Ann Burgess, Ann Hecht, Claudia Holmes, Mary Jacobs, Mary Ann McKay, Anne Warner, and Loya Wheatley

Thanked the judges, Sally Harrison, JoAnn McNabb, and Marty Wilson; and clerks, Judy Burlbaugh and Nancy Peterson. Horticulture awards – Debbie Burgess, 8 blue and 2 red; Judy Burlbaugh, 5 blue, and 5 yellow; Susan Edmonds, one blue; Cathie Elliott, 1 blue and Best in Show; and Margie Redlin, one blue. Artistic Design awards – Debbie Burgess, 1 red; Judy Burlbaugh, one blue and Best in Show; Susan Edmonds, one blue; and Cathie Elliott, one red.

Thanked hostess team – Co-Chaired by Susan Edmonds and Cathie Elliott, with Ginni Baron, Cheryl Brown Davis, Carol Clark, Mary Huyta, Margie Redlin and Sharon Rowe.

Thanked all members for all they did to make our 60th Anniversary celebration special and a special thanks to our 1st VP, Cathie Elliott for organizing and creating this great event for us.

The business meeting was concluded with Jenny Boyenga giving the blessing before the purchased delicious John Boys' Carolina Pork BBQ lunches were served.

It was a very successful event and good times were had by all.

Trisha Tetlow, Recording Secretary
September 11, 2022