

Garden Club of Annapolis April 2013 monthly meeting

April 17, 2013 @ Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC)

Business Meeting:

Shahla Butler welcomed members along with guest Jane Williamson. The recent tragedy in Boston was acknowledged and Karen Wass & Corinne Johnson were thanked for the lovely centerpieces that they made for our luncheon tables and which were available (minus the vases) for a nominal fee. April Birthday girls include Susan Green, Ann Peterson, June Widmayer. Since May's meeting is a field trip, May birthday girls; Sherlyn Blocher, and Shahla Butler were also acknowledged.

Our Ailing Friends:

Evie Renz and Carol Manion. We sent Carol a bouquet of Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. Carol is at home and says that she will be taken care of by family at home until the end. Evie was seen by several members last week and they report that she looks good.

Since there was a correction to March's minutes the vote for approval was delayed.

Upcoming Meeting:

Shahla reminded everyone that the May field trip is May 7th and not on our regular third Wednesday of the month, in order to increase our chances of seeing the bluebirds at Longwood gardens. Lunch will be on your own, Longwood has a restaurant and a café. Eva passed around a sign-up sheet.

The June 5th potluck luncheon and installation of new officers at Susan Veccia's house will be the last meeting of the 2012/2013 year. A sign-up sheet for food was distributed and members were reminded that partners were unfortunately not invited this year due to space restrictions, except for the partners of the new officers.

Website Notes:

Two messages were posted to the GCA website. The first one was from a Girl Scout troop in Colorado who sent a thank you note for all the garden tips on the website. GCA also received a message from an experienced master gardener who was interested in possibly joining our garden club.

Three members participated in Art Blooms at Walters museum. Jenny Henry from the Garden Club of Annapolis, Karen Wass as the team lead for the Navy Garden Club, and Shahla Butler from the Calvert Garden Club. It was thought to be a lot of fun and recommended for others to take part in future years. Shahla has pictures to share.

Shahla is also the Chair for Art Blooms at Annmarie Gardens for Calvert Garden Club. She brought brochures and is hoping that some members will want to sign up to

participate. It is a much more relaxed and fun occasion than Walters and its hoped that more will come to see the displays. Shahla, Eva Kapitan, & Jenny Henry will be doing designs. Kate is considering participating. JoAnne and Susan Green did a design last year with Evie. Shahla distributed beautiful magnets with the event information.

May Fair – Sheryn checked the menu for the event and reports that it looked quite good. Tickets for the event are \$36 and the money can be mailed in or given to Sheryn. Karen is asking members for branches from their blooming plants and trees for the May Baskets and arrangements. Mary was happy to report that we have 20 plus vendors and asked that we all pass it along that people can shop at the May Fair event even if they are not attending the luncheon. Carol said that more than 100 people have signed up to date and that hostesses are needed for 1 hour shifts. Aida Capriani made a final solicitation for the white elephant table and volunteers to work one hour shifts at the table. She reminded everyone to think of the table as a donation since the proceeds go to our charities. Pudy Palmer is still looking for gift certificates valued at \$50 or more for the silent auctions.

Members were reminded of the great Paca plant sale on Mother’s Day weekend.

Treasurer’s Report – submitted by Sheryn Blocher

Previous Balance as of February 28, 2013	\$3,421.03
Expenditures & Deposits:	\$ 00.00
Balance as of March 28, 2013	<u>\$3,421.03</u>

Dues of \$40.00 are due by May 31st and payable to Sheryn

March Program

Janet Draper of the Smithsonian Institution’s Mary Livingston Ripley Garden spoke on “how garden space has evolved over the years” – starting from the construction of the Arts and Industries Museum (1879) to the present date and the changes and challenges the garden area has faced. It was a delightful history lecture and a discussion of plants.