

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) December Meeting  
December 11, 2013 @ Annapolis Yacht Club

**Opening and Welcome**

Mary Gatanas, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed all present and introduced the guests present. She reminded all that this meeting is dedicated to the Garden Club of Annapolis' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the Holidays. She remarked on the beautiful Annapolis Yacht Club decorations and thanked Ann Petersen and her committee for their excellent work in decorating the Yacht Club. Today's meeting agenda would have the emphasis on learning new skills from our talented members in making holiday decorations.

Present: 28

Guests and their sponsors:

Nancy Parsons	Susan Veccia
Judy Taylor	Tessie Ballard

She noted that the **Minutes for November** will be on the website and anyone may provide recommendations for additions or corrections via e-mail to Carol Small, Secretary. In the meantime the Minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mary asked Carol Miller, Treasurer to provide a Treasurer's Report. Carol reported that after expenses and deposits, as of November 30, 2013 the GCA Balance was \$3,962.54. A detailed report is available upon request.

**Project Reports**

Mary asked each of the current Committee Chairs to report on progress or make announcements about their activities and/or needs as follows:

Hammond Harwood House – Susan Veccia (chair) – Susan reported installed their decorations by the opening on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. And a copy of the Capital was passed around showing an extensive article about this year's displays. She thanked her committee and reminded all Members to visit the finished project throughout December.

State Circle Wreaths – Ann Moynihan (chair, absent) – It was reported that Ann's committee completed two wreaths (positions 12 and 13) which were placed on display December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Annapolis Yacht Club Decorations – Ann Peterson (chair) – Ann reported on the completion of the Annapolis Yacht Club Decorations. She was most grateful for the talent and hard work of all those who assisted in making this year's decorations so successful.

Mary ended the Project Reports reminding and thanking members for their Toys for Tots contributions. A total of \$380 will be forwarded to their organization.

She turned the meeting over to the three members who would lead the holiday decorations demonstrations. All present were invited to participate and would be able to take home one sample they made. The Christmas greens demonstrations were chaired by:

Karen Wass	--	Wreath centerpiece
Kathy Antosek	--	Floral bouquet
Jenny Henry	--	Hanging wreath

### **Garden Club of Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Mary Gatanas introduced Diane Keppen, one of the original founders and first President of the Garden Club of Annapolis who proceeded to provide a brief overview on the history of the development of the Club which was started with 13 members. They joined District 2 to enhance the Club's visibility and opportunities. As one of the founding members, Susan Green also added some historical facts about the organization. Since it was started in 2003 there have been 5 boards who have put their stamp and emphasis on the organization. Today only 5 of the original members remain and there are 43 members.

Mary thanked Diane and Susan for their input and reminded all present there was an Anniversary cake to be shared with the luncheon.

Jenny Henry, Co-President, continued the meeting reminding members to be sure to go to the website to find out details of the many upcoming December activities. She highlighted some of these and made available flyers at the meeting:

- Annual Christmas Open House at Ladew Topiary Gardens, "Christmas Through the Ages", December 13—15, 2013, Monkton Maryland, [www.ladewgardens.com](http://www.ladewgardens.com).
- Crofton's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Holiday House Tour and Greens Sale, Crofton Village Garden Club, December 15, 2013, Crofton Maryland, [SallyMoore48@msn.com](mailto:SallyMoore48@msn.com)

### **Meeting Adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.**

Next Meeting will be on January 15, 2013 – at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Small, Secretary