

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) September Meeting
September 18, 2013 @ Annapolis Yacht Club

Opening and Welcome

Approximately 30 members attended.

Kate Duffy, President, welcomed all members and guests to the first meeting of the new year and convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. She acknowledged the previous Board Members and thanked them for their efforts over the past two years. These were: Shahla Butler; President, Eva Kapitan, Vice President (in charge of Programs); Mary Gatanas, Vice President (membership); Sheryn Blocher, Treasurer; and Amy Sibo, Secretary.

There were 4 guests introduced and welcomed to the meeting: Ann Agee (guest of Carol Small); Lori Ross (guest of Ann Peterson); Ellie Kallins (guest of Susan Veccia); and Gabrielle Green who came as a result of finding us through our website.

She announced that a copy of the June Meeting Minutes, pre-approved by the Board, was located at each table and recommended that any additions or corrections should be forwarded to Carol Small, secretary. The final copy of the Minutes will be placed on the website, thanks to Shahla Butler. In future all Minutes will be placed on the website (reminder: password to enter *the member only parts* of the website is “bright”).

Kate went over the purpose of the Garden Club of Annapolis according to the By-Laws:

The Garden Club of Annapolis is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage and promote the interest in, and development of, all aspects of gardening, horticulture and the conservation of natural resources.

Kate proceeded with a special announcement and introduced the new Board Officers for 2013-2015. After careful review of the numerous duties and responsibilities required of the President, and in view of the facts that she will need to travel extensively and be out of touch frequently during the coming year, she concluded that there is a need to step aside from her position as President and have asked members of the Board to re-organize to fulfill the position and duties of the President.

So the Board has come up with a creative solution. We shall have Co-Presidents for the coming year with Mary Gatanas serving as the President responsible for all relevant internal matters such as running our monthly meetings and focusing on club projects. And Jenny Henry will serve as the President responsible for all relevant external matters such as all Federated Activities including attendance at Federation meetings and reporting on these to the club. In addition Tessie Ballard has agreed to be Second Vice President in charge of Membership and Jenny will continue as Program Co-chair with Kathy Antosek. Tessie has agreed to undertaking additional responsibilities associated with maintaining social contact with members regarding various needs (illness, special events, etc.)

In addition, the Board plans to meet monthly to ensure a smooth transition of this new leadership model which is being piloted for the coming year.

I am indeed grateful for their volunteering and will continue my active participation in the Club as chair of the Ellen Moyer Park effort and assist in other activities when available. The rest of the Board for 2013 includes: Carol Miller, Treasurer; and Carol Small, Secretary

Kate concluded by stating she is looking forward to another year of success and turned over the remainder of the meeting to both Mary Gatanas and Jenny Henry, wishing them every success.

Opening Remarks and Plans for 2013-2014

Mary Gatanas thanked Kate for all her efforts to date and greeted all members and guests. She pointed out that her duties include leadership of all internal matters of the GCA in 3 areas – Workshops, Programs and Special Projects. She was pleased to announce the following chairs for the coming year: Workshops: Karen Waas and Kathy Antosek; Programs: Jenny Henry and Kathy Antosek; and the following Projects:

Hammond Harwood House	Susan Veccia
Christmas Decorating of AYC	Susan Peterson
Ellen Moyer Park Daffodil Project	Kate Duffy
State Circle Wreaths	Ann Moynihan
GCA 10 th Year Anniversary	TBA
May Fair Fundraising Event	Sheryn Blocher
Web Administration	Shahla Butler
Horticulture	Kathy Antosek
Conservation	Shahla Butler
Ann Marie Gardens, Art Blooms	Shahla Butler
Walters Art Blooms	Kate Duffy

She stated that in organizing for the coming year's activities all GCA members are invited to sign up to assist and volunteer on the wide variety of activities. Mary said that involvement in these efforts gives each of us the opportunity to experience new ideas and new friendships that will benefit everyone. The sign-up sheets were circulated at every table and all were urged to sign up.

Treasurer's Report

Mary asked Carol Miller, Treasurer to provide a Treasurer's Report. Carol reported that as of August 30, 2013 the GCA Balance was \$4,315.16. A detailed report is available upon request.

Programs for 2013 and Federation Activities

Jenny Henry, Co-President continued the meeting pointing out the list of programs for the year that was distributed to all present. She indicated that a copy of this list will be attached to these minutes. She also announced that the District has opportunities for education and training and anyone wishing to become involved can get in touch with her at 410-846-5493 or jennyhenry1188@comcast.net. She also reminded them that there are websites for the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (www.fgcomd.org) and District II – Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (www.fgcomd.org/districts).

Jenny proceeded to introduce the Presenter for today: Sue Betz, Annapolis Chapter of Ikebana who provided an Ikebana Demonstration, using natural materials. Along with preparing outstanding displays of ikebana in various forms, Ms. Betz provided reference material information including the following books: Book on Ikebana by Ellen Hara; Sogetsu Textbook 1 & 2; and 3&4 by the Sogetsu Foundation; Japanese Flower

Arrangement, A Complete Primer by Ellen G. Allen. Sue offered her contact information to members as follows: suebb@verizon.net; 410-647-3824.

Jenny thanked Sue for her excellent presentation.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 noon. Next Meeting will be on October 16, 2013 – A Field Trip to Willow Oak Herb Farm. Announcement and opportunity to sign up to attend will be forwarded to all members.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Small, Secretary