

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) November Meeting
November 20, 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.

Present: 29

Guests and their sponsors:

Nancy Parsons	Susan Veccia
Jane Williams	Pat Wayson
Rosemary Smollon	Mary Milan
Geri Schotterbeck	Kathy York

She acknowledged that there was no workshop today due to Kathy Antosek's illness, and thanked Jenny Henry for the beautiful centerpieces she provided for the day.

She noted that the **Minutes for October** 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 as of October 31, 2013 the GCA Balance was \$3,936.58. 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:

Ellen Moyer Park – Kate Duffy (chair, absent) – Mary thanked Donna Howard and her husband for planting 200 bulbs in the park.

Hammond Harwood House – Susan Veccia (chair) – Susan reported their theme is Holland, they were assigned the Study and they are ready to install their decorations before December 3 (the opening). 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 will be preparing two wreaths (positions 12 and 13) on December 3 and placed on December 6th.

Annapolis Yacht Club Decorations – Ann Peterson (chair) – Ann reported she still needs more volunteers and a paper was distributed. They will be decorating on December 2nd beginning at 9:00a.m. She will send an email listing "tools" needed by volunteers. Reminder: Volunteers can park in yacht club lot and will be provided a "box lunch".

Mary ended the Project Reports stating that the Board has reached a unanimous decision to develop a self-sustaining garden at Maryland Hall with a plaque in honor of Evie Renz for all her contributions to the Annapolis Garden Club. Permission has been granted by Maryland Hall. She asked for a volunteer to chair the initiative and Shahla Butler agreed to coordinate this special project. More details to follow.

Mary announced that Sharon Chappell is chairing the 10th Garden Club Anniversary scheduled to occur at the December 11 Meeting.

Program and Federation Activities

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 activities about the District 2 website. 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.
- Crofton’s 50th Anniversary Holiday House Tour and Greens Sale, Crofton Village Garden Club, December 15, 2013, Crofton Maryland, SallyMoore48@msn.com

Kathy York, Scarborough Farm

Jenny introduced the special Guest Presenter, Kathy York, Proprietor from Scarborough Farm who provided a program about dried flowers – when to cut, how to dry and maintain and other outstanding tips. Location: Mechanicsville, Maryland. As she states in her brochure:

“We offer a variety of different services, including weekly flower subscriptions, delivery to local florists and wholesalers, flowers for local businesses, etc. You may purchase flowers by the stem, by the bunch, or by customary design. We consider floral design to be an original piece of art, never duplicated and always original.” Contact: kathyork2@gmail.com.

Sample tips:

- Deer repellent secret – milorganite – put down on ground or sprinkle on plant and wet it.
- Good flower to dry – cone flowers
- When to cut hydrangea – when very mature
- Pussy willows do not require water to dry. Start early and help release flower.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be on December 11, 2013 – at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

REMINDER: Bring holiday tip for staff at AYC and unwrapped gift or donation for Toys for Tots.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Small, Secretary