

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) December Meeting  
January 15, 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 and members (9) of the Severn River Garden Club. She reminded GCA members to initial their names at the registration desk to ensure their attendance is accurately acknowledged.

Today's meeting agenda would have the emphasis on learning new design skills from our talented members around the theme "Chinese Paper Cutting Art and Floral Arrangements". Mary thanked Karen Wass and Jenny Henry for the successful Workshop this morning and acknowledged the beautiful table decorations which will be auctioned off later in the meeting.

Present: 35

Guests and their sponsors: Tessie Ballard, Membership Chair introduced guests and one official new member - Nancy Parsons; a Welcome New Member letter is being developed and will be officially sent to each new member who will join the GCA in the future.

Barbara Hearn	Kate Duffy
Rosemary Smollon	Mary Milan
Judy Taylor	Tessie Ballard
Jane Williams	

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 December 31, 2013 the GCA Balance was \$3,847.54. A detailed report is available upon request.

**Project Reports**

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

- May Fair Project – Sheryn Blocher reported they are moving forward with their planning and requested volunteers to serve as hostesses for that day. She has all her sub-committee chairs on board. A paper was distributed for volunteers to sign up and provide their names and contact information which are attached to these minutes.
- Evie Renz GCA Memorial – Shahla Butler summarized preliminary plans by a committee for creating a lasting GCA memorial located at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Maryland Hall has given preliminary approval for the project location. She described this will be a permanent "garden" requiring little or no maintenance, be installed in March or April; and unveiled in June 2014. Her committee is continuing with the plans for the selection and installation of a "sundial". Final details will be reported to the GCA members. It was suggested that the "Capital" newspaper be contacted. It is also understood that Evie's family will be notified and included in the efforts.
- Art Blooms at Walters Art Museum – Jenny Henry reported that there will be an orientation meeting at 10:00 a.m., February 13, Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore

Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146. Call Jenny at 808-271-7903 if anyone wants to carpool with Jenny. Volunteers are welcomed. The event and contact information are listed below.

### **GCA Program and District Highlights**

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 January and future activities about the District II or Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland ([www.fgcofmd.org/calendar\\_of\\_events.html](http://www.fgcofmd.org/calendar_of_events.html)). She highlighted some of these and made available some flyers at the meeting:

- Feb. 21 – Ikebana International Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Baltimore Chapter 118 Greenhouse Classroom Cylburn Arboretum, Open to public, [Baltimore@ikebanahq.org](mailto:Baltimore@ikebanahq.org).
- Feb. 23 – Creating a Terrarium – Demonstration by Claire Jones, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Rawlings Conservatory, Druid Hill Park, South Pavilion, open to public, free.
- Mar. 1-9 – Philadelphia Flower Show, “2014: Articulture”; Homestead has trips going. <http://theflowershow.com>.
- Mar. 14 – District II Semi-Annual Meeting, Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, “Innovations in Orchids”, host: Shipley’s Choice Garden Club; 301-464-0089.
- Mar. 21 – Ikebana International Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Baltimore Chapter 118 Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, open to public, [Baltimore@idebanahq.org](mailto:Baltimore@idebanahq.org).
- Mar. 23 – Demonstration by Claire Jones, “Creating a Terrarium”, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Vollmer Center Lobby, Cylburn Arboretum, open to public, free.
- Mar. 25 – Pollinator Workshop, Turf Valley, 8:45-9:45 a.m., \$25, 443-927-6285, Claire Jones, [jonesbl@comcast.net](mailto:jonesbl@comcast.net).
- Apr. 4-6 – Art Blooms 2014, “For the Love of Art & Flowers”, Walters Art Museum, contact Jessica Dorsey, [jessicaandvan@verizon.net](mailto:jessicaandvan@verizon.net), 410-627-1505.
- March 2014 – January 2015 – Winterthur – Costumes from Downton Abbey show.

Other Gardening Links:

Maryland Daffodil Society; <http://marylanddaffodil.org/>

Maryland Native Plant Society; <http://mdflora.org/>

Horticulture Society of Maryland; <http://www.mdhorticulture.org/>

**January Presentation** – Jenny Henry presented the history of “Paper Cutting Art” in China and did a demonstration of how to incorporate into floral designs. Following the presentation several bouquets were auctioned off to attendees. Proceeds to go to the GCA.

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

Next Meeting will be on February 19, 2013 – at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Workshop 9:00 a.m. theme – Valentine Centerpieces – contact Kathy Antosek,

[KAA3202@comcast.net](mailto:KAA3202@comcast.net)

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Small, Secretary

## May Fair Volunteers

Along with already existing volunteers, the following added their names at the January GCA general meeting:

Eva Kapitan – Raffle,  
Shahla Butler – Raffle, publicity  
Carol Small – Raffle  
Anne Dine – Silent Auction (410-897-0590)  
Amy Sibó  
Kathy Antosek – Flowers  
Ellie Kallins (410-212-1987)  
Aida Cipriani (410-263-2659)  
Gullan Kass (410-841-2434)  
Barbara Hearn (443-534-3917)