

May 14 Meeting Notes

- Reflection, Terrell Harrigan
- History of Happy House, Freddie Gray
 - Recognition of Abbie Wharton, Sue Thompson, April Greenwood for their help
- Membership Update, Betsy Carney
 - 7 spots open for new members
 - Everyone can nominate since there were no new members last year
 - Language being drafted to clarify participation expectations
 - If you nominate a member make sure people know what is required of them
 - Nomination forms will be live in September, due in October, new members announced in November
 - There is an obligation to support and guide new members
 - Thank you to Martha and Sue for hosting Flower Hour—20 women attended and it was very well received
- Conservation Vote, Betty Jenkins
 - Four topics voted on—they are outlined in the newsletter
- '24-'25 Gift Proposal, Preston Lee
 - Individual donations are listed in the newsletter
 - \$5,200 total donations
 - Cynthia Ferrell made a motion to approve, Patricia Hunter was 2nd
- Budget Vote, Bonnie Cricchi
 - Dues will remain the same
 - \$200 added to the conservation committee budget
 - Reducing amount of money dedicated to credit card fees, encouraging payment by Zelle and check
 - No HGW flower expense
 - Many line items have increased due to inflation
 - \$2,650 deficit
 - \$107,000 endowment, donations welcome if you would like to honor a member
 - \$19,300 is in the future meeting fund
 - Cynthia Ferrell asked about the amount of our dues compared to other local clubs and the cocktail party assessment
 - Budget approved, motion made by Cara Rogers and Rosemarie Bundy seconded
- Founder Fund Award, Ellen Buoyer
 - Rye, NY garden club won the Founders Fund award but we are still a winner with \$10k which is matched by private funds. Ellen presented the GCA Club Civic Improvement award to Rosemarie Bundy for her hard work.

- Spring Sale, Suzanne Duncan
 - Over \$10k+ was raised
 - Thank you to Jennifer Sisk for her beautiful yard, the weather and setting was a big part of the success
 - Thank you to Bonnie Cricchi for her help
 - Good presale numbers, 67+ preorders that grossed \$16,000
 - Kent Russell sold all of his plants and there were nice commissions from vendors
 - Bloomsavers sold out
 - Thank you to Chris Shands for donating a watercolor print to the raffle

- Hamptons Trip, Martha Moore
 - Folders to be passed out to members attending
 - Touring gardens of Ina Garten & Charlotte Moss along with many estate gardens
 - Lobster bake on the beach
 - Please adhere to the dress code of clubs visiting
 - Trip is possible due to the connections and friendships developed thru GCA

- Reminder from Ellen—please continue to collect plastic bags throughout the summer and give to Chandler
 - 660 pounds of bags collected so far
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- Awards, Ellen Buoyer & Lisa Brennan
 - New award this year, Peyton Wells Botanical Arts
 - Will have its own division in exhibits, schedule will be in the Greenbook
 - Golden Clipper Award
 - Presented for Petals and Prosecco—Jenny Evans, Chris Shands, Shelly Wiltshire, Abbie Wharton
 - The Martha Whitehead Michaux Bowl
 - Rosemarie Bundy
 - The Marion Boatwright Dudley Bowl
 - Rosemarie Bundy
 - The Elizabeth Wingo Knowles Bowl
 - Sue Thompson
 - The Janet Patton Lewis Bowl
 - Cara Rogers
 - The Preston Purcell Horticulture Bowl
 - Anastasia SeEVERS
 - The Charlotte Taylor Massie Membership Award
 - Tricia Sauer
 - The President's Award
 - Renee Gardner
 - The Ann Arey Mason Bowl
 - Anastasia SeEVERS

- Exhibits, Margaret Ivey
 - Class 1: Peonies
 - Collection–Blue–Freddie Gray
 - Specimen–
 - Blue, Shelly Wiltshire
 - Blue, Jeaninie Hinson
 - Red, Freddie Gray
 - Yellow, Mary Mason Foukal
 - Yellow, Jeanine Hinson
 - Yellow, Sue Thompson
 - Class II
 - Blue, Preston Lee
 - Red, Rosemarie Bundy
 - Red, April Greenwood
 - Red, Sue Thompson
 - Class III: Rose Collection
 - Blue, April Greenwood
 - Specimen, Blue, Rosemarie Bundy
 - Red, Shelly Wiltshire, Megan Matthews, Preston Lee, Jeaninie Hinson
 - White, Kate Christner, Bonnie Cricchi

Thank you to the meeting hostesses–Maria Reed, Kelly Armstrong, Lizzie Cox, Kate O’Hagan, Katherine Salt

In attendance:

Kelly Armstrong
 Audra Boardman
 Susie Benson
 Karen Berson
 Ellen Buoyer
 Liza Cabell
 Beverly Campbell
 Betsy Carney
 Kate Christner
 Frances Coleman
 Lizzie Cox

Bonnie Cricchi
Ruth Cunningham
Jenny Evans
Cynthia Ferrell
Renee Gardner
Karen Gilmore
Freddie Gray
April Greenwood
Jeanine Hinson
Ruth Hill
Patricia Hunter
Margaret Ivey
Stephanie Lansing
Preston Lee
Lynn Jacob
Betty Jenkins
Lauren Neal
Megan Mathews
Anne Page
Maria Reed
Cara Rogers
Julia Borden Rose
Katherine Salt
Patricia Sauer
Lena Scott
Anastasia Seevers
Chris Shands
Sherry Titus
Sue Thompson
Kathy Watson
Peyton Wells
Cabell West
Abbie Wharton
Shelly Wiltshire
Jennifer Wilkins
Carey Viego

Respectfully submitted by Cara Rogers