

Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
Membership meeting
September 22, 2020 at 10am

The September Membership Meeting of the Tuckahoe Garden Club was held on September 22, 2020 outside at the home of Kelly Armstrong. The President was in chair and the recording secretary was there. 58 Women were in attendance

Kelly Armstrong offered a moment of silence s reflection

Program

Jennifer highlighted three areas she and the board are streamlining:

1. Jobs - Finding a job that fits each person
2. Business -Take the business out of Membership Meetings. Leave time for more fun activities, togetherness and learning.
3. Communication -Reformatting and realigning the newsletter to house all the business information

Jennifer enforced how important reading the newsletter is before meeting so we are all on the same page.

Betty awarded the Garden Club of America awards that were supposed to be awarded in May. Medal of Merit- Announced that Kathy Watson was awarding this honor at our board meeting on September 14.

Club Photography Award- Tricia Sauer

Club Communication Award- Jill Mountcastle

Club Appreciation Award-Sara Cann

Betty talked about article about monarch butterflies in RTD.

Reports

Sue Thompson talked about Freeman Medal. It is the only award given by the GCA to a plant. Plant winner will be announced in May. You can vote till December 1st to vote for a woody plant. Can be either a tree, shrub or woody vine. She handed out seeds from Zone rep. Sue also mention that Prairie Smoke, Geum triflorum, this years Freeman Medal winner was available at Stranges.

Jennifer encouraged us to take the Conservation Survey. Jill and Ellen what to know what we want to learn about.

Membership

Libby mentioned that there are 6 spots for new members. Form are due by Sunday, October 4th

Libby also mentioned the new Flower Hour initiative. First one is at Jennifer's house Nov 5th. Hopefully to attract new young members. Initially it is for legacy but hoping for it to grow.

Jennifer asked new members to raise their hands. She mentioned that last years new members got short changed and will be included with this years new members events and orientations.

Treasurers Report

Karen reported dues being due. Encouraging to pay online. Club is in great financial shape:

Checking balance \$20,233.72

Saving balance \$43,002.32

Endowment funds \$70,510

Kelly talked about what leadership and board do with extra cash

Sue Taylor presented the GCA test Collection of Lilies. 6 Varieties \$35 with checks being sent to Sue.

Exhibits:

Artistic Anne Poarch awarded

Class I:

First (Blue) - Jennifer Sisk

Second (Red) - RoseMarie Bundy

Third (Yellow) - Renee Gardner

Class II:

First (Blue) - Julia Borden Rose

Second (Red) - Renee Gardner

Class III:

First (Blue) RoseMarie Bundy

Horticulture Jeanine Hinson Awarded

Class I - Roses

Blue - Martha Moore

Red: RoseMarie Bundy

Class II - Herbs

Blue: Martha Moore

Red: Abbie Wharton

Class III - Seasonal Blooms

Blue: RoseMarie Bundy & Liza Cabell

Red: Libby Robertson, Liz Carden

Yellow: Abbie Wharton

Class IV: Late Season Favorites

Blue: Jennifer Sisk

Red: Martha Moore

Yellow: Patricia Hunter

Participants:

Patricia Hunter - Zinnias and a Not Judged Category

Liza - Echeveria, Sedum

Martha: Roses, herbs, hyacinth, Dahlia, Echinacea, Alocasia (Not Judged)

Libby: Anemone

Frannie Philips: Dahlia and Zinnia

Liz Carden: Plum Poppy

Betty Jenkins: Beauty Berries

Missy Ryan: Herbs

Photography Lisa Brennan awarded

Class I

Jennifer Sisk - red

RoseMarie Bundy - blue

Class II

Libby Robertson -red

RoseMarie Bundy -blue

Jennifer Sisk -red

Class III

RoseMarie Bundy -blue

New Business

Kelly asked that the club submit their votes for the Commonwealth Award by hand. Kelly announced the TGC choice being the Rappahannock Valley Garden Trail submitted by The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Clarkson