

RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

MARCH 24, 2011 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vera Bowen, President, at 10:15am.

Roll call was taken. No corrections to the January or February 2011 minutes.

Adelaide Clifford, Treasurer, read the treasurer's report and it was filed for audit. Dues are due by May 1, 2011.

Second Vice President, Sandy Tinyk, informed us that Overlook Point Garden Club has dropped out of RIFGC because their club got so small. We are working on developing some new clubs for the Federation.

Lynne Merrill, Head of the Nominating Committee, handed out the proposed slate of officers and new nominating committee for vote. Each club gets 1 vote for the president and 2 delegates for voting. If a club has over 50 members it will get an additional vote.

De Feldman spoke about the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Over 200 tickets were sold so far and there will be a leeway on returning tickets if necessary. The speaker will raffle his planted pots. De has a new # 401-253-3236 and email defeldman6@gmail.com.

Nicki Greene spoke of Blue Star. The by-way marker will be mounted on 2 posts for better viewing and the RIFGC will place the marker and plant around it. There will be a low-key dedication at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on March 31, 2011.

Vera thanked all volunteers for their help at the Flower Show in February.

FSS- Course II is April 26-28, 2011; Symposium is October 18-20, 2011. Rehoboth is having a Small STD flower show October 1, 2011.

Sharon Gainey thanked Meshanticut GC for their hospitality at this meeting.

There are 2 projects on the Southside of Providence. We are just waiting on a planting date.

Design Study: Vicki announced Advanced Design Study is 3-25-11 in Barrington and Beginner DS is 4-19-11 in Watch Hill with De Feldman teaching about Creative Line Design. \$30 for this class with opening available.

Life Member has a change of plans. The Auction will be postponed until 2012. This year's fundraiser will be @ the Dunes Club on August 11, 2011. They had 2 applicants for scholarship and both received a scholarship.

The NEWS will now be sent electronically with a few hard copies. The next NEWS will be the last one printed.

The following were winners of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest:

Grade 2: Delaney Lippert/Sogkonate GC

Grade 3: Justine Wolferseder/Edgewood GC

Grade 4: Mason DiMarco/Hameho GC

Grade 5: Sofie Andrews/ Meshanticut GC

Congrats to all!

A hat is being passed to collect funds for the Dover Delaware memorial to furnish the house and create a garden for those receiving loved ones who died at war.

Bristol is co-sponsoring a project with Blithewold. "Hats off to Spring" Tuesday May 17, 2011 from 2-4. There will be two speakers: Daniel Nelson (Florist for Blithewold) and De Feldman (difference between commercial and competitive flower arranging). It's \$30 for RIFGC member and \$40 for non-members.

Cindywood GC is having a plant sale may 7, 2011 from 9-2 on Post Road by the entrance to Goddard Park.

Plum Beach GC is having a luncheon w/ design on May 10, 2011. Constance McCausland will be design around art. It begins @ 11:30am @ St. Paul's Church Hall in Wickford. Tickets are \$10.00.

Apple Blossom GC is having a plant sale with Cumberland GC and Master Gardeners on May 21, 2011 from 9-12.

Doris Stephens and Priscilla DiMarco are still tracking down silver awards.

Wafa Flower Show is June 15-19 @ the Boston Seaport Convention Center. Barrington Community Center is sponsoring buses June 16, 2011.

Newport FS is June 24-26.

On page 21 of the NEWS is info for putting in yearbooks.

There are leftover jars and containers for sale for \$1 and vase 2/\$1.

The results for nominations are Anne Huntoon, Janice Panoff, and Bernie Larivee.

The will be no meeting in May due to conflict of dates with NGC Convention. The June meeting will be June 2, 2011 @ the Casino.

Immediately following this meeting will be a program seminar put together by Emily Reade

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:20am