

RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
JUNE 7, 2012
BOTANICAL CENTER AT ROGER WILLIAMS PARK

The May/June meeting of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs was called to order by our president, Judy Hager, at 10:45 a.m. following a presentation by Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of Save the Bay.

Roll was called, and a letter of resignation by the Cumberland Garden Club was read. Vera Bowen made a motion to accept the resignation and Sue Redden seconded it. The motion passed. There were no corrections to the April minutes, so they stand approved as published.

Adelaide Clifford, treasurer, reported:

- A checking account balance as of June 6, 2012, of \$14,294.71
- A balance in other accounts of \$99,054.21
- The report was filed for audit

Judy Hager, president, reported:

- She shared photos from the annual luncheon including photos of Betty Ann receiving the Member of Honor Award
- In May, 10 RIFGC members attended the NGC Convention in Buffalo
- At the convention, Katherine Brown accepted the NGC Award of Excellence for Southside Community Land Trust, one of only 3 non-member organizations to be honored
- Candace and Leonora were thanked for coordinating the Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker dedication in Tiverton which was very well attended
- Plans are underway for the RIFGC float for the Bristol 4th of July parade

Sandi Tinyk, 1st vice president, reported:

- Education Day is Thursday, September 13 and will include 4 sessions. More information will follow

Cathy Moore, 2nd vice president, reported:

- She and Bernie Larivee will head up the Beginner Design Study Workshops this year

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting

- Vicki and Priscilla thanked those who participated in making the event so successful
- Hopefully, the Annual Meeting will be held in the same place

Awards

- New England Regional Awards were presented to Edgewood, Portsmouth, Barrington, Hameho, Sogkonate, & Bristol
- National Garden Club Awards were presented to Barrington, Portsmouth & Edgewood
- Ann Huntoon received the NGC Flower Show Award for the 2011 Rhode Island Flower Show

Flower Shows/Schools

- Marj DeAngelis attended FSS Course III in April. She will take her 4th and last course in September
- The big events coming up for RI are the New England Region Annual Meeting and Symposium in October at the Providence Marriott
- Vera is the Annual Meeting Chair; Vicki is Vice-chair and also the Registrar for both events
- Sue is Chair of the Symposium and Priscilla is Vice-chair
- The Symposium follows the Annual Meeting and begins on Monday, October 15 at 4 p.m., with a one hour Allied Subject by the Horticulture instructor, David Robson, entitled “So You Think You Know the Handbook.” Tuesday is the Design Day, and Barbara May will instruct “For Your Dining Pleasure” Exhibition Tables
- Wednesday, David will instruct Horticulture; his subject being “Collections and Displays and Orchid Plants”
- Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the Symposium. It really is a wonderful opportunity to learn a little more about Design and Horticulture.
- Sue has some brochures and it is on the website www.rigardenclubs.org The cost is \$125 for the full session, which includes 2 lunches; \$75 for Tuesday or Wednesday, including lunch; and \$35 for Monday’s Allied Subject.
- You do need to register if you plan to come to all or part of the Symposium
- On September 22nd, Rehoboth Garden Club is presenting a Small Standard Flower Show, “Autumn Joy” at the Carpenter Museum in Rehoboth from Noon-4 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity

- With the assistance of the prisoners who built the house at 20 Newcomb Street, Providence, a tree and shrubs were planted
- Larger plants are being used, and Southside is installing raised beds

Life Member Group

- Gloria thanked those who attended the Luncheon in May at RIFGC
- The next luncheon will be on September 20 at the Dunes Club

Life Member Scholarships

- Janice announced that 2 scholarships were awarded

NEWS

- Cheryl was thanked for doing such a great job with the NEWS

There were no other Committee Reports

Announcements

- The theme of the Newport Flower Show is “Salsa”
- On July 14, Bristol Garden Club will present “Hidden Gardens of Old Bristol”
- In October the meeting will be at Save the Bay

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Gainey, Recording Secretary