

**RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2012**  
**Save The Bay, Providence, RI**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sandi Tinyk, who welcomed all of the club Presidents. The Roll was called by Treasurer Adelaide Clifford, and it was noted that Corresponding Secretary Holly Lippert will be taking the minutes of the meeting. Sandi then introduced Rachel Callabro, Community Outreach Coordinator for Save the Bay.

Rachel gave a brief history of the facility, which opened in 2005. The area was originally an island called Sunshine Island and then became a landfill. Interesting aspects of the facility are a rain garden which minimizes the impact of the roof runoff, a vegetated green roof and berm on the north side for rain runoff & insulation, solar panels for the building's lighting, a methane collection system since it was a landfill, a habitat buffer & a salt marsh. Rachel invited all members to tour the facility at the close of the RIFGC Meeting.

Holly Lippert, Corresponding Secretary reported:

- RIFGC received a letter from Joyce Kimball, Director of NER, stating her appreciation and thanks to the RIFGC for a wonderful & successful Annual Meeting & Symposium.
- Also received were acknowledgement letters for RIFGC donations to:
  - Save the Bay,
  - RI Tree Council, and
  - The Audubon Society.

2012 October RIFGC Board Minutes: (Sandi Tinyk)

The revised minutes of the September 2012 meeting were approved as published (via email) and will be filed.

Adelaide Clifford, Treasurer, reported:

- Checking account balance as of October 24, 2012 of \$8,628.51.
- Balance in other accounts of \$99,660.51.
- Report filed for audit

Sandi Tinyk, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (in Judy Hager's absence) reported:

- Read a letter from Judy Hager, President, apologizing for her absence; & thanking Vera, Vicki, Sue & their teams for the wonderful job they did with the NER Annual Meeting & Symposium in Providence on October 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Added her own sentiments and thanks for the wonderful NER event.
- Announced that the 2013 NER Annual Meeting will be in Westbrook, CT next year at Water's Edge Resort & Spa on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Presented Awards from the NER Meeting: Congratulations to all the clubs!
  - Yearbook
    - Class 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hamemo
    - Class 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bayberry

- Class 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bristol
  - Class 4, Honorable Mention – Barrington
- Publicity PressBook
  - Small Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hameho
  - Medium Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Portsmouth
  - Large Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Barrington
- Announced the February RIFGC Board Meeting has been cancelled, but still scheduled are the January & March Meetings at the Casino.

Cathy Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President reported:

- The 2013 Flower Show's theme is "Hot Off The Press".
- The schedule will be placed on the website and has been sent to all Presidents by email.
- Contact Sue Redden or Priscilla DiMarco for Design & Horticulture class information.
- The Youth Division needs a Chairman who would be responsible for collecting the completed butterflies, organizing & staging them on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Educational Division also needs a Chairman.
- Regarding Horticulture Entries – please bring your plant or a photo to the January RIFGC Meeting for identification. If most of the identification can be done ahead of time, it will greatly reduce the time required at registration. The horticulture workshop will follow the meeting, will be led by Cathy Moore and will be open to all.
- Beginner Design Study Class is being held November 7<sup>th</sup> in Bristol & the theme is Design Using Fruit & Vegetables.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Member Services – Grace Klinger announced that she needed the final numbers of \$5 calendars from the Presidents.
- The Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon – Vicki Iannuccillo stated it will be held at Twin Rivers Casino Conference Center on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Program will be a White House Floral Designer, who will create 8 designs and provide a slide show.
- Awards
  - National Garden Club Award Submittals are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - RIFGC Award Submittals are due February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Advanced Design Study will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> after the Beginner Group. This free program focuses on Angular Design and will be at Mount Hope Farm.
- Flower Shows/Schools
  - Sue Redden stated that the NER Symposium was very successful with 108 people on Design Day and 98 on Horticulture Day.
  - She thanked the following for their work:
    - Vicki Iannuccillo - Registrar
    - Vera Bowen - Treasurer
    - De Feldman – Design Chairman
    - Marge DeAngelis – Horticulture Chairman

- Ann Huntoon – Staging
  - Adelaide Clifford & Darcy Scott - Clerks
- Sue also announced that everyone passed the design exam.
- Butterflies for the Youth section are available. Let Sue know how many you need & if you have any from the last meeting.
- The Youth Horticulture section will be growing a sweet potato vine. Handouts are available.
- The NEWS
  - The editor of the NEWS has resigned and Vera Bowen will be the temporary replacement for the next 2 editions. She is willing to mentor anyone interested in volunteering for this role.
  - Vera will still accept items for the next 2 weeks; and prefers that they be an attachment and not in the body of an email. Her email is verabowen9092@gmail.com.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Vera Bowen reminded members that the Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Casino. The cost will be approximately \$30. There will be no boutique this year, so the luncheon will start immediately after the Meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW BUSINESS

- There will be no November RIFGC Meeting.
- Vera Bowen announced that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sandi Tinyk now becomes “President Elect” at the close of this meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly K. Lippert, Corresponding Secretary & Recording Secretary Pro Tem