

**RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2012**  
**ROGER WILLIAMS PARK CASINO**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sandi Tinyk, who thanked all for being there. Roll was called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the June meeting were read. The only correction was that RIFGC received the NGC Award for the 2011 Flower Show that was chaired by Ann Huntoon. The correction has been made, and the minutes are filed as corrected.

Holly Lippert, Corresponding Secretary, read letters of resignation from Cheryl Heroux, the Editor of the NEWS and from Jackie Turner, a long-time member and historian of RIFGC. The resignations were accepted with regret. Vera Bowen will take over as Editor until a replacement for Cheryl can be found. November 1 is the deadline for the next newsletter.

Adelaide Clifford, Treasurer, reported:

- Checking account balance as of September 26, 2012, of \$9,976.51
- Balance in other accounts of \$99,542.33
- Report filed for audit

Judy Hager, President:

- Apologized for her absence
- Sent greetings from Little Rock
- Sent a PowerPoint presentation of photos from the Blue Star Memorial Marker ceremony in Tiverton and thanked Leanora and Candace for their hard work
- Announced that RIFGC received an award for the Most Beautiful Float in the Non-Commercial Category at the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Announced that we were asked to have a float in the Columbus Day Parade in Providence and that the invitation was declined.
- Reported that Education Day was quite successful.
- The New England Regional meeting and Symposium will be held in Providence October 14-17.
- Another Habitat for Humanity house was planted bringing the total this year to three

Sandi Tinyk, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reported:

- Thanked those who attended the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication in Tiverton. She noted that the former Secretary of the Navy was the speaker, and NGC president Shirley Nicolai also attended.
- Noted that almost all of the 1320 carnations that were purchased were used in the RIFGC float and thanked those who participated and/or attended.
- Only \$27.50 was spent from the \$250 budget for Education Day as \$165 was taken in through the raffle
- Next year Education Day will be held in late October

- We cannot extend enough thanks to Vicki and Sue for their hard work on the NER meeting, symposium, flower show, etc.

Vicki Iannuccillo reported:

- The next design study class will be held at Mt. Hope Farm on November 7
- She is accepting registrations for the NER Meeting and Symposium
- These NER events are only held in Rhode Island every six years
- The National President and Regional Director will be there
- Cathy Moore will chair this year's Flower Show and is in need of chairs for Staging Designs, Staging Horticulture, Youth Displays, Clerks and Coping Station. Please call her if you are interested

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon will be held at Twin Rivers Casino
- Awards
  - Several awards have been submitted to the NE Region
  - Two copies of Yearbooks are due by the October meeting
- Flower Shows/Schools
  - Sue Redden extended congratulations of Rehoboth Garden Club who presented a delightful Small-Standard Flower Show "Autumn Joy" at the Carpenter Museum last month
  - She also congratulated Marjorie DeAngelis who has passed Course III and is now a Student Judge
  - Sue also announced that Ann DeLeo has requested Emeritus Master Judge Status
  - The Judges' Council offers a scholarship to any student passing one course of Flower Show Schools. It will pay the registration fee for the remaining three courses. Classes may be taken in any order
  - Plans are moving along for the February Flower Show at the Convention Center from February 21-24 entitled "HOT OFF THE PRESS"
  - Judging will take place on February 20
  - Priscilla and Sue are the Entries Chairmen and will be happy to receive entries at any time
  - The schedule will be on the website shortly
  - Butterflies for the Youth section are available. Let Sue know how many you need
  - The Youth Horticulture section will be growing a sweet potato vine. Handouts are available
- Regional Meeting – October 14 & 15
  - The Regional Meeting begins with a reception for our New England Region Director and our National President Shirley Nicolai. This is followed by a dinner and dance recital, similar to the one we saw at our Annual Meeting. The floral

designs depicting each dance will be created by designers from the other 5 New England states

- Monday morning is the annual meeting followed by a program by Vera Bowen on the “Prison Project.” Lunch is at 12:15 followed by the NER Awards program. That is the conclusion of the Regional Meeting

#### Symposium – October 15-17

- The Symposium begins at 4 p.m. with a welcome and the first Allied Subject “So You Think You Know the Handbook.” David Robson is the instructor
- Tuesday is Design Day, and past NGC president Barbara May will begin with the second Allied Subject followed by her design presentation on “Innovative Exhibition Tables.”
- Wednesday is Horticulture day, and David will present his program of Collections and Displays and will also discuss orchid plants. Some will be available for sale. Twelve RI designers will create designs for this day. Six will be in the ballroom where the instruction takes place, and six will be in the exam room
- Vicki is the registrar and would love to receive more RI applications.
- The cost for the Symposium is \$125 with no credit, but it includes two lunches
- The single day cost is \$75 with lunch. Sue has brochures

#### Member Services

- Grace Klinger announced that this year the calendars are photographed and printed in the US. The cost won't be known until the number of purchases has been confirmed

#### Life Members

- Adelaide reported that the September 20 meeting at the Dunes Club included a wonderful presentation on Paris Gardens
- \$6,000 in scholarships was given out
- Because the return on CD's is so low, clubs are asked to make a contribution on their dues statements
- The scholarships are open to anyone going into the sophomore year of college and majoring in a related field
- Janice Panoff has applications, and they are on the website
- March 1 is the deadline
- Presidents are asked to encouraged their members to join

#### Youth

- Rochelle reported that the Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl posters are due by December 6 and encourages the use of vivid colors
- There will also be an essay contest and a sculpture contest for Grades 4+

#### NEW BUSINESS

- The Holiday Luncheon will be the first Thursday in December, but there will not be a boutique

- A motion was made and accepted to permanently combine the May and June meetings into one meeting that would be held the first Thursday in June. The motion passed.
- There will be no November meeting.
- Sandi Tinyk has changed her email to [Sandi.Tinyk7@gmail.com](mailto:Sandi.Tinyk7@gmail.com)
- Vera Bowen has changed her email to [verabowen9092@gmail.com](mailto:verabowen9092@gmail.com)

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Gainey, Recording Secretary