

RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
MINUTES – January 24, 2013
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK CASINO

At 10:13 Judy Hager opened the meeting and introduced Kelly Seigh, Volunteer and Special Events Manager of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. She discussed the Preview Party of the Flower Show, titled Taste of the Flower Show, which will include 27 caterers, restaurants, breweries and wineries. Tickets are \$75, but garden club members who identify themselves at the time of their ticket purchase will be charged \$65.

Roll was called, and two corrections were made to the December, 2012, minutes.

Holly read correspondence from Mackenzie Gelina, who is moving out of state, and has some items which may be of interest to gardeners. Her email is mgelina@risd.edu. These items are free.

Adelaide Clifford, treasurer, reported:

- A checking account balance as of January 22, 2013, of \$13,853.43
- A balance in other accounts of \$99,975.87
- Her report was filed for audit

Judy Hager, president, reported:

- Her thanks for everyone's patience and understanding during the past few months
- Her thanks to Sandi, Vera and Cathy for their incredible support
- The February meeting has been cancelled.
- The March meeting will be held on March 28 at the Casino

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting – Vicki reported:

- The Annual Meeting, Awards Luncheon, and Installation will be held on Thursday, April 25 at the Twin River Conference Center. Complimentary valet parking is available.
- Ruth Loiseau will present "From the White House to Your House"
- Tickets are \$30 or \$300 for a table for 10 and can be returned until April 11 if all tickets are not sold.

Awards – Judy reported:

- Applications are due to Kathy Mulkerin by February 15
- Committee will meet on March 1 to judge the applications.

Flower Shows/Schools – Sue reported:

- Sally DeSimone has requested a change in her judging status from Accredited Master Judge to Emeritus Master Judge due to her husband's poor health

- Sue and Doris Stephens, Judges' Council Chairperson, attended the Instructors'/FSS Personnel Symposium in Tampa earlier in January
- There will be some changes in the Handbook, but they relate mostly to judging and schedule writing. They will not become active until July 1, 2013
- She has heard that Maine is planning to have a series of Flower Show Schools, details to follow
- Judges' Council offers a scholarship which pays for your Registration after you pass Course I. See Sue if you or anyone in your club is interested and she will contact them
- Portsmouth Garden Club is planning a non-judged Flower Show April 27 & 28
- Edgewood Garden Club is planning a Standard Flower Show and Garden Tour on June 15

Member Services – Grace reported:

- The last calendar has been sold
- Hostesses are still needed for the Flower Show particularly on Saturday & Sunday

NEWS - Vera reported:

- Presidents' letters will be accepted until February 10 for the next issue
- The men's prison project has been suspended until March
- 3,000 pounds of food was produced and strawberries were given to the Food Bank
- There is an interim art project at the women's prison
- Women's and men's medium security inmates will be given 3 12-week courses and will be given a certificate from URI when they are released so they will have a marketable skill

Youth – Rochelle reported:

- Posters are due today

Flower Show – Cathy reported:

- Design entries are still needed in a number of areas. Holly will send the information to club presidents
- Help is needed on Monday and Tuesday painting and setting up
- Horticulture is all set. Sue has cards and Cathy has handouts
- 133 butterflies have been given out
- All Horticulture, including junior, will be accepted between 10 & 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb.19

Coping Station – Judy reported:

- The Coping Station is all set
- She will be stocking it

Raffle and Tickets – Bernie reported:

- Ticket returns will be accepted up to the week of the Flower Show
- He can be contacted at Bernie 281@verizon.net or 401.345.9792
- Prizes and gift certificates are needed the week before the show
- Cathy and Grace will be selling raffle tickets

Admission to the Flower Show – Judy reported:

- Hostesses should go to the Will-Call Booth on the first floor 15 minutes before their shift to pick up badges and then return the badge after the shift

At 10:55 the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Gainey
Recording Secretary