

RIFGC Board Meeting – May 28, 2015

- Meeting called to order @ 10:15 by new President Catherine Moore.
- Blakely agreed to take the minutes in the Recording Secretary's absence. There was a change to the April 23, 2015 minutes regarding Life Member...it should read 4 terms at 2 years each for a total of 8 years. Change was accepted and will be recorded.
- Attendance called by Marnie Sandham.
- No news from 1st or 2nd Vice Presidents.
- Corresponding Secretary read letter from Pam Bridge of Bristol for Community Grant.
- Treasurer's report covered two months. Report approved and scheduled for audit. Annual dues for individual clubs are now due.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon report given by De Feldman. If agreed we can have the Annual Meeting/Luncheon there again however, there was mixed reviews. Cathy suggested the Ocean House in Watch Hill, RI. Can we take into consideration school vacations when planning this event?

BeeGap

Marnie spoke about the success of some of our members attempting to cultivate mason bees. Please keep Goldenrod and Milkweed in your garden. There are National Awards available to consider. Also try to work with local schools or other organizations to support the BeeGap project and the Monarch Butterfly project too. A Bee House and a Monarch Butterfly House were given away at the meeting.

Blue Star Memorial

Sokgonate and Gentian both had Blue Star Memorial dedications Memorial Weekend. Deb Ort from Sokgonate and Ann Huntoon from Gentian reported on the events. The National Blue Star Memorial Chairperson attended Gentian's dedication.

Education Day

The date for Education Day is October 15, 2015 at the Roger Williams Botanical Center.

Flower Show Schools

Upcoming symposium in Manchester, NH with registration deadline on August 1st. The dates are September 2 -4, 2015. Contact Sue for information.

Flower Shows

Newport still has openings for design.

Garden Therapy

Fall River Article with ideas for Garden Therapy passed around meeting. If ill from tick bite could be something other than Lyme.

Habitat For Humanity

Bristol house delayed due to funding. Should be done by end of the year. Talking of having a walk-a-thon around Roger Williams Park to raise money to help with more houses. It costs about \$1500 per house.

Horticulture

Article in NEWS about Gypsy Moths and Winter Moths.

Judges Council

BDS/ADS dates and locations are being finalized.

Life Member

Lisa Pollack mentioned date to luncheon at Dunes Club on August 20, 2015. \$35 per person. Designers Challenge Program and Scholarship recipients announced.

National President's Projects

BeeGap

Save the Monarch Butterfly by planting way stations and milkweed.

The Frightened Frog - children's books with corresponding lesson plan to teach about frogs being endangered.

Leadership with our club members.

New password for NGC website for members is "Flight". RIFGC website password is "flowers"

NEWS – send to Blakely any articles.

Website – contact Adelaide

New Business

Calendar of events on front table to fill out club events. Cathy and Blakely then will try to come visit. Will be available at every meeting.

Black Boxes for Club Presidents and Committee Chairs will be back in use at September 24, 2015 meeting. A directory of presidents and committee chairs will be available at fall meeting too.

Angle Tree Garden Club having Neil Sanders speak. He writes mystery books surrounding garden club.

85th Anniversary Gala on September 24, 2015 at Roger Williams Botanical Center with Cocktail Party and an Art in Bloom Exhibit. The National President will be attending.

Cape Cod/Provincetown trip through Edgewood Garden Club.

National Awards presented by Sue Redden

Anniversary:

Seaside GC – 75th, Gentian – 80th, Jamestown – 80th, Gardeners of Westerly – 55th

Publicity Press Book:

Hameho – 2nd place NE Region, small club

Sokgonate -HM – medium club

Barrington – 2nd place extra large club

Year Book-certificate of commendation

Hameho – 1st place

Operation Wildflower

Barrington – runner-up, \$500.00

State FS Achievement Award

"It's All About Time", Sue Redden and Cathy Moore accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.