

RIFGC December 3, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am. President welcomed Annette Jarvis back. A moment of silence was given for the death of past president Maureen Colton. Donations can be made to Life Member in her honor.

Roll call taken and Treasurer's Report given by Bernie Larivee.

Discussion of dues- they should be received by May 1st of each year. A notice via president's boxes and email will be given. If notice not picked up it will be mailed.

Annual Meeting, April 28, 2016- De Feldman - Flyers are available with who, what and where...tickets are by reservation and available through Lisa Pollack. Kent Russell is the speaker.

Blue Star Memorial - Barrington /Hameho will be installing a Blue Star Marker in the spring.

Education Day - Sandi Tinyk reported largest turnout to date with a profit of about \$350.00

Flower Show - Candace reported schedule is on the website. Butterflies available. Each club president will receive an Amaryllis bulb titled "Purple Rain" to grow and enter in Flower Show. Anyone in the club can grow it if president chooses. De Feldman is looking for volunteers to Clerk and Marnie Sandham is looking for volunteers to hostess. Bernie has the Raffle Tickets and also needs donations. Photography section has 6 classes with 4 entries each. Registration by January 15, 2016 to Sandi Tinyk and entry due by January 28, 2016 at the Board Meeting or mailed to Sandi.

Sue Redden announced that Linda Kirkpatrick is now a student judge and available to judge Flower Shows. Congratulations!

Garden Therapy - Rochelle Kieron- told us how to take a mug and greens and make small floral designs for/with the elderly or children.

Judges Council - Vicki Iannuccillo - next meeting is January 4th and January 20th is the next BDS/ADS class. Candace will teach an Artistic Craft - making Fascinators. It's being held at the Amicable Church in Tiverton, RI. See Marjorie DeAngelis or Linda Kirkpatrick for details.

Horticulture - Linda Alves - Hort. Therapy. Plants are nice to use throughout winter such as amaryllis, Christmas cactus, cyclamen...also making terrariums, bulb forcing, herbs growing. It will give you a boost.

Life Member - Sharon Gainey - next events are May 20th and August 18th. Promote to your clubs.

Member Services - Cathy Moore - We have Frightened Frog book and Vision of Beauty 2016 calendars for sale.

NEWS - Blakely Szosz - will be out second week of December. Next issue is the President's Issue. Articles are due February 1, 2016.

Website - Adelaide Clifford - any notices you want on website please submit to Cathy Moore for approval and she will forward to Adelaide.

Youth – Sue Talbot – Poetry contest, posters can be brought to January Board Meeting...deadline is February 1, 2016. Materials about youth contests are available at meeting. Prizes for all children who participate.

Old Business

Bernie Larivee has checks for clubs from last February's Flower Show raffle.

New Business

Marnie Sandham spoke about registering your garden as a pollinating garden/wildlife habitat. Go to gardenclub.org for information. The RIFGC get percentage of sales when we purchase through Crown Bees.

Bernie Larivee discussed Winter Moths and how to prevent them from nesting in your trees. Wrap double sided tape around tree to prevent them from getting under bark.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58. Holiday Luncheon to follow.