

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Meeting Minutes
Noon, Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Bethany United Methodist Church, Reedville, VA

Darleen Nelson, president, called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Chaplain, Cindy Boyce, offered a prayer and a poem and the members repeated the Garden Club Prayer and the Conservation Pledge.

This was followed by lunch. Everyone enjoyed a variety of salads, fruits, tea sandwiches and desserts.

The head hostess was *Rebecca Elston and she was supported by Nancy Stowgowski, Sandra Ehlert, Darleen Nelson, Wonda Allain and Vicky Bowen.*

Program: Rebecca Elston introduced our speaker for today, Rachel Howell, Education Support Specialist, Belle Isle State Park.

Business Meeting

Secretary—Minutes from February General meeting are approved by email

Program: 1st Vice-President—Rebecca Elston announced our April speaker will be Doug Schaefer on Oyster Gardening. The May 28 meeting will be a field trip to Brent & Becky's. Anyone planning on going should get \$30 check to Jacque Konzelman as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report. Jacque Konzelman was not present. Sharon Lemke stated that the financial report can be seen on our website under members only. .

Corresponding Secretary—Anne Haynie submitted report to board at February meeting.

Committee Reports:

Awards. Debbie Boze sent a set of guidelines to members of the board for us to consider for this year's submission. Submission deadline is Dec 1.

Membership. Sharon Lemke reported that 24 members were present out of 44 members in club.

Civic Development/Youth Projects. Joanne Gills announced that **Ready Set Grow** is getting ready to go!!! This year we will go to the school only one time. (April 26th) After the classroom presentation, we will have the children plant the pumpkin seeds in cups to send home and scatter the zinnia seeds on the prepared ground by the sidewalk.

Ready, Set, Fly is a wonderful new project initiated by Vivian Basl. On April 10th, A group of club members will present the life cycle of the butterfly and set up an actual butterfly habitat for 5 second grade classrooms so students can witness this amazing process. A miracle to behold!!!

Hope you can be a part of both projects! Sign-up sheets on the front table.

Birds, Butterflies and Bees. Alice Stieve announced the sign-up sheets for our two bluebird trails were available at the front table. Monitoring starts April 1.

Floral Exhibits. Kathie Truxell announced that there were 6 designs at our meeting.

- Vivian Basl – Blue and best in show
- Joanne Gills – Blue
- Jerry Jenkins - Red
- Rebecca Elston – for show only
- Sharon Lemke – for show only
- Darleen Nelson – for show only

For April the design will be jewelry: necklace incorporating oyster shells.

Horticulture—Anne Haynie reported that 6 members provided 18 entries:

Kathie Truxall: 1 Blue and Best in Show for double ruffled Camellia

Nancy Stogowski: 1 Blue, 1 Red

Jacqui Penney: 2 Blue

Debbie Boze: 2 Blue, 1 Yellow

Pam VanScoy: 2 Blue, 3 Red, 1 Yellow

Rebecca Elston: 2 Blue, 1 Red, 1 Yellow

Publicity/Ways & Means—Pam VanScoy provided update on planned May Fund Raiser at the Tavern in Heathsville, May 18. Bring yard sale items to the Tavern Meeting building on Friday May 17, time to be announced. Need items for:

- Yard sale with garden supplies & books
- Plant sale
- Bake sale (cookies, brownies, etc)
- 50/50 raffle

People will be needed to work (sign-up sheets on the front table) and to bring in garden yard sale items, plants, books on gardening, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM

Meeting Minutes vetted by Kathie Truxall and Sharon Lemke

Alice Stieve, Recording Secretary