

**MINUTES**  
**Lakeside Garden Guild**  
**General Members' Meeting: March 21, 2024**  
**Home of Sue Williams**  
*(MSC = Motion made, Seconded and Carried)*

**Call to Order:**

President Newman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**President's Comments:** President Newman welcomed the members and guests.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Alswager called the roll.

Present at the meeting were 23 regular members, 5 members were absent. There were 2 prospective members.

**Present:** Jan Alswager, Carmen Bentioglio, Justine Bertram, Mary Bragg, Kenée Campo, Janet Capetillo, Susan Cole Bainbridge, Liz Durham, Beth Fluke, Celina Haramis, Carrie Hemphill, Lucille Johnstone, Janine Kirkland, Leslie Martin, Di Anne Maczko, Alicia Merrell, Bonnie Newman, Jan Quarton, Margaret Quinn, Merelyn Shore, Linda Williams, Sue Williams, and Allegra Willis.

Zoom attendees: None

Allegra Willis introduced a guest, Carolyn \_\_\_\_\_. Carolyn has lived full-time in Ajijic for four years in Upper La Floresta.

Norma Hall attended as a prospective member sponsored by Jan Alswager. This is her third meeting as a prospective member.

**Minutes:** Minutes by Jan Alswager from the February General Members' meeting were sent out by email earlier to membership.

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

Jan Alswager - 6th  
Mary Bragg – 11th  
Kenée Campo - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Jo Lapinski – 21st  
Linda Williams - 24<sup>th</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:** Janine Kirkland presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2024. She reported that there were a few people from whom she needed to collect dues.

Dues collected:	2,100.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>

General Account:	203,511.46
Graffiti Account:	3,005.65
Cash on Hand:	<u>7,850.14</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>214,367.25</b>

Expenses:	
Printing:	832.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>832.00</b>

<b>Total Balance:</b>	<b>215,635.25</b>
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**Corresponding Secretary Report:** Janet Capetillo

Janet thanked everyone for responding quickly about their attendance to today's meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Di Anne Maczko

Di Anne reported we currently have 28 active members and two prospective members, Norma Hall and Daphine Mullins.

**Webmaster:** Linda Rudisell-Hines & Carrie Hemphill

Carrie reported that the website is up to date.

**Publicity:** Linda Rudisell-Hines & Carrie Hemphill

There was nothing to report.

**Programs:** Linda Williams

Linda reported that next month the program will be on designing with succulents and will be presented by Linda Rudisell Hines and Liz Durham.

Today's program will be a visit to the November 2024 Floral Design Show venue.

**Hospitality:** Beth Fluke & Vickie Christensen

Today's meeting was hosted today by Sue Williams. Beth reported that Linda Rudisell Hines and Linda Williams both provided the fruit and Jan Quarton provided the pastries. Flowers were provided by Lucille Johnstone and Linda Williams. The next meeting will be at the home of Janet Capetillo. The luncheon after the meeting today will be at Pranzo Restaurant. Next month the meeting will be held at the home of Janet Capetillo.

**Community Project:** Cathy Sheehan & Justine Bertram

The wood bridge that Cathy and Justine were proposing for repairs is being repaired at this time. The responsible party for the current repairs is unknown. As a result, they will be looking for a new project. The projects proposed were providing additional support to the recycling center as they need a new truck and are working on a compost pile. Some members suggested that liability issues could be a concern for a playground and most members felt the project should be a one-and-done project because on-going work in the form of upkeep was less desirable for members. A member suggested we consider planting trees in the ciclopista planters to replace those that have died. It was suggested that since there is insufficient depth in the planters, it is difficult to have enough soil for excellent tree growth.

**Sunshine:** Lucille Johnstone

Lucille reported that Linda Rudisell-Hines been sick with the flu.

**Floral Design Show:** Susan Cole-Bainbridge & Di Anne Maczko

November 16, 2024, is the date of the show and the venue has been confirmed. It will be at the home of Jack Talerico and Justo Ramirez at Priv. Revolucion 1 in Ajijic.

Jack, the owner, requested that the Dog Ranch has a presence during the show. They will set up a table near the front gate. This has been approved by the Board. Admission will be 500 pesos. The bar prices will be the same as last year, 300 for wine and champagne. The Board also approved that member tickets be priced at 300 pesos instead of the current \$500 peso ticket.

Members will be required to do a primary arrangement, which they may allow to be sold; and it is recommended that members do another arrangement by

themselves or with a partner and provide that as an item for sale. Some suggested succulent and orchid arrangements as they are good sellers and last a long time. Dried flowers are also acceptable, however silk flowers are not.

At the venue today, members will pick their location for their arrangements. The organizers will record their location. This will help members plan their arrangement.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

There was no old business.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Alswager  
Recording Secretary