

MINUTES
Lakeside Garden Guild
General Members' Meeting: September 21, 2023
Home of Kenée' Campo
(MSC = Motion made, Seconded and Carried)

Call to Order:

President Newman called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

President's Comments: President Newman welcomed the members and guests and thanked Kenée for hosting the meeting today.

Margaret Quinn brought two guests: Molly Turko and Cathleen Schlobohm. Celina brought Joyce, her husband's daughter, visiting from Toronto.

Recording Secretary: Jan Alswager called the roll.

Present at the meeting were 24 regular members. There were three guests.

Present: Carmen Bentivoglio, Kenée Campo, Susan Cole Bainbridge, Liz Durham, Celina Haramis, Connie Hayes, Carrie Hemphill, Kari Higgins, Lucille Johnstone, Janine Kirkland, Jo Lapinski, Leslie Martin, Di Anne Maczko, Joyce McNiven, Alicia Merrell, Bonnie Newman, Jan Quarton, Margaret Quinn, Linda Rudisell-Hines, Cathy Sheehan, Sharon Smith, Sue Williams, and Allegra Willis.

Zoom attendees: Jan Alswager, Beth Fluke, and Merelyn Shore,

Minutes: Minutes by Jan Alswager from the August General Members' meeting were sent out by email to membership. (MSC)

Upcoming Birthdays:

SEPTEMBER

Sue Williams - 28th

OCTOBER

Alicia Merrell - 3rd

Lucille Johnstone - 6th

Merelyn Shore - 9th

Treasurer's Report: Janine Kirkland

Janine presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2023. (MSC)

Balances:

General Account:	\$89,892.42
Graffiti Account:	2,872.76
Cash on Hand:	5,590.00

Expenses:

Sunshine Committee (Lori & Joyce)	760.00
Program Expenses	450.00
Total Expenses	1,210.00

Total Balance: \$98,355.18

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Di Anne Maczko

Di Anne reported we had 35 active members. However, two individuals have resigned since the last meeting, Lori Lynn and Phyllis Middleton, and we now have 33 active members.

Webmaster / Publicity: Linda Rudisell-Hines

Linda is searching for the contact information for the individual who deals with ads for the Guadalajara Reporter. She will publicize the event when she knows the days that the tickets will be available for sale at the Lake Chapala Society (LCS). Members can expect all information about the floral show to be posted on the website soon.

Programs: Bonnie Newman and Susan Cole Bainbridge

There was nothing additional to report.

Hospitality: Vickie Christensen and Sharon Smith

Sharon reported that the meeting today was hosted by Kenée Campo; DiAnne provided the fruit and Celina the pastries.
Luncheon today will be at the Blue Rose Bistro.

Community Project: Mary Bragg and Allegra Willis

The project is complete for the year and there was nothing new to report.

Sunshine: Lucille Johnstone
There was nothing to report.

Floral Design Show: Cathy Sheehan

Cathy shared that she has all the information about the arrangement of members' floral designs except for four of the members. Cathy suggested the possibility of including the four names on the program and have individuals create floral designs for them for the show. The individuals who volunteered are Allegra, Cathy, Janine K. and one more individual. President Newman thanked all the members who are helping members who cannot make arrangements. There may be additional guest presenters at the show. Bonnie will ask Bobby Lancaster if he would like to be a guest presenter.

It is encouraged to have members make additional floral arrangements so that they can be sold. Members creating an additional arrangement should submit a name for it, however it will not be listed in the program.

Cathy will send a list around of the volunteer positions for work at the show. Then we can make final decisions about the need for tables, chairs, etc.

Sharon Smith will be organizing a "History Table". Sharon is searching for some historical photos that had been circulated in the past. If anyone knows where they are, please contact Sharon Smith.

There is an empty lot near the home of the show and Garden Guild members may park in this lot.

Bonnie will prepare the cash boxes.

Christmas Luncheon: Beth Fluke

Beth reported that the Christmas Luncheon will be December 7, 2023. The location is to be determined.

Vice President: Susan Cole Bainbridge

Susan regretted that the San Miguel trip will not take place this October due to lack of registrations.

Old Business:

President Newman reported that they have, for the time being, tabled all changes to the By-laws until January due to the amount of activity the members are currently involved in. President Newman and Jan Quarton will continue to review the By-laws and make recommendations to the Guild membership in the near future.

It has been decided that there will be an increase in reimbursement for two items:

1. The amount of money for a speaker's gift will increase to \$500 pesos.
2. The amount of money for a Sunshine gift will increase to \$500 pesos.

New Business:

There was no new business to report.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. (MSC)

Program for today's meeting: Members were asked to partner with another member to create a floral arrangement and present it to the group. The following members presented their arrangements.

1. Margaret Quinn shared floral arrangements that served as centerpieces with candelabras.
2. Allegra and Janine Kirkland shared two arrangements and suggested that members go to thrift stores to look for vases and containers. They picked flowers and plants from their garden and quickly assembled two arrangements.
3. Sharon Smith shared flowers from her garden and the arrangement she created in her very large, tall vase. She found the vase in Santa Rosa near San Miguel. She tries to make the height of the flowers 2 ½ times the height of the vase.
4. Linda Rudisell-Hines and Liz Durham shared an arrangement with flowers from their gardens with succulents and flowers. They used oasis and sprayed leaf shine.

5. Sue Williams used a lava rock with oasis as a container and added flowers from a flower store and flowers from her garden. She conditioned them as suggested by Cathy Sheehan.
6. Celina Haramis and Carrie Hemphill presented their floral arrangement.
7. Connie Hayes presented an ikebana arrangement that contained asparagus leaves and milkweed among others.
8. Di Anna and Lucille Johnstone used a globe type base which hides the stems. They lined the pot with a Ziplock bag and oasis. They added florals and foliage from their gardens with a focus on explosion of color.
9. Bonnie Newman shared an arrangement that used leaf manipulation and tall sunflowers centered in the arrangement.
10. Alicia Merrill and Leslie Martin shared an arrangement that was mainly blooming succulents in the red tones.
11. Cathy Sheehan shared a clear snifter-type vase with colored stones as a base with colored orchids and seashells.
12. Jo Lapinski and Kenée worked on an arrangement with driftwood.
13. Kari Higgins and Jan Quarton presented a combination of potted plants and additional flowers. They focused on a fall theme.

Bonnie thanked members for sharing their beautiful arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Alswager
Recording Secretary