

Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone Minutes
Meeting 5-9-2019

- President Bonnie Schaschek called the meeting to order
- The blessing was given for our meal by the Chaplain, Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, in the form of a lovely song she sang a capella.
- Hostesses were thanked for a delicious lunch: Mary Hutyta, Carol Clark and Helen Johnson
- Birthdays of the month were celebrated with song, for Susan Edmonds, Judy Burlbaugh, Deborah Brooks, Jennifer King, Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, and Jenny Boyenga
- Thanks were given to the Judges, Clerks and Guides; Judges: Cathie Elliott (accredited), Judy Burlbaugh; Clerks: Mary Ann McKay; Deborah Brooks; Guides: Catherine Brincefield
- Announcement: Barbecue was available for sale, in 2-pound bags.
- The Minutes and financial report from April was discussed. A motion to accept the reports as is, was made by Jenny Boyenga, seconded by Judy Burlbaugh, and passed unanimously.
- A "Horti bag" was given to new member Marcia Robison. Welcome!

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Blue Star Memorial needs watering. It has been re-planted and the president asks those driving past to please water it if they see it needs watering.
2. Please pay your dues. Active members owe \$50.00, and Associate Members owe \$60.00. Robin Perks is collecting the dues.
3. Election of officers took place after discussion of a question whether members must be present to vote. The answer is "yes". The slate is: President--Mary Hutyta; 1st VP--Debbie Burgess; 2nd VP--Carol Clark; Recording Secretary—Catherine Brincefield; Treasurer—Bonnie Schaschek. All of the officers were voted in unanimously.
4. 5 Minutes were given for members to finish placing their votes for Most Valuable Gardener. The nominees are: Debbie Burgess, Carol Clark and Judy Burlbaugh. Results will be announced at the Installation Luncheon.
5. Please sign up for committee heads, judge, clerk, guide, and cookie. Sheets are available for the members on the welcome table.
6. The president announced that Debbie Burgess is stepping down as the head of Horticulture to take the position of club 1st Vice President.

7. The June meeting and installation luncheon for the new slate of officers of the RGC will take place in the Grace Episcopal Church meeting room where our regular meetings take place. The luncheon will not include Horticulture or Artistic Design judging.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A concert is being held tonight in Irvington on the green, for free. The band is "Out on a Limb". All are encouraged to attend.
2. The Board met to review the budget which will be posted on the RGC Website.
3. Members were encouraged to look at the National Garden Club website for the Plant America theme, which is continuing for the next two years. There is a new president of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Ms. Gay L. Austin.

MAY HORTICULTURE and ARTISTIC DESIGN RESULTS

HORTICULTURE

Deborah Brooks-- 10 Blues plus Best in Show

Debbie Burgess-- 8 Blues

Mary Ann McKay-- 3 Blue, 1 - Red

Cathie Ward--1 Red

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Francie Huggins 1 Blue, 1 Red

Debbie Burgess 1 Blue

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Mr. David M. Roos, a Master Naturalist, presented "The Dirt on Clay", an interesting discussion of the benefits of clay, and how under-appreciated it is in the garden. In addition, Mr. Roos gave his gardening design tips that will make every gardener think about placement of benches, mixing up garden plantings, gardening at night and small spaces, to name a few.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Brincefield, Recording Secretary