

Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone Minutes
Meeting 2-14-2019

- Chaplain Cheryl B. Davis gave the blessing
- President Bonnie Schaschek called the meeting to order
- Hostesses were thanked for a delicious lunch: Pam Lazorchek (chair), Anne O'Bryant, Catherine Brincefield, Mary Ann McKay

OLD BUSINESS

1. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly email from Carolyn at Dug-In Farms may sign up on the sheet here at the meeting, in order to receive weekly specials and activities
2. Please pay your dues. Active members owe \$50.00, and Associate Members owe \$60.00
3. Election Committee Report: Committee Chair, Jenny Boyenga reported—the election committee is “working on getting nominees for positions”
4. Nomination sheets for the “most valuable gardener” are on the welcome table. Please list 3 names, and describe why you have nominated the person. In three or four weeks the top candidates will be notified, and voting will take place later.
5. Installation Luncheon Committee: The committee chair, Catherine Brincefield, reported that the club will hold its Installation Luncheon at Grace Episcopal Church on June 13th, at the regular meeting time. The church will allow us to have wine at lunch. The meeting will have artistic design and horticulture, but in place of a speaker the officers will be installed. Any one who submits artistic design may be asked for permission to use their design on the food table as the centerpiece. Volunteers for “Cookies” were requested and the following people stepped forward: Bonnie Schaschek (chair). Notably, this will be Bonnie’s last meeting as President. Other volunteers include: Joan Eremenko, Judy Burlbaugh, Barbara Touchette, and Debbie Burgess.
6. Spring District Meeting—March 18, 2019 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, RVA 23235. Business Meeting /Program 10:30 A.M. Details may be found in the Winter issue of

FOOTPRINTS (currently posted on the website). The cost is \$30.00 (including tax, gratuity, and program cost). Robin Perks is collecting the checks. The deadline for your payment is Feb. 14th.

7. VFGC 2019—85th Annual Convention, March 31—April 2—The theme is “A Gardener’s Path...Can Take You Anywhere”, will take place at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA. Registration is due by February 28th. The registration form is online, and also in your Old Dominion pamphlet.
8. SAR (South Atlantic Region) 2019 Convention takes place March 29th—March 30th: Again, the Doubletree Hotel in Williamsburg is the location of this event. Registration forms may be found in the Old Dominion pamphlet, or online. The theme is: “The Beauty of Nature—Protect, Preserve, Enjoy”

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

- Sue Broadway
- Catherine Bennett
- Karen Rosenfeld
- Debbie Burgess
- Libby Southmayd
- Cathie Ward

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cathie Elliott reported on the upcoming Rappahannock Art League (RAL) “Art and Flower Show” event taking place April 5th and 6th, at the RAL Art Center on Main Street in Kilmarnock, VA. As of March 1st, our members may go to the RAL location and place their name on any piece of art, including jewelry, paintings, sculpture, etc. The RGC member then interprets that art piece with a floral design. Only one name may be placed on a piece of art at RAL. There are NO RULES as to how you may interpret the art piece! Let your creativity flow! Cathie Elliott is happy to help any member with their interpretation. Please sign up as soon as possible. Cathie Elliott is a co-chair of the event.
2. Programs for the RGC will be flip-flopping dates for March and April due to the needs of the speakers. April’s presentation will be presented in March, and conversely, March’s presentation will take place in April.

FEBRUARY HORTICULTURE and ARTISTIC DESIGN RESULTS

HORTICULTURE

Deborah Brooks 1 Blue + Best in Show

Debbie Burgess 1 Blue

Pam Lazorchak 1 Blue

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Deborah Brooks 1 Red

Cathie Elliott 1 Blue + Best in Show

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

An interesting and pertinent presentation was made by Adam Wood and Amanda Road of the Virginia Department of Health, Shellfish Safety Division. The bacteria "Vibrio" and its resulting disease, "Vibriosis", has become a hazard for shellfish producing areas such as ours. These speakers from the VDH are directly involved in testing and monitoring Virginia's waterways to protect our beloved shellfish and therefore, the important industry that employs many in our region. Resources may be found on the VDH website, www.vdh.virginia.gov/shellfish. A very interesting map may be found on the website, that showing areas of restricted shellfish harvesting.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Brincefield, Recording Secretary