

April 9, 2019 GENERAL MEETING

WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Today's meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Club Past President, Melanie Rantucci in the absence of Patti W. She welcomed 4 guests and made announcements about sign-up sheets to be circulated for the bus trip to UBC Botanical Gardens and for Go-Green Compost. The zinnia seeds for the Growing Contest this year were also distributed by Collene Ford.

Minutes: Melanie asked for acceptance of the minutes of our March meeting. There was a motion that they be accepted as written, made by Marilyn Gillan and seconded by Iris Peacosh.

Treasurer's Report: Lorna, our Treasurer, reviewed the budget entries for the past month, and brought us up to date. Lorna stated we have a term deposit that came due in March was re-invested for a three-year term at 3% interest rate.

Membership: Membership Coordinator, Tim, was not in attendance. Four guests signed up to be new members and will pay in May when Tim will be back.

Programs: Our Program Director, Margrit Elmiger-Isert was away, so Melanie reminded people about the June 27 trip to UBC Botanical Gardens and the speaker next month on photography. There will be space for some guests so members can sign them up next month

Plant Plus: Director, Mary Openshaw distributed posters for the Plant Sale and showed a diagram of the Ocean Park Hall to explain the layout and flow of the show. She encouraged anyone who had not already signed up to a job at the Plant Sale to sign up at this meeting.

Mary showed the members the sign stands that Ken has donated. She suggested that we can use them at the Plant and Bake Sale. Mary and her husband will work on the stands and hopes of elongating them.

Melanie noted that there is a poster for sign up for donations for the Bake Sale baked items.

Plant of the Month: Iris presented a beautiful white hydrangea for the name tag draw. She explained all the benefits of having a white plant in your garden and described the best way to grow hydrangeas in your garden. The hydrangea was won by Donna Lawson.

We then broke for refreshments and enjoyed the wonderful treats brought by our members.

What's Up: Iris showed us various floral cuttings from her garden that are presently in bloom and explained a bit about them. Everyone enjoyed seeing the lovely array of flowers she produces.

Shows: Donna Lawson, with the help of Margaret Maddocks judged the Spring Parlour Show. She noted that there was a little less on the specimen bench as it is a late spring, but what was displayed was all very nice. Ozana Seselji won a ribbon for best specimen with a pot of beautiful white trilliums and Claire Muirhead won for best bulb for lovely white, parrot tulips. Best Advanced floral art went to

(name to be added at meeting) for her arrangement "Simplicity" and Best Novice floral art was won by Bev Sass for her "Hippity Hoppity" creation.

Spring Mall Show: Melanie reminded the members to come out and see the Spring Mall Show held at Semiahmoo Mall on Saturday, April 27. This year the annual show presented by the Floral Circle will be about Celebrations. She asked for members to contact Donna Lawson to volunteer to come for a few hours and greet the public who visit our show.

Door Prize Draw: The draw was presented by Claire and won by Maria Baumgarten.

A lovely gardening apron made by our friend, Sharon, was won by Johan Mramor and a beautiful bouquet from Donna Lawson's garden was won by Johane Fortin.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rantucci in the absence of Linda Martin-Jones, Club Secretary.