



**White Rock and District Garden Club  
Nov. 14, 2023  
General Meeting  
Cranley Hall  
Minutes**

44 members were present

**President Darlene Chamberlain** opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. Fran Deptuck introduced guests.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved by Terry Haight. Seconded by Karen Jensen

**Minutes:** Marilyn Murphy moved that the minutes of Oct. 10, 2023 be accepted as circulated. Claire Muirhead seconded.

**President's Report:** Darlene Chamberlain commented on the Remembrance Day displays. She encouraged members to volunteer for the executive for 2024. President, Secretary and 50/50 Draw need new volunteers. She asked members to consider putting themselves forward for a position. Darlene commented that the Speaker for today was unable to come due to illness. She encouraged members to visit the Garden Stuff table.

**Treasurer: Eileen Mac Bean** reported on the current balance of \$3749.09. A GIC that is maturing in January will be rolling over the savings account to ensure there are enough funds for spring activities.

**Show Director: Donna Lawson** described the arrangements the club makes for care homes. 200 were made last year. A small container such as mugs should be used. Artificial flowers and leaves should be used with dry oasis to hold the materials in the mug. No paper cups should be used as they fall over. No candles or candy.

**Christmas Party: Terry Haight** reported that the Christmas party and the AGM will be at the Dec. meeting. Each person is to bring 6 pieces of a sweet or savory to share with others at their table. Members are to bring a festive mug for tea or coffee. Terry would like to know if anyone can play the piano. There will be a best sweater and hat contest.

**Programs Report: Eleanor Enns** reminded members of the tour on Nov. 21 at 1:30 at Morgan Creek Tropicals at 1:30

As today's speaker was not available, members will fill in.

**Chayote Squash:** Fran Deptuck showed her chayote squash and described growing it. She cut up one for members to see the inside and taste. This plant blooms in late August and the fruit begins to show up in Oct.

**Dry Wild Plants:** Terry Haight showed dried plant material for arrangements. She finds this material along the roadside and other areas.

**Decorative Plant Pots:** Melanie Rantucci showed her plant pots which are covered in Christmas pictures from magazines or old Christmas cards. She uses podge for glue and over the pictures. She uses gold paint for the rims.

Melanie described making the arrangements in the mugs. She suggested that the flowers or greenery can be purchased at the dollar Store or the Thrift stores. The dry oasis should be snug in the mug to hold everything in place.

**Fund Raiser by Eric Ho:** Eric presented \$165.00 to the club as a result of the tool sharpening last month.

**Flower Arranging in a Vase:** Eileen MacBean led the group in making a flower arrangement of greenery and flowers. The arrangement was won by Marilyn Murphy.

**Refreshments: Bev Polywkan** asked members to remember their mugs as there were not enough paper cups today.

**50/50 draw** of \$38.50 was won by Ozana Seseija.

**Plant of the Month: Bev Polywkan** A white poinsettia was won by Gayle Horie.

**Porch Pots for the Christmas Season:** Melanie Rantucci described creating a porch pot for the season using greenery from the garden..

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm

**Next Meeting: Dec. 12, 2023**



