



**White Rock and District Garden Club
Jan. 9 2024
General Meeting
Cranley Hall
Minutes**

46 Members attended

President Elizabeth Young opened the meeting at 1:55 pm. She introduced the 2024 Executive and those members participating in committees. She thanked everyone for volunteering to do the work required to run the club. She thanked Darlene Chamberlain for being President for the last 2 years. She introduced the guest at the meeting today. (see attachment for 2023 President's Report)

President's Report: Elizabeth commented on the good participation on renewing memberships today.. She reminded members to bring their own mug. She noted that the rent for the hall has been paid for the first 6 months of 2024. Elizabeth noted that the club received a thank you note from the Food Bank for the \$100.00 donation.

Iris Hayes Distinguished Service Award. Yvonne Pont presented the award to Ken Parker for his service to the club for many years.

Treasurer: Eileen Mac Bean reported on the current balance of \$3210.41

Membership: Fran Deptuck thanked everyone for renewing their membership today.

Publicity: Frances O'Grady reported that information such as speakers and events will be added to the ads along with a contact phone number.

Show Director: Donna Lawson reported that the schedule will be ready in Feb.

Website Committee: Bev Sass thanked the Website Committee members for helping members complete their renewal form on the website today.

Programs: Eleanor Enns reported on the next 4 months for programs as follows:

Jan. 9 – Ana Dushyna Growing and Harvesting Herbs

Feb. 13 – BC Bee Supply mason bees and bee friendly gardens

Mar. 12 - Marilyn Holt Soil Optimization and Insects in the garden

April 9 - Terry Haight Dividing Hostas

Eleanor noted a tour Of Phoenix Perennials has been scheduled for May 1st.

Plant Sale: Terry Haight reported that she has lots of 1 gallon and 2 gallon pots available if they are needed to pot plants for the sale. Members can pick them up in her driveway. If members need help digging up plants, she can arrange for some help. 4 inch and 6 inch pots are needed and can be left at her home or brought to a meeting.

Trophies: Bev Polywkan presented the trophy for Most Aggregate Points in Novice Floral Art to Terry Haight

Mugs: Melanie Rantucci reported that the mugs with the logo have all been given out. The original supply was donated By Patti Wolczuk and Tim Roark. She is investigating the cost to replace our supply and asked how many would like one. She is investigating the cost.

Master Gardener: Melanie Rantucci commented on the forecasted cold weather and encouraged members to cover plants especially tender plants. She plans to have a Master gardener table set up in subsequent meetings

50/50 draw was won by Elizabeth Young

Plant of the Month: Kathy presented a hellebore cinnamon snow to Marilyn Murphy.

Speaker Ana Dushyna presented on Growing and Using various herbs

Next Meeting: Feb.13, 2024

Attachment President's Report 2023

2023 President's Report

We have had a great year enjoying tours, speakers, parlour and mall shows. It's amazing how much time and effort go into running our club. We meet for 3 hours once a month for 10 months of the year. In the background we have executive and committees spending countless hours arranging our meetings and activities. We have historians, plant sales, trophy management, media management, programs and shows. We have opportunities to learn floral design. We enjoy fun and friendship. We share what we know and what we grow.

We have successfully filled all our executive and committee positions. We go forward to the 77th year of our club. We celebrated our 75th anniversary as a club in 2022.

I have enjoyed being your president for 2022 and 2023. We operated without a Vice President and Past president. I received support from many members, especially Melanie Rantucci.

We look forward to 2024 with Elizabeth Young as our President and Gayle Horie as our Vice President.

Wishing every one a great year in 2024.

Darlene Chamberlain