**Tenth District, FGCNYS, Inc. January 10, 2018 Quarterly Meeting**

**Present**

**Board Officers**

Judy Bergstrom-Co-Director

Carol Comando-Co-Director

Ellie Loughlin-Assistant Director

Ann Muller-Treasurer

Jane Madis-Recording Secretary

Arlene DeSocio- Corresponding Secretary

**Club Presidents**

Gretel Walker- Co-President, Artful Gardeners

Kathi Hylas-Co-President, Artful Gardeners

Diane Basile-President, Clarkstown

Judy Brennan- Co-President, CGC Liberty

Annie Hilton-Co-President, CGC Liberty

Karyn Schoeberl-VP, CGC Pine Bush

Marjorie Krupa, Co-President, Cornwall Garden Club

Rita Padovan-President, The Garden Lovers’ Club

Debbie Morris-Incoming President, The Garden Lovers’ Club

Mary Berrigan-Co-President, Warwick Valley Gardeners

Nancy Arthur-Incoming President, Warwick Valley Gardeners

**Board Members**

Ellie Loughlin-Awards

Finance/ Calendars- Heidi Buchholz

Hospitality and Protocol-Patty Fusco

Membership- Bonnie Sherwood

Life Membership- / National Gardener-Diane Schliphack

Bylaws/Parliamentarian-Jeanne T. Nelson

World Gardening- Melanie Lanc

**Absent**

Ramapo Valley Gardeners

Rockland-Roscoe Garden Club

Horticulture

Historian

Internet

Programs

Publicity

Garden Therapy/Yearbooks

The meeting was called to order by Carol Comando at 9:50am

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Carol thanking The Garden Lovers’ Club for providing refreshments today.

Judy Bergstrom handed out dates for NGC, CARSGC, FGCNYS, INC and District Meetings to Club Presidents to give to their Yearbook Chairs.

 **Minutes**: There being no corrections, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Treasurers Report**: As of December 31, 2017 the opening balance was $3,358.88

Total Receipts- $2,044.00

Total Disbursements-$4,612.45

Checking Account balance- $790.43

Savings Account Balance-$6,473.65

CD at OC Trust-$4,419.84 Due 2/1/2018

Total Operating Funds-$11,683.92

Flower Show School Scholarship Fund-$1,279.48

Postage for Fall Luncheon- $197.00

Discussion on the cost/ income ratio of a District hosted meeting and luncheon followed.

Luncheon expenses of the vendors were picked up by the District.

Attendance of District members was low.

There was a problem getting a speaker for the program.

Discussion if the District would pay for the Coffee and Danish at Quarterly Meetings to help clubs. Many suggestions were made nothing was determined at this point.

**Corresponding Secretary**: No report

**Awards:** Ellie Loughlin recommended that all clubs should have an Awards person. If no one wants to be a chairperson the Club President should have the Awards booklet. Booklets are available on the FGCNYS and NGC websites and can be downloaded or printed.

Ellie requested Presidents or Awards Chairpersons contact her with questions about awards or the awards process.

Carol Comando will send a list to Ellie of all Club Awards Committee Chairs of the Clubs in the District.

**Bylaws:** Jeanne Nelson is forming a committee to review the current Tenth District Bylaws and asked for volunteers. District Directors are non-voting but may give input. Ann Bloom has been asked to be Advisor to this committee. Ellie Loughlin, Jane Madis and Arlene DeSocio volunteered. No date has been set for a meeting.

Jeanne reiterated that clubs must have a Disbandment Article in their Bylaws.

**Calendars**: Heidi reported that 35 calendars orders have been taken with an anticipated income of $210.00. There are clubs still owing money and notices have been sent to those Presidents.

**Finance**: No report

**Garden Therapy**: No report

**Horticulture**: No report

**Historian**: No report

**Hospitality/ Protocol**: Patty Fusco handed out notification that Artful Gardeners will be hosting the Annual Meeting and Luncheon April 11, 2018.

**Judges Council**: Ann Bloom submitted as report that 10th District Judges Council Dues had been sent to the Federation.

**Life Membership:** No report

**Membership**: Bonnie Sherwood passed out her report and Tenth District Roles for each club.

As of this date the total membership for District Ten is 295-Active, 64-Associate and 18 Honorary.

**National Gardener Magazine**: Diane Schliphack recommended reading the article on pages 8-9 on Libraries+ Garden Clubs-a novel idea, and the article on pages 42-45: Treasures of the Hudson Valley.

**National Garden Week**: Posters have been ordered. NGW is June 3-9.

**Programs:** No report. Catherine Bennett has had to step down as the chair of this committee so this position is open.

**Publicity:** No report

**World Gardening:** Melanie Lanc gave a report on the progress of well drilling in Southern Sudan. For the 2017-2018 year $180.00 has been collected from five clubs with The Garden Lovers’ Club donating $75.00. $75.00 f has been donated by the Tenth District.

Jeanne T. Nelson reported that FGCNYS, Inc. is reviewing the World Gardening Project and news will be forthcoming on a decision.

**Yearbooks**: Yearbooks are due at the Annual Meeting on April 11, 2018. Nine Yearbooks are needed to cover each club in the District, six are needed for Tenth District Officers and three to submit to the Yearbook Committee for Judging.

Clubs with incoming Officers are Cornwall Garden Club, CGC of Pine Bush and Warwick Valley Gardeners.

The Garden Lovers’ Club is replacing their Recording Secretary and a new Corresponding Secretary will be appointed. Clarkstown Garden Club will appoint a new Vice President and Recording Secretary.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**: Jeanne T. Nelson presented the idea of a Tenth District Flower Show to be held in October of 2019. During 2018 and the beginning of 2019 Judges will make themselves available to Tenth District Clubs to offer instruction in various designs and exhibiting horticulture. Guidance will be available on the aspects of holding an NGC Flower Show. Tenth District Judges are Jeanne T. Nelson, Ann Bloom and Jane Madis.

Clubs were requested to research possible venues for the Flower Show and let Jeanne know. The show would take the place of the Fall Luncheon and all clubs would participate.

New Horizons Garden Club is holding a Petite Flower Show June 1-3, 2018 at Lasdon Arboretum in Katonah, NY.

Clubs of the Ninth District are holding a Flower Show in September of 2018. Tenth District members are encouraged to attend either or both to get an idea of what a Flower Show looks like.

Motion by Ellie Loughlin for the Tenth District to Hold a Flower Show in October of 2019. Seconded by Mary Berrigan, Motion passed.

**Book of Recognition:**

Jeanne requested that a person from the District to Chair the Book of Recognition Committee be appointed.

 **Tenth District Club Quarterly Reports:**

**Artful Gardeners**

Co-President Gretel Walker reported that total Active Membership is 16.

Members dropped are Carol Decker and Gail Zubl. New Member Elena Goletz presented a program construction a holiday tree using Deco Mesh and ornaments. Report on file.

New members:

Tammy Morse

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Maria Nieves Longano

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Elena Goletz

800 Raymondskill Road, Milford, PA

727-678-2740 email: ecgoletz7@aol.com

**Clarkstown GC**:

President, Diane Basile reported that there are 31 Active Members and 1 Associate Member. Report on file.

New Member:

Joan Kay Germaanski

103 Collyer Ave., New City, NY

**CGC of Liberty**: Annie Hilton, Co-Presidentreported 31 Active Members, 6 Associate Members and 3 honorary members.

Guest speaker, John Crotty spoke to the club about their planned Blue Star Memorial which will be placed at the County Government Center in Monticello in September of 2018.

**CGC of Pine Bush**

Karyn Schoeberl, Vice President, read the report. Total Active Members: 27

Edie Sherman, Master Gardener gave tips to the club on preparing the garden for overwintering in October. Report on file.

**Cornwall Garden Club:** Active Members 37, Associate Members 13, Honorary Members 1

Report by Arlene DeSocio, President. The October program was presented by a Master Gardener James Alton Thomas on preserving foods. November a workshop was held at Munger Cottage where club members arranged a cornucopia Thanksgiving centerpiece. An afternoon tea was held in December in hopes of attracting members not wanting to attend an event at night. Report on file.

**Ramapo Valley Gardeners:** Kathy Sabella, President emailed her report. There are 26 Active Members. In October and November members of the club traveled to the NY Botanical Gardens and The Hermitage Museum. Report on file.

**Roscoe-Rockland:** No report

**The Garden Lovers’ Garden Club**: Rita Padovan, President reported 54 Active Members, and 15 Associate Members.

In October, a walking tour was held at the Orange County Community College Campus with Alan Lewis educating members about the trees and shrubs growing on the grounds. Alan highlighted growing requirements and what makes them good candidates for a home garden.

A field trip to Wessel’s Farm which is using renewable energy. After that a tour of the Eleazer Harding House and Medical Herb Garden which is across the street from Wessel’s was enjoyed.

Barbara Campbell, an NGC Judge gave a program on holiday tabletop designs and arrangements. Report on file.

**Warwick Valley Gardeners:**

Mary Berrigan Reported that there are 48 Active Members, 19 Associate Members and 3 Honorary Members.

Two dropped members: Katherine Kelly, 12 White Oak Street, Warwick, NY and Jane Madis, 30 Wawayanda Court, Warwick, NY.

In October Master Gardener, Brooke Moore presented a program on forcing bulbs and branches. In November, the annual Holiday Project where the Village Park was decorated and a Tree lighting took place. Report on file.

Arlene DeSocio moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Jane Madis, Recording Secretary