

## Tenth District, FGCNYS, Inc. Annual Meeting via Zoom April 21, 2021

### **Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Co-Director Carol Comando. There were 16 Board members present on the call including 7 club presidents or their delegates.

It was established that a Quorum was present.

Director Comando welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Jane Madis.

A change to the Agenda was approved to move the Membership report up to the top to accommodate Chairman Bonnie Sherwood's need to leave the meeting early.

### **Membership**

Bonnie previously emailed her report and thanked club presidents who supplied her with corrections to membership information. Bonnie reiterated that there will no longer be Honorary Members shown on the report and it will be up to each club to keep track of those members. WVG Membership Chairperson has found ways recruit new members and is available to provide information on how she is accomplishing that.

Total Members for District Ten-284, Active 222 and Associate 62.

Since this is an election year; Director Comando requested all club presidents provide Bonnie with conformation of numbers and current Officer and member information.

### **Minutes**

Motion to approve Minutes from the February 10, 2021, previously distributed by email by Bonnie Sherwood.

Seconded by Nancy Arthur

Adopted

## 2021-2023 Budget

Ann Muller presented the Budget for approval with the addition of \$200.00 each year for a Zoom account for the District. The money taken from the Directors Expenses.

TENTH DISTRICT BUDGET						
	2019-2021	2019-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2023	
EXPENSES	Budgeted	Expended	Proposed Budget Per Year		2 Year Total	
Director's Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 492.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,600.00	1
Recording Secretary	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	
Corresponding Secretary	\$ 100.00	\$ 31.42	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	
Treasurer	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.99	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	
Zoom Subscription	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	
Directory Printing	\$ 150.00	\$ 34.96	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	
Annual State Meeting	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
State Fall Conference	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
Director's Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	
Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 664.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	
Newsletter	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	
Miscellaneous Donation	\$ 300.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	
World Gardening	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	
Friends of the OC Arbore	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	
The Nature Conservancy	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	
Director's Gift & Pin	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Luncheon Notices-Posta	\$ 900.00	\$ 326.15	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00	
Flower Show	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,078.18	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Civic Develop Award	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,644.70</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,600.00</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>						
Membership Dues	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 2,890.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 60.00	\$ 44.86	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	
Ways & Means	\$ 4,470.00	\$ -	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 3,365.00	\$ 5,670.00	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,804.86</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,600.00</b>	
1 Includes mileage and tolls						
2 Includes possible funds for Civic Develop Award						
3 Or Fund Balance						

**Motion** to accept the Budget as presented, Deborah Morris. Seconded Karen Bowers.  
**Approved.**

## **Ways and Means**

The incoming Director and Assistant Director will look into a holding a fundraiser with the Treasurer and Finance Chair.

Ann explained that interest rates have dropped considerably.

Dues reminder for FGCNYS, Inc. Dues are due May 1 and must be paid in full regardless of unpaid club member dues.

State dues for new members joining clubs after May 1 should be paid directly to the Federation office, along with the new member contact information.

**Corresponding Secretary:** No Report

## **Recording Secretary**

This Recording Secretary has attended all District meeting held either in person or via Zoom. Minutes have been filed and will be turned over to the incoming Recording Secretary. It has been my pleasure to serve in your administration.

## **Club Annual Reports**

**Artful Gardeners:** While we have met infrequently in person in 2020 and early 2021; we still managed to provide cheerful floral arrangements to those residing in the local nursing home, St. Joseph's Place. This has given us great joy, knowing that we were able to bring a smile to the faces of those confined. We remain hopeful that 2021 will be the year we can provide Garden Therapy in person to the residents. We look forward to community events planned for 2021, beautification efforts in community gardens, and participating in Art-In-Bloom. Plans are underway for a Flower Show in 2022

**Clarkstown Garden Club:** No report

**Community GC of Liberty:** No report

**Community GC of Pine Bush:** No report

**Cornwall Garden Club:** Cornwall Garden Club sadly lost the incoming Co-President, Joanne Cox. The new Co-Presidents are Denise Nichols and Virginia Scott. During 2020 the club used the historic Sands-Ring Historic Home site as a meeting place. The herb garden there has been maintained by Cornwall Garden Club for the last five years. The club will continue to work there and meet by the herb garden.

**Garden Lovers' Club:** During the growing season of 2020 when gardens could not be visited by groups, this club found a way to enjoy their members' gardens. It was decided to photograph their gardens and mount the photos on 12x12 black paper. The photos were shared at an outdoor meeting last September and are now in a scrapbook for everyone to see and add to.

**Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club:** This club was able to hold several meetings outdoors and have enjoyed that experience. They will continue to meet outside weather permitting.

**Warwick Valley Gardeners:** The most useful tool this club used this past year was Zoom. The favorite program was held outdoors with a favorite speaker, Robin Rose Bennett an author and herbalist who spoke on healing, wild food, and medicinal plants.

## **Committee Reports**

**Awards:** No report

**Finance:** Heidi Buccholtz, Chairperson is working on the audit.

**Garden Therapy:** No report

**Historian:** No Report

**Horticulture/Conservation:** Report prepared by Nancy Hajeski. Read by Jane Madis.

Horticultural Report for Garden Club District 10 Meeting:

### **Lupin: A New York Native Plant**

Nancy J. Hajeski, Horticultural/Conservation Chair

In Roscoe, each year beautiful wild blue lupins return to Palette Park, our town garden. Consider adding these hardy, colorful plants to your own garden.

Lupins are a genus of flowering plant in the large pea or legume family, Fabaceae, that grow widely in North and South America, and in smaller areas of the Mediterranean and North Africa. More than 200 species are found within the genus, with heights that can range in from one to five feet. The leaves are palmate, with from five to 28 leaflets, and may be a soft green or grayish green, some with dense silvery hairs. The flowers are pea-like, growing in a whorl on an erect spike, with an upper standard, two lateral wings, and two lower petal that are fused into a keel. The shape is reminiscent of a lady's bonnet. Colors include blue, purple, pink, yellow, white, brick red, and bicolor.

The name comes from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, from the Latin *lupinus*, for wolfish, because the plant was once believed to exhaust the soil like a ravenous wolf. The flower produces fruit, a pod with several seeds. In some species these seeds are similar to soybeans and have been used as a food source for 3,000 years in the Mediterranean, and for 6,000 years in the Andes of South America. Recently, interest in lupin beans as a food has resurfaced.

In the yard, lupins make an excellent addition to a sunny border or cottage garden. Plant the seeds in peat moss pots and after sprouting replant them in acidic soil with good draining without removing them from their pots (they send out a long taproot and don't like having it disturbed). Or you can buy young plants from a plant nursery and set them in a deep hole with gravel at the bottom. Lupins, which act as annuals in colder climates, will self seed and can be thinned in the spring. Seeds may be harvested when the pods turn brown. They require cold stratification and scarification to speed germination.

From a conservation standpoint, lupin leaves furnish important larval food for butterfly species like the mission blue, frosted elfin, Persius duskywing, Xerces blue, silvery blue, and Karner blue. Luins are beneficial early bloomers, and bumble bees, mason bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds all feed on them, having learned to force their way into the closed clamshell of the flower.

**Hospitality and Protocol:** Carol Comando has assumed this position as she has finished her term as Co-Director. She will provide an update at the July meeting.

**Internet:** No report Judy Bergstrom and Deborah Francis will set a date to connect.

**Judges Council:** Jane Madis reported that Judges Council is scheduled to meet May 10, 2021 at Lasdon Arboretum. Members will bring Succulents or Cactus to be discussed.

**Life Members:** No report

**Programs:** Judy Bergstrom, requested clubs that have Yearbook already printed to please send a copy to her. If in digital format the email is: [libertygardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:libertygardenclub@yahoo.com)

**Co-Director Comando requested club bring printed Yearbooks to the July District Meeting scheduled Wednesday, for July 14, 2021.**

**Publicity: No report**

**TNG-** Life members have been notified that they will only receive TNG online like the rest of the members of National Garden Clubs.

**Ways and Means:** Committee will find a date and meet.

**World Gardening:** Pat Kind has taken this position. Donating was reviewed with members. Judy Bergstrom asked about information on donating to a place that sponsors tree replanting. Penny Pines can be found on the NGC website under the Programs Tab. Donations can be mailed in or done online.

**Yearbook:** As there is no Yearbook Chairman, or scheduled in person meeting for judging, clubs may submit their Yearbooks electronically, if feasible. They can be stored on the District Google drive as a PDF. The Tenth District email address is: [district.x.fgcny@gmail.com](mailto:district.x.fgcny@gmail.com). Ann Bloom volunteered, later in this meeting, to be Yearbook Chairman and Jane Madis, Committee member.

Ann's contact information: Phone-845-534-7005 Address: 21 Grandview Avenue, Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY 12520

### **Election of Officers**

Jane Madis, Nominating Committee Chairman read the names of the Officers Elect.

Nancy Arthur-Director

Deborah Morris-Assistant Director

Carol Comando-Recording Secretary

Betty Jessup-Corresponding secretary

Deborah Francis-Treasurer.

Nominations from the floor were called for. There being none the Nominating Committee Chairman cast one vote for the Officers-Elect. Officers will resume their duties immediately after this meeting and will be recognized at the July meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** Recommendation from the Executive Committee

Carol Comando, Co-Director, motioned to amended Article 7, Section 1: Each District Director shall call at least two meetings of the District; spring and fall, during any one year. The time and place will be determined by the District Board. The spring meeting shall be rotated among the clubs of the District, the fall meeting shall be hosted by the District. Should any club in the District wish to host the fall meeting, they may submit a written request, approved by the members of that club, to the District Board at the spring meeting. Executive Board Meetings will be called at the discretion of the District Director.

**Adopted**

**District Fall Meeting and Luncheon**

Prior to the Bylaws amendment, Garden Lovers' of Middletown were in rotation to host the April 2020 District Meeting and Luncheon. Due to the Covid-19; this was delayed as was the fall Board Meeting which Rosco-Rockland was to host. The Eagle's Nest honored and held the deposit provided by Garden Lovers'.

**Motion** by Co-Director Carol Comando to hold the District meeting in person, on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at The Eagles Nest, with Garden Lovers' of Middletown and Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club working together as Co-Hosts.

**Seconded:** Jane Madis

**Adopted**

**Co-Director adjourned the Annual Meeting and called the Quarterly Meeting at 11:18 a.m.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**January 1, 2021-March 31, 2021**

Opening Balance as of 12/31/20	\$1,619.30
Receipts totaled	\$85.00
Disbursements totaled	\$514.00
Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/21	\$1,190.30

Savings Account Balance 12/31/20	\$5,486.95
Interest	\$.14
Balance as of 3/31/21	\$4,487.09

CD at Orange Bank & Trust Co. Due 2/1/21 @65%	\$4,497.80
Interest to 2/1/21 Maturity	\$29.31
CD renewed at .25% interest, due 2/1/22	\$4,527.11

Total Operating Funds	\$11,204.50
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1<sup>st</sup> Federal Savings of Middletown

Flower Show School Scholarship CD due 7/8/21 @.50%	\$1,304.65
Interest to 12/21/20	\$3.16
Balance as of 3/31/21	\$1,307.81

Checks were paid to Jane Madis for reimbursement of the Formers Directors pin and the two-year donation to the Friends of the Orange County Arboretum to cover the years 2019-2021.

**Correspondence:** No report



## **Club President's Reports First Quarter 2021**

**Artful Gardeners:** Jane Madis, President, reported 17 Active Members including a new member, Judith Weiss, 12 High Street, Port Jervis, NY 12771

Phone: 845-856-2027 Email: [siobhanjmw@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanjmw@gmail.com)

All Meetings of Artful Gardeners January-March have been held via Zoom. This President has worked with club members and both Vice-Presidents to plan the Yearbook, spring 2021-2022. There have been physical changes to city gardens that this club usually plant and maintain, so we are working with the Mayor and DPW as we finalize planting plans.

In March, our member Susan Trager gave a power point presentation on Landscape Design and member Susan Roth educated us in the use of Google Meet.

We hope to participate in Arbor Day and are participating in the Port Jervis Citywide Yard Sale this year. To celebrate spring colorful hats have been decorated by club members and will be hung on residents' rooms doors at St. Joseph's Place.

**Clarkstown GC:** No report

**Cornwall GC:** No report will send

**Community GC of Liberty:** Active Members 26, Associate 3

Members Deceased: Barbara Katz 1/21, Joan Hueber 2/21

Debbie Stave volunteered to serve as Co-President to Etta Barbanti for the remainder of 2021. Club elections will be held November of 2021.

The new email address for the club is: [libertygardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:libertygardenclub@yahoo.com)

The theme for meetings continuing outside this year is: Out and About in Our Town and Country Gardens.

The March meeting was held at the Liberty Library with the help of librarian, Marjorie Linko. Social distancing and masks wearing protocol was followed.

Twelve members attended and 7 joined by Zoom.

**Community Garden Club of Pine Bush:**

No membership numbers were reported.

President, Diane Schlipfack reported that the club has already started maintaining gardens. The Annual Tea fundraiser has been postponed again this year due to Covid-19. Plans are being considered for the rest of 2021.

**Garden Lovers' Club:** Debbie Morris reported that there are 33 Active Members and 15 Associate Members.

The club has had one Executive Board Meeting in January, via Zoom, where all committee chairs presented their schedules for the year. Yearbook information was shared.

The March Annual meeting was also via Zoom on March 9, 2021. Our club connected by Newsletters and Zoom meetings.

**Roscoe-Rockland:** Active Members 19, Associate Members 4

The club planned programs and a budget for 2021. The Yearbook was worked on. Organizational meetings were held via Zoom.

**Warwick Valley Gardeners:** No written report. President, Laurie Unick reported that the club has 1 new member with a total of 51 Active Members and 19 Associate Members.

Meetings have been held via Zoom this Quarter.

January was Committee Reports. The Yearbook has been completed.

The March Luncheon was postponed due to Covid-19. The Countrywide Garden Tour will be held this year with an After-Tour Party.

**Unfinished Business**

Meeting Place for July. Deborah Morris, Assistant Director will check out the possibility of meeting outside at a Pavilion. Next Tenth District Meeting-July 14, 2021.

Co-Director Comando thanked her Board members for their service and congratulated the new Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Jane Madis, Recording Secretary