

Oriental Woman's Club Garden Club
February 20, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Parker at 9:30 am at the clubhouse.

There were 20 members attending with one guest.

Gail Radosevich introduced our speaker, Rachael Tipton from Harbourside Garden Co. Rachael spoke on the challenges of recovery from Hurricane Florence, noting that garden needs have changed. Due to trees lost, shade may have turned to sun. She stressed that now is the time to prune roses and dead wood, waiting till after blooming on flowering plants like azaleas and hydrangeas. Building up the soil and adding compost is most important now. East facing gardens are best. Plant tomatoes April 15 and a second crop can be planted in September. She spoke on the necessity of a pre-emergent in March, May, Sept., and Nov. to keep unwanted seeds and weeds from developing. She announced that there will be a program by Bryce Lane: Encouraging Pollinators in the Garden on April 6 at 2 pm at Harbourside.

Linda Parker announced that Lynne Rousseau had taken a bad fall and was in hospital in Greenville where she will have back surgery on Wednesday on 3 vertebrae. Cards would be appreciated and there will probably be a need for volunteers to bring in meals after she returns home. Linda also announced that Ann Stackhouse's Father-in-Law had passed away at the age of 102.

Linda and Lee have discussed Yard of the Month and decided that March will be skipped as recovery from Florence continues and there just isn't any outstanding yards. Linda made the following announcements:

- Road clean-up will be 2/27, 9 am. Meet at Sail Loft. 3/6 is rain date.
- March 21 is trip to Raleigh Art Museum for Art in Bloom. Departure time from OWC is 7:45 am for 10:30 am tour. Lunch at Sittis at 1 pm. There are ten signed up to go.
- Terra Ceia Farm trip on 4/16 has been cancelled as they do not offer tours until May. Replacing that will be a trip into New Bern on 4/12 to Tryon Palace Plant Sale & Tour. There will be no meeting on 4/16.
- Town Wide Yard Sale and Garden Club Plant Sale will be on 5/4 from 9 am to noon.
- May 21 is trip to Swansboro Tour of Garden Centers. Departure will be 8 am from OWC to catch 8:30 am ferry.

Linda thanked Gail for making arrangements with Rachael to be our speaker.

Sharon Morgan announced that if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter to please get it to her by the end of the month for the next month.

Gay Webster is gathering information for a trip next year to understand how Camellias are grown and shipped.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Submitted by Jean Chastang, Secretary