

**Oriental Woman's Club Garden Club
January 17, 2017 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Betsy Hughes at 9:20 am at the clubhouse.

Other members present were Lee Duer, Linda Parker, Carol McAdoo, Suzanne Jantzen, Gay Webster, Cindy Porter, Jean Chastang, Anne Parker and Elizabeth Buckman.

Betsy announced that she would be unable to attend OWC's February Orientation and ask for someone to speak about Garden Club activities. Jean Chastang will be the liaison for this and EC meetings. Jean gave an update on member, Marlene Miller and will check with her husband on an address that we could use while she is undergoing treatment in Durham. Jean shared a thank you note from Wilma Kennedy, winner of December's Yard of the Month. Lee Duer will pick up sign to store until March. Betsy thanked Carol McAdoo for circulating the Girls on the Run information on their BBQ on 2/24. Betsy has tickets for \$10 each. Betsy then led the group into a discussion of activities for 2017 and the following schedule resulted. During this discussion the OWC parking lot was brought up and Carol McAdoo will call the town again concerning equipment and supplies being placed on our property. Also discussed was the possibility of charging a minimal fee to guests. It was decided to use a donation jar and not ask for a specific amount when events are open to the public.

2017 Garden Club Calendar

Date	Event	Coordinator	Hostesses/Notes
February 25 (Saturday)	Camelia Show 1-4 PM Wilmington Arboetum	Anne Parker	
March 30 (Friday)	Art in Bloom Raleigh	Betsy Hughes	
April 7 (Friday)	New Bern Historic Homes & Garden Tour	Linda Parker	\$18 advance tickets \$15 12 or more, \$8 box lunch if desired
April 18 (Tuesday)	OWC Yard Clean-up		Anne Parker, Chair Gay Webster
May 6 (Saturday)	Plant Sale/Exchange & Raffle of Rain Barrel at Oriental Farmer's Market	Betsy Hughes	
May 9 (Tuesday)	Raindrop Ridge Herb Farm, Washington	Betsy Hughes Elizabeth Buckman	
May 16 (Tuesday)	Tour of Garden Centers	Anne Parker	Lunch at Ice House
June 20 (Tuesday)	Harbourside, Rachel Tipton Workshop on Planting Pots	Elizabeth Buckman	
September 19 (Tuesday)	Dan Simpson, Ag. Extension	Lee Duer	Lee Duer, Chair; Carol McAdoo, Lynne Rousseau
October 17 (Tuesday)	OWC Yard Clean-up	Betsy Hughes	Jean Chastang, Chair Linda Parker
November 21 (Tuesday)	Ornament Workshop	Lee Duer Linda Parker	Betsy Hughes, Chair Cindy Porter
December 12 (Tuesday)	Christmas Luncheon Morgan's Tavern	Anne Parker	

Financial Report:

Jean Chastang reported that the donation of \$500 to OWC for 2017 had been made and 2017 dues have been deposited. We have a bank balance of \$706.72. We currently have 15 members with one outstanding. Jan Nixon is expected to join and will be paying her dues shortly.

A discussion regarding the rain barrel in front of the building led to the decision to get rid of it. It will be raffled off at the Plant Sale. Tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Jean Chastang will make a poster and we will use 50/50 tickets. Buyer's name & phone number will have to be placed on the back of the ticket.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Chastang,
Secretary