

Oriental Woman's Club Garden Club
January 16, 2018 Minutes
(corrected 1/17/18)

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, Michele Musella, Cindy Porter, Jean Chastang, Anne Parker, Gwen Rhodes, Dianne Conrad, Suzanne Mendell, Marlene Miller, Cindy Porter, Elizabeth Tooley, Gay & Gail Radosevich, Lynne Rousseau, Lynne Kaplan and Jennifer Walsh.

Betsy opened the meeting by welcoming our new members, followed by introductions and comments from all who attended. Betsy gave an overview of the Garden Club activities for the year which includes not only meetings at the clubhouse but speakers and road trips. Four times a year there is a Highway cleanup through a 2 mile stretch of Hwy 55 through Oriental. There is a Plant Sale fundraiser usually done in May where members grow small seedlings or cuttings from their established plants. In November there is an Ornament Workshop where natural ornaments are made for the Christmas trees that we put up at the Post Office and Town Hall. We also have a couple of work days where the clubhouse plantings are trimmed and weeding is done. December brings a Christmas lunch at Morgan's Tavern in New Bern and a gift exchange. We also award Yard of the Month to a deserving property in Pamlico County. A team of two or three members will select the yard, take photo and submit it to the Pamlico News. These winners cannot be repeat winners for 2 years. Lee Duer is Chairman of YOM and she passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to be on the selection committee. She explained that the judging happens the last week of the month for the next month and that we should all be looking at the yards and making suggestions to the judges. There is no YOM in January, February, August, and possibly March each year. Marlene will be making a new sign and is in need of plywood.

Betsy reviewed the calendar for 2018 and asked for ideas on what we wanted to do this year. Anne Parker is going to check with Bay River Blooms on a possible floral arranging program. The chart on the next page was set as our calendar for the year:

Suzanne Jantzen announced that the Garden Club Bylaws had not been updated since 2012. She has gone through them and made suggestions for updating and will send everyone an email copy. Please let her know your comments/suggestions.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Submitted by Jean Chastang, Secretary

2018 Garden Club Calendar

Date	Event	Coordinator	Hostesses/Notes
Feb. 20 (Tues.)	Pruning Workshop at Harbourside	Betsy Hughes	
March 16 (Fri.)	Road Cleanup	Anne Parker	
March 22 (Thurs.)	Art in Bloom Raleigh	Betsy Hughes	Tkts \$18 purchase in advance online. Tkts on sale 1/26. Lunch at Iris or Sitties.
April 17(Tues.)	OWC Yard Cleanup	Betsy Hughes	Anne Parker & Lynne Kaplan
May 5 (Sat.)	Plant Sale/Exchange at Oriental Farmer's Market	Betsy Hughes	
May 15 (Tues.)	Swansboro Tour of Garden Centers	Linda Parker	Lunch at Ice House
June 19 Tues.)	Jayne Stasser, Recycling	Marlene Miller	Betsy Hughes & Dianne Conrad Open to Public
June 26 (Tues.)	Road Cleanup	Gay Radosevich	
Sept. 18 (Tues.)	Bob Miller, "Why Birds Matter"	Marlene Miller	Marlene Miller & Gail Radosevich Open to Public
October 3 (Wed.)	Road Cleanup	Anne Parker	
Oct. 16 (Tues.)	OWC Yard Cleanup	Betsy Hughes	Gay Webster & Michelle Musella
Nov. 14 (Wed.)	Ornament Workshop	Lee Duer Linda Parker	Gwen Rhodes & Jennifer Walsh
Dec. 5 (Wed.)	Road Cleanup	Anne Parer	
Dec. 18 (Tues.)	Christmas Luncheon Morgan's Tavern	Anne Parker	

Yard of the Month judges are as follows:

April: Gay Webster & Michele Musella
 May: Suzanne Jantzen & Carol McAdoo
 June: Suzanne Mendell & Linda Parker
 July: Gail & Gay Radosevich & Marlene Miller
 September: Jean Chastang & Dianne Conrad
 October: Anne Parker & Lynne Rousseau
 November: Elizabeth Tooley, Betsy Hughes & Gwen Rhodes
 December: Linda Parker, Lee Duer & Jennifer Walsh