

**Minutes of Wildflower Bunch Garden Club Meeting
Big Canoe Clubhouse
September 2, 2015**

Welcome and Remarks, Cell phones, Questions at the end

The meeting started at 10:00 am. Eunice called attention to the Flash Feast slide show that had been playing as members took their seats. So that everyone could see the entire slide show, it was shown once again. She thanked everyone who worked on the FF for the success of the event. She mentioned a Diner En Blanc article in the Daily Beast about a FF in Washington DC. She said we've been advertising that the Natives Are Coming and today they are here.

Introduction of Ellen Honeycutt: Eunice in place of Ed Straw

Ellen is a member of the Georgia Native Plant Society since 2000. Fostering an appreciation for native plants is now a passion and she loves to help other people learn more about the benefits of native plants. She also likes to figure out which plants work best in their garden. With the help and guidance of many experienced members, including our own Jim Smith, Ellen learned a lot and became President. As Jim says, "She knows her native plants and takes marvelous photos of them. She is an active member in GNPS and is a helpful mentor and example for new members." Ellen now also writes a weekly Internet Blog about seasonal native plant topics. Her blog address is usinggeorgianativeplants.blogspot.com. In her non-plant time, she works for IBM from home.

Ellen handed out a two page handout called Native Shrubs-Slide list in order of Bloom in North Georgia. This contained the information in her slide presentation making it easy to follow and have all the information to take home. (handout also on our website)

Business Meeting: Eunice Nichols

Thank Ellen Honeycutt for her informative presentation.

Eunice did a power point presentation which detailed the Timeline for the second half of the year. She talked about each of the events that will take place from September to December. She ended with a humorous promotion of the deer repellent, Repellex. The first slide showed smiling deer which Eunice commented shows how happy the deer were after dining on her plants prior to using Repellex. Then she showed pictures of sad deer leaving her garden after the use of Repellex.

Programs: Eunice in place of Ed Straw

Eunice spoke about the upcoming programs during the Timeline Power Point Demonstration. On October 7, Robert Ramsay will talk about Georgia Legacy. There will also be Coffee in the Garden at Faye Webster's prior to the meeting. On November 4, we host Connie Cottingham who will talk about Favorite Deer Resistant Plants.

A&O's: Eunice in Place of Catherine Mann

Eunice talked about the A&O's in the Power Point Demonstration. On September 9 there is a Gibbs tour led by Erica Glasener Goldstein, and on October 29, a trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. Also coming up, a visit on November 11 to Rainbeau Orchids.

Woodland Garden Tour: Cindy Bonner and Lauren Grant

Lauren reminded us that the Woodland Garden Tour is coming up on September 12 and 13. The tour on the 12th is 10 to 4 and on the 13th 1 to 4. Five incredible gardens are featured: Ron and Nan Wilk's; John and Jean Lomax; Phil and Helen Carlock; Dave and Maureen Clapperton; and Dave and Julia Struve's. Tickets can be preordered or purchased at any of the gardens.

A Time To Share: Barbara Henry and Linda Ricklef

Eunice introduced Barbara Henry and Linda Ricklef as the new co-chairs for A Time To Share. They talked about thinking about what to contribute. Members can make something to share or purchase something to share. More information will follow at each meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jeri Ramo

Jeri did a power point demonstration to show the current monetary status of the club. She said the treasury is in great shape. We are currently meeting or exceeding our budgeted Income target and under-running our budgeted Expense target. The YE Cash End position is currently about \$800 better than our budgeted target. We have TWO key income events (Garden Tour and Time to Share) with a combined plan for \$4000 Income which will have a significant impact on our continued good posture.

This month's Cash Position is:

○	Cash Aug 1	= \$7600+	
○	Income	= \$370	New memberships + advanced Garden Tour sales
○	<u>Expense</u>	= \$100	<u>Programs, speaker</u>
○	Change	= \$270	
○	Cash Sept 1	= \$7900+	

Membership: Barbara Henry

Total membership: 185

Introduction of new members. Barbara asked the new members to stand and introduced them calling attention to the red string/ribbons on the lanyards.

There have been 244 hits on the website.

Door Prizes

Ellen Honeycutt contributed two plants to be given away as door prizes.

See you at the next general meeting on October 7 after coffee in Faye Webster's Garden

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Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Eunice Nichols for Teresa Keesecker
Recording Secretary