

**Minutes of Wildflower Bunch Garden Club Meeting (1)**  
**Big Canoe Clubhouse**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**Welcome and Remarks, Thank Cindy Bonner for Coffee in the Garden, Cell phones, Questions at end**

The meeting started at 10:00 am. Eunice asked if there were any visitors and welcomed everyone who came. She asked how many had visited Cindy Bonners enchanting garden for “Coffee in the Garden.” Then she mentioned that most people do not usually think of a cemetery for a garden tour and then asked Ed for our speakers introduction.

**Introduction of Sara Henderson: Ed Straw**

Ed said Sara Henderson is the Director of Gardens at Oaklands Cemetery, a garden educator, and an Atlanta native. Her own garden has been on many TV sites and tours. When a tornado came thru and did millions of dollars worth of damage to the cemetery, that is when she had an idea for a garden. Oakland was originally a six acre site but by 1867 had grown to 48 acres. It is a Victorian garden that was founded in 1850 and is about a mile from the heart of Atlanta. Victorians wanted it to be seen as a cemetery for the dead as well as the living. Oaklands is a showplace of sculpture and architecture and a botanical preserve for oaks and magnolias. In 1976, Oakland was placed on the National Register of Historic Places for its significance as a rural garden cemetery. There are 50,000 visitors a year! Oakland Cemetery is a public park, a garden, an active cemetery and a historic park with Victorian art. To find out more go to [www.oaklandcemetery.com](http://www.oaklandcemetery.com)

**Business Meeting: Eunice Nichols**

Thank Sara Henderson, “Oaklands Timeless Gardens”. Eunice thanked Sara for her presentation and said that Oakland is an unexpected treasure in the city.

Website: 183 hits over the month

Flash Feast, details, \$10 facility fee: Flash Feast takes place July 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will wear “all” white and bring their own food and drink. There is a \$10 dollar facility fee and the “Secret Destination” will be revealed one hour before it takes place. The sign-up sheets are out on table.

**Programs: Ed Straw**

There is NO July program.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, Crystal Merrell will be here to speak on, “20<sup>th</sup> Century Herbalism.”

### **A & O's: Catherine Mann**

Catherine thanked Joe DeFrancisco for sharing his bonsai garden.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a tour of the Georgia Mountain Ethnobotanic Gardens near Blairsville, Georgia. Ed will be leading the trip. Meet at Wildcat Recreation at 8:30 am. and be sure you wear comfy walking shoes.

The September tour will be at Gibbs Garden with Erika Goldstein, Director of Marketing. It will be a self guided tour.

### **Treasurer's Report: Jeri Ramo**

We are in good shape. We added \$162 dollars in membership and subtracted \$135 dollars cash out. We have just a little under \$8,000 in bank. As of May 31<sup>st</sup> two checks have yet to clear the bank.

### **Membership: Barbara Henry**

Total membership: 166 members 1 new

Intro of new members, call attention once again to the red string denoting new members: New member was asked to stand and then Barbara asked that we notice and welcome those with red ribbons. She also mentioned bringing friends to join.

### **Woodland Garden Tour: Cindy Bonner and Lauren Grant**

Cindy reminded us about the September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> garden tour. The tour on the 12<sup>th</sup> is from 10:00 – 4:00 and the 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. A big thank you to all participating and showing their five diverse gardens. The following is a list of the Woodland Gardens that you will be seeing:

1. Ron and Nan Wilk have a huge variety of hydrangeas in their front garden.
2. John and Jean Lomax have a garden that is like walking on a nature trail.
3. Phil and Helen Carlock have magnificent hardscaping and also a vegie garden.
4. Dave and Maureen Clapperton are weekenders but have a beautiful sustainable front garden.
5. Dave and Julia Struve's garden showcases stone-paths with rails to make it easier for walking.

## **A Time To Share: Judy Kaufman**

Judy said that it is never too early to be thinking about “A Time to Share.” Club members can bring something to sell, a craft, anything you love to do. Our goal is for everyone that is a member to give something! We need everyone's help to make this profitable.

## **Door Prizes**

Eunice said this is everyone's favorite part!! Giveaways...and then two names were drawn.

The next general meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup>, remember there is no July meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Teresa Keesecker  
Recording Secretary