

Minutes of Wildflower Bunch Garden Club Meeting (1)
Big Canoe Clubhouse
November 4th, 2015

Welcome and Remarks

Eunice welcomed all new and old members and told everyone to hold on to the paper with the green ribbon. The year has gone by so fast and today we are listening to our last speaker of the year. I have used the word “deer” so much since living here in Big Canoe. And the word is not being used in terms of endearment! We dream about deer and scheme against them. The word has even found its way into our financial report.

Please remember to turn off all cell phones.

Introduction of Shelly Prescott: Ed Straw

Ed introduced our speaker, Shelly Prescott, and his assistant, Mike Sikes. Shelly Prescott is Director of Horticulture and Curator at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Georgia. He joined in 2006. He has a BSA in Horticulture. His talk was on “Favorite Deer Resistant Plants.” Many pictures were shown and talked about and at the end of the program a “deer proof” plant list was available to pick up and take home.

Thank you to Shelly Prescott: Eunice Nichols

Eunice thanked Shelly Prescott and his assistant, Mike Sikes, for the most fabulous presentation and informative format.

Programs: Ed Straw

Our recent plant swap was held October 14th, 2015. Approximately 20 garden club members came. The weather started out rainy but turned out to be great weather as the day continued. There was plenty to eat and drink and we had great fellowship. Wednesday, December 2nd, is the Holiday Luncheon which will start at 12:15 prior to a “Time To Share.” There will be a cash bar with holiday specialty drinks. Two wine bottles, at each table, will be donated by the club for your enjoyment. The installation of officers will take place at the end.

A Time To Share: Barbara Henry and Linda Ricklef

Linda talked about how they needed help with donations. You can either make,

bake, or buy something. There will be about 10 to 15 items for the Silent Auction. Only cash or check will be accepted. No credit cards. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the lobby.

A&O's: Catherine Mann

On Wednesday, November 11th, we will be going to Rainbeau Orchids in Milton, Georgia. We will meet at the Wildcat Pavilion at 9:30 am. and eat lunch at “Union Restaurant.” Sign-up sheets are out front.

Treasury Report: Jeri Ramo

In the last “30” days there has not been much cash activity. A “Time To Share” will be coming and that is how we will achieve our goal for the year. Extra cash will be used to “up” donation amounts. There will be NO new recipients this year. Thanks to all for making this years budget work as well as it did.

Review of donations from 2014: Judy Kaufman

She talked about how this is the first year we have gone back to last years donation recipients to ask...”Did you spend it, do you want more, and how did you spend it?” Judy then showed a few pics of where the donation money went and how it was used this past year and told of the few that we will not be giving to this year.

Present Donations for 2015: Eunice Nichols

Eunice and Jeri met in October and made a list of proposed donations that the board reviewed at the October 28th meeting and was presented at todays' general meeting. The same list will go out via email today. That gives everyone an opportunity for feedback. Email Eunice with comments **before November 18, 2015. On November 18**, the board will review and vote at the board meeting. The final list will be announced at the Holiday Luncheon on December 2.

Membership: Barbara Henry

There are 186 members and 54 of that number are new. Also, please return “Time To Share” forms today or put in alpha box at Post Office.

Vote on Slate of Officers: Judy Kaufman

Judy first showed a list of nominations. There were no further nominations for the proposed slate for 2016. The slate was voted on and the elected slate positions were approved for 2016.

Remarks about “A Time To Share” and Holiday Luncheon: Eunice Nichols

Please come and spend money on December 2nd for “A Time To Share.” It is your support that allows us to give back to the community with your donations. Eunice then read off the scrolled invitation that everyone was handed. It was a delicious sounding menu with a holiday feel to it. Quite a popular entree at many restaurants today. Be sure to put your name at the bottom of the invitation and make out your check and give to Jeri Ramo. And thanks for your support!

Please continue to use the website to check time and dates for things or events coming up.

Door Prizes, Happy Thanksgiving, See you on December 2nd for our Big Finale...

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