



# Gulf Coast Garden Club

Southwest Florida's "growing" Garden Club

## Meeting Notes April 11, 2023 Bonita Bay Clubhouse

Meeting called to order at 11:12am. Laura Sullivan called meeting to order.

Anne Marie Dooley read poem.

Sue Master introduced new members: Robin Porter, Ruth Bethem and Nancy Hester.

Guests were also introduced: Zoe Shutka's daughter, Ashley; Patty Townsend's sister, Lynn; and Mary King's daughter, Carol Rice.

Members bought petite arrangements for their table and were given an opportunity to discuss design.

### **Installation of Officers:**

Patty Townsend, co-President is stepping down. Sue Masters is taking her place.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mary King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Anna Marie Dooley and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Nancy McPherson are retaining their positions.

Diane Schmidt will assume position of Treasurer. Thanks to Cheryl Kennedy for serving in this position previously.

Anina Bachrach announced that \$250. had been raised from the sale of items donated by Kathleen Forsman.

It is time to renew annual membership. Send membership renewal to: P.O. Box 94, Bonita Springs, FL 34133 with membership form—check current year and \$30 payment.

If there are any changes to your listing in the current directory, please let Anina Bachrach know so listing can be updated. Deadline is May 1, 2023.

Volunteers are needed to work table at monthly meetings in May, October and November.

District dues should be sent as soon as possible. They need to close their books.

May meeting will feature a presentation by Lee County waste management. You are encouraged to bring guests.

Pat Townsend said that it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Blue Star marker located at the corner of Reynolds and Old 41 in Bonita Springs. It is well tended.



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Zoe Shutka suggested that he be sent a thank you note.

Zoe also talked about the Vulcan Festival that she is organizing. It will be held in a local park in late November or early December. There will be a talk about bees and pollination.

She would like to have GCGC involved and possible have a member speak about native plants.

There will be music. No entry fee, just a donation. Laura suggested that a committee be formed to coordinate GCGC assistance with Zoe for the festival.

Zoe will be showing her art and jewelry.

Anina encouraged members to look at the sponsors in the GCGC directory. She asked that all members supports the sponsors as they help keep membership costs down.

Respectfully submitted  
Marilynn Doll  
Recording Secretary