

HARDY GARDEN CLUB
November 18, 2014
“Christmas at the Movies”
Broadmead 13801 York Rd.
Cockeysville, MD

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Beth Purvis, Barbara Gould, Fran Ober, Maureen Flynn, Allene Pierson, Gail Petersen, Bliss McCord, Emily Feary, Allison Williams, Maureen Flynn, Jane Hammann, Gretchen Carroll, Georgette Frederich, Gina Dowgiewicz, Pat Ginger, Ann Boyce, Nancy Hudson, Carolyn Taylor, Carol Warner, Kate Groom, Ann Turner Burger, Barbara Gould, Jane Love, Sue Perry, Ann Donnell Smith, Kitsie Burnett Nancy Powell, Joan Moore, Marianna Bacon, Ann Warfield, Cynthia Jillson.

BETH PURVIS welcomed everyone, and commented on how much the judges liked the flower show. The judges loved the schedule, and the creativity exhibited.

Beth announced that **Nancy Harrison won the zone judging award** at the meeting at the Maryland Club. Kitsie and Maureen did a fabulous arrangement for “Hairspray”.

Gail Peterson introduced her guest Bert Ficke.

Next meeting is December 16th – the boxwood Meals on Wheels project.

They are expecting 48 trees, so we will make them half the size of last year.

PLEASE BRING BOXWOOD! Joan Moore, Cynthia Jillson, Sue Perry, and Fran Ober volunteered to bring greens. Please bring decorations for the trees. The trees need to be taken to a church in Bolton Hill. We need boxes for transport.

REPORTS:

BLISS McCORD gave an update on zone “mini” meeting. GCA is always educational. Nancy’s award was presented, and it was her birthday. There was a photography show as well. The speaker talked on “Little Shop of Horticulture”. All zone awards were presented.

JANE LOVE – LADEW DECORATING. We have the dining room this year. Tuesday December 9 at 9:30am, we will gather there. “Christmas Dreams” is the theme. A sign up sheet was passed.

FRAN FLANIGAN – GCA CONSERVATION NEWS. Fran gave an update on conservation issues. Bees are a concern, although many of us do not have room for bee hives in our yards. She will go to Washington in February 23-26 for a zone meeting if anyone is interested in going. GCA run gathering. There is always a registration fee.

Joan Miller – Horticulture report. Joan talked about **pollinators**. Honey bee is not a native bee, so people are looking for alternatives. Birds, bats, some moths, flies, beetles are pollinators. To increase the population 1- plant a pollinator garden with a variety of colors. 2- build a bee block. (Drill holes in a piece of wood.) 3- reduce use of pesticides. Try to use the least deadly ones. Joan will repeat these suggestions in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Allene Pierson