HARDY GARDEN Club

June 14, 2016

Diana Ingraham’s Home

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Kurz, Bliss McCord, Emily Fearey, Gretchen Carroll, Carrol Warner, Joan Moore, Joan Miller, Donna Reid, Nancy Powell, Joan Hammond, Jane Hammann, Dee Baker, Ann Turner Berger, Barbara Stone, Pat Ghingher, Gail Petersen, Allene Pierson, Maureen Flynn, Holly Faus, Beth Purvis, Leslie Aronson, Kate Groom, Nancy Hudson, Marcie Watts, Mary Jo Wagandt, Ann Boyce, Maria Eagan, Jane Love, Sue Perry, Ann Donnell Smith, Mariana Bacon, Gina Dowgiewicz

Guests - Louise Sunde

REPORTS:

BARBARA GOULD - Plants were brought by a few members to share with others. If you wish to make a donation for any of the plants that is fine or you may just take them.

Allium - they are collecting allium for the GCA annual meeting. If you have any please cut them and hang them to dry. They will be used for the fireworks display at the Awards dinner. Please sign your name on the sign up sheet if you can contribute allium.

GCA Scarf - please sign up if you are interested in purchasing the annual meeting scarf. They are $125.

Nancy Powell, Beth Purvis and Carol Warner - nominating committee. Please let them know if you have any suggestions for offices. They will present their slate in February 2017.

#### Guilford Garden Club has thrown their hat in the ring for the 2017 GCA Founders Fund project. They have asked us to be their seconding club and we accepted. The project is the development of a guidance plan for restoration of the Bare Hills Serpentine Barrens, an endangered ecosystem in Lake Roland.

#### Barbara handed out a questionnaire. Please fill it out and get it back to her.

Martha Gardiner, the Zone VI Vice chairman, visited our May meeting and sent the following note, “Thank you for allowing me to be a guest today with Hardy. Make it a habit to go to the GCA website and become familiar with Visiting Gardens. It is a privilege for us to take advantage of this”.

JANE LOVE - Zone VI Mini meeting Update (Thursday, October 27, 2016) - Invitations are due to GCA by July 1. We will need help leading up to the meeting. Gregory Weideman is now the speaker. After lunch there will be an optional tour of Hampton Mansion.

ALLENE PIERSON - Ways and Means - We voted to make notecards out of photographs from our last Photography Show to sell at the Mini Meeting. Please email your photos to Gail Peterson (in their original format). If you have photos from the fall show feel free to send those to her as well.

JOAN MOORE - The budget is in good shape this year. We started in the red, but we ended the year in the black. Thank you for profits from the bulb sale (Joan Miller) and for not over spending on other events.

BETH PURVIS - GCA Mtg. Transportation (May 4-7) - Allene Pierson is co-chairing with Beth. They have been working for over 6 months to figure out what bus company to use and are in the process of securing contracts now. This is a huge undertaking as there are several gardens tours on Friday and Saturday, Zone dinners and more. We will need everyone’s help next Spring with chase cars and other things. Stay tuned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

CAROL WARNER - Community Service

Meadowood Garden has been very successful. Ladew committee did a great job decorating with no cost to the club due to donations from members. Miniature boxwood trees were a success. Other service: Table arrangements for Parks for People and Pickersgill planters. If you have any suggestions for other opportunities please let Carol know.

FRAN FLANIGAN - CONSERVATION

Fran is the GCA rep but she is going off this June. Hardy’s Conservation Committee is small but we would like to see it grow. The club had a joint meeting with six other clubs at the Ag Center to hear speaker Diane Lewis which was a great success. National Parks and Pollinators are conservation topics important to GCA this year. GCA has partnered with Audubon Society to talk about climate change in a program called Step Up. Every GCA club is encouraged to do something in the way of climate change education.

ALLISON WILLIAMS - PROGRAMS

After a very successful year we are busy planning next year. Opening meeting is Tuesday, September 13 with Kathy Hudson, author of Walnut Hill.

JOAN MILLER - HORT

Focused on the decline of the pollinator population. Hardy won the Aunt Betty Award at the Daffodil show. Bulb sales were popular.

Open garden for Day Lillies at Joan Miller’s home - JULY 8, 9-5 and JULY 10, 2-5.

CLUB AWARDS were given to the following:

Mrs. Charles W. Wainwright Award - Leslie Aronson

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Ellen George Love Award - Gina Dowgiewicz and Emily Fearey

Elizabeth Luck Hammond Award - Kitsie Burnett

Rachel Hawks Memorial Award - Carol Warner

Jane Kelley Smith Memorial Challenge Cup - Beth Purvis

Hallie Carrington Brent Award - Anne Donnell Smith

Mrs. Joseph Matthews, Jr. Award - Pat Ghingher

Mrs. Charles Binford Award - Anne Donnell Smith

Montgomery-Binford Award - Anne Donnell Smith

Margaret Dunn Lynch Memorial Award - Carol Warner

Executive Committee Awards -

Sue Nickols Williamson Award - Nancy Powell

Mrs. J. Grosett Yearley Award - Joan Miller

Agnes Jackson O’Donnell Memorial Trophy - Beth Purvis and Gail Peterson

Greenway Trophy - Kitsie Burnett

Frances Jackson Jones Award - Allison Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Fearey