



**Coastal Gardeners Meeting  
Millville By the Sea:  
May 19, 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

**Program:**

Members met at Bearhole Farms for a flowerpot filling activity, followed by shared refreshments.

**Business Meeting:**

**Ways and Means: Michele Crane/Renee Simons**

- Michele reminded committee/project chairs to be mindful of staying within budgets since fundraising is becoming more difficult.
- Michele raised the possibility of renting the Crab Shack (MBTS) for a crab feast event, possibly on September 19.
- Michele also indicated that a bake sale may be scheduled

**Executive Committee Reports**

**Co-Presidents: Ruth Boggs/Michele Crane**

- Ruth welcomed visitors and new member Sue Furman, and thanked Bearhole Farms for an enjoyable activity.
- Ruth reiterated Michele's comments regarding the need for committees to be careful with spending, and for committee chairs to look at possible budget cuts.
- There was a discussion of the need for liability insurance for our club, and how to afford this. Sandy Daniels suggested consulting the Bethany Chamber of Commerce for information on this. Ruth will look for more information to share.
- The Documents Review Task Force plans to send an email with proposed changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules to members in August for review. This will be followed by a membership vote on the proposed changes at September's meeting.
- Michele reported that the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs is having a conference in October in Cambridge, MD. Members can contact Ruth for more information if interested.
- Lynne White discussed the need for many volunteers for the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour. Members can invite nonmember friends to help. Check the calendar invite for details.
- Ruth stated that there is a DFGC meeting in Dover on June 18.

**Co-Vice Presidents: Sandy Daniels/Renee Simons**

- Greg Tapper will present a program at our Salted Vines social on June 16.

**Treasurer: Linda Barbour (with Sue Jordan consulting)**

- Linda provided a record of club financial transactions since last month

Check.	Date.	Transaction	Amount	Balance
		Balance Forward	\$0.00	\$7,428.25
#770	4/21/2025	Scott Freedman speaker	-\$50.00	\$7,378.25
#771	4/22/2025	C.Veale – refresh/beach grass	-\$16.06	\$7,362.19
#772	4/22/2025	J. Martin - Tech Soup	-\$18.00	\$7,344.19
#773	4/25/2025	L. Barbour - stamps	-\$14.60	\$7,329.59
	4/25/2025	Payment/DFGC luncheon (4)	\$160.00	\$7,489.59
	4/26/2025	Porto D/D	\$350.00	\$7,839.59
	4/26/2025	Bookmark sales	\$9.00	\$7,848.59
	4/28/2025	Dues (28)	\$1,120.00	\$8,968.59
#774	5/6/2025	DFGC - annual dues (29)	-\$290.00	\$8,678.59
	5/7/2025	Dues (1)	\$40.00	\$8,718.59

- Linda stated that we also made a payment of \$201.60 to Inland Bays.

**Secretary: Cathy Veale**

- Cathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April’s meeting; a motion was made, seconded, and members voted to approve the minutes.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Awards: Cathy Veale**

- No report

**Membership: Robin Zagone/Lynne White**

- We have a new member: Sue Furman

**Ways and Means: Michele Crane/Renee Simons**

- (Michele presented this report at an earlier point in the meeting.)

**Nominating: Cheryl Quirk**

- No report

**Newsletter: Pat Rainer/Tina Siatkowski**

- Pat thanked members for photos. The next newsletter will be in July. Members can send Pat and Tina requests for article topics and can also send photos of their own home gardens to be in the newsletter.

**Social: Joyce Keller Uy/Susan Dohony:**

- Joyce provided information for the event at Salted Vines on June 16. Members should bring a dish to share and may bring a non-alcoholic drink. We will have no meeting. Speaker Greg Tapper will present information on the “Seasonal Appeal of Plants”. Members can purchase wine if desired. Michele will send out an invite for this event.

## Community Projects: Bev Bois/Chris Coppa

- **Adopt A Highway (Jackie Dietrich/Joyce Keller Uy):** Jackie will be sending out upcoming dates for cleanup.
- **Beach and Bay Cottage Tour (Lynne White/Jenn Martin):** Lynne discussed this project at an earlier point in the meeting.)
- **Beach Grass Planting (Janet Green/Sandy Daniels):** no report
- **Beebe Pots (Jenn Martin):** Pat reported that we will continue to need to check on and provide maintenance for the plants even though the irrigation system is now working. The committee will check on the signups for this project.
- **Dagsboro (Jackie Dietrich/Bev Bois):** Bev reported that the Town Hall staff has inquired about our club undertaking a project involving removing a fallen tree from the nearby cemetery. Members present expressed that our club is not able to undertake such a project.
- **HFHK (Mary Kunst):** No report
- **Backpacks for Kids (Cheri Farkosh/Mary Alice McNamara):** no report
- **OCC (Sandy Daniels/Lili Oller/Ruth Boggs):** no report.
- **Roxana Cheer Center (Bonnie Roll):** Bonnie is investigating ideas for an activity with these seniors. Michele suggested creating watercolor bookmarks and noted that our club already has some of the needed supplies. Bonnie will keep members posted regarding details for a planned activity.
- **Tower Road (Sandy Daniels/Mary Kunst):** Sandy reported that cleanup took place on May 13, and planting was scheduled for May 20. Sandy indicated that the State Park administration is aware that our club will not be watering the garden, and she will follow up with the State on this.

*Meeting Adjourned*  
*Submitted by Cathy Veale*

## Additional Information

### CG 2025 Meeting Dates:

June 16,2025

July (no meeting)

August 18, 2025-Executive Board and Committee Co-chairs

September 15, 2025

October 20,2025

November 17, 2025

December 8, 2025-Executive Board and Committee Co-chairs

### DFGC Meeting Dates:

June 18, 2025

### Passwords:

Coastal Gardeners Website-Coastal123

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs Website-DFGC-3210

The new password for the CAR-SGC members' area on the webpage is 2325@CARegion  
(CAR-SGC is the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs)