

Coastal Gardeners
Meeting Minutes
Bear Hole Farms
May 8, 2026

Program: Club members and guests used supplies provided by Bear Hole Farms to fill planters to take home.

Business Meeting: Renee Simons led the meeting.

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded, and those present voted to approve the minutes.
- Sandy Daniels reported on some updates regarding the club's involvement with planting at Holt's Landing. We would provide the soil and plantings and do the work to install the garden(s). Members at the meeting voiced approval of moving forward with this project. Bev Boies suggested looking into using succulents, which would be hardy during droughts. It was also suggested that the club would prep an area now and perhaps plant in the fall. Sandy noted that club members need to think about being chairs for this project. Also, Sandy plans to talk to Greg Tepper for plant suggestions. (New members may be interested to know that Greg Tepper is a professional horticulturist, lecturer, and consultant, who has participated in many events and programs with our club).
- A Hot Dog sale is scheduled for May 23rd, Memorial Day weekend at the Millville by the Sea pool. This was a very successful fundraiser last year. The proceeds for the sale will go towards the proposed garden at the Dover Air Force Base.
- The boat cruise is planned for June 15th. The boat leaves from the Lewes Dock, by the Irish Eyes restaurant. Members should be there by 6:45; we can bring our own food and drink. Renee Simons will send out the invite again, with instructions on how to indicate if a member is bringing guests.
- The next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is scheduled for May 16th at 9:00 am.
- Tower Rd. Sandy Daniels reported that the Spring cleanup took place on May 5th, and that planting is scheduled for May 12th at 9:00 am. Helpers are welcome.
- Beebe Pots. Pat reports that planting for the pots will take place on May 16th. Those who can help with this should meet at Beebe at around 12:30. This project needs volunteers to help with watering the pots. Volunteers can let Pat know if they need help with using the hose for watering. Pat will try to get some info regarding the irrigation for the pots.
- Biden Center. We have been told that our club will help with planting the week of May 12th, but are waiting to be told on which date(s).
- Dagsboro Town Hall. Spring plantings and decorations have been added, and will continue to be updated seasonally.
- Backpacks. Mary Alice McNamara clarified that club members and the community can donate items by dropping them in the bin which will be located at Inland Bays Garden Center, as in previous years. A list of the supplies needed will be given to Mary Alice to share with our club. It was suggested that a flier be created that members can distribute

or display in their neighborhoods to provide information and encourage participation from the community.

- Membership. Ruth Boggs reported that the member recipe collection will soon be ready to be added to the club website.
- Beach and Bay. Sandy Daniels reminded everyone that nine members of our club are planning to participate as guides for this event on 7/22 or 7/23, and that others are able to volunteer also if interested.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by
Cathy Veale