

Coastal Gardeners Meeting
Millville By the Sea Clubhouse
February 16, 2025
Minutes

Sandy Daniels welcomed guests, and also our guest speaker.

Program: Felipe Martin of All Cap Farms presented an informative program on mushrooms, and also provided an opportunity for members to purchase some of his products.

Business Meeting:

Executive Committee Reports

President: Michele Crane

- Michele reported that she and Ruth Boggs plan on going to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 2. If anyone is interested in driving with them, let her know.
 - Some members are working on a centerpiece for the DFCG “challenge” for the State meeting in April. Michele motioned for the club to provide a budget of \$100 for the project. This motion was seconded and voted upon, with members present approving.
- The Lord Baltimore Women’s Club has asked local garden clubs to create centerpieces for a fundraiser which would benefit local charities including schools and food banks. Members present at the meeting indicated that there was no interest in participating at this time.
- Sandy reported that a class on container planting is scheduled at Inland Bays Garden Center in April.
- Joyce noted that a container planting activity for the club is planned at Bear HOle Farm on May 8th.
- Michele introduced our new member Beth DeFrances.
- Jenn Martin, Cherie Farkosh, and Mary Zimmerman are leaving the club. These ladies will be missed.

Co-Vice Presidents: Sandy Daniels/Renee Simons

- No report

Treasurer: Linda Barbour (with Sue Jordan consulting)

- Linda discussed the scholarship fund, and encouraged members to contribute so that she can submit a donation of \$100. We are close to that amount now.
- Linda provided a record of our club finances since November 17,2025.**Balance Forward \$6,845.94**

Check	Date	Description	Project	Amount	Balance
#801	11/17/25	M. Crane-plants	Beebe	-44.46	\$6,801.48
#802	11/17/25	Chris Rainer	speaker	-50.00	\$6,751.48
#803	11/20/25	M. Crane	DFGC luncheon (2)	-\$110.00	\$6,641.48
#804	11/20/25	M.Crane	cable/computer	-\$14.99	\$6,626.49

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#805	11/20/25	M. Kunst/cookie	OCC	\$570.70	\$6,046.79
#806	11/22/25	T.Siatkowski/Hand cream/tape	OCC	\$180.82	\$5,865.97
#807	11/23/25	Sussex Co.Master Gardener	speaker	\$50.00	\$5,815.97
Credit	11/23/25	#760 lost in mail		\$50.00	\$5,865.97
	11/24/25	DFGC Award for OCC		\$100.00	\$5,965.97
#808	12/06/25	L. Barbour/sandwiches	Social	\$50.00	\$5,915.97
#809	12/08/25	S. Daniels/candy&pencils	OCC	\$164.72	\$5,751.25
#810	12/08/25	C. Veale	Awards	\$12.39	\$5,738.86
	12/09/25	The Station D&D 50/50		\$270.00	\$6,008.86
#811	12/16/25	S. Daniels/pouches	OCC	\$50.96	\$5,948.90
	12/16/25	The Station/D&D		\$219.83	\$6,168.73
	12/16/25	Marcia Scott Dues		\$40.00	\$6,208.73
#812	12/17/25	S. Daniels/oranges	OCC	\$40.00	\$6,168.73
	12/17/25	Sip and Shop proceeds		\$2,953.92	\$9,122.65
#813	12/29/25	DFGC member/Scott		\$10.00	\$9,112.65
	1/22/26	B. DeFrances Dues		\$25.00	\$9,137.65
#814	1/26/26	DFGC member/DeFrances		\$10.00	\$9,127.65
#815	2/12/26	M. Crane member badges		\$48.36	\$9,079.26

Secretary: Cathy Veale

- No report

Standing Committee Reports

Membership: Lynne White/Robyn Zagone

- Linda B. thanked Michele C. for the new magnetic badges for members.
- Ruth Boggs is joining the Membership Committee.
- Ruth asks that members send recipes to her which have been shared at club functions, which she would like to compile and distribute to members. **Fundraising:**

Michele Crane/Renee Simons

- A Dine and Donate fundraiser is planned for April 14th at Matt's Fish Camp in Fenwick from 3pm to closing. Michele will send out a request for volunteers. • There will be a bake sale at MBTS on the Friday before July 4th; with hot dogs, chips, and baked goods for sale. This was a very successful event last year.
- A plant swap may take place in the Fall.

Nomination Committee: Mary Kunst

- Members are asked to inform Mary if they would like to change their status as a current chair of a committee.

- Information about club committees is available on our Coastal Gardeners Website.

Social: Janet Green/Joyce Keller Uy/Susan Dohony

- A discussion took place regarding the “Blue Poppy” event at Longwood Gardens, taking place March 18-31. March 24 was mentioned as a good date. Tickets need to be ordered in advance and carpooling arranged. Some members reported that the actual display of blue poppies for this event is very small. ● There will be a container planting activity at Bear Hole Farms on Friday, May 8th at 3:00. The cost is \$35. This was a club activity last year. Signup info will be emailed to members.
- A wreathmaking activity is scheduled for December 3 at Bear Hole Farms. The cost is \$40. Signup info will be emailed.
- The Committee looked into Cape Water Tours in Lewes, which offers Seal Watching cruises and sunset cruises. These are 90 minute cruises, with a cost of \$28-\$30. BYOB. The members present discussed when would be the best time to schedule a cruise.
- There was a discussion regarding a flower arranging activity for the club. Members present seemed interested in having a flower arranging presentation by a professional.
- Susan reported that members have not been signing up to bring sandwiches for the meetings. \$50 is budgeted to make or order sandwiches. A signup sheet at the meetings will be used going forward to see if that encourages people to sign up to bring these refreshments.
- Susan discussed a possible field trip to Abbots Mill in Milford as a possible club activity. The site includes gardens and trails.

Webmasters: Bonnie Roll

- Marianne Johnson volunteered to help Bonnie with this committee.

Facebook: Lynne White

- There was some discussion regarding possible reasons that people have not posted much lately. Suggestions for this included not many club activities with the holidays and bad weather.
- Members were reminded that FB posts must be ok'd by Lynne before the post will appear in the feed.

Newsletter: Pat Rainer/Tina Siatkowski/Linda Barbour

- Pat reported that the next newsletter will be sent out the beginning of March. Members should continue to send items of interest for the newsletter.

Awards: Cathy Veale

- Michele Crane and Marianne Johnson have volunteered to be on this committee.

At this point in the meeting, there was a discussion of a garden club debit card, and whether having one is useful. There was no decision on any action to take.

Community Projects: Bev Boies/Chris Coppa

- ***Adopt A Highway (Jackie Dietrich/Joyce Keller Uy)***: Jackie will have dates for cleanups by next month
- ***Beach and Bay Cottage Tour (Lynne White)***: Michele suggested that we could do this as a social activity, if someone would like to organize it. She will find out if our club has already made a commitment to help with this event.
- ***Beach Grass Planting (Janet Green/Mary Alice McNamara)***: This event will take place on March 21, probably at Indian River. The committee would like to have about 15 volunteers . Signup info will be emailed.
- ***Tower Road (Sandy Daniels)***: The Park would like us to continue to care for the landscaped area there. We have a club budget of \$300. Sandy explained to members what our involvement in this project entailed, and that last summer, we watered the plants there 8 times. Sandy also reported that the Park administrators discussed a possible project at Holts Landing State Park.
- ***Operation Christmas Cheer (Sandy Daniels/Lili Oller/Tina Siatkowski)***: Sandy reported that 20 members helped fill the bags to distribute this year. The club will have more discussion about our involvement in this project in the coming year.
- ***Beebe Pots (Pat Ranier/Cathy Veale)***: The committee has met to plan spring planting and care of the pots. Members are encouraged to use the signup on the club website to participate in caring for the pots at the ER/Cancer Center.
- ***Dagsboro (Jackie Dietrich/Bev Boies)***: Jackie reports that the Valentine decorations are being taken down and St. Patrick's Day decorations will be added.
- ***Biden Center (Terry Czerwinski)***:
 - Our club will be part of the planting crew, sometime in March.
 - ***HFHK (Mary Kunst)***: No report
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Deb Kleiner informed members that she will present a "Winter Sowing" program at our March meeting. She asks that members bring gardening gloves, and she will bring the other supplies.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cathy Veale

Additional Information:

Passwords:

Coastal Gardeners Website-Gardeners123

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs Website-DFGC-3210