



**Coastal Gardeners Meeting
Millville by the Sea Clubhouse
March 17, 2025**

Program:

Lisa Swanger, Director of Outreach and Education, DE Center for Inland Bays discussion on Connectivity

Business Meeting

Co- President Ruth Boggs Opening Remarks:

- Pat Rainer wore the most green for St. Pats Day!
- Mary Barnaby– Guest may be joining as a new member in April.
- Coastal Gardeners now has it's own Zoom account. We can use this for small meetings as well as our monthly meeting. We are investigating Companion AI which will summarize the meeting for us and may eliminate the need for note taking.
- Bylaws and standing rules will be updated: Mary, Cathy, Ruth, Cheryl, Darlene, Lynne and MaryAnne will work on these. Target date of May to present back to the club
- Ruth looking into options for liability insurance.

Co VP- Sandy Daniels:

- Scott Freedman will be our April Speaker and May will be the On site container gardening at Inland Bays.

Co Treasurer: Linda Barbour & Sue Jordan

- Coastal Gardeners sent DFGC a check for \$114 for the contribution for scholarships
- **Linda will be collecting annual dues next month for \$40, check or cash. Our club dues are paid to DFGC to maintain our standing in the Federation of Garden Clubs**
- Sue stated that the carry over from prior year of \$2600 will need to go to Operation Christmas Cheer.
- The Dine & Donate money will go to projects in general (i.e. not targeting specific projects)
- Added \$1000 for speaker fees which may help get more expert speakers
- Current budget will cover \$50/month for our meals during our monthly meetings
- Sue mentioned that we need to break even each year rather than carry any money over since we are a non profit club
- Dagsboro will get \$500 in total for 2025 an increase of \$400.

Standing Committees:

Awards – No updates

Facebook- Lynne White and Brenda Ring

- Cleaned up the site, eliminating outside groups from posting.
- Will link Instagram to FB.

Hospitality & Social- Susan Dohony

- Janet Cash will step up to cochair with Susan as Joyce is traveling.
- Janet and Susan will determine how to manage the food budget for the meetings.

Membership

- Currently we have 30 members with a few more that have expressed interest in joining

Nominating Committee- Cheryl Quirk

- All open positions are filled. Michele Crane will be the new Co President and Renee Simons will be the new Co VP beginning May 1,2025. These will be 2 year terms and can be extended for another 2 years.
- Cheryl is looking for 3 people for nominating committee for 2027. Would like to get these people in place now.
- Standing committee chairs should find their own replacements after their 2 year terms are up or they can extend for another 2 years.
- Project chairs can stay as long as they want.

Newsletter- Pat Rainer, Tina Siatkowski and Linda Barbour

- Pat sent the recent newsletter into DFGC.

Ways and Means- Michele Crane and Renee Simons

- Dine & donate April 2, 2025. Clayton Theater and Portos Restaurant. Movie will be “Last Breath”. We will raffle off 1 of the baskets and possibly 50/50. Michele will be looking for volunteers. Venmo (QR code) will not work.
- May use baskets to raffle for the June Session when Gregg Tepper will speak at the Arboretum. This session is open to spouses.

Community Projects

- Adopt a highway – Jackie Dietrich: dates are set: 5/17, 9/4 and 10/18.
- Beach & Bay Cottage Tour- Lynne White stepping down as Chair, Chris Coppa and Jenn Martin will remain as CoChairs
- Beach Grass Planting – Successful. Mini tailgate new this year! 11 CG members attended.
- Beebe Pots- Jenn Martin & Cathy Veale –new soaker hose irrigation will be put in before spring/summer planting. Pots will be spruced up this week to freshen up after winter
- Dagsboro -Jackie Dietrich & Bev Boies
- HFHK- Mary Kunst & Darlene Boerlage –CG volunteers will open gardens next Friday at 10am.
- Operation Christmas Cheer – Sandy Daniels, Lili Oiler & Ruth Boggs
- Roxana CHEER Center – Bonnie Roll stepped up to be cochair. Still need Chair.
- Tower Rd- Mary Kunst & Sandy Daniels- Still waiting to hear any changes regarding watering.
- Backpack for Kids- Cherie Farkosh & Mary Alice McNamara- they are starting to collect items for the backpacks.
- Future projects – Lynne White approached by the S Coastal Library about taking care of their pots. Blue Star Memorial also potential project.

Next monthly meeting:

- April 21, 2025.

DFGC Meeting:

- April 16, 2025 at the Kings Creek Country Club. Cost is \$40/pp. Registration begins on 3/24. Checks should go to Linda Barbour.