



**Coastal Gardeners Meeting  
Millville By the Sea:  
November 17 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

**Program:**

Chris Rainer is the Education & Development Specialist at Homestead Gardens, an independent garden center based in Davidsonville, MD. Chris gave an informative presentation on Bonsai Plants. Chris is also the son of member Pat Rainer. (Member Darlene Boerlage noted that there is a Bonsai Club which meets at Inland Bays Garden Center.)

**Business Meeting:**

**Executive Committee Reports**

**President: Michele Crane**

- Michele introduced a guest, Marsha Scott.
- Ruth Boggs made a motion to approve the minutes from October's meeting. The motion was seconded and the members voted to approve the minutes.
- Michele informed members that there is a DFGC meeting on Wednesday for club Presidents. The gift basket put together by CG club members will be presented then to be auctioned off with proceeds going towards the Presidents' fund.
- Michele asked that if any members are interested in acting as club co-president along with Michele, to please contact her.
- Cathy Veale spoke briefly about her favorite plant in her garden, which was pictured in a recent issue of the club newsletter.

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

- No report

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

- Linda was unable to attend the meeting but asks members who have bought items for the OCC gift bags, to please send her an email or text listing the item(s) and the cost, if you have not already done so. If you are donating the item(s), there is no need to send receipts. She will need receipts only for those of you wanting reimbursement.
- Linda provided a record of club financial transactions since last month.

Balance Forward                      \$7475.91

Check.	Date.	Description	Project	Amount	Balance
#798	10/20/25	S. Daniels	OCC	-566.71	6909.20
#799	10/20/25	M. Crane /refreshments	Social	-50.28	6858.92
#800	10/20/25	R. Boggs/DFGC basket		-12.98	6845.94

### **Secretary: Cathy Veale**

- No report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Membership: Lynne White/Robyn Zagone**

- Lynne reported that there are currently 34 members.

#### **Fundraising: Michele Crane/Renee Simons**

- A Dine and Donate is planned for December 3rd at the THE STATION in Fenwick Island from 3-9 pm. Volunteers are needed. If you have an ornament for the tree which we are raffling off, let Michele know. Darlene volunteered to put together a wine crate which can also be a raffle item.

#### **Newsletter: Pat Rainer/Tina Siatkowski/Linda Barbour**

- The next publication will be pushed out the first week in January. Tina and Pat would like to feature holiday wreaths that adorn homes from members. Please forward your pictures to either Tina, Linda, or Pat before December 15th with any pictures or other information.
- We have submitted the paperwork for an award for our first year of the Newsletter .
- The committee wishes to encourage members to send photos of their gardens and related activities. A little prize may be in store for contributors!

#### **Social: Janet Green/Joyce Keller Uy/Susan Dohony:**

- Janet discussed the holiday social, scheduled for January 19 at 5:00 pm. Janet has offered to host the potluck event at her home. It is BYOB, and there will be a “White Elephant “ swap; (members can bring a white elephant item or a new item of no more than \$10 value, if they wish). More details are forthcoming.
- The January social event will include a brief business meeting.
- Janet also shared the results of the recent survey to assess members’ interest in various social activities. More details will be determined for the activities which generated the most interest.
- In 2026 we will switch to online signup for refreshments for meetings. There was discussion indicating that the “make your own sandwich” idea at tonight’s meeting worked well.

#### **Webmasters: Bonnie Roll and Jenn Martin**

- Bonnie continues to update the webpage, and requests that members send some current photos to freshen up the page.

#### **Awards: Cathy Veale**

- The awards committee submitted 11 applications to DFGC for 2025 awards, meeting the deadline for submission of November 15. Thanks to all who helped with preparing the applications. We have an extension to submit an application for an award for our OCC project in December. Winners will be announced at the state meeting which will take place in the summer.

#### **Community Projects: Bev Bois/Chris Coppa**

- ***Adopt A Highway (Jackie Dietrich/Joyce Keller Uy):*** no update
- ***Beach and Bay Cottage Tour (Lynne White/Jenn Martin):*** Jenn reports that the tour dates this year are July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ***Beach Grass Planting (Janet Green/Sandy Daniels):*** no report

- **Beebe Pots (Jenn Martin/Cathy Veale):** Jenn reported that the plants are doing well, except for one Hellebore which seems to have been pulled out. Holiday decorations will soon be added. Maryanne Johnson noted that care is needed when pulling out dead plants which can be stuck in the irrigation tubing.
- **Biden Center (Terry Czerwinski):** Michele plans to send out photos of progress on this project.
- **Dagsboro (Jackie Dietrich/Bev Bois):** The plot will be decorated for the December holidays after Thanksgiving.
- **HFHK (Mary Kunst):** No report
- **Backpacks for Kids (Cheri Farkosh/Mary Alice McNamara):** no report
- **OCC (Sandy Daniels/Lili Oller/Tina Siatkowski):** Tina and Sandy are scheduled to appear on the "Coast Life" program on WRDE on November 19<sup>th</sup> to talk about OCC. Sandy discussed advertising for the upcoming Sip-n-Shop, and indicated that there is a fundraising goal of \$4200.
- **Roxana Cheer Center (Bonnie Roll):** no report
- **Tower Road (Sandy Daniels/Mary Kunst):** no report
- **Philip Showell Backpacks for Kids (Cherie Farkosh/Robyn Zagone/Tina Siatkowski/Mary Alice McNamara):** no report

*Meeting Adjourned  
Submitted by Cathy Veale*

### **Additional Information**

#### **CG 2025 Meeting Dates:**

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

#### **Passwords:**

Coastal Gardeners Website-Gardeners123

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs Website-DFGC-3210