

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
Fall Board Meeting – October 15, 2012

The Finance Committee met prior to today's 10 am board meeting.

The Fall Board Meeting of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by GCII President Robyn McCarthy at 10 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Ashley Inn in Cascade ID.

Pledge of Allegiance – Char Zarbnisky. Inspiration – Marge Cojerean. Welcome – Jan Morrison.

Prez Robyn introduced the GCII officers, Pacific Region advisor Sandra Ford, and past state presidents Louisa Cone and Sandra Ford.

Twenty-five (25) were present. The Chair declared a quorum.

Committee to Approve Minutes: Jodene Caldwell, Pat Peutz.
Minute Minders: Helen Posluszny and Cleo Morton
Tellers – Gerry Wisdom and Char Zarbnisky
Page – Carole Hearne

Prez Robyn announced the following committee appointments: Nominating Committee - Edith Cole; Botanical Gardens – Vicki Murphy

The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. October 17, 2011 were approved as read.

Report of Officers:

President, Robyn McCarthy. NGC Awards: ● Allen Deitz of Ada Gardeners was chosen from the Pacific Region as recipient of the Members Award of Honor for his excellence in Design and Horticulture. ● Idaho Horticulture Society 2nd place in “Planting for Public and Special Places” for \$150; Scholarship for \$3500 to Virginia Batha, University of Idaho graduate student.

President Robyn announced a prize for the club who grows in the most new members by May 1, 2013. ● Club Presidents – remember our Pacific Region Directors project “Looking In, Reaching Out”. Send your club activities, donations and hours to the Pacific Region by November 15.

Maxine Smolowitz, Treasurer, reviewed the GCII Finance Committee Report, October 15, 2012 (handout; placed on file).

Audit Report – June 2011-2012. Jerry McCarthy outlined his auditing procedure and found the information to be accurate and true.

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District Directors: Clearwater – Jodene Caldwell; Southeast – Rosalyn McCandless (for Constance Blyth); Southwest – Inez Thomason (reports on file).

Reports of Committee Chairs: (Reports received were placed on file.) Arboretum, Awards, Blue Star, Butterflies, Environmental Awareness, Flower Show Schools, *Gem State Gardeners*, Historian, Membership, Ornaments, Scholarship.

2012 Pacific Region Awards – Maxine Smolowitz. • Nezperce Garden Club – Website, Facebook and calendar; Garden Therapy; Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest; •Valley Garden Club – Yearbook; •Moscow – yearbook. •Idaho Horticulture Society - yearbook and Standard Flower Show Schedule; •GCII newsletter “*Gem State Gardeners*”, State Year Book (The Blue Book) and 2011 State Convention Program; GCII website, fundraising flyer; scholarship \$1000 awarded to University of Idaho student Christina Leid. • (GCII state awards published in previous issue of *Gem State Gardeners*.)

2011 State Ornament – Louisa Cone. 52 ornaments remain unsold. Available to those present today for \$18.00 @. Jan Morrison moved that we reduce the price to \$18 each for the Flynn Western Store. Seconded and carried.

Amendments to the Blue Book – Maxine. The following amendments to the GCII Policies and Procedures (Blue Book) will be submitted to the 2013 GCII Convention for vote: GCII Dues Increase and Allocation; President and Vice President Duties: Travel; Proxy Voting at Annual Meeting Defined; Proxy Statement on Membership Form revised; changes to Awards Rules, Award Offered and Awards Chair Duties. These changes were published in full in the October 2011 and February 2012 issues of the *Gem State Gardeners*. Club Presidents with questions, contact Maxine Smolowitz.

2012 Convention Report – Inez Thomason reported on the 2012 GCII Convention in Boise. Total attendance 55. Total income \$7725.75. Expenses \$4706.96.

2014 Pacific Region Convention – Sandra Ford. The Pacific Region Convention “*A Jewel in the Gem State*” will be held June 30-July 3 in 2014 at the Coeur d’Alene Resort in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Rooms will be made available for \$139 per night (reserve by May 21, 2014). Sandy shared some of the preliminary plans including a luncheon on the tour boat (boat complements of Elmer Hurd). A list of committees needed was handed out and all Idaho clubs will be asked to participate. The state will also have a vendor table. More info will be forthcoming to each club.

T-shirt and Friso Orienpet Lily sales – Maxine. Those pre-ordered are available today. Contact Maxine if clubs wish to order more T-shirts (see website www.earthsunmoon.com).

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GCII Support of NGC FLOWER Show School - Joyce Parr reported on Course IV in Moscow: Income \$1155.00; expenses \$3386.76. Joanne Hallberg moved that GCII continue to support the NGC Flower Show School as sponsored by the Clearwater District with a reimbursement of \$1000 for Course IV in September 2012 in Moscow. Seconded and carried. A completed Financial Report will be placed on file.

Meeting recessed at 12 Noon for lunch. Invocation - Marge Cojerean.

PROGRAM: Carole Hearne introduced speaker Hans Borbonus, "*Experiences in Life with Horticulture*".

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

New Business.

Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship - Rosalyn McCandless, "It has been proposed that the GCII Scholarship be renamed the GCII Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship to honor the work that Dotty did for the Garden Clubs movement in Idaho as well as out of state." Carole Hearne moved that the GCII Board recommended to the general membership at the 2013 state convention that the GCII state scholarship be renamed the Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship. Seconded and carried.

Nominating Committee – Edith Cole, Chairman, Constance Blyth and Joanne Hallberg. The following slate of officers is submitted for the 2013-2015 GCII term of office to be elected at the 2013 GCII State Convention: President Karen Mallon, 1st VP Janet Peterson, 2nd VP Lorraine Smith, Recording Secretary Joyce Parr, Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz.

Convention Section for Blue Book – Maxine announced there will be a new section added to the Blue Book re: details for hosting a convention (to be distributed).

Pat Peutz moved that Blue Book Membership pages be available for sale @ \$5.00. Seconded and carried. Contact Maxine (hard copies only, will not be mailed).

Ad to support Washington State for NGC convention in Seattle, May 2013. Louisa moved that GCII contract for a \$50 ad, ¼ page to include the GCII logo to support the state of Washington in hosting the 2013 NGC Convention. Seconded and carried. Registration and information will be in the GSG.

Symposium. Sandra Ford reported for Allen Deitz, GCII Chairman of Flower Show School/Symposium: There has been some consideration to having Idaho host a NGC Symposium in June 2013. Districts and Judges Councils will be getting additional information. Robyn requested a show of support for the proposed NGC Symposium to be held in Boise in June 2013.

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Clearwater DD Jodene Caldwell invited all to attend the 2013 GCII State Convention in Moscow, themed "*Tapestry on the Palouse*", at the University Inn Best Western June 19-21, 2012. Jodene noted that there is no elevator at the Best Western so get your hotel reservation in early if you need to request a first floor room. Registration information will be published in the March *GSG*.

Announcements.

Deadline for *Gem State Gardeners* articles - Oct. 31st or ASAP.

Awards applications due to Maxine Smolowitz by Dec 1.

NGC Convention, Seattle, WA May 23-26, 2013.

Pacific Region Convention – Santa Rosa, CA, April 21-24, 2013.

GCII State Convention "*Tapestry on the Palouse*" – Moscow, June 19-21, 2013.

Sandy Ford was the winner of the "Plant It Pink" photo contest.

Clubs are invited to send a Christmas greeting for the next *GSG* @ \$10.

President Robyn reminded District Directors and Club Presidents to take your information folders with you. DD are responsible for delivering folders to their club presidents who are not in attendance today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. with a ukulele serenade "*I'll See You in My Dreams*" by Long Valley President Jan Morrison. Attendees were invited to visit the Long Valley Gardeners Marion Kerby Memorial Garden, Cascade.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary
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Attested to:

Jodene Caldwell - 10/23/12

Pat Peutz – 10/26/12

Louisa Cone – 11/5/12

Handouts to District Directors and Club Presidents: • Cut Flower Basics, Burpees; "Ask About My Garden Club" bumper sticker; "Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker", Aquatic Invasive Species Info Center; "California Victory", African Violet order form; "Planting for Public and Special Places" award, NGC President's Project; Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest (see NGC website www.gardenclub.org).