

BRGC General Meeting, June 12, 2024

Ken Selody, of Atlock Farm, was our speaker. He taught us how to make beautiful topiaries and brought some to sell at the meeting. They are also available at Blowing Rock Antiques. After the program, Mary Babbitt called the meeting to order at 12:53.

Secretary Report: Martha Anne Gilliam asked if there were any corrections to the May 1st meeting minutes. Joyce Zellner made a motion to accept the minutes and Darlene Kronemann offered a second. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Malia Shorts presented our budget for the year. Our current checkbook balance is \$14,250.41. Barbara Ballesty made a motion to accept the minutes and Lynda Steele seconded the motion. The 2024 budget was approved.

Present Report:

Old Business: Wildflower Bingo is set for Thursday, September 26th. Marie Caracuzzo is chairing this. There is a meeting at Camp Coffee Roasters at 10:00 a.m. on June 21st in Blowing Rock. We will need raffle items for Bingo Night.

Mile of Flowers, our garden tour event, will be Friday, June 27th, 2025.

July 4th Parade: Crafting for the July 4th parade was also announced to be taking place directly after the June general meeting. An additional crafting event (complete with pizza) will be Thursday, June 20th at 5 p.m. in Joyce Zellner's Barn, 3664 Winkler's Creek Road.

New Business: BRAC (Blowing Rock Appearance Committee) wants to join forces with our garden club with a table at Art in the Park on Saturday, June 15th. Garden club members simply need to answer questions. New member, Alice Roess, was instrumental in setting this up.

Horticulture: Chair Evenlight Eagles was not present.

Website: Evenlight has also been keeping our website until someone else volunteers. (Thank you, Evenlight!)

Hospitality: Chair, Mary Horsman, was not present.

Newsletter: Lynda Steele asked the membership to check their emails to be sure they are receiving the newsletter.

Membership: Kathy Medosch announced that we currently have 98 members and there were four new members who had just signed up at the June meeting.

Special Programs: Elmyra Morris spoke about the September program which will feature new member Ron Cutlip. He is well-known for his landscape architecture, land planning, and golf course architecture. We are fortunate that he lives in Blowing Rock. Members are encouraged to tell him any specifics or

landscaping questions they might want him to cover in the September program which will be held at the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum (BRAHM). There will be no charge for this meeting for members of BRAHM or our garden club.

Mile of Flowers: Susan Sweet is chairing this event and Mary Babbitt is the co-chair. Susan spoke about the logistics. The welcoming of garden tourists will be in the gazebo. The tea party will be afterwards in the American Legion building. There will be six private gardens on tour, and we will need garden guides. All gardens will be within walking distance of the gazebo. A 16-passenger van will be needed to make continuous loops. If anyone has expertise in printing, please let Mary or Susan know. We will need a brochure with a write-up about each garden. This event will require the participation of all members. We will need hosts/hostesses for the tea party as well as sweet or savory snacks. This event is a gift to the community, not necessarily a fundraiser.

Field Trips: Mona Johnson, our chair, has planned a trip to both a blueberry farm as well as a lavender farm on July 11th, leaving at 10.00 a.m.. On July 18th, there will be a trip to Arborcrest Gardens in Boone at 10:30 a.m.. There is a sign up to ride the golf cart there. Up to 22 people may ride. Others may walk if they would like. She is also looking into a possible overnight field trip this season.

Facebook: Marilyn Green is our Facebook page chair. We need to keep posts pertinent to interests of the club and the page is for members only.

4th of July Parade: Amanda Lugenbell is organizing us for this event. She reminded us of the meeting in Joyce Zellner's barn Thursday, June 20th at 5 p.m.. We were reminded to please wear flower hats in the parade. Line-up for the parade July 6th is at 9:45 a.m..

Past President Thoughts: Joyce Zellner asked that members please send cards to each other and to let her know if anyone needs care in the club. She announced that there will be a gathering in her barn. (One is now planned for Sunday, July 28th at 5 p.m.- covered dish)

Reminder: Pay your dues of \$35.00 if you have not done so. Our next general meeting is July 10th.

Mary B. adjourned the meeting at 1:38

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Anne Gilliam, Secretary

