

Blowing Rock Garden Club Minutes - September 4, 2024

After a great presentation by Ron Cutlip, there was a brief business meeting.

Mary Babbitt called us to order at 12:15.

Vice President's Report: Marie Caracuzzo spoke about our bingo night to be held Thursday, September 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the American Legion Building. Members are asked to meet at 10 a.m. in the American Legion Building Sept. 26th to decorate for the event. All members are asked to bring "pick up" food to share. She reminded us about the upcoming "Sip and Shop" event at J. McLaughlin on Friday Sept. 6th. 15% of the sales proceeds will be donated to the club.

Hospitality: Mary Horsman spoke about the October 2nd meeting. It will be a pot-luck, so every member is asked to bring a dish to share. Members who would like to decorate a dining table are encouraged to sign up, and use their china, flatware, glassware, and any fall decor for centerpieces, tablecloths, or napkins. This is our last general meeting for the 2024 year.

President's Agenda: Mary Babbitt thanked Elmyra Morris for organizing the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum event with Ron Cutlip as our September speaker, and Joyce Zellner for hosting the fun, new member tea.

Board Selection: Joyce Zellner headed the nominating committee for the 2025 Blowing Rock Garden Club board and committee chair selections. She asked if any members wanted to nominate anyone from the floor for a position or to volunteer for a position. Joyce read the proposed slate for the upcoming year:

President - Marie Caracuzzo
Vice President - Crystal Miller
Secretary - Martha Anne Gilliam

Treasurer - Malia Shorts
Membership Chair - Kathy Medosch
Co-chair - Ann Perley
Horticulture - Evenlight Eagles
Hospitality - Mary Horsman
Co-chair - TBD
Programs - Marita Higgins
Special September Program - Elmyra Morris
Field Trips - Mona Johnson
Co-chair - Melaine Campbell
Website - Lise Jenkins
Facebook - Marilyn Green
Newsletter - Lynda Steele
Mile of Flowers - Susan Sweet and Mary Babbitt
4th of July Parade - Joyce Zellner and Amanda Lugenbell
Past President - Mary Babbitt

Mary Babbitt asked for a motion to accept the slate of nominees. Joyce Zellner made the motion and Dena Lutz seconded. All nominees were accepted and will be installed at the October meeting.

- Announcements: Lise Jenkins invited members to check out the webpage which is a "dot org" rather than a "dot com." The current password for the members only section is GardenFun.
- Susan Sweet will host a Mile of Flowers meeting September 19th in her home at 2.
- Marie announced that there will be a workshop for Wildflower Bingo at Peggy Appleton's home September 24th from 10 until 12 a.m..
- Lynda Steele will host the apple cider making event from noon until 4 p.m., Sunday, October 6th at her home. She asked all to bring a food item to share and an empty container for your cider. Bring a plant for the plant exchange that day, too. There will be a musician playing for us.

Mary Babbitt adjourned the meeting and we were all invited to tour the gorgeous gardens at the homes of two of our members, Alice Roess and Ineke Thomas. Thanks to both of these women for their hospitality and generosity!