

Blowing Rock Garden Club Zoom Board Meeting (06/25/2025)

Members Present: Marie Caracuzzo, Crystal Miller, Martha Anne Gilliam, Malia Shorts, Mary Horsman, Lise Jenkins, Marita Higgins, Mona Johnson, Melaine Campbell, Evenlight Eagles, Lynda Steele, Susan Sweet

Marie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m..

Secretary Report: Martha Anne's June minutes were approved. Crystal Miller made the motion to approve and Mary Horsman offered a second.

Treasurer Report: Malia Shorts noted: \$806 was collected for dues at the June meeting, \$129 was collected from the raffle, and \$20 from logo sales. \$1460 has been collected so far for Mile of Flowers (MOF). Our expenses last month were \$684 for logo items, \$2,197 for the gardens, and \$543 for the MOF. \$100 was donated to the Native Plant Society at the Daniel Boone Gardens. We still need to send money to BRAAC, Arbor Crest, and the Banner Elk Garden Club. We have a balance of \$26,681.78 in the checkbook.

President Report: Marie has reviewed the by-laws which were last updated in 2017 and noted that we need to add information about our 501-C3 tax status. The by-laws say that we have a historian. We need to get that position filled. Marita will help Marie with the update.

Old and New Business

Vice-President Report: Crystal Miller has our merchandise and will be selling it on Friday at MOF.

Membership Report: Kathy and Ann were unavailable.

Horticulture: Evenlight says she has purchased some hoses for us, as the watering situation has not been ideal, especially with new plantings and annuals. The steps were fixed last week after she sent an email. She has

dahlias to sell Friday at MOF starting at 8 a.m.. Over 90 dahlias have been added to the garden. The “Gardener” statue will need to be cleaned, and Marie is taking care of that.

Hospitality: Mary Horsman has six people signed up to bring food to our July 9th meeting. She will call to remind them, as well as those signed up to donate raffle items. Susan Sweet said that we may have more food if there are leftover foods from the MOF tea.

Programs: Marita Higgins has secured one of our own talented members to speak to us on July 9th. Pat Wheeler will talk on “Tablescapes and More.”

Field Trips: Melaine Campbell said the recent lavender farm visit and Rhododendron Festival trips were a huge success, but noted there is remaining devastation in Roan Mt. from Hurricane Helene. The next trip Mona and Melaine have planned is to Swinging Bridge Farm in Deep Gap for lemon tree viewing, blueberry and blackberry picking, and a tour. The cost is \$15.00

Newsletter: Lynda Steele will send the newsletter later this afternoon.

Facebook: Marilyn Green was unavailable.

Website: Lise Jenkins reported that we now have a listing of all the plants in our garden on our website, listed by type and by color.

Mile of Flowers: Susan Sweet says all is well for this Friday. She thanked Lise for the write-ups and Amanda for the brochures. She said some restaurants in town will give a free non-alcoholic drink to those wearing MOF wrist bands. Parking Friday can be at First Baptist on Sunset, the American Legion Building, the elementary school, and some limited parking at Rumble Presbyterian Church. We were instructed not to park on Main Street. We will not be able to use the stairs from 221 to Wallingford Street, as they are unsafe and the city was unable to repair them.

July 4th Parade: There will be a meeting at Joyce Zellner's barn Sunday, June 29th to decorate the float for the July 4th parade. 13 signed up at the meeting. Marie will provide pizza and says others may bring sides. Mary H. will provide plates from hospitality. We needed planters with flowers for the trailer corners. Please bring scissors, any tissue paper or other craft items for the flower themed float. Marie will type up a reminder email for the members with an RSVP.

July 23rd is our next board meeting. The next club general meetings are July 9th and August 6th.

We were reminded to bring a water bottle to MOF, and asked to convene to the American Legion building around 2 p.m.

Marie adjourned the meeting at 10:39

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Anne Gilliam