

Blowing Rock Garden Club General Meeting Minutes -August 6th, 2025

Chris Conner, owner of *Whole Hive Honey*, gave an informative presentation. Marie Caracuzzo called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m..

President's Report: Marie Caracuzzo

- thanked Evenlight and her team
- thanked Lynda Steele for the recent newsletter sent via email
- announced Wildflower Bingo is Sept. 4th
- mentioned the Sip & Shop fundraiser for BRGC at J. McLaughlin Sept 12th, 12-4. (We need a couple of volunteers for this.)
- mentioned the *Mix & Mingle* on August 10th at 4 p.m. at the Zellner's barn
- announced we need both a treasurer and a secretary for the club next year
- reminded us of the upcoming field trip Friday, August 22nd.

Secretary's Report: Martha Anne Gilliam

- thanked Crystal Miller for taking the July minutes
 - asked for additions or corrections to the minutes.
- Joyce Zellner made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Darlene Kronemann offered a second. The minutes were passed.

Treasurer's Report: Malia Shorts noted this month's monetary stats

- \$210 from dues
- \$210 from logo sales
- \$200 donation from the Templeton family, Melaine Campbell's neighbors
- Our account balance is \$31,112.94

Garden Club dues for 2025 were due on or before May 31st. If you have not yet paid, please mail the dues to P.O. Box 2673, Blowing Rock, 28605.

Wildflower Bingo: Darlene Kronemann and Alice Roess are co-chairing.

- Bingo is Sept. 4th.

-We discussed how the room set-up would look; tables for the meeting were set up as they would be for Bingo.

-Joyce Zellner brought up the question of what to do for people who had purchased Wildflower Bingo tickets last year when we had to cancel due to Hurricane Helene. One lady was mistakenly told that her last year's purchase of 4 tickets would be honored this year, but the decision had already been made that last year's ticket purchases were to be considered a "donation" to the club. A motion was passed to let this one person exchange her four last year's tickets for four new ones. Marita Higgins made the motion, and Mary Horsman seconded the motion.

-Marita suggested hiring college kids for set-up and tear down of tables/chairs. Lynda Steele made a motion in favor of this, and Marie seconded. It was decided we would spend no more than \$100 total on this.

-Let Marilyn Green and Kathy Medosch know what you are bringing as a food/pick-up item for Bingo night.

There was a sign-up sheet for members to choose how/where they wish to serve for Bingo.

Because of the fire code, we are only selling 120 tickets for Bingo.

Membership Report: Ann Perley announced we had two new members at the meeting. At present, we have 89 members, 65 paid and 24 unpaid.

Horticulture Report: Evenlight had to leave.

Hospitality Report: Mary Horsman had a sign-up for volunteers to bring "pick-up" snacks to our BRAHM meeting in September.

Programs: Marita asked that we email her if we have any suggestions for new programs.

Field Trips: Melaine and Mona were not able to attend, but Marie announced the upcoming trip to Spring House Farms on August 22nd. Bring \$15.00 for flowers. Check the website, blowingrockgardenclub.org for more information and to sign up.

Website: Lise Jenkins was unable to attend.

Facebook: Marilyn Green said she had posted our J. McLaughlin “Sip & Shop” event for Sept. 12th to Facebook.

Newsletter: Lynda Steele asked that we send her pictures. Her recent Newsletter had 40 “hits” within a fairly short time after broadcasting it.

BRAHM Collaborative Meeting: Elmyra Morris was unable to attend, but she has planned our special program next month at BRAHM. On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, John Roethling, director of the gardens at Reynolda in Winston Salem, and his wife Adrienne, will speak on “A Shared Journey of Horticulture Excess.” We gather as a club at 10:30. The program begins at 11. You must ***sign up*** to reserve a space/ticket for this. BRAHM club members and Blowing Rock Garden Club members may attend at no charge. Others pay \$8.00 . The link below will allow you to both learn about this event and to sign up: <https://www.blowingrockmuseum.org/calendar/garden-club-talk-94ptl>

After the program, there will be no business meeting. Instead, we will meet at the American Legion Building to decorate for Wildflower Bingo.

Alice Roess announced that the town of Blowing Rock secured a \$1,000,000.00 grant for the Annie Cannon Park. Alice suggested that we might do a picnic meeting there at some point.

Marie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Anne Gilliam, BRGC Secretary.