

AUBURN GARDEN CLUB MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2008

President Peggy Beltramo called the meeting to order at 9:05. After the flag salute, the minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Carol Lee Murray reported the checkbook balance as of February 25 to be \$7,204.59. A copy of her financial statement is available on the back table.

Chris Kreps introduced guest Rita Hoffmann of Auburn. Ruth Peterhans and Judy Cave are new members from Grass Valley.

An envelope was placed on each chair, addressed to Chris. Dues of \$20 are now payable and will be delinquent on June 1.

There are two scholarships available to students in horticultural studies. Contact Kathy Chamblin or Peggy Beltramo for more information.

Members were asked to post the two flyers announcing the Plant Sale found on each chair. Joanne Falconer also asked that the 5 postcards given to each person coming in the door today be given or mailed to a friend or acquaintance interested in plants. Signup sheets for helping at the sale are on a table at the break and after the meeting and will be at the March meeting. Contact Joanne for more postcards or flyers.

Elly Cadiente reminded members of the tour of Boonie Lang's Japanese Garden on March 25. A bento lunch is available. Please send \$12 to Carol Lee by March 12. Meet in the church parking lot to carpool to the site. Check the *Redbud* for information regarding the April tour of Yada's Ditch Water Garden.

Claudia Duncan reported this month's Garden Therapy work at Country Villa Auburn. The March 21 session date may be changed. Call Claudia.

Saul Wiseman said Pat Rubin, *Sacramento Bee* garden writer, will write an article about Japanese gardens featuring Boonie Lang's garden-a must see.

Saul's Plant Propagation group will meet at his home the third Thursday in March.

Kortne Phillips announced the Placer County Master Gardener Gathering will be held Saturday, March 1, at the Blue Goose Fruit shed in Loomis.

Rick Krach advised this is the time of year for starting rose bushes from clippings. It is too late to develop material for this year's plant sale, but get a good root system started for next year. Krach displayed tulips, quince, and forsythia from his garden. He, Garth Chamblin, and Peggy Beltramo dug up 40+ rose bushes from Sally Ough's garden at her request. Some will be available at the plant sale.

This is the time to clean your ponds, if not already done.

Dan Tajbl showed an *Arbutus menziesii* seedling (which doesn't take to transplanting) he had recently purchased, asking for assistance to successfully plant it. Rick suggested adding mycorrhizal fungi at planting time.

No Old Business

New Business:

Interest in a bus trip to Late Show Gardens in Napa in September was promising. More information will be forthcoming.

The District Garden Extravaganza will be held May 3 in Grass Valley. A few members are needed to assist with our participation in the event.

Meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 9:40.

Today's speaker is our own Jean Pliska, tree doctor, speaking on Oak Trees.

Joanne Falconer
For Secretary Linda Ewing