

South Surrey Garden Club
Minutes of the General Meeting
October 24, 2018 – St. Mark's Anglican Church

Welcome

President Karen Ewing called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone.

Announcements

Karen made a couple of announcements:

- A reminder to everyone that our new website is in development and will be ready in November. It's got a great new look and will be more accessible on various platforms, but there will be some changes in how information is accessed. The Executive will provide updates to SSGC members as we get closer to launch.
- The church has replaced the old screen in the hall with a brand new one that is brighter and easier to read. The SSGC sends a big thank-you to St Mark's for updating it.
- The scholarship fund has raised \$79.10 so far, which is great – don't forget to donate!

Speaker: Dianne Gaines, Van Noort Bulbs, on Spring Bulbs

Dianne's presentation covered what's new in spring flowering bulbs, and featured pollinator friendlies. She talked about what colours and colour combinations attract different types of pollinators, and also about how different flower shapes can provide places for pollinators to rest in the garden and also help meet their water needs. No matter what types you plant, she said, it's worthwhile to plan for blooms for the whole season – so consider planting early, mid- and late spring varieties. She then presented some of the new and interesting bulbs and combination packs available from Florissa, including many deer-resistant varieties, and gave tips on planting bulbs and how to best tend them.

Break

Announcements

Karen made two more announcements:

- Membership cards are now available and can be picked up from the membership table.
- Cindy Tataryn is organizing Floral Art lessons for spring 2019. There will be two sets – one basic and one advanced – with each made up of six classes. More information is to come, but you can contact Cindy if you are interested.

Program Committee

Heather Parker announced that for our November meeting we will have Gwen Odermatt speaking on the hunt for Great Plant Picks, and then the second half of the meeting will be our pre-Christmas social. If you want to sign up to bring appies and/or goodies, please contact Heather.

Our January meeting will feature Douglas Justice from the UBC Botanical Garden, presenting "Southeastern Tibet in the Footsteps of the Plant Explorers."

Financial Review

Dorothy Brown reported that in accordance with SSGC bylaws, a financial review was done in September based on our fiscal year-end (August 31) by club member Jane Goundrey. Dorothy read the findings of the report, which concluded that our financial statements have been correctly prepared. Jane led the membership in thanking Dorothy for doing such an incredible job as our treasurer.

Wildlife in the Garden Presentation / Show and Tell

Joan Galloway gave a presentation on wildlife in the garden, and the many ways we try to keep deer, bunnies, squirrels and other critters from wreaking havoc among our plants. She also presented her Show and Tell plant, *Coleus canina*, also known as “scaredy cat plant,” which smells terrible to some animals and might be used in various places in our gardens to deter invaders.

Door Prize Draw

Names were drawn for 10 door prizes.

Meeting Adjourned

Karen wished everyone a good night at 8:56.