



April 2011

***Piedmont Garden Club
General Meeting***

Wednesday, April 20th, 9:30 am

Piedmont Community Hall

***Professor David Freyburg,
Stanford University***

“Understanding Water Resources”

Hostess in Charge: Mary Nelson

Hostesses: Susan Banker, Martha Holstlaw, Gayle Lambert, Robin Machette, Emilie Mulvihill, Bev Stone

Active and Sustaining Members: Please regret to Emilie Mulvihill by Friday, April 15th if you are unable to attend @ 654-4008 or email eamulvihill@aol.com

Associates: Please RSVP to Emilie Mulvihill by Friday, April 15th if you are able to attend @ 654-4008 or email eamulvihill@aol.com

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, April 6th Horticulture Workshop CANCELLED - Rescheduled May 4th	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 7th Conservation Project Native Plant Garden Weeding Piedmont Community Center	9:30 AM
Monday, April 18th Board of Directors Meeting @ Martha Holstlaw's home	9:30 AM
Wednesday, April 20th General Meeting Piedmont Community Hall Professor David Freyburg “Understanding Water Resources”	9:30 AM

*Spring is nature's
way of saying,*

“Let's Party!”

~ Robin Williams

Save the Dates:

- *Wednesday, May 4th—Horticulture Workshop making herb baskets at Alden Lane Nursery*
- *Thursday, May 12th—Visions Preview Party, Sunset Center, Carmel*
- *Friday, May 13th—Saturday May 14th—Visions Flower Show—Open to the Public*
- *Saturday, May 14th—PGC Volunteer Day at Visions, Sunset Center, Carmel*

VISIONS 2011

Roots & Shoots

by President, Mary Lou Righellis

Dear PGC,
This month, I decided to welcome spring with VISIONS
of Ladybugs! Enjoy! --Mary Lou

THE LADYBUGS

by Nancy Willard



It's true. I invited them into my home,
four thousand ladybugs from the Sierras.
I paid for their passage.
I paid for their skilled labor.
I was desperate when I read the notice
in a mail-order catalog showing flea zappers
and organic devices for vaporizing mold.

*Are pests killing your trees and shrubs?
Ladybugs are the answer.*

They arrived, famished and sleepy,
In a muslin bag slim as a pencil case,
or a reticule for opera glasses,
or very small change.
For once in my life I read the instructions
for sending my private army into the world.

*The ladybugs will want a drink
after their long journey.
Sprinkle the sack before releasing them.*

I shook handfuls of water over them.
Drops big as bombs pounded their shelter,
a mass baptism into our human ways.
They did not buzz or beat their wings,
but as the warmth of my house woke them,
I saw a shifting of bodies, of muscles rippling,
like waves adjusting themselves to a passing
boat.

*Do not release the ladybugs during the heat of
the day or while the sun is shining.*

Under the full moon I carried my guests
to the afflicted catalpa waving its green flags.
I untied the bag. I reached in and felt a tickling,
a pulsing of lives small as a watch spring.
I seized a handful and tossed them into the
branches.

They clung to my hand for safety.
Their brothers and sisters,
smelling the night air,
hung on my thumb, my wrist,
and my arm sleeved in ladybugs, baffled,
muttering
in the silent tick of their language,
Where are we? What does she want of us?

*Do not release too many at one time.
A tablespoon of ladybugs on each shrub
and a handful on each tree should keep them
pest-free.
Keep on hand, always, a small bag of ladybugs
in your refrigerator. Do not freeze.*

I have made my abode with the ladybugs
And they have chosen me as their guardian,
because the meek shall inherit the earth,
because I found one at rest in the porch
of my ear, because I did not
harm the one that spent the
night under the deep ridge
of my collarbone, or the one
that crossed my knuckles like a
ring seeking the perfect finger.





Visions tickets are still available for our three amazingly wonderful speakers:

- Charlotte Moss on "The Garden as a Perennial Source of Inspiration for Decoration"
- Richard Darke on "Landscapes Through the Lens"
- Marie-Francoise Deprez showing us her original and passionate French floral designs.

Contact Nancy Jacobs at 547-1097 for an order form.

The Five Club Visions Flower Show is set to go on May 13th and 14th! There are enough entries to qualify as a *major show* and most of the planning is complete. Piedmont's main responsibility is to staff the hostess positions on Saturday, May 14th. We need over 50 people to help on that day! I hope that some people will take two assignments so that we can assist in the clean up at the end of the show on Saturday.

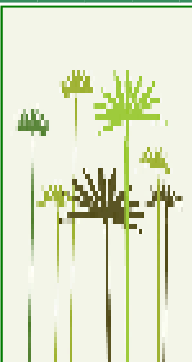
There will be 90 judges coming from all over the USA to judge the show. Informal dinners in groups of 10 are planned for the early arrivals on Tuesday evening. Wednesday night there is a lovely cocktail and dinner party for the judges and Thursday there is the Judges' lunch before the show and the Preview Party that night. On Friday there are tours of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Point Lobos, and local gardens. The Board of Associates (retired GCA officers) will be in town for an early morning look at the show and garden tour. Groups are coming from other GCA clubs including twenty from Huston, a group from Pasadena, as well as some from Seattle and Denver. It is all very exciting.

The speakers are well known and are expected to draw crowds but they have required special lodging, pickup in San Francisco and trips to the flower mart. Hillsborough and Woodside-Atherton have taken on the care and nurture of the speakers. Piedmont's Provisionals are helping to put up the Education Exhibit.

Hillsborough is in charge of the Preview Party and Woodside-Atherton will organize the judges' lunch. Carmel, with a bit of help, is doing all the set up from Monday to Thursday, plus the cottage dinners and garden tours and have done the planning (and they only have 35 members). Woodside-Atherton and Hillsborough are doing the staffing on Friday and Orinda and Piedmont are responsible for staffing on Saturday. It is going to be great fun and a wonderful show. Be sure to be there!

WE NEED WORKERS FOR SHIFTS FROM:

» 10 AM—Noon » Noon—2 PM » 2 PM—4 PM » After 4 PM to help carry out and clean up
Please call Mary Ann Parachini to sign-up: 541-658-8665 or e-mail madpara@sbcglobal.net



Horticulture

Note Change of Date

The field trip to make herb baskets at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, which was scheduled for April 6th, has been postponed until Wednesday, May 4th. Look for sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

An article shared by Robin Machette with comments by our featured speaker, David Freyburg:

The Stanford Daily

Friday, October 30, 2009

By Adam Cole

There is a fox on the fairway. As it saunters along, dodging sprinkler heads and yawning toothily, it looks surprisingly at home. But this isn't the wilderness—it's a carefully cultivated golf course, where the price of being verdant is paid in gallons, despite the best efforts of its caretakers to reduce water use.

"It's a heavily irrigated landscape," said biologist Alan Launer, a research associate with the Stanford Center for Conservation Biology. "It's just a bunch of lawn."

The 215 acres of lawn that make up the Stanford Golf Course and the adjacent varsity practice area use 123 million gallons of water a year. This represents one-third of Stanford's non-potable water use and 10 percent of their total water consumption.

Farm Educator and earth sciences lecturer Sarah Wiederkehr is not surprised. "The idea of a golf course is inherently not sustainable, especially in this climate," she said. "That green is green because it's been heavily fertilized and watered."

For the extended community that enjoys the Stanford Golf Course every day, all this watering is worth it.

"[The] Stanford Golf Course is one of the most beautiful and challenging golf courses I have played," said varsity golfer Angel King '12.

Golf Course Superintendent Ken Williams said the course is used every day by the varsity teams, as well as many community members, alumni and even the varsity cross country team. He estimated that 60,000 rounds of golf are played there every year.

The golfers who frequent the course may be unaware that each of these rounds is made possible by 1,600 gallons of water. That's the equivalent of flushing the toilet 55 times for every hole played.

Williams is well aware of the amount of water the course uses and has made a strong effort to minimize it. He said it pays to conserve. The course spends about \$200,000 on irrigation every year.

David Freyburg, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering who specializes in water resources, said one of the best things a golf course can do to save water is to monitor exactly how much the grass needs.

Williams has done just that. With scores of surface and below-ground sensors that report back to a central computer, golf course caretakers know exactly where and when the grass needs more water. In some areas, they can even turn on single sprinklers to deliver water to the exact location.

Still, Williams said, "We could do better."

Some of the sprinklers can only be turned on in groups, so patches of grass may get water they don't need. And while sprinklers are mainly turned on in the morning and at night when there is less evaporation, sometimes watering during the day or when it is windy results in unnecessary water loss.

One way to reduce the necessity for extreme water use, Freyburg said, is to plant hardier grass species that lose less water through evaporation. Williams considered this option, but said such grass tends to turn brown in the summer and doesn't have the same consistency and give that golfers are used to.

"The grass does affect the roll and the bounce of the ball differently," said King, who has played on water-saving grasses in Arizona.

Freyburg said more sophisticated monitoring tools and irrigation technology will help save more water in the future, and Williams agreed. Williams talked excitedly about more efficient sprinkler head nozzles and the individual control of every sprinkler on the course.

However, these new measures can only go so far—maintaining a golf course inherently means using a lot of water.

"I do not know how feasible it would be for a golf course to be able to sustain its prestige and condition while minimizing the use of water," King said.

"It's not nature," Williams said. "It's definitely a forced situation."

Conservation and National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) Committee News

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA FIFTH CARBON FREE LEGISLATIVE MEETING WASHINGTON D.C. FEBRUARY 28th- MARCH 3rd, 2011

Article Excerpted from Ann Lyman's Report for GCA Bulletin

On the last day in February more than 300 GCA members traveled from all over the country to Washington D.C. for the 28th National Affairs and Legislation meeting. This was the fifth “carbon-free” meeting achieved by a donation to Carbonfund.org to offset the CO2 impact of the conference. For the next four days the delegates learned from experts about the critical conservation issues the NAL and Conservation Committees have been studying and working so hard to support and promote...and how to effectively lobby their legislators.

NAL Chair Nancy McKlveen opened Tuesday's Education Day meeting with an inspirational “pep talk” for delegates disappointed that our efforts to get a climate change bill passed in the last Congress was unsuccessful. She said that we should look at this as a new opportunity to advocate for other vital issues- such as clean air and water- and take that message to Congress and back to our clubs to inspire action in these challenging times.

Conservation Chair Susie Wilmerding gave a brief overview for first time attendees describing the functions of the NAL and the Conservation Committees and the differences between them. CONWATCH is our GCA publication written by committee members and others and is published five times per year. The Legislative Update and Status Chart, written before each of our four meetings, helps keep the committee up to date on legislation we follow. Our recently revised position papers determine the legislation we follow and define our positions on legislative policies. All of this can be found on the GCA website.

Environmentalist and author Bill McKibben spoke to us via SKYPE-in keeping with our goal to reduce our carbon footprint! His biggest concern is that damage from climate change is happening much more quickly than experts thought it would and that the political will for concrete steps to do anything about it has been overshadowed by the financial crisis.

Rich Innes, NAL's Washington Consultant, gave his crash course- Advocacy 101: “How to Conduct a Successful Hill Visit” which benefited both the first time delegates and those who had heard it last year. He reminded us that GCA has positive standing and “clout” on Capitol Hill; and that we can offer valuable resources (facts, talking points, etc) to our legislators which will make it easier for them to promote the issues we care about.

Sandra Whitehouse from the Oceans Conservancy told us that scientists are just beginning to understand biodiversity in our oceans and some of the medicinal and other benefits they may hold. Part of our Education Day included in-depth updates by our vice-chairs on critical issues our committee is most concerned with: hydraulic fracturing (fracking), energy (coal) and air quality.

Jon Scholl, President of the American Farmland Trust, told us why we should care about the Farm Bill- because we all love to eat- among other important reasons! And Nat Mund of the Southern Environmental Law Center touched on the budget process and explained why funding the government the way we are doing it now- by ongoing continuing resolutions (CRs) is not a good idea.

Committee member, Martha Phillips, who has been writing the very comprehensive Legislative Update since 2007 and the Legislative Status Chart, and our Washington Consultant Rich Innes briefed the delegates on the House proposed budget cuts that would dramatically reduce funds for Function 300 (all environmental legislation) and the effort to strip the EPA's authority and budget by one-third. These environmental programs protect our health and our values. We need to give this message to our legislators.

GCA's enthusiastic delegates were up bright and early Wednesday morning arriving on Capitol Hill ready to hear from members of Congress, the Obama Administration and other policy makers.

Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator from the EPA, showed her passion and commitment to her job telling us that the 40 year old Clean Air Act has been good for our health, the environment and the economy- both creating and saving jobs!

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Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) reiterated that our inspiration and hard work is needed now more than ever with the current Congress. He told us to beware of “well meaning people with a different world view” who want an “aggressive pruning” of the budget. This will threaten the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the EPA budget and environmental programs our committee has worked so hard to support.

Senator Lindsey Graham (R- SC) voiced his support for the LWCF and told us that the programs the fund supports in his state are vital to waterways. He felt we must “get going” building nuclear power plants because in 10-20 years technology will figure out a way for safe storage.

Five term Congressman Tim Bishop (D-NY) told us that everyone knows that the budget needs to be cut-and it will be painful-but we need to avoid the “destructive” cuts which have been proposed in the House Resolution (HR1). It is critical to continue investing in infrastructure because it is a proven job creator for the whole country. Representative Jan Schakowski (D-IL) continued with the theme of the meeting: we must cut spending-but not at the expense of clean air and water-because these are our values and we must be vocal about them!

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Dr. Thomas Karl explained the science behind NOAA’s data and spoke about the clear evidence of a warming earth.

Will Shafroth, from the Interior Department’s Fish, Wildlife and Parks division gave a welcome “upbeat” talk about the Obama Administration’s recently published report Great America Outdoors.

Lesley Kane Szynal from Outdoors America told us the history of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) which was enacted in 1963 by President Kennedy. She stated that oil and gas royalties from the outer continental shelf were to be reinvested into natural resource investments. These monies are **not** tax payer dollars and have been misdirected to other uses. We need to have full funding and redirect these funds back to the LWCF’s original purpose.

The weather continued to be in our favor for our “lobbying day” on Capitol Hill where our “Advocacy 101” skills to speak for the environment were put to the test. As Martha Phillips told us, “If we are silent, the only voices our legislators will hear are the angry shouts from those who want to develop, pave and pollute without restraints.”

Thanks to the leadership, organization and hard work of NAL Chair Nancy McKlveen, delegates learned that armed with facts, passion and strong will they can make a difference for our environment...even in these challenging economic times. After a successful and memorable week it was time to take this message of advocacy back to our clubs and speak up for our values.

Ann Lyman, Piedmont Garden Club (CA) Zone XII, First Vice-Chair NAL



Conservation

Weeding in our Native Plant Garden at the Community Center

Thursday, April 7th starting at 9:00am.

Bring gloves and tools.

Questions? Contact JuliaBurke94610@yahoo.com

"Please Make Corrections in Your Green Book"

- Betty Shapiro New Address: 105 King Avenue, Piedmont, CA. 94610 (Everything else is the same except new street, new zip!)

Recipes from the March Luncheon

Chicken with Tarragon-Caper Sauce with Mixed Greens

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons drained capers
- 4 roasted, grilled, or poached boneless chicken breast halves
- 6 cups mesclun salad blend (about 4 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup roasted red peppers from jar, thinly sliced

Whisk together mayonnaise, white wine vinegar, shallots, tarragon, and capers in small bowl. Season sauce to taste with salt and pepper.

Season chicken breasts to taste with salt and pepper. Toss mesclun in bowl with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt. Divide mesclun among 4 plates. Slice chicken breasts and fan atop salads. Drizzle tarragon-caper sauce over chicken. Garnish with red pepper slices. Serve immediately.

Karen Hoefs shared this recipe from: Epicurious.com ; Bon Appétit , August 2003

Chocolate Tart with Nut Crust

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| 1 cup chopped walnuts | 9 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate |
| 1/2 c pine nuts + 1/2 cup pecans | 6 large egg yolks |
| 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar | 1 teaspoon cognac or brandy |
| 1/2 cup (1/4 lb.) butter or margarine | 1/2 teaspoon almond extract |
| Unsweetened cocoa powder | |

1. In a food processor, whirl walnuts, pine nuts, pecans, and 1/2 cup sugar until nuts are coarsely ground. Pour into a 9-inch pan with removable rim. In a 2-cup glass measure, melt 1/4 cup butter in a microwave oven at full power, 20 to 30 seconds. Add melted butter to nut mixture and rub in with your fingers to blend. Press mixture evenly over bottom and up sides of pan. Set pan on a foil-lined 12-by-15 inch baking sheet.
2. Bake in a 325° regular or convection oven until crust begins to brown around edges, 20 to 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, chop half the chocolate into 1/2-inch chunks and set aside. Finely chop remaining chocolate.
4. In the glass measure, combine remaining 1/4 cup butter, cut into small pieces, with finely chopped chocolate. Heat in a microwave oven at half power until chocolate is soft, 30 to 45 seconds. Stir until mixture is smooth.
5. In a bowl with a mixer on high speed, beat egg yolks, remaining 3 tablespoons of sugar, cognac, and almond extract until mixture turns pale yellow, about 3 minutes. Add chocolate-butter mixture and beat to blend. Stir in coarsely chopped chocolate. Scrape into warm nut crust.
6. Bake in a 325° regular or convection oven until filling barely jiggles when pan is gently shaken, about 15 minutes. Set on a rack until warm or cool.
7. To serve, remove rim; dust tart lightly with cocoa and cut into wedges.

Prep and cook time about 50 minutes. 8-10 Servings

Margo Anderson shared this recipe from FoodNetwork.com, 2011

With many thanks to all of our PGC Cooks :

Margo Anderson, Lori Adams, Karen Barbieri, Philly Carmichael, Diane Coleman, Pam Dickson, Nancy Girard, Susan Hill, Karen Hoefs, Martha Holstlaw, Valerie Matzger, Nancy Peterson, Nancy Scott, Peggy Stock, Lori Taylor, Betsy Wagener

Piedmont Garden Club General Meeting
Piedmont Community Center
March 16, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1:40 PM by President Mary Lou Righellis.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Thank you to Linda Lei (Head Hostess) and her committee: Kathleen Addiego, Nancy Jacobs, Valerie Matzger, Laurie Morrison, Mary Ann Phelps, Lori Taylor, Michelle Winchester, Pam Cedercreutz, and Judith Oken. A wonderful lunch was served and the centerpieces are beautiful!
2. Thank you to our PGC COOKS! Headed by Margo Anderson, this committee cooked the lunch and did a splendid job! The organization, planning, purchasing, etc. etc. was above and beyond the call! Those who answered the bell: Lori Adams, Karen Barbieri, Philly Carmichael, Diane Coleman, Pam Dickson, Nancy Girard, Susan Hill, Karen Hoefs, Martha Holstlaw, Valerie Matzger, Nancy Peterson, Nancy Scott, Peggy Stock, Lori Taylor, Betsy Wagener. (Recipes will be in the April GREENSHEET!)
3. Our Ways and Means/Hospitality cocktail party was delightful too! Kim Lally's home was the perfect setting, and the food, drink and decorations were well done. Thanks go to Anne Zerbst and her hospitality committee, Kim and Bob Lally for sharing their beautiful home with us, Susan Hill for the flowers and Marilyn Weber for heading it all up with her committee.
4. Thanks to the PGC members who hosted our Marin Garden Club guests at the community meeting and who then treated them and our camellia speaker, Barbara Tuffli, to lunch at Nancy Walsh's home. Tipping the hat to: June Brugger, Nancy Walsh, Nancy Girard and Karen Barbieri.
5. Our own Patty Reed is a Bouquets to Art participant this year. She and her committee (one other person!) did the arrangements for all of the restrooms at the de Young Museum! (22 in all!) Shall we call it Bouquets des Toilettes? Great job, Patty!
6. GREENSHEET DEADLINE is early: Friday, March 18th. Send all entries by e-mail to Gayle Lambert.
7. Approval of general meeting minutes for January 18th, 2011. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as they appear in the March GREENSHEET.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. VISIONS: (Mary Ann Parachini)

Mary Ann reported that we've achieved "MAJOR SHOW" status! All classes are filled, and we're looking forward to a great show! The Carmel club is really working hard! They're hosting the 90 judges (some with spouses or partners) as well as the speakers. All of the flower entries must be prepared on site for the show. Visitors from Houston and Pasadena are coming and they want to see gardens! The GCA president will be attending as well, and the Carmel members will also host the Board of Associates.

Carmel is responsible for Monday through Thursday. On Friday, Woodside/Atherton will be in charge. Saturday, Orinda and Piedmont must provide the volunteers. Our jobs will mainly be to make sure things aren't touched and shepherd people to the various Saturday activities. Chairs will be provided for the volunteers.

To this end, everyone is being asked to sign up for volunteer slots at the back table (Community Center) Also, please make a note if you're able to provide a carpool ride to other members. This 5-club show is going to be terrific! We're HOT! We're leaders in many areas, and people are going to take notice! Everyone will want to be a part of this!

VISIONS SPEAKERS TICKET SALES: (Nancy Jacobs)

Nancy urged everyone to buy tickets to attend the great speaker presentations on Friday and Saturday at the flower show. Nancy has those tickets and is the contact person. She reminded people that they would also need tickets if they plan to attend the Preview Party on Thursday May 12th. They are \$150 per person. E-vite invitations were sent to all. Contact Anne-Marie Lamarche if you don't have that e-mail.

2. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: (Valerie Matzger for Julia Burke) Valerie explained the Garden Club of America's Centennial Tree Planting project (initiated by GCA in honor of its centennial in 2013). However, since Piedmont is not in need of large-scale tree planting, the PGC Conservation Committee came up with the idea of making a gift of \$5,000.00 to the "Save the Redwoods League" as our centennial gift. Our gift would be a partial payback of the loan that was advanced

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in 1921 (approx. \$1 million) by the Save the Redwoods League to GCA so that GCA could purchase a grove of redwoods in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. This is known as the Save the Redwoods project. The balance of the loan is \$400,000.00 and if our check is submitted by April 1st, it qualifies for matching funds. Our money would also help with the purchase of the Noyo River giant redwoods property – saving it from commercial logging. The PGC board of directors recommends approval of this action.

The motion: (by June Brugger) That PGC donate \$5,000.00 to the SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE did not need a second, because it came from a committee. Discussion followed. The question concerning whether GCA should donate some money to disaster relief in Japan was brought up. June Brugger, who sits on the national board as treasurer says she'll take the suggestion to the next meeting. Pam Dickson called for the question. **The motion was passed unanimously.** Valerie says the check will be taken to Save the Redwoods in San Francisco and presented to them. It's hoped the check presentation will be photographed and put into the GCA BULLETIN as a reminder to the rest of the GCA clubs that this debt exists, and that if 200 clubs gave \$2,000 over the next 4 years, that debt could be retired. Valerie said that would be a great way to begin the next 100 years of the Garden Club of America.

3. FLOWER ARRANGING: (Patty Reed)

—Patty announced the Tulip Exhibit in the Mountain View Cemetery coming up March 25 through 27 from 10AM to 4PM. Patty Siskind and Jackie Davis will beautifully represent PGC.

—Patty Reed has 1 of the 2 recently purchased FLOWER MART badges for use by PGC members. Mary Lou Righellis has the other one. They may be checked out like a library book. (Note: Members are responsible for all taxes on purchases.)

—Patty announced again the Bouquets to Art exhibit at the de Young. She noted that some of her arrangements were “marred” by some plumbing issues in some of the rest rooms. Check it out.

4. MEMBERSHIP: (Bobbe Stehr for Susan Herrick) Bobbe announced change of status for two members:

Norah Wells has moved to Inverness and has resigned her membership, and Pam Cocks, a PGC member since 1994, has moved from sustaining to associate. Pam served well in many capacities while active and sustaining, including great work on the by-laws revision committee.

Bobbe also reminded members that the deadline for turning in sponsoring and seconding letters for potential new members is March 26th. There will be a green PGC envelope on Susan Herrick's porch for those letters.

Mary Lou reminded us that there are some of our members who are experiencing health problems, but who would love to be with us if they could. She urged friends of these members to remember them with calls, notes, cards and letters.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Margo Anderson)

Margo read the proposed slate of officers for PGC for the calendar year 2011-12.

Officers for the Piedmont Garden Club for the year 2011-2012:

- PGC President: Mary Lou Righellis
- PGC Vice President: Marcia Redford
- PGC Treasurer: Diane Coleman
- PGC Corresponding Secretary: Anne Marie La Marche
- PGC Recording Secretary: Jan Zovickian
- PGC Director at large: Bobbe Stehr
- PGC Parliamentarian: Di Bates

President Righellis called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Margo then read the list of nominations for the Piedmont Beautification Committee.

Trustees for PBF for the year 2011-2012:

- Valerie Matzger
- Pam Cedercreutz
- Karen Rollandi
- Gail Lombardi
- Nancy Scott

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Nominations from the floor were called for by MLR, and hearing none, the motion to approve the proposed slate was passed by acclamation.

Margo announced that the work of the nominating committee for 2011-12 is now complete.

OLD BUSINESS: MLR asked if there was any old business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: MLR announced the death of PGC member Jean Drewes. Jean joined PGC in 1974. She was admired for her charming personality and her willingness to pitch in for the good of the group. She died March 5th at the age of 93.

There being no other new business, President Righellis adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Zovickian

PGC Recording Secretary

Membership:

The Membership Committee would like to report the following Change of Status:

- Associate to Resigned: Norma Wells (Mrs. Robert Wells) 1967

Norma has been a Past President (1980-1982) and wonderful member of PGC for forty years.

- Sustaining to Associate: Pam Cocks (Mrs. Stanley Cocks) 1994

Pam has been an outstanding member for seventeen years and has contributed her talents and expertise as Chair of Archives, Chair of Publications, recording Secretary, Flower Show Chair, Parliamentarian and By Laws Co-Chair.

Membership Timeline and Procedures:

By March 26: the sponsor and three (seconders) each provide a written letter of recommendation to the Membership Chair.

By April 11: The Membership Committee meets to consider each candidate. The Membership Chair contacts the sponsor should there be additional questions regarding the candidate. An open vote on each candidate is taken by roll call. Each candidate must receive the unanimous approval of the membership Committee in order to be invited to provisional membership. Any candidate considered but not accepted may be proposed again.

By April Board meeting: The Membership Chair advises each sponsor of the outcome of her proposal.

At the April regular meeting: The membership Chair announces the candidates for provisional membership.

Immediately following the April meeting: The membership Chair delivers an invitation to each candidate for provisional membership, including an invitation to join the President, the Provisional Chair and the Membership Chair to discuss an overview of the obligations and privileges of membership. A copy of our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures accompanies each invitation. Each candidate withholds her response to the invitation until after this meeting. If circumstances prevent her commitment at this time, acceptance of the invitation may be postponed for one year.

At the September regular meeting: each candidate who accepts the invitation to provisional membership is introduced to the membership.

Sue Herrick

Membership Chair



.... Oh, the wonders of modern horticulture!



**Grow Wholesome
All-Natural
Doughnuts
In Your Own Backyard
Plant on April 1st**

**Suitable for Laurel and
Hardiness Zones 1-596**

**Sow in a pile in a deep bowl.
Cover with 1-2 inches of Milk
Enjoy!**

***Results not guaranteed**

Source: <http://familyfun.go.com/april-fools-day/april-fools-day-printable-pranks-kids/>



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