Minutes of January Meeting of Covington Garden Club

The January meeting of Covington Garden Club was held in Colonial Room of Southern Hotel on January 8th.

The President, Mrs M.T.Benedict opened the meeting at 2:30

Mrs Ed Peytral, chairman of Hostess committee introduced her committee for the afternoon

The Secretary read the minutes which were approved after the addition of the name of a new member.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Sec, read the December and January report showing a balance of $175.06

The President reported a snag in the Roadside project. Mrs Morse was asked to secure information from the realtors as to a possible location and to put an advertisement in the paper asking for the use of a half to one and a half acres of land suitable for a park.

The Ozone Camellia Show was announced for January 10th and 11th. All entrants must have blanks completely filled out and flowers to be at Grammar School in Slidell by 11 A.M. Jan. 10th. Our members are invited to enter specimen flowers or arrangements. Mrs Walter Valois gave information concerning the Covington Camellia Show to be held in Parish House January 17th and 18th. All entries to be in by 12 noon Jan.17th. Bogalusa Camellia show was announced for Jan.21st.

Mrs Leche was requested to contact Mr Herman Dortch to ask about radio advertising of Tung Festival to be held here sometime in March. The President will write Mr Roy Theriot in Abbeville for suggestions as to procedure. A representative from each organization will be asked to meet and decide details of Festival.

Mrs Benedict asked the members to write letters to Lion's Club recommending their choice for the Man-of-The-Year and give his qualifications.

Mrs Warren gave the Garden hints for the month.

Mrs Morse reported the Garden-of-The-Month to be that of Mrs A.R.Blossman.

Guests were introduced, among whom were the winners in the Christmas Decoration Contest. Mrs A.P.Dansereau, Mrs Joe Ward and Miss Lucile Glisson were selected for fist prizes. Mrs August Planche, Mrs Urbian Laborde and Mrs Henry Verger won second places.

Mrs Blossman introduced her Christmas committee composed of Mesdames Morse, Mott and Tugenhaft.

A thankyou note for the living Christmas tree, from Miss Willie Robbins, Librarian, was read by Mrs Ed Peytral.

Mrs Brunning reported progress on Cemetery plan.

Notes of appreciation for help and service on our Christmas season project were requested to be written to Mr Arthur Lemane, Mr Woodrow Blackwell and Mr LeRoy Dunn.

Entrance gift was won by Mrs M.P.Planche.

Mrs J.H.Sharpe, "Gentilly"s Grandmother" was introduced and gave an instructive talk demonstrated with some of her work, on Victorian Art orthe art of preserving flowers in color for framing. She described the methods of sand-baking, borax, putting flowers and leaves in a magazine and gave more detailed description of the sulphur method as it is the most used now.

There were 45 members and 5 guests present.

Minutes of the Covington Garden Club for Feb.1953

The February meeting of the Garden Club was called to order by the President,Mrs.M.T.Benedict,in the Colonial room of the Southern Hotel Feb,5th at 2:30 P.M.

In the absence of the Secretary,the January report was read by Mrs V.J.Peytral,acting Secretary. Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $140.87.

As some of the name plates are missing,the President requested the members to be careful to return them.

Mrs Fred Wendt and Miss Bernadine Rice were introduced as new members and Mrs. Hugh Chambers,Thelma Bougere and R.E.Hurd as guests.

The members were reminded of the Club Luncheon preceding the March meeting.

Mrs Walter Simmons gave an interesting report of progress on the Tung Festival to be held March 14th.

The names of the available maids were put in a box and the selectee drawn by Mrs Bougere,a guest. Miss Joan Mire, daughter of Mrs George Mire,was chosen to represent the Garden Club.

The entrance prize was won by Miss Virginia Fairfax.

Miss Winnie Magee introduced the speaker,Mrs Don Spurlock of L.S.U. Pictures were shown to demonstrate his talk on "Color in The Yard The Year Around" He distributed some mimeographed bulletins.

The Plant Sale was conducted by Mrs Ralph Guichard, assisted by Mesdames Raymond Saal,N.J.Thomas,Leister Landon and Jonette Dunning. The proceeds of $38.50 will be used to help defray our expenses,of Tung Blossom Festival.

Forty-eight members and three guests were present.

A social hour was enjoyed with the hostesses for the afternoon.

Mrs V.J.Peytral
Secretary,Pro tem.

Minutes of March Meeting, Covington Garden Club.

The annual luncheon of the Garden Club was held at the Southern Hotel on March 5th. There were 64 members and 9 guests in attendance and they were served most attractively. The tables were decorated with many lovely camellias from Mr Warren Smith Sr's gardens and each lady had a camellia as a corsage.

After the luncheon, the regular meeting was held while the members were seated at the tables.

The President, Mrs M.T.Benedict called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of $170.41.

Mrs Benedict called on Mrs W.D.Simmons to tell of the almost completed plans for the first Tung Festival. There has been such splendid response from many sources the committee feels justly pleased and are expecting many visitors. Unusually attractive posters were shown and volunteers asked for to put them in points of vantage in Covington and many towns near by.

Miss Hubert, from Southeast Louisiana Mental Hospital requested 10 potted plants for their 5 cafeterias. They were promised by some members.

The Garden-of-The-Month was selected as that of Right Rev.Mgr.C.M.Chombon.

The entrance prize was won by Miss Rosalie Cambre, a guest.

A sweet poem of her composition, entitled "Roses", was read by Mrs Nunez, our Club Poet.

The April meeting was postponed from April 2nd to 9th at which time the members are to wear a hat of their making, using entirely garden materials. There will be prizes for the prettiest and for the most unique hats.

Garden hints for April were given by Mrs B.B.Warren.

Mrs H.J.Bryer introduced the speaker, Mrs.W.E.Andrews of New Orleans, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the planting, growing, and budding of roses. She gave names of many that are suitable to this part of the state. She invited the members to visit their home in Gentilly and see their gardens.

After the program, the hostesses served dainty refreshments.

Jessie Dunn - Sec.

Garden Club Holds Annual Luncheon With 60 Attending

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The garden of the month was selected as that of Right Rev. Msgr. C. M. Chombon.

Miss Othilie Lambert thanked the Garden Club for the landscaping of the library grounds.

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The hostesses were Mesdames A. L. Magruder, Paul Friedlander, S. L. Guynn, L. P. Hickey, Walter Koch, R. W. Leche, W. J. Morgan, Ralph Guichard and Jonette Dunning.

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Garden Club Minutes for May 1953

Mrs M.T.Benedict, Club President, called the meeting to order at 2:40

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of $79.44 on hand.

Mrs Oliver Hebert read a letter from Mr Jesse McLain saying the work at Bogue Falaya State Park has been begun but that the recent high waters have retarded and destroyed some that had been completed.

Four guests were introduced.

The last meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Felix A.Larue on Three Rivers, June 4th.

This will be the meeting at which the new officers will be elected. At that meeting, all members are requested to wear a corsage of her own making. Prizes will be given for the most professional looking ones.

The Garden-of-The-Month was selected as that of Mrs Walter Galatas.

The Corresponding Secretary was asked to write a note of congratulation to Bayou Liberty Club for the Garden project of beautifying the Railroad-right-of-way south of the station. ~~She was also asked to write a letter from the Garden Club to the Mayor, protesting the cutting down of trees unnecessarily.~~

The President spoke of the Parish Fair that is held each fall and said our Club would take an ad in the Fair Catalogue at the same price as last year.

Mrs Guichard requested items of interest of early days in St.Tammany Parish, to be displayed in a special booth during the Fair.

Our Club Poet, Mrs L.J.Nunez, read her clever poem, "Lily-of-The-Valley".

Entrance prize was won by Mrs Guichard

Hostess committee was introduced by the Secretary.

Mrs Bryer introduced the speaker, Mrs John E.Thurmond. She spoke on Flower Arranging and held the attention of her audience by her instructions as to how to make beauty a central focus in the home. Her arrangements were interesting andpleasing.

The members were requested to consider the advisability of having a class in Flower Arranging at some future date.

The refreshments were cooling and attractive and served from a summery table placed in rear of patio.

Jessie Dunn Sec.

Minutes of Garden Club for June 1953

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 by the President, Mrs M.T.Benedict, at the home of Mrs Felix A.LaRue.

It was the annual meeting and reports of officers were called for. The minutes of May meeting were read by the Sec. The Treasurer reported $79.44 on hand. The Garden-of-The-Month was named as that of Mrs Ben Stone. The Garden-of-The-Month will be continued all during the summer months. The past winners of the Garden of Month were read.

Mrs L.J.Nunez, our Club Poet read her poems of the year. They were Black-eyed Susan for Oct.; Chrysanthemum for November; Holly and Mistletoe for Dec.; White Carnation for Jan.; Sweet Violet for Feb.; Rose for March; Sweet peas for April; Lily-of-The-Valley for May and Shasta Daisy for June.

The chairman of the hostess committee, Mrs E.N.Woodruff, said that dues collected for the refreshments amounted to $11.50 and that it would be contributed to the project to be announced later.

Mrs Benedict announced the Parish Fair would be held Sept. 25th-28th and requested the members to begin now nurturing house plants to be displayed. She also suggested that members receiving money prizes could donate the money received to be used in Club project.

Mrs Benedict told the Club that each organization in Covington has been asked to furnish a room at the St.Tammany Hospital being built on Madisonville road. The amount needed for a single room will be $400, or $4.00 per member, if they desire to make a donation. Moved by Mrs Capers, Seconded by Mrs Vic Peytral that we work on that project and Mrs Bessie Capers agreed to be collector of pledges for that purpose.

An ad of appreciation was written by Mrs Nunez about our Tung Blossom Festival and will be used in the Fair Catalog.

Miss Bertha Morer suggested that Mrs L.J.Nunez be named our club Poet Laureate.

Mrs John Koepp Jr invited the Garden Club to meet with the Madisonville ladies at Bayou Cottage in November. Mrs Benedict told the Club that the October meeting will be for members only as at that time there will be a discussion of a change in the by-laws.

Mrs Oliver Hebert requested the members to visit the Bogue Falaya State Park. Work is progressing satisfactorily, due to our Club's interest. Many improvements have been completed and others in progress of completion.

Mrs Thomas told the members that Mrs Hubert has not received the promised plants for the 5 cafeterias in the Mental Hospital in Mandeville. She asked also for cleaning cloths to be used there. Contact Mrs Thomas if you have anything for the Hospital.

The Nominating committee was called on for their report. The following officers were reported for the year 1953-1954.

President, Mrs Gerard Mott
1st V.Pres.-- " E.R.Simmons
2nd V. " -- " A.R.Blossman

Recording Secretary----------Mrs LeRoy Dunn
Corresponding Secretary------ " Walker Percy
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These nominations were presented by Mrs Ralph P. Guichard,Chairman and her helpers,Mesdames John Koepp,Jr and Leo LeBlanc. Mrs Benedict asked for nominations from the floor. Mrs Hawley moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Miss Fairfax. Motion carried and the new officers were elected unanimously.

Mrs B.B.Warren gave Garden hints for the summer months.

The winner of the entrance prize was Mrs Hugh Blair

Nine ladies had perfect attendance and the prize was won by Mrs Manuel Fernandez

Four guests were introduced.

The judges for the corsages were Mrs Jonette Dunning Mrs Edna Buquoi and Mrs Heiderich

The Club gift for the retiring president was presented by Mrs Vic Peytral to Mrs Benedict.

June minutes were then read and approved. The meeting adjourned to the attractive terrace where our hostess served delicious refreshments there and in her patio.

The winners of the corsages were Mrs A.R.Blossman,first and Miss Winnie Magee,second.

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" A.L. Magruder

Board Meeting September 21st, 1953

Treasurer's Report: $69.23
93.00 (Hospital Fund)
162.23

Recommendations:

1. That a vote of members be taken and method of payment for booklet for the year 1953-54 be decided.

2. That a committee be appointed to study the Constitution and By-Laws of the Covington Garden Club and recommend revisions therefor.

Respt. submitted,

Joyce E. Landon
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Garden Club - October, 1953.

Mrs. Percy read letter from Dr. G. W. Davis of Southeast Louisiana Hospital thanking Garden Club for plants donated to the Hospital cafeteria.

Mrs. Benedict reported a successful display at the St. Tammany Parish Free Fair.

Mrs. Warren gave Garden Club hints for October.

Mrs. Vaois reported Lydia E. Froscher Book Review would be October 21st. These reviews will be the third Wednesday in each month.

President announced books open for dues.

Mrs. Capers introduced the hostesses.

One guest was introduced.

Our next meeting, November 5th, will be held at Bayou Cottage, xxxx offered by Mrs. John Koepp, Jr.

Mrs. Edna Benedict won the door prize.

Mr. Philip Burns, Jr. showed movies of Tung Festival xxxxxxg activities, and films of his tour of the east.

The meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served.

Resp. submitted,

Joyce E. Landon
Recording secretary

Board Meeting Nov. 30th, 1953

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Benedict, in absence of Mrs. Mott, President.

The following discussed:

1.A. Limit awards for Christmas Decorations to House, 1st and 2nd prize; Yard, 1st and 2nd prize.

1.B. Limit total cost of awards to $10 - $12.

2. Suggest 20 mimeo copies of membership lists for committees.

3. Delinquent dues notice after this meeting to be written by Mrs. Thomas, Treasurer.

4. Vivian Tugenhaft, in charge of Santa Claus, asked to buy small gifts, if not donated.

5. Report on Tung Blossom Festival Committee requested.

Meeting adjourned.

Respt. submitted,

Joyce E. Landon
Rec. Secretary

Garden Club Minutes for October, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 P.M. by the President, Mrs. Gerard Mott.

The President announced that Mrs. Leroy Dunn was unable to undertake the duties of Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Leicester L. Landon had been appointed in that capacity.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported $61.73 Gen. Fund, $93.00 Hospital Fund, $154.73 banked. The annual Treasurer's Report was read.

The following new members were introduced: Mrs. D. J. Heiderich, Mrs. Edna B. Buquoi, Mrs. L. G. Pichon, Mrs. J. O. Schwartz, Mrs. Lloyd Cambre, Mrs. Herbert Cannon.

The President announced a committee had been appointed to study and recommend revisions for the Consitution and By-Laws of the Garden Club.

Committee Reports were called for. Mrs. Capers, reporting for the Hospital Fund said that she was ready to accept donations from those pledging their support.

Mrs. Oliver Hebert made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wentz, that a resolution be drawn requesting paving of the street from New Hampshire to the pavillion at Bogue Falaya State Park, and that personal letters along with copies of resolution be sent to Mrs. W. T. Brooks, District Engineer, La. Highway Commission, Hammond, La.; Mr. Sam Short, Chairman La. Highway Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. George Colvert, Director, Highway Commission, Baton Rouge, La.
Motion Carried.

President announced printed yearly booklets for the Club would cost approximately 25¢ each. Mrs. Wendt made motion, seconded by Mrs. Capers, that each member be respondible for the cost of her booklet.
Motion Carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Walker Percy, read letter from Sportsman's Club requesting our support in keeping river frontage owned by City free of fences belonging to private owners. Mrs. Benedict made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Moore, that a representative from the Sportsman's Club be requested to attend our next meeting and explain further.
Motion Carried.

Garden Club Minutes for November, 1953

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gerard Mott, at Bayou Cottage in Madisonville.

There were 59 members and 3 guests attending.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected by Mrs. Oliver Hebert.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Mrs. Saal, representing the Consituttion Committee, explained amendments and distributed copies of Constitution and By-Laws to each member. President announced amendments would be voted on at next meeting.

Mrs. H. A. Mackey received the award for Garden of the Month.

Mrs. Capers gave report on Hospital Fund.

The President appointed Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Capers as committee to investigate ways of preventing removal of trees on City property.

Mrs. Heyer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Planche, that as the Sportsman's Club had dropped its action on repossession of riverfront property once owned by the City, that the Garden Club table its investigation.
Motion Carried.

Date of the Ozone Camellia Show was announced, with request for entires.

Mrs. Valois announced the planning of a show from Christ's Church. Book Review on regular date, 3:00 P.M.

Mrs. Nunez, Club Poet, read her delightful poem for the month entitled, "Autumn Leaves".

Mrs. Warren gave very constructive garden hints.

Time and place of the next meeting was announced.

Letter from Mr. Covert, Director of Highways was read, in which he stated no action could be taken at this time on our request for paving of road from New Hampshire St. to Pavillion.

Mrs. Price Magee gave very interesting garden hints, reminding us that December was the time for planting or transplanting shrubs and roses.

Mrs. Nunez read her Christmas poem.

The Garden Club was then entertained with carols by the women of the Covington Choraleers.

The meeting was adjourned and delightful seasonal refreshments served.

Resp.Submitted,

Mrs. Joyce E. Landon
Recording Secretary

Mrs Jonette Dunning was our speaker on Christmas decorating. Her unique ideas were enthusiastically received, especially as Mrs Dunning is one of our own talented members.