

Round the Mountain



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A note from Jeri Stark, our new District Director:

As we start a new year, I am interested in what your clubs would like to see from the Diablo Foothill District to help support your clubs.

One of the outcomes from the state conference in June was to develop ways to help the districts provide more help to their members. Any ideas you would like to share are welcome.

We are also looking for a central place to hold our meetings. Many of the former sites have increased their rental rates that make it too expensive for us to continue to consider them as viable locations.

Address your suggestions to me, Jeri Stark at the contacts listed below.

Any help in this area would be great.

Happy Summer,

Jeri Stark

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Diablo Foothills District Meeting

Minutes: Thursday June 23rd, 2022.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:am

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mona Dunlop

Inspiration on "Attitude" by Jane Berger

Introduction of Board Members: Asst Director-Jeri Stark, Recording Secretary- Rosalind Cline, (protem) Discovery Bay Garden Club, Treasurer-Audrey Marlovits, Past Director- Gloria Utley

Roll Call: Clayton Valley Garden Club, Discovery Bay Garden Club, Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club, Walnut Creek Garden Club, and affiliates. The Gardens at Heather Farm and the Ruth Bancroft Garden. Gloria Utley (Amenities, Protocol & Parliamentarian)

Past Directors stood and identified themselves including years served.

Minutes of last meeting were emailed to all attendees.

Treasurer's report by Audrey Marlovits see addendum A

Penny Pines Funds: \$169.10. (Enough for 2 Plantations) as reported by Jeri Stark.

NEW BUSINESS:

On behalf of DFD, Audrey Marlovits thanked outgoing director Mona Dunlop and presented her with an orchid plant and DFD donation made in her name to the CGCI Scholarship Fund.

DFD Awards were presented by Jane Berger to Carolyn Whitmore, Flower Arranger of the year, and Judy Disbrow, Propagator of the year. Petunia Award presented by Mona Dunlop to Audrey Marlovits.

CGCI Awards were presented by Marlene Kinney.

Installation of New DFD Board: District Director 2022-2024: Jeri Stark, installed by Audrey Marlovits.

Assistant Director position is vacant.

Secretary position is vacant and will be filled by Club members.

Treasurer requesting replacement.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law changes were presented at last meeting by Gloria Utley.

Motion by Karen Abbruscuto and seconded by Jeri Stark:

"Add video conference call prior to approval of By-Laws"

Discussion occurred and motion was carried.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 11: am.

The next DFD business meeting will be on **Thursday October 27, 2022**

PROGRAM: Linda Cruz introduced Anna and Karen Zakaria who demonstrated how to form a ball of soil wrapped with moss, and planted with succulents or a houseplant. This was an alternative to Kokedama which was the Omafudama, a more sustainable and cleaner method of wrapping plants in a ball.

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Submitted by:

Rosalind Cline, Discovery Bay Garden Club

Addendums:

A Treasurer's Report

B Proposed Bylaws Amendments dtd Feb 24, 2022, please note changes cited above in June Meeting

Addendum A

DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT
from 3/31/22 to June 23,2022

BALANCE ON HAND 3/31/2022 (First Republic Bank checking acct)		\$8,643.61
CASH RECEIPTS		
Bank interest April-May	\$0.01	
Refund check from CCCC	\$37.15	
June meeting reservations	\$195.00	
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED	\$ 232.16	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
CGCI Scholarship Fund	\$100.00	
CGCI Black Point Project	\$100.00	
CGCI Sempervirens Fund	\$100.00	
CGCI convention registration - Palomar District	\$315.00	
Website "Go Daddy" reimbursement to Mona Dunlop	\$180.06	
CGCI President's Project 2021-23	\$100.00	
DFD Award #1	\$25.00	
DFD Award #2	\$25.00	
June Program Karen Zakaria	\$225.00	
Trader Joe's plant	\$27.43	
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,197.49	
BALANCE ON HAND June 23, 2022		\$7,678.28
Earmarked Penny Pines funds	\$169.10	
one year Reserves	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	
	\$3,169.10	
WORKING FUND		\$4,509.18
Balance on hand		\$7,678.28
First Republic Bank CD--balance on 2/23/2022		<u>\$1,954.50</u>
Total Money available		\$9,632.78

Audrey Marlovits, treasurer

~~(Strike outs)~~

(Additions)

**DFD Proposed Bylaws Amendments
February 24, 2022**

Article II – Objectives

The objectives of this non-profit corporation shall be educational, charitable *or scientific* as defined by Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Rationale: This will match the criteria in Article XII: 1 which was required by CGFI.

Article IV: 5

The Secretary shall call roll for attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

IV: 6 (Last sentence.)

The treasurer shall chair the budget committee, send a copy of the proposed budget to the general membership thirty (30) days prior to the vote which will take place at the first general *fall* meeting of the fiscal year.

Rationale: Specifies who and when does roll call and VI: 6 clarifies fall meeting.

IV: 8 (Parliamentarian)

~~With all membership rights including voting privileges.~~ *The parliamentarian may vote on balloted items.*

Rationale: Parliamentarian is an advisory position. He/she should not be able to make a motion or participate in discussion in that position. However, he/she must not be deprived of membership rights for serving in that position and may act as a regular member as long as that issue does not require a parliamentary decision.

Article VI: 3

(At end of 1st sentence add) *(July 30)*.

Rationale: Clarifies exact time.

Article VIII: 4

A nominating committee of three (3) shall be elected at the first general membership meeting of the Diablo Foothills District, *in the fall*, of even numbered years.

(Last sentence) the committee, at the close of this meeting, shall be instructed by the parliamentarian. ~~(and shall choose its own chairman)~~ *The board shall select the chairman with the other two (2) committee members selected by the membership.*

Rationale: Clarifies exact time. The board should have a better idea of who is more cognizant of club rules.

Article VII: 5

Virtual Board Meetings, General Meetings and Special Meetings may be conducted by Conference call. Attendees must be seen and heard in order to count toward the quorum. The call then becomes the assembly. The conference call number and the time of the call should be included. Members shall be present at the meeting or on the conference call. All officers shall be included. Members should identify themselves upon getting into the call.

Rationale: As the State of California declared a Shelter in Place edict and no mass assemblies. State law supersedes in emergencies.

CGCI and Diablo Foothills District Awards Recipients 2021-2022 Season

CGCI Awards:

Special Award-Award of Honor: Steve Lane of Clayton Valley Garden Club

Award #12-Club Program: Discovery Bay Garden Club

Award #13-Club Touring: Discovery Bay Garden Club

Award #54-Club Yearbook (class 2) Third Place: Discovery Bay Garden Club

Award #54-Club Yearbook (class4) Second Place: Walnut Creek Garden Club

Award #64A-Jr. Essay Contest (gr. 1-3): Hafsa Firdaus,

Award #64B-Jr. Essay Contest (grades 4-5): Zainab Firdaus,

#64 A, B Sponsored by Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club

Award #70-Educationnal Schools Award (tie): Diablo Foothills District

Blue Ribbon Certificates of Achievements—

Blackhawk Bloomers Garden Club, Clayton Valley Garden Club, Discovery Bay Garden Club, Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club, and Walnut Creek Garden Club

Diablo Foothills District Awards:

Petunia Award: Audrey Marlovits, for her dedication to providing us thorough financial services via her work as Treasurer

District Floral Container Designer Award: Carolyn Whitman of CVGC

District Propagator of the Year: Judy Disbrow of CVGC

Retiring DFD Director, Mona Dunlop (thank you for all your work) and our newly installed



DFD Director Jeri Stark (of LAVGC)



Congratulations goes to Audrey Marlovits, our 2022 DFD Petunia Award Winner!!!!



DFD Winner Propagator, Judy Disbrow, and Floral Container Winner Carolyn Whitmore (pictured here) both of CVGC



CGCI award winners; Clayton Valley, Discovery Bay and Livermore Amador Valley Garden Clubs.....And, of course, Blue Ribbons won by all our clubs!

Guest Presenters:
Anna and Karen Zakaria

Charming us with their
"Kokedama Demonstration".....

a plant ball wrapped with moss/
burlap and colored string....a
perfect summer or
Hostess gift



SUMMER REMINDERS:

1. Send in your DFD dues (see below).
2. Send your 2022-2023 slate of officers to Jeri Stark, jstarkhome@comcast.net
Please include position, phone numbers and email addresses
3. Start reviewing the CGCI website for potential awards to be won by your club
4. Mark your calendar for DFD next meeting: Thursday October 27th 2022
5. Enjoy your summer!!!!

Diablo Foothills District Of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Membership Dues Payment Form 2022-2023

Due date: July 15, 2022
Delinquent: July 31, 2022

Membership dues of \$2.00 per member are paid in arrears, **for the prior year**. Dues are based on the number of members in your club at the close of your last fiscal year.

If you are an affiliate, your dues are \$30 per organization.

Club treasurer: Please provide full contact information for club treasurer.

Make checks payable to: **Diablo Foothills District**
Detach and return the statement below with dues payment to:
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Diablo Foothills District Membership Dues Statement 2022-2023