

Secret Garden Tour Overview-Board meeting 01-05-26

The Committee has progressed with the following: Sue Dudzic, Leslie Perna, Donna Berger, Karen Bonney, Debbie Salberg, Donna Baker, Susan Licari, Mary Neal

1. Tickets have been sold to all members. Some Circles have exceeded their allotment which is good. We have received \$8584 from members which is the budgeted amount. We have not collected from the businesses selling tickets which are Pinders (80), The Gate (70), Kilwins (50), Stuart Art Supply (40) or Hobe Sound Beach but will do so by the end of the month for next month's Financial report.
2. Gardens were assigned to Circles depending on size and mobility of members as follows: 007 Compound-Satin Leaf; Sound of Music-Member at Large; Indiana Jones-Periwinkle (front & checking wrist bands), Tabulua-Middle Gardens, Alamanda-River side; Alice in Wonderland-Jacaranda. Three of the gardens are quite large and will need some help leading people from the front to the river side. One garden is a compound but is probably easier to negotiate. The 4th Garden is a lovely meandering walk thru multiple sections. We also discussed that members can wear hats, etc. that accentuate that garden such as Indy Outback Hats, etc. but we would like them to wear our standard Garden Club outfits with badges to identify themselves. We need at least 4 volunteers a shift with 4 parkers (at least). That will be a total of $4 \times 4 \text{ gardens} \times 2 \text{ shifts} = 32 \text{ volunteers}$. $\text{Parking } 4 \times 2 \text{ parking spots} \times 2 \text{ shifts} = 16 \text{ volunteers}$.
3. Donations-We have received a total of \$1,725 thru 12/31/25 with a budget of \$2,500.
4. Special donations-Karen Bonney received TWO large paintings from Hobe Sound Art League that we will be selling tickets for a drawing. This was an exciting donation!
5. Music-I have contacted a volunteer group that may be interested in playing at Sound of Music. It will either be a hit or a miss and I should have more information by next meeting.
6. Parking-We will need at least 4 volunteers a shift for the two locations. $4 \times 2 \text{ parking spots} \times 2 \text{ shifts} = 16 \text{ volunteers}$.
7. Friday Appreciation Stroll Party flyer will be printed and given to those volunteering. Sue Dudzic, chairperson, will take the RSVP's. Feiertag donated the \$400 to fund

the appreciation night and we budgeted \$500. This will allow those who volunteer who are Property Owners, Major Car donors, Stuart Garden Club volunteers and Board members, Major Donors, Master Gardeners, Plein air to preview and stroll 2 of the gardens the night before. 100 to 120 participants and will require RSVPs. Tickets for the gardens and the drawing for the generously donated painting will be sold at that event.

8. Publicity- Stroll Magazine has published a 1-page article to "Remember the Date." Daina has posted the flyers to Facebook. I have contacted and discussed with Jo Baron, who is Publicity chairperson for The Woman's Club and gave me names and advice in how to publish this event which we are in the middle of doing. I will create a future "cheat sheet" to potentially make this a recipe for the future Secret Gardens. Some of these are Stroll, Treasure Coast TP Luminaries, Social Media (Daina has been publishing this on Facebook), Next Door, and "Things to Do." I also have contacted Martin County and will continue to follow thru with them so this might be on their weekly web site of things to do in Martin County. We still have posters and handouts and will bring those to the meeting.
9. Plein air painters-I have talked to the new coordinator who is Vitina Porrett who is presenting this to her committee for volunteers, and we are anticipating between 5-8. I have resent her the flyer that I sent in December.
10. Cars-We have multiple cars and since the last meeting, I have precured a second major car owner which I will take photos of for their benefit and also add to our event-Pending over the Holiday.
11. Master Gardeners-I have several volunteers that have enthusiastically volunteered.

To Do:

1. Publicity-Work with Lumineers. I am getting at least 3 photos together, possibly with the team in one of the gardens.
2. Photos of 2nd major car collection.
3. Photos and identification of final garden (hopefully when more is in bloom).
4. Print booklet. Get volunteer to help with ads so we can have print ready for Susan. We anticipate getting the wording together in the next 2 weeks.
5. We need to arrange for a golf cart to transport people who have mobility issues from one garden to the next (we may have a golf cart).
6. Gifts for Owners...I have some ideas but am open.

Enthusiastically presented

Bonnie Sharp Stoeppelman