Secret Garden Tour Overview-Board meeting 03-2-26

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. Circle Goal met. We have begun collecting money from the businesses selling tickets which are Pinders (80), The Gate (70), Kilwins (50), Stuart Art Supply (40) or Hobe Sound Beach. Li to give report of number of PayPal tickets sold. We still have to collect money from some of the businesses selling tickets.

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),
   Tabeluia-Middle Gardens,
   Alamanda-River side;
   Alice in Wonderland-Jacaranda.
   We would like Circles to wear their pink Polo shirts with the possibility of doing something related to their assigned garden. Satin Leaf, for example is wearing bowties as in 007.

3. **Meeting at Gardens with Circle Presidents**. We will have a walk thru if Circle Presidents to meet and go over their assignments. These gardens are easy as 3 are gated so entrance will be easily restricted to those wearing wristbands. We do need to go over parking at Indiana Jones and Alice in Wonderland. The parking will be on both sides of Sailfish Sands public golf course and restaurant.

4. **Ad Donations**-We have budgeted $2500-Pending Financial report for income.

5. **Special donations & bids**-We will sell drawing tickets for TWO large water color paintings from Hobe Sound Art League; Silent auction items include an Africa trip. Starting bid is $3,500 for two people for 6 nights. I have stayed there and it is an incredible trip. I will have photo book available. We receive half of the amount and do not pay if it does not sell. So far, I have at least one person interested in this trip. I can sell two. You must use the trip within 2 years. Mary Neal is donating an incredible painting. I will be making an original Cigar Box Handbag. Pinders is donating a 15-gallon ***Alocasia macrorrhizos* 'Lutea'**(Golden Elephant Ear) which is one of the plants in the Indian Jones Garden.

6. **Music**-We need to supply music for the church using personal speakers and likely cell phones. There should be music at 007.

7. **Parking**-Each Circle assigned to those gardens will need to get volunteers. I have taken photos and have gone to the area by Sailfish Sands during a golf tournament. There was still plenty of parking. This will need to be managed carefully as the parking should be easy if done logically. We will need at least 4 volunteers for a shift for the two locations. 4 x 2 parking spots x 2 shifts = 16 volunteers.

8. **Friday Appreciation Stroll Party** flyer is printed and is being given to those volunteering. Sue Dudzic, chairperson, is taking RSVPs. Feiertag donated $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, drawings and silent auction will be available. People are driving several special cars to that location.

9. **Publicity**- Luminaries has published photos and an article. Several other publications have published photos and articles. We are paying for an ad in Hometown News. Please get the word out! We still have small postcards available. These seemed to have worked well.

10. **Plein air painters-**Affirmed.

11. **Cars**-It seems like the community has rallied regarding the cars and we have quite a few who have committed to volunteering. I am making a list of the cars so we can put that into the booklet. Some are quite rare. In the event of rain, we do have garages. 007 has a warehouse that will be available to view one car collection. Alice in Wonderland has a large garage where several of the cars can be displayed.

12. **Master Gardeners**-I have several volunteers that have enthusiastically volunteered.

<u>To Do and Completed:</u>

1. Publicity-Smaller cards were distributed. Luminaries published. We are buying an ad.

2. Photos of 2nd major car collection were completed. **Cars are fabulous!**

3. Booklet- Susan Licari is diligently working create the booklet using the photos and write ups.

4. Print booklet. We are hoping to have the booklet within the next 2 weeks.

5. Gifts-Pending.

Enthusiastically presented,

Bonnie Sharp Stoeppelman