



The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.

Board Report from 2nd Vice President

March 4, 2024

As of our last general meeting, February 12th, 2024, we had 139 active members plus 10 honorary members. Attending this meeting were 80 active members, and 5 guests. Total attendance was revised to 85 in attendance, which differed from my report at the general meeting, I also received 3 more new applications from the attending guests.

Today I will be introducing 5 new members to our Board and then I will welcome them at our March meeting. They are:

Frances Schoen lives in Stuart during the winter months and then she travels back to Ohio. She's an avid gardener in Ohio. She has an interest in Horticulture, Floral Design, environmental projects, gardening and ways and means. She is already familiar with the Jacaranda Circle and would like to join it. Actually, Pat Dermody encouraged her to join our club.

Patricia Gelineau (likes to be called Tish), has lived in Port Salerno for the last 20 years. She is an active Realtor and likes to volunteer for non-profit groups. Prior to moving to Florida, she lived in Vermont for over 20 years. She has developed her own landscape here in Florida and enjoys all aspects of gardening. Her Mom was very influential in her gardening development, as she was involved in many organizations related to gardening. Judi Hubert met her at Honey-Honey and encouraged her to join. She is interested in joining Allamanda Circle. Tish says she is willing to volunteer to help out with the secret garden tour. See me for contact information to recruit her.

Maria Smundin lives in Hobe Sound, she found us on the internet and through our correspondence since the November meeting she attended, she thought now is the time to join. She sat with the Tabebuia Circle and enjoyed them. She is very interested in joining a circle. She has an interest in Horticulture, and Environmental Projects.

Randa Qaisi lives in Stuart. She is a traveling Pharmacist for CVS. When she visits her mother in Kentucky, CVS schedules her there. Otherwise, she travels around our area. Randi is an amateur artist and some of her paintings have been printed in Stuart Magazine and various others as well. Knowing the principle of design will make her a natural to learn floral design with us. She has an interest in Horticulture and eager to participate with like minded people here.

Patricia Childs is a native of Stuart. Her mother was a former member of our club and she decided to check us out. Patty has a long-time appreciation of gardening from a very young age. Her family goes back to the 1880's when they owned over 75 acres, today known as the Savannahs on Indian Drive. She grew up on the lands immersed in all the native plantings. She has a lot of interest in horticulture, floral design working in civic gardens and joining a circle. She wants to become a member of Satin Leaf Circle.

I will be introducing these new members at our next general meeting to our membership.

I want to remind everyone that our New Member Brunch is scheduled on Monday, April 8th, from 9:30 – 12 noon. I am passing around a sign-up sheet inviting all the members of the board to attend. This should be a fun time meeting all of our new members. Our casual brunch will give you the opportunity to acquaint our new members with the various aspects of the club and catch their interest in our circles and committee opportunities. In addition to signing up, I am also requesting volunteers to sign up and bring a platter of refreshments. Suggested menu is also included with the sign-up sheets. I need as many of you to say YES to attending and help me make this affair a great success. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Welch, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chairman