

Secret Garden Tour Overview-Board meeting 02-02-26

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 from the businesses selling tickets which are Pinders (80), The Gate (70), Kilwins (50), Stuart Art Supply (40) or Hobe Sound Beach. As prior, it seems slow in Dec./Jan.
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. Circles can choose to wear something regarding the theme, such as hats, etc. along with their normal polo shirt with their badges. We need at least 4 volunteers, a shift with 4 parkers (at least). That will be a total of 4 x 4 gardens x 2 shifts= 32 volunteers. Parking 4 x 2 parking spots x 2 shifts = 16 volunteers. A DETAILED WRITE UP IS ATTACHED.
3. **Ad Donations**-We have budgeted \$2500-Pending Financial report for income.
4. **Special donations & bids**-TWO large paintings from Hobe Sound Art League; Africa trip which requires nothing from us in the event it does not sell. Starting bid is \$2,500 for two people for 6 nights. I have stayed there and it is an incredible trip. I will have photo book available. Recently, we did a silent auction on this and we received \$4,500 so the benefit received \$2,000 without any work.
5. **Music**-The volunteer choir is unavailable that day unfortunately.
6. **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.
7. **Friday Appreciation Stroll Party** flyer is printed and is being given to those volunteering. Sue Dudzic, chairperson, is taking RSVP's. 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, drawing and silent auction will be available.

8. **Publicity**- We have printed small cost-effective postcards to give to members to give out. We found that many of the places that we visited ran out of posters and wanted something smaller to give to their customers. Stroll published for 2 months and will only publish two months. I have written an article and submitted photos for Treasure Coast TP Luminaries. Cindy Doney has affirmed that they received it and will publish it. The City of Stuart will only publish events that are City originated.
9. **Plein air painters**-Affirmed.
10. **Cars**-We have procured multiple cars since the last meeting. I took photos of a warehouse collection and met with car enthusiasts and hopefully will get more auto owners to attend. I was able to select 2 vehicles from that collection.
11. **Master Gardeners**-I have several volunteers that have enthusiastically volunteered.

To Do and Completed:

1. Publicity-We printed smaller cards to pass out. We will give those to the Circles.
2. Photos of 2nd major car collection were completed. Cars are fabulous!
3. Photos were taken of final garden and list of unusual plants was given by that owner.
4. Print booklet. We have been meeting and writing up the copy for the booklet. We have established the photos we likely will use. I verified that they would need 2 weeks to print the book. We will get Susan the print and photos to add to her layout hopefully by the 2nd week in February so she can have the booklet ready to print by March 7th which will give her a month to organize.
5. We do not have a cart to transport people from one garden to the next. This distance is one City block. The booklet suggests that people with mobility issues park on one side and then move their vehicle to the other side if walking a block is difficult.
6. Gifts-Pending.

Enthusiastically presented,

Bonnie Sharp Stoeppelman