

Croatan Women's Club Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023

Our April meeting was held at Martha Davenport's home, with approximately 24 members in attendance.

Anne Mannarino, a member of the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners, presented a quick overview presentation of native plants and flowers. Bettina Armour and Anne arranged "Flowers & Garden" pots for all ladies in attendance. These attractive pots contained three small plants to get us started with our Spring gardens. Prizes were donated and awarded to several members of the club. The tote bag prizes were donated by the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission.

President's Report by Jo Bloomquist:

At 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 22, Jo Bloomquist and all club members wishing to attend will be placing commemorative plaques honoring June Strader and Gay Tiffany on the Secotan Bridge. Members who knew these ladies will have the opportunity to share their memories with the group and Jo will close with a prayer in remembrance.

Joseph Monaghan, Area Director of Stroll Magazine Croatan, has offered the club an opportunity to raise much need funds for the club. He is offering to donate \$100 for every photo shoot he takes of our members and/or their families. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jo.

A nominating committee was formed to appoint our board members for 2023. Katie Ripberger will lead the committee, assisted by Susan Savage and Diane Ferreira.

Our next meeting will be held on May 8, at 7:00 pm. We will hold our first "Met Gala Extravaganza" at the Stravitz Sculpture & Fine Art Gallery on Laskin Road. While carpooling is recommended, there is also plenty of parking at the facility. Wear your party attire for a night of art, delicious appetizers, and wine. Please look for the upcoming flier for this event and RSVP quickly we have ample time to plan for food and wine.

Please mark your calendars for our last meeting of the year. The "Beach Bash Party" meeting will be held on June 12 at Cindy Summs' home.

An important planning reminder - it is never too early to start thinking about next year. As you know, we desperately need members to volunteer their homes to host the 2023-2024 meetings of our club. Please contact (name) at your earliest convenience.