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Minutes: La Plata Garden Club Meeting March 23, 2017

Mary Ann Wade welcomed everyone and introduced our program speaker, Kerry Wixted of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The title of the program was, "Bees, Bats and Snakes, Oh My". It was a great program with lots of information about all of the 17k species found and documented in Maryland.

She shared the contact if you should come across a helpless animal. (410-260-8566). (420-260-8540) DNR.

Mary Ann thanked her and presented a plant as a thank you.

A break was taken for refreshments.

The business meeting was called to order by Mary Grant. Thank you was given to the Hostess committee and guests were introduced along with 2 new members, Cindy Arnone and Sandra Harrison.

## **Old Business:**

Diane Shisler reminded everyone about the Kent Russell "Garden Design" Show and expressed more ticket sales are needed. She also passed around sign-up sheets for assisting the designer setting up and helping with our table. Members were asked to hand out some advertising.

## **New Business:**

Committee Chairs were introduced and reports given. Listed are only those who had reports. Complete list of Committees are in your Year Book:

Community Projects: A discussion of possible community projects was led by Mary Grant and Cathy Cornette. The club approved going forward with more in-depth discussions with the Town of La Plata, including the possibility of partnering with the Port Tobacco Watershed Society. Mary and Cathy will gather more details and come back to the club for approval once a project is decided upon.

Finance/Audit: The Proposed Budget for 2017 motion was approved with 2 changes -- adding \$25 to the Science Fair Awards total and adding \$400 to the Star Garden.

Garden Giveaway: Rule #1---Please make sure, if you bring something to give away, that you take it with you if it is not taken!!!!

Historian: If you have pictures or any other bits of Club happenings, please turn in the Linda Abbe

Hospitality: If you cannot help, please find someone to switch with you, as everyone needs to do their part. The numbers of people on the committee were done that way because some meetings require more help.

Memorial Garden: Don't forget to sign up for your month to work. Garden Clean-Up Day will be April 5 from 1-5pm. There are some blank spots in the garden that need Hostas/Hellaboeres if anyone has some.

Publicity: Correction needed in your book -- Chair is Mary Vance.

Special Events: Kent Russell Show – We will have a table with Garden Goodies for sale.

Web Site / Face Book: New web site: ([laplatagardenclub.org](http://laplatagardenclub.org)). We have had 70 hits in the last month. Take a look at all the new information.

Yearbook: If you do not have your picture in the yearbook, please contact Kathy Pedersen.

Announcements:

April 16, 2017 Meeting at Greenstreet Gardens . Please make reservations for the bus. \$5 and bring a bag lunch, dessert provided.

April 29, 2017 Garden walk "Native orchids" in Maryland.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Polly Zimmerman for Kathy Hettel