

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2015 MCGA MEETING

The October 17, 2015 MCGA meeting was called to order by president Glenda Damm, with eight members present. Glenda announced that Al has been sick for the past two weeks and was unable to attend today, so there will be no treasurer's report this month.

No meeting was held last month, but those members attending worked on unfinished projects.

Stephanie Clere volunteered to take over the Sunshine Comm., since the person who previously was responsible no longer attends the group meetings.

Carole Sheftic said she had talk to Carrie Lynn Dearing recently and informed her there are twenty people signed up for the classes she is teaching at our gourd show next month. Carole also announced the upcoming workshop for this spring so members can take the opportunity to purchase the necessary gourds for the workshops from Elaine Hayes at our gourd show:

January- no workshop; get together for after Christmas party

February-Carole; no idea' medium gourd round or birdhouse

March-Ella-Small round or oblong, she will get a picture up on web site

April- Orchid- Kitten two-part over lay, wood burning

May- Glenda- Medium gourd, will decorate with cooper sheeting

Carole is doing a poster that will be displayed at the entrance to our area. This is in memory of Tom Keller, who has done a lot to help both our club and the Florida Gourd Society and to promote gourd art.

Glenda reported three members attended the FGA retreat last month. She would like to see more members attending the state functions. She reminded everyone that State dues are \$12 for the year and need to be submitted by December 31. She encouraged all members to renew their FGS memberships. The FGA show will be in Feb. and FGS members in good standing can sign up for classes Oct.23-25. There will be open registration in November and classes fill up fast.

Our patch was asked to display some of their gourd projects at the Belleview library in January, Anyone wishing to contribute to the display, please bring their gourds to the Nov. 21 meeting.

We can have a table set up at Market of Marion the three weekends prior to our show so we can advertise it. Glenda sent a sign-up sheet around but only two people signed up. If you can help with this, please contact Glenda.

Set-up for the show will be Thursday Nov. 12. Glenda will be there for sure noon until 2 p.m. items needed for the show include heavy duty extension cords and fans for the workroom. She reminded those who volunteered the Christmas trees for the ornaments to please bring them Thursday so the membership table and area can be set-up.

Glenda showed members how to use a straw for easy string of the bird house gourds. Everyone worked on bird house gourds for the show while enjoying a nice lunch of soup and salad provided by the food committee. Thanks ladies.

Respectively submitted

Lou White- secretary