

June 18, 1957

The June meeting was a Splash Party and luncheon at Florence Booth's, following our June tradition. Florence had broken her shoulder the day before, but the meeting and Splash Party went on, just the same.

The meeting was called to order shortly before 2:00 p. m. by President Carolyn Cohen. Minutes of May meeting and May Director's meeting read and approved.

Treasurer Vera Kirtley reported \$100.05 in the Book Fund and \$116.17 in General Fund.

18 members present, and two guests, Mrs. Jessie Boatwright and Mrs. Ardanelle Duncan. Both became members.

Carolyn Cohen suggested that we eliminate the Roll Call at least during the summer, and have members "sign in", thus saving time.

Mrs. Abbie Zump, who was to give Program talk, was unable to come because of illness. She may come in the Fall.

Carolyn Cohen and Lotte Uhe had both gone to the Mango Festival in Homestead. Lotte gave us an interesting talk about the trip.

She spoke about various aspects of mangoes. The Saigon, she had learned, was the only type that grows true to seed. A Hayden tree, grown from seed, will often give many types of fruit on one tree. This is the reason for the grafting of mango trees. The grafts are most successful if the graft used is similar in type to the seed tree.

Mr. Ledin, the well-known botanist who directs the Mango Festival each year, said that Hayden Mangoes were not necessarily the best to eat, but were one of the best known, hence the popular conception. Many others, such as Saigon, are excellent. Hayden is one of the oldest types.

As to fertilizing, Mrs. Uhe said she had been told that people tended to fertilize far too much. The potash in fertilizers can cause a ring to form around the base of the tree, choking its development. Sometimes it's better not to fertilize.

Mangoes can be grown on the Keys, but most people are unsuccessful with them.

A Conservation Council report, giving 100% approval and cooperation to the Upper Keys Garden Club's conservation efforts, was turned over to the Secretary for filing.

The groups going to Fantastic Gardens June 27 to meet at Lotte Uhe's house at 9:15 a.m., to let her know whether they are coming, and each to bring own lunch.

Carolyn Cohen reported that the trees at Coral Shores School are flourishing. More needed. Those having some more to give to report to Gertrude Thompson.

Susan Lund showed beautiful gilded table decorations made from local materials - sponges, seeds, sea oats and other grasses, shells and leaves. These make very effective centerpieces for banquets. They have been used already that way, and will be used again.

Frances Tracy volunteered to do paper of Tamarinds for next meeting.

Carolyn Cohen showed her clothes pin flower pot holder. We will tap Sears Roebuck for supply of old-fashioned clothes pins.

Vera Kirtley showed sample of her place card holder made from painted coconut "flower".

Tracy, Pryor, Miller, Stimson, Butters and Tjader were appointed to take care of refreshments for the November meeting. Secretary to notify these people in plenty of time..

Tjader volunteered to help Susan Lund with table arrangements for Sports Writers Fishing Tournament dinners, July 19.

Door prizes of plants suggested for November meeting. Sale plants to be judged, ribboned (Tjader to take care of ribbons). Mrs. Von Pauksen offered both to judge and to supply our sale with some of her orchids.

Florence Booth sent in suggestion that we offer some very nice plant for door prize at each meeting. Miller to provide July plant, Lund August.

Carolyn Cohen read Gertrude Thompson's excellent Poinciana paper. Copies were passed around. Remainder are on file.

Lotte Uhe asked for suggestions from floor on programs.

Question and Answer program suggested by Vivian Gross.
Approved by all for next meeting.

Spice Gardens trip suggested for August. Approved by
all. Secretary to write for arrangements.

Viscaya suggested for later date. Approved by all.
Secretary to write and find out whether there are
special rates for club groups.

Also, Experimental Station, Homestead; date to be
decided at a later meeting.

Next meeting to be at Carolyn Cohen's house. Meeting
adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Alida Tjader

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