



April 15, 2025 Members' Meeting Minutes

REPORTS

Treasurer: The balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$2,438. The deadline for submitting your \$10 for the May Luncheon is Tuesday, May 6th. You can drop off your payment in Reyn's newspaper box at 446 Traditional Club Drive.

Membership: New member: Lynne Carney. Total membership is 52. Karen, who will be out of town during our May meeting, wished the members a good summer and introduced April Greene who will be the Chair Person for Membership when we return in September.

Sunshine: A get-well card was sent to Kathy Berko. April Birthdays: Rose Perry (8th), April Greene (9th), Robin Wigham (25th) and Gloria Carter (27th).

Social: Hostesses: Barb Alice and April Greene

MEETING

Debbie Moeller presented the proposed revisions to our By-Laws which was approved and accepted by the members. **[Attached is a copy of the document; revisions are shown in red.]**

Reyn Steadman gave a progress report on the Flower Committee's meeting with our landscaper. The Committee members are Reyn, Debbie and Cheryl Davis, with input from our guest speaker, Chris Guyer. The landscaper is scheduled to start next week in planting the red, white & blue flowers at the entrances and the Club House.

April Greene updated us on the status of the Vendor List. If members have difficulty adding their vendor recommendations to the spread sheet, they can give the info to April for input. Consensus is that providing a copy of the form or a link to the document in the minutes will ensure the list is available to the membership. The list will be maintained for the Club Membership, not the entire Tradition homeowners.

May's luncheon will start at 11:30 am.

PRESENTATION

Our guest speaker Chris Guyer is a Tradition resident who is a volunteer at Brookgreen. Last month he discussed the early history of Brookgreen, the development of the gardens. He returned this month for Part 2 of his presentation - the integration of art, garden and poetry. His depth of knowledge relating to Brookgreen is impressive.

Some of the points from his slide presentation:

- structuring our own gardens (size, plant texture, garden size, sun exposure, water requirements, etc.)
- other issues to consider when we plan our own gardens - children/pet friendly, attract wild life, attract pollinating, low or high maintenance
- the glass art which will be exhibited June 4 through August 30 during the Summer Lights event held 6 pm to 10 pm.
- the ribbon cutting for the new welcome center and conservatory gardens, the Purdy Center, is planned for January 2026

Interesting tidbits:

- approximately 433 volunteers
- 8,000 to 10,000 plants changed seasonally
- 28,000 to 29,000 caladiums planted in the Oak Allee
- estimated attendance at last year's Nights of a Thousand Candles 106,000
- 8-B is our planting zone

Current Tours at Brookgreen Gardens

Brookgreen 101 Tour

January 8 - November 23

Brookgreen 101 runs daily at 11 am, 12:30 pm, and 2 pm.

This is a one-hour tour that takes you through our lush landscapes and rich history. Tickets can be purchased day of only at the Gardener's Cottage 30 minutes before departure and from the Lowcountry Center up until 10 minutes before departure. They are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

The Creek Excursion

March 8 - November 23

The Creek Excursion runs daily at 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm.

The Creek Excursion allows you to cruise the creeks on a 48-foot pontoon boat. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, in addition to Gardens admission. Tickets are available at the Gardener's Cottage Information Center and the Lowcountry Center Information Desk for same-day purchase. Tickets must be purchased at least 1 hour before the tour from the Gardener's Cottage and at least 15 minutes in advance from

the Lowcountry Center.

The Laurel Hill & Springfield Excursion Is not currently running.

The Oaks Excursion

March 8 - November 23

The Oaks Excursion runs daily at 11:30 am, 1 pm & 2:30 pm.

This is a minibuss ride to the site of the Oaks Plantation. Tickets are \$12 in addition to garden admission. Purchase tickets at the Lowcountry Center Ticket Counter or the Gardener's Cottage Ticket and Information Center at least 15 minutes before the tour time. Excursions last approximately 1.3 hours

There is also *Mother Nature's Cafe* and *Meet the Animals*, which is run daily at the Brookgreen Lowcountry Zoo. Check times when you arrive and these are included with the ticket price.

All the above are individually priced tours available to the public.

If you are looking for a private events tour for the Home and Garden Club, there is a walking tour of the Outdoor Sculpture Gardens. The price is \$3 per person in addition to Gardens admission. The walking tour lasts approximately 1.3 hours. You can contact following to arrange for a Private Events Tour for the club:

Siiri Makela/Dawn Formo

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If you have only a small group (no more than about 6 people), I can give you the Outdoor Sculpture Gardens Walking Tour as I am a certified tour guide (no additional cost to you entrance admission). Just let me know and we can arrange it.

I know I packed a lot of information into the March and April presentations. Hopefully, it was a comprehensive overview for our neighbors and fellow gardeners.

Happy Gardening!

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Christopher Guyer