

May 2018

Openwood Plantation Garden Club



Learning, Caring, and Sharing
Through Gardening

**Organized 1968
Federated 1974**

2018-2020 Officers

**President
Marsha Barber**

**1st Vice President
Mary A. Bryant**

**2nd Vice President
Sandra Bilbo**

**3rd Vice President
Jan Whatley &
Michael Logue**

**Secretary
Becki Logue**

**Treasurer
Betty Thornley**

**Club Flower
Coreopsis**

**Club Tree
Bradford Pear**

**Club Bird
Bluebird**

**Club Meetings every
third Tuesday of
the month,
September
through May,
7:00 p.m.**

**Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Region, NGC
River Road District**

**1968 – 2018
Celebrating 50 years
as a garden club!**

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2018-2020

President: Marsha Barber
1st Vice President: Mary Bryant
2nd Vice President: Sandra Bilbo
3rd Vice Presidents: Jan Whatley
Michael Logue
Secretary: Becki Logue
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MAY YARD OF THE MONTH



**The Ferrars
123 Woodstone Drive**



Visit our web site:
www.openwoodpgc.com

This site contains information about our club, forms for you to complete for the President's Report as you participate in field trips, activities, or gardening in your own yard throughout the year. Each month, our minutes are posted on the site for your review.

Garden Club Facebook Page – “Like” it

Keep informed on Yard of the Month, seasonal tips, and other information.



2018-2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| Awards | Miriam Jabour |
| Civics | Stacy Rollison |
| Conservation | Michael Logue |
| Devotion | Rubye Parker |
| Garden Therapy | Janean Shirley |
| Newsletter | Mary Bryant |
| Progressive Dinner | Rocki Sellers |
| Publicity | Sylvia Gurtowski |
| Santa's Ride | Sylvia Gurtowski |
| Sign to announce meetings | Jan Whatley |
| Sunshine | Betty Thornley |

WE WON!

Our club won 2 state awards at Garden Clubs of Mississippi State Convention, April 18, 2018. 1st place (medium club) in Food Gardening, and 2nd place (medium club) Garden Therapy Program. Shown here, Miriam Jabour, Awards Chairman; Becki Logue, President; and Marsha Barber, Garden Therapy Chair for last year, and President-Elect.



Tatiana Martin presented our April program on “Understanding Orchids”

See you in September!

Have a safe, fun, & memorable summer enjoying your families & your gardens!

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

OUR PLANT SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THIS YEAR!! We raised appr. \$2,500!

Thanks to Michael Logue, Jan Whatley and all the committees who helped with this year's sale.
Thanks to all who brought plants, tables, etc. and worked the day before and the morning of the sale.



Minutes from April 17, 2018 meeting are at the end of this newsletter. Please review these minutes that will be approved at the September meeting.

INSTALLATION DINNER 2018

Glen and Libby Beard's beautiful poolside with lush gardens and outdoor features was the perfect spot for our Installation Dinner and End-of-Year Celebration. Past President Becki Logue took a few minutes to thank the officers that served with her, and committee chairs for their tremendous service to the club this year. Becki informed the club that this is our 50th year as a club and the 50th officer installation. She introduced Jan Whatley (1st President in 1968), who installed the 2018-2020 officers. Miriam Jabour then presented Jan with a gift for being our first President 50 years ago and for her many years of service to our club. The members present then enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship before the thunder rushed everyone off.



RECIPES

**Openwood
Plantation Garden
Club
Monthly Newsletter**

Marsha Barber, President

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Submissions

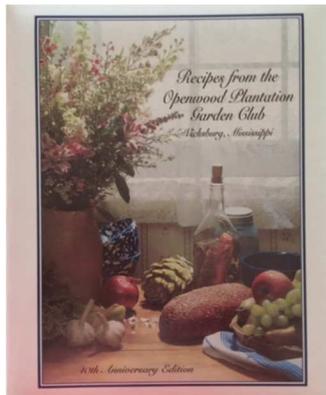
This is YOUR newsletter. Submit articles, events, special stories, or recipes to Mary Bryant, 307 Newitt Vick Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39183, or via e-mail to maryanderson64@gmail.com

SLOW COOKER CRACK CHICKEN

(Great for preparing on those hot summer days when you don't want to heat up your kitchen!)

4 chicken breasts
16 oz. cream cheese
2 pkgs. Hidden Valley Ranch dry mix
½ c. - 1 c. real bacon bits

Place chicken, cream cheese and ranch mix in slow cooker. Cook on low setting 6-8 hours, or high setting 4-6 hours. Shred chicken in the mixture, and stir in bacon bits. Can be served as an entrée, or on buns.



Our club has cookbooks for sale (\$15 each). Contact Barbara Bagley to pick up a few copies – every kitchen needs one, and they make great gifts!

OPENWOOD PLANTATION GARDEN CLUB
APRIL 17, 2018
MINUTES

Our April meeting was hosted at Rubye Parker's home. Thank you to Vera Patterson, Betty Thornley, and Debra Smith for serving as our co-hostesses and providing delicious snacks. Our speaker, Tatiana Martin, provided great information about planting and growing orchids – she is very gifted to be able to grow them so well.

MEETING START:

President Becki Logue called the meeting to order. Mary Reed gave devotional titled 'The Cross in My Pocket'.

OFFICER REPORTS:

First Vice President - Mary Bryant: No yearbooks needed.

Second Vice President – Miriam Jabour: We need set a date for the installation dinner in May.

Third Vice President – Jan Whatley & Michael Logue: Looking forward to the plant sale!

Secretary – Mary Bryant: Betty Thornley made a motion to accept the March minutes. This motion was seconded by Marsha Barber and accepted by club members with none opposed.

Treasurer – Joan Morgan: Joan was not present at the meeting, but there were no large expenditures. Please give Joan your \$15 dues, either in cash or check, for next year.

COMMITTEES:

Thank you to all of our committee chairs for a wonderful year.

AWARDS” Because of Miriam's efforts, our club was entered, and we won 2 awards this year. **YARD OF THE MONTH:** Barbara did a great job on Yard of the Month, which will be taken over next year by Stacy Rollison, Vera Patterson, and Jan Whatley.

CONSERVATION: Michael Logue will serve in the Conservation position.

DEVOTIONAL: Rubye Parker will continue doing the Devotional.

GARDEN THERAPY: Janean Shirley will chair the Garden Therapy committee. **NEWSLETTER:** (Mary Bryant volunteered to do the newsletter after the meeting).

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: Rocki Sellers will continue to chair this committee for the next term.

PUBLICITY & SANTA'S RIDE: Sylvia again did a wonderful with Publicity and planning Santa's Ride. She has offered to chair both these committees next term.

SIGN TO ANNOUNCEMENT MEETING: Jan Whatley will place the sign to announce the meetings.

SUNSHINE: Betty Thornley will continue doing Sunshine.

NOMINATIONG: Miriam Jabour will head up the Nominating Committee for nomination officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

More about the Plant Sale – setup day is Friday, April 27 from noon – 5:00 PM. Please bring tables, wagons, and boxes so we can encourage customers to purchase more. The pricing committee is available, but we ask that you please place labels on the place beforehand. Also, please try to price a little higher than last year, and nothing under \$1. The work day two weeks ago went great – that team put together 30 combination pots of filler, spiller, and chiller plant groupings.

A motion was made by Mary Bryant to restrict club members from purchasing plants before 10:00 am on the day of sale so all plants will be available to the community. This motion was seconded by Rocki Sellers and approved by the club unanimously.

There will be table available for pots and extra gardening supplies and a bird bath was selected for the raffle. Those helping the day of are requested to park in Terri Melby's yard across the street to limit congestion. There is no rain plan so let's hope for beautiful weather! The club purchased small plastic bags/seed packets to put pictures in of flowering plants, such as daylilies and irises, so shoppers know what the plant looks like in bloom. The plant sale is Saturday, April 28 from 8-noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

A sign-up sheet for hostess/co-hostess/committee members for 2018-2019 was passed around.

Debra Smith and her husband's company is going to maintain the medians at the previous voted on cost of \$40/month. The mulch for the medians total \$337. Miriam Jabour made a motion to split the total cost of the mulch with the Openwood Homeowners Association. This motion was seconded by Michael Jabour with none opposed in the club.

Please fill out your president's reports and include the number of plants you plan on bringing to the plant sale.

The date of the Installation Meeting is Sunday, May 20 from 5:00 -7:00 pm. Becki will send the potluck sign up via email to most members while providing Ilse and Darlene paper copies.

Again, please mail or drop off your dues to Joan for next year – if dues are late, there is additional paperwork that Joan must fill out.

With respect to the Sunshine committee, Diane Different made a motion to budget up to \$50 for purchasing cards and stamps. This motion was seconded by Libby Beard with the majority of the club in favor, except for Mary Reed who was opposed.

With respect to the officers for next year, there are no new nominations from the floor. Miriam Jabour made a motion to accept the slate of officers that was previously submitted. Diane Different seconded the motion and the club approved the slate of officers as proposed.

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MEETING ADJOURNED, and door prizes awarded.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dianne Different, Vera Patterson, Michael Logue, Rubye Parker, Debra Smith, Rocki Sellers, Becki Logue, Mary Louise Stevens, Libby Beard, Mary Bryant, Ilse Tompkins, Marsha Barber, Barbara Bagley, Colleen Freeman, Stacy Rollison, Miriam Jabour, Darlene Lorinc, Ginny Horvath, Christina Rinaudo, Cynthia Morrow, Mary Reed, Betty Thornley, Teri Vollar, Sandra Bilbo

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bryant