



## **Lake Owasso Garden Club, December 2011**

### **President's Message**

Holiday Greetings to all of you. What a wonderful year 2011 has been! We have had fabulous speakers, tours and social times and certainly fun in the garden. I am looking forward to another year serving as your President. I have made more wonderful friends through this club and I hope to know each of you in a deeper way. Our new theme for the 2012 year is "Share the Joy of the Garden." There are so many ways for us to share the joy, inviting friends and neighbors to meetings or outings, sharing plants with each other, picking bouquets of flowers for a friend, giving away your overstock of tomatoes. Let's increase our awareness on how each of us can "Share the Joy of the Garden" in this coming year.

### **Holiday Party**

**Date:** Monday, December 12

**Time:** 6:30 cocktails, 7:00 dinner

**Place:** Flame Rotisserie Grill and Bar, Rosedale Mall (upper level near AMC Theatres. 651-315-5005)

Please call Sally if you would like to attend but haven't told her yet. (651) 488-8745 or [sallygutie@gmail.com](mailto:sallygutie@gmail.com).

This year, we are collecting monetary donations to Bridging Inc. ([www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org)). We encourage you to bring a check in any amount to the dinner.

Thank you to our organizers! Char Ethen, Brenda Everson, Mary Fowler, Sally Guttierrez, and Shelly Solberg.

# December 2011 Meeting Minutes

Speaker Michelle Mero Riedel presented on container gardens using proven plants.

Mary Battee opened our meeting.

Dues are due, tonight, if possible.

Sally is collecting for the Holiday Dinner. It will be held at the Flame Rotisserie Grill & Bar in Rosedale, by the movie theater area. We will have 5 entrees. Drink & dessert are an extra choice. Bring a check for "Bridging", if you choose to do so. Members are encouraged to send a thank you note to Char's brother, Steve, for providing many gifts at the party, throughout the years.

Mary Battee passed a sheet for members to sign-up for Committee Chairs.

Treasurer's report - The budget for 2012 was presented (see November newsletter). The projected income in the proposed budget exceeded the projected expenses. Mary Fowler suggested we reduce projected plant sale proceeds so that projected income and expenses match. Lynn moved for the amendment, Sally seconded. This motion was passed.

Sally moved we elect the following board for 2012, Shelly seconded this motion.

President - Mary Batte, Vice President - Ron Kvaas, Secretary - Lois Witzel, Treasurer - Kirsten Engelbrecht. This motion was passed.

Ron reported on the storage of our items at the fire station. The items are now at 2585 Fairview St. We can retrieve items at any time.

Ron has three speakers lined up for 2012 and he asked members for other suggestions.

Mary F. told that Hort. Society membership is \$37.00. That does not include 2 tickets to the Home & Garden Show.

Hostesses for the Jan. meeting are Beth Oelke, Lynn, Kirsten & Joyce.

Patty Costello got a new knee & is doing nicely

Rose asked about a date for the Flower Show. The last two weekends in July are possible dates. Rose moved we pick these two dates, so she can check with the library on a date. Motion carried.

A discussion on membership followed. It was noted that membership is lower than the previous year. Interested people have been sent calendars & have been called. Kirsten said that the membership is smaller, but active. President Mary B. said to encourage friends to visit in January & February. Beth O. said that in the past we have had "New Member Month." Members have many ideas to think about. No motion was made about this subject at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Bev Montain