

Lake Placid Garden Club General Meeting, February 11, 2026

The meeting took place at the American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid. There were 61 members and five guests.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

These guests were introduced - Beth Pease, Speaker Victoria Rose and her assistant Brian and Gloria Woods. Special guest Margaret Glassman, the President of the Sebring Garden Club, was introduced and welcomed.

February birthdays were celebrated with the birthday song. These February birthday members were present – Denise Thomas, Larry Landress, Linda Brockway, Marcia Price, Nick Price, Monica Griffith, Pat Reiser, Therese McDonald and Sandy Rosch. President Rohner noted that member Trudy Ricketts will celebrate her one hundredth birthday this month.

The “Coins for Camp” jar was passed. This donation will be sent to Camp Wekiva’s General Fund.

President Doris Rohner told members about a line concerning quorums in the LPGC yearbook which may be interpreted differently by different members. At a General Meeting, a simple majority is considered a quorum.

Sign-up sheets recruiting members to volunteer for LPGC projects will be passed around.

Members were reminded that the new procedure to distribute Centerpieces to winners has changed. The first name drawn will win the centerpiece at the table with the corresponding number. Number one would win the centerpiece on table one and so on. Winners are asked to wait until the meeting ends to pick up their prizes. Winners of Opportunity Table prizes are also asked to wait to pick up their items.

Agnes Smith, keeper of the Tree Book asked members who have planted trees to enter that information in the book.

Wanda Dickson delivered some amusing gardening quotes. She then gave the invocation.

President Rohner called members to lunch, asking one table at a time to pick up their lunch. The meal was provided by the American Legion and consisted of three kinds of soup, bread and a salad bar. Member Jan Vedernjak made the desert.

Vice President Stephanie Moreo introduced speaker Victoria Rose whose presentation was “Orchids.”

Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed there was a quorum present.

Sandy Rosch moved the February 11th meeting agenda, with the addition of a Corresponding Secretary report, be approved. The motion passed.

The Corresponding Secretary report was given by Mary Meisenheimer.

Margaret Glassman, President of the Sebring Garden Club, invited members to their annual fundraiser, a Card and Game party to be held at Sebring's Jack Stroup Civic Center on March 19. She told members they would be welcome to attend any Sebring Garden Club meeting, held the 4th Monday of every month.

Donna Ferchen made a motion to accept the LPGC January 14 minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen gave the Financial Report. Assets total \$53,990.09. The report was accepted subject to audit. Co-Treasurer Sandy Rosch gave the financial results of the 2025 Holiday Home and Garden Tour, which showed a profit of \$10,291.

Donna Ferchen gave the report on the Legion Gardens. There was considerable frost/freeze damage. She needs volunteers to trim and replace plants in both the upper and lower gardens.

Renee Richter reported on the garden at the Historical Society and asked for pollinator plant donations from members.

Robin Shear reported on the 2026-7 Holiday Home and Garden Tour. Two homes have been secured. Members are asked to help look for homes that could be included.

Sandy Rosch reported on the March 21 Member Picnic to be held at the Sun N Lake Community Center, beginning at 11:00. There is a sign-up sheet for member-provided food. The club will serve fried chicken and have ice cream sundae fixings.

Nick Price reported on the successful January 27 LPGC bus trip to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. 48 members and guests participated.

Nick Price announced the Easter collection for Manna Ministries will take place at the March 11 meeting. An additional collection will be held at the May 13 meeting.

Vicki Maxwell reported on the March 28 LPGC Plant Sale to be held in the Masonic Lodge. Volunteers are needed to donate plants and plant related items. Donations of baked goods will be needed for the bake sale. Volunteers will also be needed to set up, act as cashiers and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet.

A Plant Study will be held at the Masonic Lodge conducted by Danny Green on March 23. His topic will be African Violets.

New member Karen Lichtenstein was introduced and welcomed by Membership Chairman Jennifer Marsh.

In Sunshine news, Laura Krumm (broken foot), Donna Glenn (rehab), Vera Olds (loss of her sister) and Georgette Bonneville (joint replacement scheduled) would be cheered by cards.

Shannon Johnson presented the horticulture segment, speaking about the shrimp plant.

Little Acorn project volunteers will be planting February 19 at Royce Ranch. Volunteers are always welcome.

Joyce Miles reported for Garden Therapy. 20 lake Placid Health and Rehabilitation Center residents made flower arrangements and enjoyed music and snacks.

Carol Lambert reported that the February 18th Youth Gardening project will be making flower arrangements, led by Jennifer Marsh at Crane Brook Academics. Last month's topic was sunflowers. Thanks to new Publicity Chairman, Deb Pollard, there was an informative and interesting article in the local newspaper about Youth Gardening.

In the Fuss and Brag segment, Pat Reiser reported she had-repotted a mum resulting in a gigantic plant with 573 blooms the second year.

Centerpieces were won by Linda Hunley and Carol Coyle.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Scarlet Bergner who won \$73 and donated it back to the club.

Winners of the Opportunity Table offerings were Larry Landress, Marcia Price, Lisa Hartman, Scarlett Ray and Mary Greeley.

Joyce Miles

Recording Secretary