

Lake Placid Garden Club General Meeting, April 8, 2026

The meeting took place at the Lake Placid American Legion, Post 25.

The meeting began at 12:00 with the membership reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Doris Rohner welcomed members and recognized the hospitality of the American Legion and citing Brandi Hayes. Guest speakers were noted and one Club guest were introduced. Shannon Johnson brought her daughter Melina.

April birthdays were noted. Members sang to Joyce Miles, Doris Rohner, Robin Shear, Peggy Alexander, Agnes Smith and Shannon Johnson.

“Coins for Wekiva Camp’ were collected.

Members were reminded to note in the Tree Book any trees they have planted.

Clipboard signups were available. Clipboards were passed for members to sign up for the 1), May 15 Kokedama class conducted by Jan Verernjak, 2), the April 22 Plant Study at Vicki Maxwell’s 3), and to volunteer at the Legion Gardens and the Masonic Temple Garden.

Members were called to lunch which consisted of a Chick-Fil-A sandwich, fruit and chips. Desert was ice cream sundaes and cookies. Nick and Marcia Price and Josie and Larry Landress delivered the sandwiches and provided the rest of the food.

The meeting reconvened at 12:57. Wanda Dickson gave the invocation.

First Vice President Stephanie Moreo introduced Bill Tillet, the resident director of the local 4-H camp, Cloverleaf Camp. He made an informative report on Camp Cloverleaf and the 4-H organization. The LPGC donates money toward their summer camps.

The second speaker, member Jennifer Marsh was introduced by Stepanie Moreo. Her topic was Plant Propagation – out of your yard or someone else’s yard!

Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed there was a quorum present.

Stephanie Moreo moved the club accept the agenda. The motion carried.

Laura Krumm moved the March 11 General Meeting minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen gave the Financial Report. In the checking account, the club has \$10,135.36. In the Vanguard account, \$42,417.60. Cash on hand, \$200. Total assets \$52,752.96. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Jennifer Marsh and Pat Reiser, Membership, introduced new member Shay Cross.

Donna Ferchen reported that the American Legion Gardens were badly damaged by the freeze. Work will begin soon to replace plants.

Deb Meyer and Mark Ponsler told members that the Library Garden has 4 large pots which Ibanez Nursery planted. Much work needs to be done. The gazebo will be removed. Members were urged to look at the garden and appreciate the possibilities there.

Deb Meyer and volunteers worked to weed, plant and mulch the Masonic Lodge Garden. Mark Ponsler installed an irrigation system. The resulting garden is lovely.

Robin Shear and Karen Denning made the Holiday Home and Garden Tour report. Another house has been secured. Four homes and a garden will be on the tour. One more home is needed. There will be a HH> committee meeting after the May 6 Board meeting.

Sandy Rosch reported that the Member Appreciation Picnic was a success with 60 attendees and plenty of good food. The weather was good and the facility, the Sun N Lakes Community Center, was excellent.

Sandy Rosch and Vicki Maxwell reported on the outstanding March 28 Plant Sale. A record profit of \$1799.11 was reported.

Nick Price, Manna Ministries, shared that 129# of goods were collected at the March 11 (Easter) collection as well as \$825. Another collection is planned for the May 13 meeting.

Marcia Price, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of officers for next year.

President - Danny Green

1st Vice President – Lisa Hartman, Primary and Co-1st Vice President, Kathleen Hartman

2nd Vice President – Robin Shear, Primary and Co-2nd Vice President, Jan Vedernjak

Recording Secretary – Joyce Miles, Primary and Co-Recording Secretary, Shannon Johnson

Corresponding Secretary – Laura Krumm, Primary and Co-Corresponding Secretary Mary Meisenheimer

Treasurer – Doris Rohner, Primary and Co-Treasurer Donna Ferchen.

The membership voted affirmatively to accept this slate of officers.

Vicki Maxwell will host the April 22nd Plant Study at her home. She calls her yard, "A yard with an attitude."

Jan Vedernjak will host a Kokedama class at the Masonic Lodge on May 15.

Carol Lambert reported on Youth Gardening. At the March 18 meeting, Sharon Diaz and Sue Rood helped students make 1), seed blankets and, 2), notecards and bookmarks using two-sided tape and dried plants and sand. The April 15 project will be mini kokedamas. This will be the last meeting of the year.

Marian Chambers reported for Garden Therapy.

Danny Green told members the Lion's Club will be partnering with the LPGC to do Little Acorn Project duty.

As stated in the agenda, First Vice President Stephanie Moreo assumed the role of chair and conducted the election of 2026-27 officers. She made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented previously in the meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen presented the 2026-27 budget. Sharon Diaz moved the budget be accepted. The motion carried.

In the Fuss and Brag segment, Sharon Diaz and Sue Rood showed members baskets they made at a workshop conducted by Wanda Fitzgerald.

The Centerpieces, bonsai creations, were made and donated by Chris Currier. These members won Centerpieces – Robin Shear, Jan Vedernjak, Marcia Price, Monica Griffith, Lisa Hartman, Kathleen Hartman, Shay Cross, Wanda Fitzgerald, Paula Fabik, Mary Meisenheimer, Jennifer Marsh and Donna Ferchen.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mary Wanner who won \$87.50.

These members won Opportunity table offerings – Scarlett Ray, Marcia Price (2), Scarlet Bergner and Lisa Hartman.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Joyce Miles

Recording Secretary