

HOSPITALITY REPORT FOR 2025

Regular weekly meetings:

We decided this year not to provide water and cups. Members brought their own water if needed.

Annual Meeting:

The location and date should be chosen in the fall and secured.

This year we held the meeting /luncheon at the Nantucket Inn.

Shane Mobley was the banquet manager and very easy to work with. We had 107 attend the luncheon. The menu was cobb salad, bread, almond shortbread, ice tea and lemonade. I wrapped and tied the individual desserts for each member and placed them at their seats.

The cost was \$55 pp. Checks were brought to the meeting or payment was done online.

Each table had a flower arrangement done in our Nantucket baskets with garden flowers.

I cut and conditioned several members' garden flowers that were used. I had about 4 members who offered to help make the arrangements for the tables the day before the meeting. I delivered them to the Inn the day before. After the luncheon we repurposed the flowers. I brought in several clear vessels and 4-5 members helped make small bouquets. I delivered them to Our Island Home.

The president has her own table and decides her guests. I bought place cards that were used. Provisionals/sponsors have separate tables. These tables were marked with signage.

You need a check in table, several showed up thinking they had paid?!? The Inn was very accommodating and added another table during the meeting.

Heidi Drew was our tech gal and help set up our A/V equipment needed for the meeting and skit.

Arts in Bloom Cocktail Party:

This event is held every other year. This year we held the party in the back garden at the home of Nina and David King on Orange street. About 100-115 attended. The party was from 5-7pm. The Hawden house was where it was held in the past, but too many permits are required and a caterer is needed and it gets very expensive.

I rented 2 6 foot long tables for the bar. I purchased the wine/ beer from Hatch's and Paulette Bolling gave us a 10% discount. Chardonnay and rose were consumed. No red was consumed. We went through about 17 bottles of wine . 12 beers. 12 sparkling waters. I purchased several bags of ice to chill the beer and wine. You will need coolers which I borrowed. Cocktail napkins are needed and I had some printed with our logo.

The hors d'oeuvres were provided by our members as well as desserts. The sign up genius worked well to sign up. Our husbands tended bar . I had 2 shifts of 3 men.
A few flower arrangements were needed which I provided.
Everyone enjoyed being outside in a private home and garden.