



***Lake Ramsey “Petal” Pushers Garden Club
Meeting on January 14, 2013***

Our January meeting was held at the home of Susan Huff. The topic for the evening was “Antique Roses.” Ruth Bienvenu, an avid rose gardener, was honored to introduce our speaker who is quite renowned in the world of antique roses, Peggy Martin.

Peggy told us of her personal loss and sorrow from Katrina. After the storm the only bright spot in her life was returning to her garden and finding a single surviving rose that had sat in salt water for two weeks. That rose became a symbol for restoring gardens in Louisiana and was named the Peggy Martin Rose. The club was spellbound as Peggy showed us slide after slide of incredibly beautiful roses from her new garden in Gonzales. She said these easy to care for roses can be grown by anyone and she generously shared many tips on growing old roses. It was inspiring to find out that she takes care of her rose gardens all by herself. Peggy Martin’s garden in Gonzales is open for tours in April. To find out more about her go to <http://peggymartinrose.com>. Road trip anyone?

Darlene Parlipiano then presented Peggy with \$50 in grateful appreciation for speaking at our meeting.

Kathy Hymel gave the Treasurer’s report and reported the club has \$401.23 in the treasury.

Paulette Hecker thanked the members who helped in taking the Christmas decorations down at the front entrance. She also thanked Susan for allowing the club to store the Christmas decorations including sleigh and reindeer in her attic warehouse.

Paulette also reported that the Tree Tour did not do as well as hoped. The profit from the tour was \$25.38. She recommended and all agreed that the money be given to Susie Boutte who had prepared a lovely dinner for the tour participants on the evening following the tour.

Darlene needs two volunteers to help select new officers for the May meeting. Please give her a call if you can help.

The Sunshine Committee will be getting their welcome baskets together and calling on new neighbors.

The birthday girls for January are Juanita Bild and Nancy Hotard.

Upcoming: February 4, Nancy Hotard’s, “Bees in the Garden”
 March 1, Tour of Longvue, leave here at 8:45 a.m., no meeting.
 April 8, Susie Boutte’s, 11:30 a.m., Herb Luncheon, \$15 - give to Kathy Hymel ASAP

Behave at the February meeting, our speaker is Darlene’s cousin!

Happy gardening,
Sandy Miller, Secretary