

GARDEN CLUB OF STUART
WAYS & MEANS REPORT
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

At our April 1, 2024 board meeting we discussed Ways & Means and how to generate more income at our monthly meetings. We had a \$1200 operating budget to meet in 23/24 and was \$147.23 short. The budget has been reduced in 24/25 to \$900 meaning we should take in \$150 per meeting in the next 6 months. Suggestions were made and so along with plants, vases and garden related items we are adding jewelry to the items we would like members to bring in.

Most importantly, we are going to communicate the need for all club members to participate every month to bring something in or to purchase something from the tables. It would be great if our corresponding secretary, Gail Quinn, would include this message in the monthly announcement prior to the meeting. Something like: “ Don’t forget the Ways & Means table. Please bring in an item, a plant, vase or a piece of jewelry to sell at the table. We need your help.”

At the May 6 board meeting it was further discussed and felt the Facebook page could also help spread the word to members about bringing items in for ways & means. It could be an ad shown on the video screens set up in the meeting space for all to see.

The circle in charge of the monthly meeting will still be asked to bring in items for the ways & means table. They will also staff ways & means with one or two people to assist in set up, sales and clean up.

Periwinkle Circle starts the season at our October 14 meeting. The circle president has been notified of the responsibility for the circle members to bring in items to donate.

We look forward to a fun, rewarding and lucrative season for ways & means.

Sincerely,
Pat Dermody
Ways & Means Chair