

**Beaufort Garden Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2026**

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 am at the Ann Street United Methodist Church Eure building. During this social period, members picked up their name tags, paid dues, and were able to sign up for the annual bake sale.

President Susan McDonald called the September meeting to order at 10:00. She welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the new year and introduced the Executive Board. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Beaufort Garden Club Collect.

She discussed her main goal for year: for us to get to know club members, our town and our neighbors, and appreciate each other. All speakers will be local.

**Announcements (before and following speakers)**

- Dues are due and can be paid in person, by mail or online.
- Monthly Food Sign-up sheets are available – see Refreshment Coordinators Judy Kosik and Nancy O'Malley
- Bake Sale: Liz Hubbard and Catherine Tahaney, bake sale co-chairs, are soliciting sign-ups for this November fund-raising event.
- Cheryl (the florist) had arrangements for purchase
- Lynn Sutton reminded attendees about the September Hike at Hammocks Beach Park on 9/9.
- If members would like to update their pictures for the online and print directory, contact Jess Montero-Michaels. End of September is the deadline for the print directory.
- Susan introduced Meredith Siegmann, our Sunshine gal. Call her if you know of a member's need for a little sunshine,

**Annual Town Update:**

Mayor Sharon Harker greeted the group with the declaration that the town looks beautiful! She thanked us and is proud of the town's relationship with the club (which factored in the award of a \$5K grant) The Town of Beaufort aims to help in our mission. She then introduced Town Manager Matt Zapp, who provided an update on the State of Affairs in Beaufort. He highlighted the status and costs of water line underground work and street paving, the flower boxes collaborative project, Rock the Dock, and the success of fuel sales this season. Community Engagement Director & Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Welborn was introduced.

**Speaker**

Susan introduced club member Betsy Bertram, who dedicated her talk to Sunny Newton. She gave an engaging presentation on **The Magic of Herbs**. Following her talk, members were invited to make their own tea mix using herbs that the club provided.

Following the regular door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22.

Submitted by  
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Secretary