

Donovan presentation takes Garden Club on tour of Watershed

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Joining Diboll Garden Club speaker Richard Donovan, from left, are hostesses Bettye Greer, Billie Robison and Joyce Carr. With the able assistance of Richard Donovan, the Diboll Garden Club traveled along the Neches River and watershed on Feb. 22. While sitting in the comfort of Billie Robison's home, members were treated to a photographic and historical tour of East Texas wild and plant life through Donovan's presentation.

"Paddling Down the Neches," a book written by the speaker, as well as slides, provided insight into the amazing world of nature. Donovan reminded members that Texas was really birthed in the East Texas area and emphasized the importance of promoting and protecting the forests and waterways behind what is sometimes called the "pine curtain." He added that understanding what we are taught, loving what we understand, and protecting what we love can open cultural and economic opportunities in this extraordinary classroom of nature.

JoAnn Rainwater presided over the meeting, which was hosted by Billie Robison, Joyce Carr and Bettye Greer. Tellie Williams shared "The Garden Prayer" followed by minutes of the previous meeting as well as the treasurer's report.

Fran Rodriguez, Sunshine chairperson, reported on encouragement notes and calls made to absent members who have been hospitalized or otherwise confined.

Dolly Whitaker then previewed the March meeting, a driving trip along the azalea trail in Tyler and encouraged members to come along to enjoy the flowers and fellowship. Carol Moore, president of the Lufkin Pine Tree Garden Club, shared information about a special trip their club will be making to Martha's Bloomers in March and invited Diboll members to join their group.

Club members present for the February meeting were: Sue Beaty, Peggy Burt, Ginger Capps, Joyce Carr, Jessie Conner, Bettye Greer, Betty Hendrick, Oneta Hendrick, Carolyn Hutson, Lucille Jones, Louise McKinney, JoAnn Rainwater, Billie Robison, Fran Rodriguez, Kathy Sample, Hellen Schmidt, Chubby Slack, Gay Storch, Aline Stovall, Dolly Whitaker, Tellie Williams, and Billie Willmon. Carol Moore and Peggy Lankford attended as guests.