



Bookworms Deb Johnson Mary Watts	Gitche Gumees	Lake Superior Rose Society	Normanna	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek
Duluth Heights	Hortus Mae Anderson*	Longview Judyth Babst	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett	Lake Aire	Morgan Park	Park Point Diane Gould Liz Mackay	Zenith City Diggers Therese Presley Nellie Scheffler Cindy Spillers
	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Proctor Hilltop	

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 04/03/17	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Tom Black made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to accept the 04/03/17 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	The month started with a balance of \$4,786.89. There were receipts of \$785.00, mostly club dues and disbursements of \$2,164.42. Disbursements included printing costs from Paper Hog, grant requests from various clubs, reimburse secretary for paper for Secret Garden Tour, and a liability insurance policy also for the Secret Garden Tour. Balance as of 04/30/17 is \$3,407.47.	<i>Nellie Scheffler made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Therese Presley seconded. Motion passed.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Spring Luncheon recap</u> – Although no one from the committee was present, those who attended the event thought it went well and was very nice. Approximately 84 were in attendance. Bob Olen was the speaker and		

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>everyone thought his talk was very good and well timed.</p> <p>2. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Scheduled for May 27, 2017 in the Rose Garden Parking lot. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Although most clubs are sold out by then.) The Rose Garden parking lot has been reserved and the City will provide orange cones and a couple barricades. A bull horn and time clock have been reserved from Grandma’s Marathon. We are sticking to the policy of not letting any club sell at this event unless their dues and rosters are in.</p> <p>Amy Johnson is going to coordinate the event. To reserve a spot, please contact Amy at 218-591-3315 or email her at speltz8629@msn.com. She would like RSVPs no later than Monday, May 22 for reservations. Discussion took place on the yard signs we have that need to be set up. Last year they were set up between 10th Ave. E. and Superior Street and London Road. They were set up after 5:00 p.m. the evening before the sale. Volunteers were requested to set them up and take them down.</p> <p>3. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Discovery was made that we have not reserved the Marshall School parking lot for the last six to seven years. There needed to be a contract signed with them and there needed to be liability insurance to protect cars being parked there but also the school. This has all been taken care of by the secretary. Rocks for the plaques to the gardens can be obtained from Macs Landscaping for \$5.00 each. The lowest price for engraving the rocks is \$30.00 each. Registration forms have been designed and printed and tickets have also been created and printed. There is a mailing list of about 580 that will go out at the beginning of June through Barcodes in Superior.</p> <p>An email was received from someone who hasn’t been on the Secret Garden Tour since 2011. Since we did not have the contact information for our last garden from last</p>	<p>Pick up yard signs from James Gittemeier and set up in the locations described by him after 5:00 p.m. on May 26.</p>	<p>Cindy Spillers Therese Presley</p>

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>year, it was decided to substitute the garden that was volunteered in its place. Containers for coffee, lemonade and water were from London Road Rental last year. Discussed who should be secured as the vendor for the lunches for the bus. UMD does box lunches but were considered to be expensive. Another suggestion was Red Swan Catering. The Duluth Women's Club has also been used as a place to stop and have lunch in the past. Suggestion was that we check with the Coppertop Church as a place to have the buses stop. Info has been sent in to the Northern Gardener Magazine (Minnesota State Horticulture Society) and will be included on their calendar of events and in the next magazine. More to come next month.</p> <p>4. <u>2017 Due and Rosters</u> – If not already submitted, this needs to be done in the very near future, especially if the club wants to participate in the plant sale. Need dues and rosters from Chester Creek, Lakeview, Northern Lights, Northland Orchid Society, Wild Ones. Hart Haven may no longer be a viable club. Also, if a husband and wife belong to a club, \$5.00 needs to be sent in for each of them. Some clubs are submitting for only one person when dues are sent.</p> <p>5. <u>Great Gardening</u> – The following clubs have committed to answering phones for the Great Gardening show on PBS on these dates: May 4 – DGFS officers May 11 – Park Point May 18 – Lake Superior Master Gardeners May 25 – Mt. Royal & Lake Aire</p> <p>6. <u>8th District Awards</u> a. Beautification Award – Nominations due by August 1 b. Community Service Award – Nominations due by September 1</p>	<p>Inquire at Coppertop church to see if buses could possibly stop for lunch there for Secret Garden Tour.</p> <p>Submit dues and rosters for 2017 as soon as possible.</p> <p>Answer phones for Great Gardening on the dates shown under discussion</p> <p>Submit nominations by the prescribed dates for 8th District awards</p>	<p>James Gittemeier</p> <p>Any of the clubs listed under Discussion</p> <p>Volunteering officers or clubs</p> <p>Any DGFS club or member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>By Laws</u> – Officers have met and discussed language. Hard copy not available for this meeting. Will start discussion in June as there has to be two readings in order to make any changes.</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Luncheon 2018</u> – Ridgeview Country Club has been secured for 05/12/2018. (Our deposit submitted for this year is being held for next year.) Need volunteer club to coordinate. Could be two smaller clubs combined.</p> <p>3. <u>Monarch Festival</u> – May 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Coppertop Church. \$5.00 entry fee.</p> <p>4. <u>8th District Representative needed</u> – The 8th District has requested Duluth send a representative to their meetings. We need a volunteer to represent us there. Check either the SEEDS publication or the 8th District web site for further information.</p>	<p>Finish hard copy version of By Laws and bring to June meeting for discussion</p> <p>Coordinate Spring Luncheon in 2018</p> <p>Attend Monarch Festival on 05/20/17</p> <p>Volunteer to be Duluth representative at 8th District meetings</p>	<p>James Gittlemeier</p> <p>Any DGFS Club</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>
OTHER	1. <u>Reduced subscription to Northern Gardener magazine</u> – A flyer was passed around at the Spring Luncheon showing the reduced rate members of garden clubs can receive on the Northern Gardener magazine (product of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society). Discussion took place in the last couple months regarding this and why clubs needed to get their dues in by November of the preceding year because MSHS needs to have their subscriptions in place before the first of the year. All the club treasurers are aware of this as they are sent the registration information and are responsible to get these sent in.	Consider subscribing to the Northern Gardener magazine at a reduced rate	Any interested DGFS member

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<p>Next meeting: Monday, June 5, 2017 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.)</p> <p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Tuesday or Wednesday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			

