



DULUTH GARDEN FLOWER SOCIETY

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Recorder: Lisa Jefferson

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Bookworms Dale Hurst*	Gitche Gumee Ann Fink Bob Norstrom*	Lakeshore Botanical Gardens	Northern Lights	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek	Hart Haven	Lakeview Marice Dougherty	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Coffee Creek	Hortus Mae Anderson*	Longview	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights Reggie Phillips	Lake Aire	Morgan Park	Park Point Diane Gould	Wild Ones
Essentia Wellness	Lake Superior Rose Society	Mt. Royal	Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers Peder Nelson Lisa Jefferson Therese Presley
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Normanna	St. James "Mary" Garden	

**Indicates affiliation with more than one club*

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 05/06/13	Under Grants and Scholarships the line about scholarships should read: "Ann Fink reported five scholarships were awarded and one recipient will attend the Spring Luncheon."	<i>Julie Mockler motioned to accept the minutes with correction. Ann Fink seconded. Minutes were approved with correction.</i>	Lisa Jefferson
Treasurer's Report	Balance \$5,749.33. Beautification Grants total awarded - 1,950. Spring Luncheon total expenses - 4,740.66; Spring Luncheon total income - +4,407.92 for a loss of -332.74. Contact Ann Fink for a complete ledger of the Spring Luncheon. Dues (all clubs paid now) - +390.00.	<i>Diane Gould motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dale Hurst seconded. Report was approved.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS Web site	Ann Fink would like to print more web site business cards to pass out at events and send with garden tour tickets. Send any items for the website by Friday, June 7	<i>Marice Dougherty motioned to print more business cards. Julie Mockler seconded. Motion was approved.</i> <i>Email web site items to duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com</i>	Ann Fink Club presidents and all interested parties.

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<p><u>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</u> Spring Luncheon</p>	<p>Ann Fink reported there were a lot of glitches with the food and communication and recommended that if DGFS does the luncheon next year, a club should take on the job rather than a mixed committee. DGFS came out in the red by \$332.74. Tom Kasper said they were planning around 125 attending and had 116. Dale Hurst said the 8th District will participate again next year. Those who attended weren't aware of any problems and really enjoyed the day and the speaker, Melinda Myers.</p>		
<p>Plant Sale</p>	<p>Therese Presley reported 19 clubs and the First Witness group participated. Things seemed to go well in spite of the late spring and cold conditions. Mae Anderson asked if we could have coffee brought in and there was discussion as to having a vendor present at the sale. It was decided that no vendor would want to come for just 2-3 hours and gardeners will want to spend their money on plants. Participants will have to bring their own coffee.</p>		
<p>Grants</p>	<p>\$1,950 in Public Beautification Grants were awarded at the Spring Luncheon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LSMG, Victory Garden at Bong Museum - \$200 2. Chester Creek, retaining timbers \$300 3. Gitchee Gumees, build gardens at Aftenro - \$300 4. Bookworms, library garden - \$300 5. LSMG, kids garden at Boys and Girls Club - \$300 6. Park Point, install irrigation - \$300 7. Oregon Creek, repair construction damage - \$250 <p>Tom Kasper reported that speaker Melinda Myers was impressed with the quality of the projects.</p>		
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Planting the City Containers June 6, 10:00 am</p>	<p>Meet at Bayfront Park. Lunch is provided at the Inn on Lake Superior.</p>	<p><i>Come plant the containers</i></p>	<p>Club presidents and all interested parties.</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont. Great Gardening June 6 and 13	On PBS for two more nights. Gardening advice from Bob Olen and Tom Kasper. Hosted by Pamela Fish.	<i>Watch and have your gardening questions answered</i> <i>Keep link up on the website</i>	All interested parties Lisa Jefferson
Tomato Man May 31 - June 6	Volunteers are transplanting tomato plants to 1 gallon containers for students to take home. Congdon Park - May 31 Nettleton - June 3 Homecroft, Peidmont - June 4 Stowe, St.James, Lester Park, Lakewood - June 5 Lowell - June 6 Laura MacArthur? - June 6? Tom Kasper is trying to find volunteers to help. This is a mostly low income school and the group the Tomato Man project would most like to get interested in gardening and a healthy lifestyle.	<i>Contact Tom Kasper if you can help at Laura MacArthur School on June 6.</i>	Club presidents and all interested parties
Rose Society Events July 13	The Lake Superior Rose Society will have a day of events at the Leif Erickson Rose Garden.	<i>See the flyers on the website at: www.dgfs.org</i>	All interested parties
Secret Garden Tour July 20	Tom Kasper has 4 of 6 gardens lined up. Ann Fink has already received orders for 24 bus tickets and eight map tickets from viewers of the website.	<i>Let Tom Kasper know of any tour-worthy gardens or if you can help. Get the flyer on the website at: www.dgfs.org.</i>	Club presidents and all interested parties
Flower Show July 26	At the Radisson. Peder Nelson reported that four planters were planted at the Radisson as 'payment' for the free use of the room. Peder said the catalogs are still at the printer but handed out a page of the arrangement categories with a movie theme. The rest of the catalog is mostly the same as past years. We will try to get them up on the website.	<i>Contact Peder Nelson if you can help at the Flower Show</i>	Club presidents and all interested parties
Harvest Festivals September	Followup to the Tomato Man project. More discussion later.		

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</u> Holiday Dinner December 2</p>	<p>At the Kitchi Gammi Club. Music will be provided by the "Downbeats", our web designer Joe Burton's singing group.</p>	<p><i>A club will be needed to chair.</i> <i>See the Downbeats at:</i> www.downbeatsmn.com</p>	<p>Club presidents and all interested parties</p>
<p>Grant Recreation Center garden maintenance June 3</p>	<p>DGFS officers, presidents, and members did some garden cleanup work at the community center after the monthly meeting. Petunias and some perennials left from the plant sale were planted. There was a potluck dinner afterwards.</p>		
<p>Heritage Garden</p>	<p>Tom Kasper brought up the difficulty of maintaining this garden since no club maintains it and there's no water. He asked for suggestions and Dale Hurst recommended switching to low maintenace shrubs. Other suggestions were more rocks and hardscaping. Further discussion will follow.</p>	<p><i>Discuss some solutions with your clubs and contact Tom Kasper with ideas</i></p>	<p>Club presidents and all interested parties</p>
<p><u>OTHER</u> Non profit status</p>	<p>Ann Fink has been working on an application for non profit status for DGFS. She stated that the by-laws must be read at two meetings within 60 days of applying so she read them at the June 3 meeting and will again at the July 1 meeting.</p>		
<p>Tom Kasper President</p>	<p>Tom Kasper said he has been very busy with his new job and many obligations and asked if members felt he should step down. After discussion the consensus was that the group would really like him to continue.</p>		
<p>Eileen Sirny's passing</p>	<p>Marice Dougherty brought up the passing of longtime gardener and lifetime DGFS member, Eileen Sirny, Lone Cook's mother. The remainder of the meeting was spent talking about her beautiful gardens and what a nice person she was.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: July 1, 2013 Monday @ 5:15 pm at Grant Community Center at 11th St. & 9th Ave. East</p>	<p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the meeting.</p>		