



DULUTH GARDEN FLOWER SOCIETY

Date 07/07/2014

Recorder James Gittemeier

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Bookworms	Hortus	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Lake Aire Cathy Nelson	Mt. Royal	Park Point	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights	Lakeview	Normanna	Proctor Hilltop	Vermillion
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights	St. James "Mary" Garden	Wild Ones
Gitche Gummee Ann Fink Sue Beeman Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Mae Anderson* Jan LeBard Longview	Northland Orchid Society Norton Park	Smithville Tom Black	Zenith City Diggers Kathy Collins*

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 06/02/14	Copies of June minutes were passed out at meeting.	<i>Julie Mockler motioned to accept the April, May & June minutes with minor corrections to the June minutes. Kathy Hannan seconded. April, May & June minutes were approved</i>	
Treasurer's Report	<u>Balance:</u> \$8,025.95. <u>Deposit:</u> \$1,889.00 <u>Secret Garden Tour:</u> \$1884.00 <u>Membership Dues:</u> \$5.00. <u>Expenses:</u> \$424.20 <u>Secret Garden Tour mailing</u> \$206.00, <u>Stamps</u> \$9.80 <u>Duluth NewsTribune Plant Sale Ad</u> \$208.40.	<i>Printha Markert motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom Black seconded. Treasurer's Report was approved.</i>	

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<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Great Gardening WDSE PBS 8</p>	<p>Do you know of gardens that should be featured or toured as part of the Great Gardening show?</p>	<p>Let Tom Kasper or WDSE PBS 8 Station know</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>1. Rose Festival Saturday, July 12</p> <p>2. Secret Garden Tour 2014 Saturday, July 19</p> <p>3. Flower Show & Harvest Festival</p> <p>4. Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>Tours of the Rose open to the public from Noon to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in showing, entries accepted from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. No need to be a DGFS member to show.</p> <p>Seven gardens are on tour, a couple of repeats this year. 83 map tickets and 83 bus tickets have been sold. 100 bus tickets available. Cut off date is next week. Tour goes from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and starts and ends at Marshall School. DGFS will reach out to the Duluth News Tribune for a story on the tour. Volunteers are still needed.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the continuation of the Flower Show. It has been held every year since 1928, one of the longest running events in Duluth. Discussed the evolution in gardening. People are more interested in growing food today over planting flowers. Possible need for the show to evolve into a Harvest Celebration, combining the Flower Show with a harvest related event. This could be an event to promote gardening at all levels. This event could be held the 2nd or 3rd week of September.</p> <p>Decided that we would continue to hold it at the Kitchi Gammi Club on Monday, December 1, 2014 (the normal meeting date – 1st Monday of December) Will need a garden club to chair.</p>	<p><i>Please pass around the flyer.</i></p> <p>Discuss chairing the Christmas Dinner with clubs and get back to the main body.</p>	<p>All DGFS Club Presidents</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p> <p>5. Spring Luncheon 2015</p>	<p>Kathy Hannan has lined up a speaker for the Spring Luncheon, Mary Schier, publisher and editor of Northern Gardener. Date and venue to be decided. Looking at late April or early May, possibly May 9. Kathy Hannan will work with the speaker and help to determine a date. Discussed assigning (in alphabetical order) the first four clubs who have not recently chaired a DGFS event. Zenith City Diggers has the manual on planning and carrying out the DGFS Spring Luncheon.</p>	<p><i>Ann Fink motioned to assign the following DGFS garden clubs to chair the Spring Luncheon 2015: Chester Creek, Duluth Heights, Fredenberg & Hart Haven. Printha Markert seconded. The clubs assigned responsible for the Spring Luncheon was approved.</i></p>	
<p>OTHER</p> <p>1. DGFS & St. Louis County Master Gardeners</p> <p>2. DGFS & the City of Duluth</p>	<p>Discussion of partnering with the St. Louis County Master Gardeners, with DGFS doing the programming and the Master Gardeners doing the education. Possibly ideas including get-together for a Summer picnic and/or the Spring Plant Sale to help make it more of an event, a "Gardening Opener". Possibly also partner with the Lake Superior Master Gardeners. Have an "ask a gardener booth" at the Plant Sale, as clubs are always asked questions, a need for plant experts is evident.</p> <p>Cheryl Skafte, Volunteer Coordinator with the City of Duluth, spoke to the DGFS to discuss how the City and the DGFS can better work together.</p>	<p><i>For more info: contact Cheryl Skafte City of Duluth Volunteer Coordinator at cskafte@duluthmn.gov or call (218)730-4334</i></p> <p><i>www.duluthmn.gov/parks/volunteers/</i></p>	
<p>Next meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Grant Recreation Community Center - 901 E. 11th Street (11th St & 9th Ave E)</p>		<p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>	