



**DULUTH GARDEN
FLOWER SOCIETY**

Date: 08/05/2013

Recorder: Therese Presley

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

**Indicates affiliation with more than one club*

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 07/01/13	No corrections	<i>Dale Hurst motioned to accept the minutes. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes were approved.</i>	
Treasurer's Report	<p><u>Balance</u> \$5,705.39. Receipts: Melinda Myers Books & STx +453.97. Expenses: USPS stamps -9.20.</p> <p><u>SGT 2013</u> Receipts +3,836.00; Expenses -2,679.10 for a net profit of \$1,156.90.</p> <p><u>Flower Show</u> - No Receipts; Expenses - 926.80.</p> <p>Contact Treasurer Ann Fink for an itemized Treasurer's report.</p> <p><i>There was a question as to an Expense at Bfg Supply of -901.14. This was for pots for the Tomato Man Project using donated Tomato Man funds, not DGFS funds. Tomato Man Balance: \$537.78, is kept in the DGFS account but figured separately.</i></p>	<i>Diane Gould motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Printha Markert seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.</i>	

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<p><u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Secret Garden Tour</p>	<p>Number attending was 160, down by 40 from last year, possibly due to the late mailing. The weather was perfect and any repeat gardens were even better than before. Six gardens was deemed a good number giving visitors enough time at each garden. The tour was financially successful with a profit of \$1,156.90.</p>		
<p>Flower Show</p>	<p>There was very low participation in the Flower Show with many empty tables and only 120 entries from 20 individuals. Some possible reasons discussed were late brochures, cold spring, and tall ships impact. The Northland Orchid Society did have a great showing and requested their ribbons; Peder Nelson will get them.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion as to how to increase participation. Some ideas were: ask each club to commit to entering at least three entries; change the venue to Lafayette Club, the mall, the Depot, or stay at the Radisson; move it back to the Blues Fest weekend.</p> <p>Peder Nelson thanked Kathy Collins and Dale Hurst for helping plant the planters at the Radisson, and Laurie Occhino for taking care of them.</p> <p>It will be decided whether or not to continue the Flower Show at the September meeting and if so, what the venue will be.</p>	<p><i>Clubs are asked to decide if they would commit to entering the Flower Show for it to continue, and for input on the venue.</i></p> <p><i>If no member of your club can attend the September meeting, please email duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com with your decisions.</i></p>	<p>Club presidents</p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Harvest Festivals September</p>	<p>Clubs are needed to sign up to judge. There will be approximately 1,000 participants from nine elementary schools plus St. James, Proctor, Pike Lake, and North Shore elementary. The categories are fruits, flowers, and vegetables. Blue ribbons, white participant ribbons, and purple Best of Show ribbons will be given out. These will be purchased with Tomato Man money. See photos at www.facebook.com/TheTomatoManProject.</p>	<p><i>Diane Gould motioned to purchase ribbons using Tomato Man money. Dale Hurst seconded. Motion passed.</i></p> <p><i>Contact Tom Kasper to volunteer to judge in the schools.</i></p>	<p>Club presidents and all interested parties.</p>

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</u> Fall Plant Sales</p>	<p>Tom Kasper asked if members wanted to hold a Fall Plant Sale. Members decided not to after poor sales at a previous fall sale.</p>		
<p>Orchid Society Sale September 28</p>	<p>Northland Orchid Society members will offer reasonably priced orchids, answer questions, and provide a repotting service for a minimal fee. Saturday, September 28 at Engwalls Garden Center on Hermantown Road from 10 am to 2 pm.</p>		
<p>Holiday Dinner December 2</p>	<p>At the Kitchi Gammi Club. Music provided by the Downbeats. A club is needed to host.</p>	<p><i>Consider hosting the Holiday Dinner</i></p>	<p>Club presidents</p>
<p>Winter Seminars</p>	<p>More discussion later.</p>		
<p>Activities to Promote the Society</p>	<p>Discussion: 1) we already spent money on the website; 2) more and better advertising?; 3) need our own members to participate more.</p>	<p><i>Discuss with your clubs and bring ideas to the DGFS meeting.</i></p>	<p>Club presidents</p>
<p><u>OTHER</u> 8th District Awards</p>	<p>Dale Hurst reminded the group that the deadline for the 8th District's Community Service Award is September 1st. Tom Kasper will submit an application for the Tomato Man Project. Forms can be downloaded from the DGFS website at www.dgfs.org. The 8th District will hold their Fall Luncheon in September and ask DGFS clubs to make donations to their scholarship fund. Even smaller amounts will help. 8th District proctored the DGFS scholarships given out at the Spring Luncheon.</p>	<p><i>Clubs donate to the 8th District scholarship fund.</i></p>	<p>Club presidents</p>

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<p>OTHER, cont. Hope United Methodist Church donation</p>	<p>\$20 was requested to donate to Hope United Methodist Church for use of their coffee pots and coolers for the Secret Garden Tour. After some discussion, Treasurer Ann Fink wrote a check.</p>		
<p>DGFS Spring Event?</p>	<p>Tom Kasper asked if the society would be interested in a "Meet & Greet" type event in the spring at Engwalls to promote the society. Clubs could have their brochures, displays, maps, answer questions, etc. Engwalls would provide treats. More discussion at future meetings.</p>	<p><i>Discuss with your clubs</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Next Meeting: September 9, 2013 Monday @ 5:15 pm at Grant Community Center at 11th St. & 9th Ave. East Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>	<p>***Please Note: The September meeting will be on September 9th, not the first Monday of the month, due to the Labor Day Holiday.</p>		