



Bookworms	Gitche Gummee Dale Hurst*	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northern Lights	St. James "Mary" Garden
Carlton County Master Gardeners Sherry DeWulf	Hart Haven	Longview	Northland Orchid Society	Smithville
Chester Creek Susie Darley-Hill James Gittemeier	Hortus	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek Printha Markert* Julie Mockler*	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire Ginny Snarski	Mt. Royal	Park Point Diane Gould	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett	Lakeview	Normanna	Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers Kathy Collins
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society			

\* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
<b>Review minutes</b> of 09/14/15	No corrections or additions noted by those present	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to approve the 09/14/15 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i>  Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Still no Treasurer. Someone <i>please</i> step forward to take on this position. Balance to date is \$7,218.00.  Discussion held on collection of dues. For those wanting a discount on the Northern Gardener magazine, that money needs to be sent in by October each year. Too late for this year but will be considered for next year.	Volunteer to be the Duluth Garden Flower Society Treasurer.	Any interested DGFS member
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	1. <u>PBS</u> – Fall Show aired 09/17/15. There were between 50 to 60 calls with questions and, of course, they could not all be answered in the time allotted. This show is the biggest		

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<p><b>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</b></p>	<p>fund-raising show for the station.</p> <p>2. <u>Harvest Festivals</u> – About a half a dozen of these festivals took place in September. Almost 50% of the students entered at Congdon. Other schools with good turn outs were Lowell and North Shore Elementary.</p>		
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>1. <u>Heritage Garden</u> – Trees are scheduled to come down in January, 2016. The rest of the construction should begin next spring. We do not care to create another garden because of lack of interest in maintaining it. However, we would like to see the three benches we purchased for the garden protected or removed as well as the small planter and commemorative plaque that are there. Perhaps these could be placed in a particular place in the garden.</p> <p>2. <u>Holiday Dinner</u> – Scheduled for December 7, 2015 at Greysolon Plaza, Moorish Room. They suggested we have only one main food selection to keep the price down. Their suggestion is roasted tenderloin. Discussion took place on this. Suggestion was made that a vegetarian option be included as some have issues food allergies. Discussed cost of each ticket. \$32.00 was agreed upon as sufficient. However, this may be a little higher. We need to check with the vendor first. Keeping the price down might stimulate attendance. Each person attending will receive a gift certificate for Black Woods. A ramp will be placed in the front entry for accessibility.</p> <p>3. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – If the Holiday dinner works out, Greysolon Plaza could be the new venue for this event. More discussion to follow at upcoming meetings.</p> <p>4. <u>21<sup>st</sup> Annual Secret Garden Tour</u> – Reviewed September’s discussion whereby it was decided to try the 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Follow up on details of Heritage Garden re-design.</p> <p>Attend meeting with County and City regarding the Heritage Garden.</p> <p><i>Motion by James Gittlemeier with Susie Darley-Hill seconding to set the ticket price for the Holiday Dinner at \$32.00. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><i>Motion made by Dale Hurst to give committee \$100.00 toward incidentals (i.e. decorations, etc.) Diane Gould seconded. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Sign contract of Holiday Dinner</p>	<p>James Gittlemeier</p> <p>James Gittlemeier Tom Kasper</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Thursday in July instead of a Saturday to try to increase participation. More discussion later.</p> <p>5. <u>Scholarship</u> – Although we sponsor a full scholarship to the 8<sup>th</sup> District, we do not know who is the recipient of our scholarship and we are not recognized as the sponsor. We would like to have the 8<sup>th</sup> District correct this in future. We discussed that we would like to continue to sponsor a scholarship to the 8<sup>th</sup> District with the caveat that we receive recognition.</p> <p>6. <u>New Event</u> – Discussion took place on how we could create a new event to encourage more community involvement. We need to think about what we could do to better reach prospective members. We have talked about a potential name change in the past to do this. Talked about creating a pamphlet/brochure that promotes all the clubs rather than having individual brochures for each club. The logical place to have a booth to do this would be at the annual plant sale. Question was raised on whether or not we have a banner. Suggestion was made that the booth with Master Gardeners to answer questions. Plant sale is scheduled for May 28, 2016. Perhaps a motion could be made later to amend the sale date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May.</p>	<p>Contact Carol Borich regarding Duluth Garden Flower Society's wish to continue to sponsor a \$500.00 scholarship through the 8<sup>th</sup> District with the caveat that we be recognized</p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Pay current secretary</u> – Discussed that we had made a motion earlier to pay someone to do the minutes for the Society.</p>	<p><i>Motion made by Printha Market and seconded by Dale Hurst to pay current secretary, Julie Mockler, retroactive from the beginning of 2015 \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 for the year). Motion passed.</i></p> <p>Bring check book and pay secretary at November meeting.</p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>

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<p><b>OTHER</b></p>	<p>2. <u>Minnesota State Horticulture calenders</u> – Calenders from MSHS were brought to the meeting for sale. The cost is \$13.00 per calendar and raise money for scholarships.</p> <p>3. <u>Strengths and weaknesses discussion</u> – A strengths and weaknesses discussion was mentioned as a way for us to continue forward. This could happen at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Contact Dale Hurst if interested in purchasing at 2016 MSHS calendar.</p> <p>Facilitate a discussion of strengths and weakness for Duluth Garden Flower Society.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>James Gittemeier</p>
<p>Next meeting:  <b>Monday, November 2, 2015 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.)</b></p> <p><b>Please email website items to:</b>  duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			

