



**DULUTH GARDEN  
FLOWER SOCIETY**

Date: 11/04/2013

Recorder: Lisa Jefferson

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

*\*Indicates affiliation with more than one club*

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
<b>Review minutes of 10/07/13</b>	Jan LeBard pointed out that Dick Coda's name is misspelled under the "Superior Tomato Man" item on page two.	<i>Put corrected version up on website Joan Barrett motioned to accept minutes with the correction. Bob Norstrom seconded. Minutes were approved.</i>	Lisa Jefferson
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer not present but previously reported by email that there was no new activity. <u>Balance</u> \$5,664.05.		
<b>OLD BUSINESS Harvest Festival/ Tomato Man</b>	Tom Kasper felt there was not a lot of tomatoes at Harvest Festivals considering how many plants were given out last spring. Some members reported poor tomato crops due to the cold summer. Several schools had a change of principals. Tom Kasper invited discussion as to what the expectation of the project is, did it accomplish its goal, and should it be continued next year.		

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<p><b><u>OLD BUSINESS</u></b>  <b>Harvest Festival/                      Tomato Man, cont.</b></p>	<p>The project does introduce children to gardening and more families seem to be gardening, though more vegetables than flowers. The Tomato Man Project has been a catalyst for grants for gardens at several schools. Dale Hurst suggested surveying students for feedback. Tom Kasper will ask the Tomato Man Committee to put together a survey to be reviewed at the February meeting.</p>	<p><i>Ask Tomato Man Committee to create a survey</i></p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b>  <b>Holiday Dinner</b>                      December 2</p>	<p>At the Kitchi Gammi Club. Social hour, music by the Downbeats, dinner, a skit, and door prizes. Individuals are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy or make a donation to Salvation Army. Clubs are asked to bring a garden/plant related door prize. Flyers are available on the website at www.dgfs.org and have been emailed to club presidents.</p>	<p><i>Get ticket orders in by November 22</i></p>	<p>DGFS members and their guests</p>
<p><b>Winter Seminars</b></p>	<p>Last year's were poorly attended by DGFS members possibly because topics were generally not flower related. After discussion it was decided to look into having one big name speaker in March. A possible speaker, topic, location, date, and compensation will be discussed at the January meeting.</p>		
<p><b>2014 Grants</b></p>	<p>Tom Kasper said that last year DGFS gave out \$2,400 in grants but may need to give out a lower amount, such as \$2,000, in 2014. Further discussion in January.</p>		
<p><b>2014 Scholarship</b></p>	<p>DGFS contributed \$500 towards 8th District Scholarships last year. Scholarships are awarded at the Spring Luncheon. After discussion it was decided to contribute \$500 again in 2014.</p>	<p><i>Joan Barrett motioned to contribute \$500.00 in 2014 and Dale Hurst seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Write check to 8th District in January</i></p>	<p>Treasurer Ann Fink</p>

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<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</u></b>  <b>Spring Luncheon 2014</b></p>	<p>The 8th District will host the 2014 Spring Luncheon at a city on the Iron Range in April or May. DGFS has co-hosted the 2012 and 2013 luncheons in Duluth with great speakers and will support the 8th District's efforts with the Scholarship contribution and members possibly carpooling up to the Range to attend. Dale Hurst will keep DGFS posted on details.</p>		
<p><b>Secret Garden Tour</b></p>	<p>Attendance was lower but the tour was still profitable and is our biggest fundraiser. Tom Kasper asked if members wanted to continue and it was decided to continue.</p>		
<p><b>Flower Show</b></p>	<p>There was a very low turnout this year possibly due to the cold summer and Tall Ships Festival crowds. Tom Kasper asked if members wanted to continue. Dale Hurst would like it to continue. Tom Kasper asked for a chair person but there were no volunteers. Further discussion in January.</p>		
<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p>	<p>November was Therese Presley's last meeting as Vice President. Tom Kasper will ask Ann Fink if she wants to continue as Treasurer. Lisa Jefferson thought the job of Secretary could be divided into two positions: one to take minutes and do correspondence; one to write announcements and articles for the website and get them to our website person. Elections for new officers will be held at the January meeting.</p>	<p><i>Consider becoming an officer or nominating someone for office</i></p>	<p>Club presidents and DGFS members</p>

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<p><b>OTHER</b>  <b>Rose Garden Bricks</b></p>	<p>Sue Beeman asked who the contact person is to get a name memorialized on a brick in the Rose Garden. Tom Kasper thought it is Kathy Bergen with the Parks and Recreation Department.</p>		
<p><b>Garden Signs</b></p>	<p>At the October meeting, Reggie Phillips reported the Duluth Heights garden sign was stolen and wanted to know how to get it replaced. Tom Kasper will contact Don Keinholtz who made the signs. Tom also asks clubs to look at their signs to see if they need cleaning, touch up, or repair and report at the next meeting.</p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> January 6, 2013  Monday @ 5:15 pm at Grant Community Center at 11th St. &amp; 9th Ave. East  <b>Please email website items to:</b>  duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com  by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			