

DULUTH GARDEN FLOWER SOCIETY

Date: 04/07/2014

Recorder: James Gittemeier

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Bookworms Dale Hurst	Hart Haven	Lakeshore Botanical Gardens	Northern Lights	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek James Gittemeier Susie Darley-Hill	Hilltop Kathy Hannan	Lakeview	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Longview Anita Steck	Oregon Creek Joan Barrett* Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Upper Cody Community Garden VCAP
Essentia Wellness	Lake Aire	Lower Chester Creek	Park Point Diane Gould	Wild Ones
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Garden Club	Morgan Park	Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers Kathy Collins
Gitche Gumme Ann Fink Sue Beemar	Lake Superior Rose Society	Mt. Royal	St. James "Mary" Garden	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club
	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Normanna		

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of: 03/03/2014	March minutes are on website, but do not have a copy at meeting.	<i>No action (wait until May).</i>	
Treasurer's Report	<u>Balance:</u> \$4847.25. Deposit: Membership dues (4 clubs) \$140.00 <u>Expenses:</u> For Lisa Jefferson a \$50 gift card, \$3.95 card & \$27.94 lunch \$72.72 to Quill (SGT letterhead paper)	<i>Joan Barrett motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom Black seconded.</i> <i>Treasurer Report was approved.</i>	
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	No old business.		

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<p>NEW BUSINESS Secretary Position</p>	<p>As of this meeting, DGFS has no secretary. 3 emails have been sent out, but no person has come forward yet. The past secretary, Lisa Jefferson has left instructions on the position. Need the position filled.</p>	<p><i>Consider taking the position of DGFS Secretary. Email DGFS at duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com if interested.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Spring Extravaganza April 12th Hermantown High School</p>	<p>Topic – “Better Environment for the Bees” by Friends of the Earth Bee Action campaign. Contact St. Louis County Extension for details.</p>	<p><i>Passed out flyer.</i></p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p>Spring Gardening Event Duluth East High School</p>	<p>Tentative date (April 16) did not work out, but now looking for an early May date (first week).</p>		
<p>Great Gardening - WDSE Season starts April 10 – 7pm</p> <p>Bayfield Bus Tour Sunday, June 1</p>	<p>Clubs to volunteer 4 people to staff the phones: May 8 – Hilltop May 15 – Park Point May 22 – open May 29 - open</p> <p>Some bus tickets available to purchase, contact WDSE if interested.</p>	<p><i>Watch the show, call in questions, and volunteer to answer phones by contacting Tom Kasper.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont'd.</u> Duluth Community Garden Program</p>	<p>Fruit tree & shrub sale, thru April 15 at duluthcommunitygarden.org. Distribution in early May.</p>		
<p>Beautification Grants</p>	<p>Fund up to \$1,500 in grants, with a maximum grant per club of up to \$400. Forms available online. Deadline for applications is May 1st.</p>		
<p>Tomato Man</p>	<p>4 or 5 schools are participating in the project.</p>		
<p>Spring Luncheon 8th District Hosting Saturday, May 10th Valentini's (Chisholm) 31 West Lake Street 9am – 3pm</p>	<p>“Meandering through the Wildflowers”, a presentation by Sue Kolstad. If you need a ride, please let the DGFS know. Every club bring a door prize and items for the Country Store. Call Dale if you need things to be sent along/picked up. Location for the awards for DGFS grants is to be decided (in years past, were held at the Spring Luncheon).</p>		

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont'd.</u> 19th Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 31st Rose Garden Parking Lot</p>	<p>Discussed reserving May 24th (traditional held over Memorial Day weekend) or pushing the date back to May 31st since the Memorial Day is early and Spring was late.</p> <p>Plant Sale marketing - dedicated \$200, change the sticker date on the Secret Garden Tour Flyer, advertise on the WDSE Great Gardening PBS Show & work with the DNT and Budgeteer. Need yard signs for Superior Street in front of the Rose Garden Parking lot.</p> <p>Anita Steck (Longview GC) volunteered to be chairperson of the Annual Plant Sale. Tom Kasper will reserve the Rose Garden Parking Lot.</p>	<p><i>Motion to set May 31st date for Plant Sale by Ann Fink. Seconded by Printha Markert. Motion passed.</i></p> <p><i>Motion for marketing budget to be \$150 by Joan Barrett. Amended to \$200 by Kathy Hannan. Seconded by Dale Hurst. Motion passed.</i></p>	
<p>Secret Garden Tour July 19th</p>	<p>The Secret Garden Tour will offer the tour via bus, with 2 busses reserved.</p> <p>3 of the 6 gardens are lined. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in showing their garden, please contact Tom Kasper. The gardens do NOT have to be large gardens, can be a unique vegetable, fruit or flower garden/arrangement.</p>	<p><i>Contact Tom Kasper if interested in having your garden be on the Secret Garden Tour.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Flower Show August 1st</p>	<p>With the change in ownership of the Radisson Hotel, can not hold it there. Considering the Duluth Depot.</p> <p>Need a chairperson for the Flower Show. If a person does not step up by the May meeting, then will have to cancel the show.</p>	<p><i>Volunteer as a chairperson or helper.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>

<p><u>OTHER</u></p> <p>Oregon Creek Garden Club</p> <p>DGFS Membership</p> <p>DGFS Pamphlet</p> <p>WLSSD Composter & Rainbarrel Sale</p> <p>May 17</p>	<p>Is looking for new members and/or help reach out to UMD students and other nearby neighbors.</p> <p>Discussed that the DGFS use events to gain membership, but today's gardener is tough to get them to join a club. Ideas to expand membership include stories in the Budgeteer, signage, pamphlets, education opportunities (social & informative activity).</p> <p>Discussed about producing one from the Society, "Learn about growing a garden" and links to the website.</p> <p>At Lake Superior College from 9am to 1pm.</p>	<p><i>Tom Kasper will look into pamphlet prices, bring it up for a vote at the May meeting.</i></p>	
<p>Next meeting: June 2, 2014 Monday @ 5:15 p.m. @ Grant Recreation Community Center at 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>			