

DULUTH GARDEN FLOWER SOCIETY

Date: 05/05/2014

Recorder: James Gittlemeier

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Bookworms Dale Hurst*	Hart Haven	Lakeshore Botanical Gardens	Northern Lights	Smithville
Chester Creek James Gittlemeier	Hilltop Kathy Hannan	Lakeview	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Coffee Creek Joan Barrett*	Hortus	Longview Anita Steck	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights Reggie Phillips	Lake Aire	Lower Chester Creek	Park Point Diane Gould	VCAP
Essentia Wellness	Lake Superior Garden Club	Morgan Park Amy Johnson	Proctor Hilltop	Wild Ones
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society	Mt. Royal	St. James "Mary" Garden	Zenith City Diggers Kathy Collins Bob Norstrom*
Gitche Gumme Ann Fink	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Mae Anderson* Jean LeBard	Normanna		

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of: 04/07/2014	Copies of April minutes were passed out at meeting.	<i>No action (wait until June).</i>	
Treasurer's Report	<p><u>Balance:</u> \$5,421.51.</p> <p><u>Deposit:</u> Secret Garden Tour \$754.00, Membership Dues \$179.94</p> <p><u>Expenses:</u> Bar Codes Plus \$179.74</p>	<p><i>Joan Barrett motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Diane Gould seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Treasurer Report was approved.</i></p>	
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	<p>Secretary Position is still in need of being filled. Possibly consider these options:</p> <p>A. Pay - \$100/year, and waive annual membership dues. B. Each member takes a turn.</p> <p>This position needs access to a computer with contact (G-mail).</p> <p>This position is important to the society getting info out to their clubs.</p>	All members are asked to take it back to your clubs to see who is interested.	

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<p>OLD BUSINESS Cont'd Spring Extravaganza April 12th Hermantown High School</p>	<p>Topic – “Better Environment for the Bees” by Friends of the Earth Bee Action campaign.</p> <p>Well attended.</p>		
<p>Duluth Community Garden Program - Plant Sale</p>	<p>Fruit tree & shrub sale, thru April 15 at duluthcommunitygarden.org.</p> <p>Successful sale. Pre-order, with pick up on Saturday. If people are interested, contact Duluth Community Garden Program.</p>		
<p>NEW BUSINESS Spring Gardening Event Duluth East High School</p>	<p>Working to set up a tour of the Duluth East High School Greenhouse.</p>		
<p>Great Gardening - WDSE Season starts April 10 – 7pm</p> <p>Bus Tour</p>	<p>Clubs to volunteer 4 people to staff the phones:</p> <p>May 8 – Hilltop</p> <p>May 15 – Park Point</p> <p>May 22 – Lake Superior Master Gardeners</p> <p>May 29 - open</p> <p>Some bus tickets available to purchase, contact WDSE .</p> <p>June 1 Bayfield - 8-10 seats left for tour.</p> <p>July 18 Duluth-Superior 1-2 seats left for tour.</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> 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>Received 2 applications, from Bookworms & Longview.</p>	<p><i>Joan Barrett motioned to approve the requested grants to the 2 applicants. Kathy Hannan seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Grants were awarded to Bookworms and Longview.</i></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>Re-focusing mode for the project. Schools have lined up their projects. DGFS will coordinate with local schools to assist.</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.</p> <p>Deadline May 7 – Call Carol Borich.</p> <p>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.</p>		

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont'd.</u> 19th Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 31st Rose Garden Parking Lot 8am</p>	<p>Discussion on when half-price begins or even if it needs to happen. Discussed that somebody usually yells out “half-price” and it’s not fair for one club to decide this. Need to decide as a group. Also, discussed creating a pamphlet which lists the simple protocol rules for everybody to follow. Decided not to announce “half-price”. Note: there are no sales until the whistle.</p> <p>Marketing of the Plant Sale – DNT ad = \$208.40, includes Superior Daily Telegram and the Budgeteer. Theme is the “Grandmother of all plant sales”. Outreach for the event, news release, posters, though need metal wire yard sign stands for the posters (4-6). For more info contact Anita Stech.</p>	<p>Please sign up for publicity (speciality and categories and plants and shrubs).</p> <p>Share on Facebook and email.</p> <p>Will pass out brochures about each club at the Plant Sale.</p>	
<p>Secret Garden Tour July 19th</p>	<p>The Secret Garden Tour will offer the tour via bus, with 2 busses reserved, can hold up to 110 persons.</p> <p>Mailing out on Friday, May 9 – over 500.</p> <p>Sold 17 bus tickets, 13 map tickets.</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 9 Duluth Depot</p>	<p>Secured Duluth Depot. Need a chairperson for the Flower Show. If a person does not step up by June 1, then will have to cancel the show. Whoever runs the show decides on the theme. Discussed ideas to keep it going, but re-shape the Flower Show, including changing the name to the “Fruit, Flower & Edible Vegetable Show”. Hold the event around Labor Day, a DGFS sponsored harvest festival. Thoughts were to keep the 85 annual flower show. Society maybe is evolving to food production and beautification. Need to form a committee or group of people that will discuss a re-defining of the Flower Shop and growing it.</p>	<p><i>Flower Show Re-Vamp – Tuesday, May 20th at 6pm at Midi Restaurant. Send Tom Kasper an email and Tom will reserve a table. Volunteer as a chairperson or helper.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>

<p><u>OTHER</u> 4H Club</p>	<p>Discussed ideas about various ways to increase membership, sustain DGFS. Discussed 4H Club, but not much activity in this region and are not very well attended. There's a need for education to help advertise DGFS. Used to have 4H Clubs at schools. Also, discussed what working, and it seems DGFS needs events to bring in people and families, are club members are getting older. Also, the urban gardener is much more focused on food production, canning and processing. Therefore, growth in gardening is in food production. Thoughts of creating a garden club with the production of food focus, support the home vegetable gardener, as there is not much support for the individual gardener. The existing community food gardens are currently focused solely on low income populations.</p>		
<p>Duluth Peony</p>	<p>New garden club, the Duluth Peony Society. Duluth Peony introduced in 1931. More info to come.</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>			