

Dogwood Garden Club May 12, 2016 meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:40am by President **Diane Mettler**. Thank you to our hostesses **Sharon Aguilar** and **CeaCea Bicknell**.

Welcome to visitor **Carrie Lynne**, neighbor of Sharon A.

April meeting minutes motioned to be accepted by **Lisa Libby**, 2nd by **Rosie Trujillo**, and approved by those present.

Treasurer's report given by **Ilse Trujillo**.

Our missing Club meeting sign is possibly at the Van Eaton's.

Unfinished Business:

Barrel Planting: **Lisa Libby** updated us on the barrel planting in Eatonville which will take place on Thursday, May 19, 10am. We will meet in the vacant lot between Rainier Connect and the Multicare Clinic. Bring gloves, rake, trowel, broom and potting soil and fertilizer(Osmocote was suggested) if you have them. We will be planting 6-7 barrels in different locations around Eatonville. **Lisa** will obtain plants from Arrow Lumber at a 50% discount. **Nancy Schank** suggested that Carpenitos (SP?) is a good potting soil and available at King Feed.

Memorial Day Bouquet Workshop: Sunday, May 29th, **4pm**. Meet at **Sharon A's** chicken house. Bring clippers, available flowers, greenery such as ferns, salal, etc. We put together approximately 130 bouquets in a short amt of time. **Mary Bewley** then delivers them to the Eatonville cemetery to be distributed to Veteran's Graves by the Jr Garden Club members.

Art In Bloom: July 16th at the Van Eaton residence 10am-4pm. Our club will have a booth and sell art items, cut flower bouquets, etc. Contact **Diane** with any ideas for these items and to volunteer time at our booth. One idea, a wire cage, was shown by **Kathy Mettler** and **Diane**. There will be a class given by Old Goat Farm on this craft. There will be an auction of donated items on Friday evening the 15th at the same location. **Lynne Smith** will be in charge of the dessert menu for this private event. We need to come up with an idea for table centerpieces to auction off. **Nancy** suggested the use of bonsai trays that she has. We could plant miniatures in these.

Plant Sale: It was a great success. Thanks for all the plant donations and to those who volunteered their time for this fund raiser. Suggestions to improve the efficiency included: more blank price sticks(in general these were so helpful), highlight the raffle items more prominently, display our club sign better so it doesn't fall off the wall.

New Business:

June Meeting: will be held the first **Thursday, June 2nd**. We will be going on a road trip to the Governor's mansion and gardens. We will meet at **Rosie's**, our hostess, at 9:30am for a brief business meeting, then proceed to the mansion for our 11am tour. It is mandatory we turn in members names who are attending by May 25th and we must have photo ID with us to attend. We will do lunch on our own at the Olympia Farmer's Market following our tour.

Diane has gotten approval for our club to plant a tree at the Eatonville Visitor Center in honor of **Vera Byrd** who passed in April. We will use the funds donated in her honor. It was suggested to plant a Dogwood tree. **Nancy** suggested the "Kousa" variety which is an Oriental Dogwood and available at Watson's Nursery. She also highly suggested placing a bladder reservoir watering device at it's base on

planting to insure it gets proper amounts of water. A plaque was also suggested with Vera's name. Our club will be responsible for the upkeep of the tree and plaque in the years to come.

Diane has seedlings available for our use donated by Old Goat Farm. We can choose some after our meeting today.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Garden Therapy will be on May 18th, 10am, at the Brookdale Puyallup South, 8811 176th St. E. They will be planting flowers with the residents. It is a fun interactive activity and ideally 2 members from each club will take part.

The District Meeting will be held May 24th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St. S., 10am. There will be a plant sale to which our club is donating items. A sign-up sheet was passed. We need to turn in our attendees and pre-pay by May 18th. Program and lunch are \$15. **Lisa Libby**, the new district secretary, encouraged us to attend. In order for the district to continue using this ideal location, they need to have at least 50 lunches served. We gave some lunch ideas to **Rosie** to improve the lunch choices.

Lisa reminded us of the upcoming Pierce County Fair August 10-14. She requests we save our used egg shells. Please try to break them so that there is ¾ shell left in tact and wash them out. These will be used for a youth activity. Volunteers are needed at this event.

\$2 meeting fee collected.

\$12 dues for the upcoming year collected by our treasurer.

Raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

A fun sack lunch was served by our hostess.

****** Master Gardener, **Marilyn Newton**, from Gig Harbor, spoke to us about deer resistant plants.

Members Attending:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. CeaCea Bicknell
4. Sharon Burlingame
5. Joan Hofer
6. Lisa Libby
7. Diane Mettler
8. Kathy Mettler
9. Anne Norman
10. Kathleen Owen
11. Ginny Phillips
12. Nancy Schank
13. Sheri Slayton
14. Lynne Smith
15. Ilse Trujillo
16. Rosie Trujillo

Guest: Carrie Lynne

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**