

Dogwood Garden Club
April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:40 AM by President **Diane Mettler**.

Thank you to our hostess **Sharon Aguilar** and co-hostess **CeaCea Bicknell**.

14 members present.

Welcome to guest **Sharron Thames**.

March minutes were motioned approved by **Kathy Mettler**, 2nd by **Rosie Trujillo** and approved by members present.

Treasurer's report given by **Mary Bewley** for **Ilse Trujillo**.

Mary continued collecting dues of \$12 for the upcoming year 2015-2016.

A motion was made by **Kathy Mettler**, 2nd by **Mary Bewley** and approved by members present to make a donation of \$50 to the Tahoma Audubon Society. **Rosie** reminded us that each garden club earns points for a recognition award for donations made to other non profit organizations.

Chairman Report:

Diane updated us on the Dogwood Park clean up taking place on Thursday, April 16th at 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Bring pruners, gloves, etc. **Nancy Schank** made some recommendations on doing a more drastic pruning of different plants in the garden. We will go into town for lunch after our work session for anyone who is interested.

Unfinished Business:

Mary Bewley reminded us of the Arbor Day Tree planting on the 14th of April at Frontier Park in Graham at 10 AM. Our club is picking up the tree at Todd's Nursery in Orting and delivering it to the park. Each club contributes \$10 for this project.

A reminder about our Community Day plant sale on May 1st at the High School in Eatonville. We need everyone to continue to pot up their extra plants to be sold at this sale. This is one of our major fund earning events of the year. Bring them to the High School early, starting at 8:30 AM. If you have any cute little potted things like lily of the valley, pansies, etc, these are especially popular for the students to buy for upcoming Mothers Day gifts. **Sharon Aguilar** plans to make stake plant labels for us to sell. **Diane** has sticks and sticker dots for labeling the plants. **Nancy** has clay pots if needed for planting, and also plastic trays for people to carry out the plants they buy. **Mary** thinks she has our banner, but if anyone else has it please let her know. **Chris Bivins** is making an item for us to raffle(maybe a "green man"). Our guest **Sharron** has pots, trays, and plants if you want to pick them up at her house. Give her a call: 360-832-8201.

****Please arrange to pick up any plants you donate that do not sell at the end of the day..3 PM.****

New Business:

Member news: We had a card from past member **Helen Neighbor** who recently moved. She would welcome correspondence as she expressed missing her old friends. Her address: 22975 SE Black Nugget Rd, Issaquah, WA 98029. Phone: 425-919-6782.

Joan Hofer has had recent surgery and is recuperating at home. **Sherryl Slayton** also had recent surgery.

Ginny Phillips will be our new Sunshine person. Please let her know if you hear of members needing some cheer.

Kathleen Owen reports that the Post Office planting beds are looking good since the P.O. seems to have taken over the responsibility of maintaining them. We will keep our eye out for any help needed there.

Diane and **Lynne Smith** updated us on the Art In Bloom event being held July 25th at the Van Eaton Residence. There will be a dessert tea held on Friday the 24th. **Nancy** has shells for us to use as planters for centerpieces and then to auction off.

Vassey Nursery is having pot planting sessions the week of April 12th. Bring your own pots or purchase them there, buy your plants and pot them up with their soil. 10 % discount on plants. Call to make an appointment: 253-841-3550.

The Old Goat Farm will have their first opening of the season this weekend the 11th and 12th.

Kathy Mettler says the Rhododendrons are beautiful at the Weyerhauser Complex Rhodie Symposium Garden. Also there is free mushroom compost at the Ostrom Mushroom Facility. Call them for more info.

Diane told us about the Morse Wildlife Preserve in Graham. For more information contact them at 253-565-9278 or at their website: www.morsewildlifepreserve.com.

The curbside pots in Eatonville on Mashell Ave were discussed. It is believed that they are the responsibility of the businesses to plant, maintain and water. Diane will be checking into this further as it could be turned into a club project to plant and water these. She will get some before pictures. There is a national contest we could possibly enter if we undertake this project. Contact her with any ideas. The hanging baskets are the Chamber's responsibility.

Rosie will be the hostess for our June meeting to be held at the Tumwater Fairy Garden. There will be a garden tour and also a tour of the Schmidt historical house. Rosie will provide lunch. More info to follow in June.

It is time to nominate officers for our club. **Kathy Mettler** and **Kathleen Owen** made a motion to keep our present officers which was seconded by **Lisa Libby**, and approved by members in attendance.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Sign up sheet was again passed for the upcoming Annual Workshop for Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC) which is hosted by the Hill and Dale District. It is being held on April 30 at the Dryers Masonic Hall, 306 134th St S, Tacoma, WA 98444. The cost to attend is \$20 which includes lunch and 3 programs. Those who have volunteered to make salads and cookies should check with Mary to see that these get to her. Our club is responsible for putting together a Tea Basket for this event which members signed up to donate items for.

Rosie told us about the upcoming District meeting May 26th at which Mary Bennetti will be a speaker. We will have a sign up sheet at our May club meeting for this.

Rosie also reminded us of the District bus tour taking place on May 20th. \$25 includes the bus ride, a sack lunch and snacks. The meeting time is 9 AM at the Puyallup Elks parking lot. They will be going to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens and the Soos Creek Botanical Gardens in Auburn. To sign up contact **Rosie** 253-318-0902 or **Sherry Matthews** 253-845-2555.

\$2 meeting fee collected.

Raffle held.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Program: Slide show and talk given by Ken and Nell Bakter from the Tahoma Audubon Society on backyard birds.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. CeaCea Bicknell
3. Mary Bewley
4. Anne Hartman
5. Lisa Libby
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Anne Norman
9. Kathleen Owen
10. Geneal Palmer
11. Ginny Phillips
12. Lynne Smith
13. Georgia Stiefel
14. Rosie Trujillo

Guest: Sharron Thames

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**