

## Dogwood Garden Club

### March 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

#### BUSINESS MEETING

- Meeting called to order at 10:35 by President **Diane Mettler**.
- Thank you to Hostess **Sharon Aguilar** and co-hostess **CeaCea Bicknell**
- **17** members present and **1** guest
- February minutes approved as read in e-mail and at meeting today
- Treasurer's report given by **Ilse Trujillo**.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Venue for April Meeting is changed to home of **Jan Landry**. We will be doing a seed exchange, so bring all your saved seeds along with descriptions and pictures if possible. **Diane** has envelopes for packaging. **John Valentine** will be our speaker and will inform us on propagating year round.
- 9 members will be attending the March 17th meeting of the Root and Bloom Garden Club as per their invitation. Place: Midland Community Center, 1619 E 99th, Tacoma, WA. Time to arrive is 11:30. We will all make our own arrangements for travel.
- Reminder to pot up any plant starts you may have from cuttings or divisions for our May Day Plant Sale held annually at the High School in Eatonville on May 2nd. Set up starts at 8 AM, sale begins at 9 AM. Label all plants with name, description, and/or pictures. Anyone is welcome to come and help for any amount of time. The school children enjoy shopping plants for Mother's Day, and really like cutesy potted items, so lets get creative. We may be gifted with a couple of items to include in a raffle from some generous member's husbands. Everyone will be responsible to pick up or arrange to have someone pick up their leftover plants at the end of the event, 3 PM.
- **July 12th** will be the date for our upcoming "Art in Bloom" event to be held at the Terrie Van Eaton property. We will set up a booth and possibly try to have fresh cut flowers for sale along with decorated mailboxes for garden use. **Kathleen Owen** will try to have a decorated mailbox to show and tell next meeting and we will set up a workshop for decorating them.
- Our Sunshine lady, **Helen Neighbor**, reports sending a get well card and calling our member **Linda Evaro** following her surgery. She will check in with her again.

#### New Business:

- **Diane** has submitted an article with garden tips from club members to the Eatonville Dispatch to be published in an April edition. The club will receive \$50 for her efforts. Thanks Diane!
- Dogwood Park clean up will be held April 15th at 9:30 AM. We usually have coffee and donuts there, work for a couple hours and then break for lunch in town. Any and all help is appreciated. We will discuss this further at the April meeting.
- **Kathleen** reminded us to bring a list of favorite tools with a picture if you are able, to be given to Arrow to help them supply these items for sale to the community with our recommendation. **Lisa Libby** showed us a hand rake tool she had found at "Tuesday Morning" which is one of the favorite tools demonstrated at our December meeting.

- We will start collecting yearly dues at this meeting through June. We discussed the present \$10 charge. A motion was made by **Mary Bewley**, seconded by **Helen Neighbor** and voted by members to raise the annual dues to \$12.
- **Kathleen Owen** has already spent time at the Post Office doing weeding on one of the beds, YEAH Kathleen!

### **Hill and Dale District Business:**

- **Rosie and Mary** report the District Meeting will be held March 25th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St.S., Tacoma, WA. Cost is \$15. A signup sheet was passed. A reminder that if we sign up but are unable to attend we are still responsible for the cost of attendance. Everyone is encouraged to enter flowers, house plants, greenery, designs and crafts. Our club earns credit for all entries. Refer to the “Echo” for information.
- **Rosie** reports she is looking for someone to fill the role of District 2nd Assistant Director. This person would work to help organize and implement programs for the district meetings, fill in for the Director if necessary, etc. Please contact **Rosie** or **Mary Bewley** if interested.
- **Mary** reminds us of the upcoming annual Workshop held at the Puyallup Elks Club on Main Street on April 29th. Our club has kitchen duty and we will be needing volunteers to work there. We also need to provide salads and cookies for this event. We will discuss this further and have sign up sheets at our April meeting. Cost is \$15, but free to volunteers. There will be great programs provided and garden members from all over the state attend.

\$2 meeting fee was collected.

Treasurer, **Ilse Trujillo**, began collecting annual dues.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Raffle

Speaker **Florence Bond** of the Fuchsia Society spoke to us on fuchsias. She brought several hardy fuchsia plants for show and tell and gave them to us to raffle off at the end of her presentation! Very interesting and informative.

Minutes recorded by secretary **Ginny Phillips**

### **Members in Attendance**

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| 1. Sharon Aguilar  | 11. Helen Neighbor  |
| 2. Mary Bewley     | 12. Anne Norman     |
| 3. CeaCea Bicknell | 13. Ginny Phillips  |
| 4. Leslie Dunlap   | 14. Sheryll Slayton |
| 5. Mayumi Jones    | 15. Lynne Smith     |
| 6. Jan Landry      | 16. Ilse Trujillo   |
| 7. Lisa Libby      | 17. Rosie Trujillo  |
| 8. Diane Mettler   |                     |
| 9. Kathy Mettler   | Guest: Nancy Schenk |
| 10. Kathleen Owen  |                     |