

Dogwood Garden Club
Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

BUSINESS MEETING

- Meeting called to order 10:50 a.m. at Chase Garden by Secretary Debbie Price. Thank you to Anne Hartman for hosting and coordinating Chase Garden site to be available for our meeting! After this meeting, this site rents for \$50 for a group.
- 17 members in attendance. One guest attended, Linda Scott
- September minutes approved as written.
- Treasurer's report was not available.
- **Chairman Report:**
 - Rosie Trujillo reported on District and State events. Members of our club are encouraged to increase our participation at the district and state levels! District meetings are going well in new location and offer fascinating speakers and classes which are often hands on!
 - Helen Neighbor reported on the upcoming clean up at the Dogwood Park on October 16th. Bring gardening tools! Coffee and Donuts will be provided and the group may choose to go to lunch afterwards. Event will be rescheduled in case of rain.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Debbie Price provided an update on the Dwarf Conifer sale held in September and continued at the Fall Fest at Eatonville High School. Our club will receive a portion of the proceeds, final tally at November meeting
- **New Business:**
 - The new WSFGC calendars are available for sale. They are \$6 and contain information on all the state and district meeting dates and other events, as well as beautiful photos!
 - Year books for the 2012-13 year were distributed. Members suggested it would be better to have the yearbooks at the September meeting in future years.
 - Club discussed the "admin fee" of \$2 per meeting and agreed this fee is due at every meeting. This fee supports club activities throughout the year and supports the club president attending the state convention in June. The 50 cent raffle is optional at every meeting, members may choose to participate or not.
- **Hill & Dale District Business:**
 - Next District meeting will be November 27 at 10:00 a.m. new district meeting location: Dryer Masonic Center 306 134th St. S. Tacoma, WA 98444 253-539-9928
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

- Next meeting Thursday, Nov 15 at the home of Debbie Price. Bring canned goods for food bank. Lunch will be potluck.
- Raffle
- Sack Lunch
- The program was a discussion of tips on dividing plants and other general gardening tips. The members exchanged perennials and enjoyed a self guided tour of Chase Gardens. Some highlights of the gardening discussion:
 - An old golf cart makes a great garden cart for carrying shovels, rakes etc around your garden!
 - Honey suckle – cut the dead wood out each fall, if you have mildew, be sure to spray the leaves AND the ground around it to with anti mildew product to prevent it coming back!
 - Hydrangea – trim the floppy bloom heads ONLY – many bloom on year old stems so don't trim it back too enthusiastically!
 - When you are cleaning and weeding your garden, have small pots with soil ready with you, so you can shove plant chunks into them to share or to prepare for the next plant sale
 - Dahlias – take photos of them at blooming time, then when you dig the bulbs each fall, store them with laminated photo! Store bulbs in peatmoss/shavings/sawdust in cool dry place. If wintering over outside, bend stems over to prevent water entering cut stem and freezing, which damages bulb.
 - Geraniums: pull from garden before first freeze, keep in containers in garage.
 - When wintering items over in garage, etc, a good tip for watering is to water them on holidays, once a month! Thanksgiving, Christmas, MLK, Valentines etc.