

## **Dogwood Garden Club October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Vice-president **Kathy Mettler**. Thank you to hostess **Ginny Phillips** and co-hostess **Anne Hartman**.

16 members present.

Welcome to our guest **Sharron**, friend of member **Sharon Aguilar**.

September meeting minutes were approved as read by members.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer, **Ilse Trujillo**. As approved at our September meeting, our treasurer transferred our CD funds to our Checking account. Our complete total of funds now is **\$3821.80**.

### **Chairman Reports:**

It was discussed and decided that **Dogwood Park Fall clean up** will take place on **Tuesday, October 13th at 9:30**. A sign-up sheet was passed. We will have **Diane Mettler** contact the DOT in Ashford for pickup of trash and debris.

### **New Business:**

A copy of the new club booklet was passed around. It will be going to press and hopefully completed for distribution at our November meeting.

No one has signed up to hostess our November meeting. Our President, **Diane Mettler**, has been talking with Todd's Nursery, Orting Highway, about meeting there. They are very open to this. The topic is forcing bulbs. **Nancy Schank** pointed out that they may not carry bulbs, but do have beautiful living trees and ponds. **Rosie Trujillo** volunteered to be hostess if we meet there and would bring coffee and donuts, we would do a sack lunch. We could do some carpooling from the Eatonville Community Center if needed. **Diane** will look into this meeting idea further and let us know. Our guest **Sharron**, pointed out that Winco has bulbs on special at this time.

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

**Mary Bewley** expressed thanks to all who attended, entered in horticulture or design, and especially to everyone for helping clerk for the flower show at the Sept district Meeting. She also passed around the new District yearbook for us to look at. The theme this year is "Tend to Roots" and our director is **Linda Maida**.

**Mary** also informed us of a district Garden Therapy program which will take place on October 21st at 10 AM at the Brookdale Alzheimer Facility, 8811 176th St. Each club should send at least 2 members to represent our club. **Kathleen Owen** and **Rosie Trujillo** volunteered to participate in this. Pumpkins will be carved and flowers placed in them with participation of the residents as they are able. Bring non-poisonous flowers if you have them available. **Kathy Mettler** says she still has Dahlias we could use for this project.

**Rosie** is the new District Awards Chairman Director. Entries should be turned into her by December. **Lisa Libby** is putting together a beautification entry on the potting of Eatonville flower pots done this summer by the club.

**Rosie** also reminded us of the Holiday Show, "Starry Nights", being held November 4-5th at the Olympia Red Lion. Entry is \$8 purchased ahead of the show or \$10 at the door. We are encouraged to attend as this is so close to home and a great chance to enter horticulture and view the other entries.

The next District meeting is December 1st at the Dryer Masonic Center in Tacoma. We discussed ideas for our project of decorating a tree or limb with natural material to be entered and displayed on a table.

**Kathy M** suggested using LED lights with a battery, **Lisa** has been working on an idea for ornaments. A signup sheet was passed to form a committee to work on this. We could meet at **Sharon Aguilar's** home in November. An idea was mentioned to possibly buy a living tree to decorate and then to donate the tree after the meeting. We will check with **Sheri Slayton** to see if there are possibly any suitable trees left over from a previous plant sale or also to check with Todd's Nursery on cost of a tree.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

**Mary Bewley** entered several items in the Puyallup State Fair where she won Best of show for one and blue and red ribbons for others. She thanked **Kathy Mettler** for sharing her dahlias with her to use.

**Sharon Aguilar, Kathy Mettler** and others commented on the recent "Blood Moon Eclipse". The birds and cows all were acting strangely. **Rosie** had a beautiful view from atop a mountain during her visit to Jerusalem.

**Kathleen Owen** shared about tree ferns she saw while visiting Australia recently.

Meeting adjourned 10:25.

\$2 Meeting Fee collected.

Raffle was held.

Lunch was served by our hostess.

**Mary Bewley** did a presentation on using ferns in design. She used a ginger pot and designed an arrangement using all sorts of ferns and greens from the yard along with lilies. Some of the ferns she used were identified as: Autumn Japanese Painted, Holly, Bird's Nest, Alaskan, and Crested Lady. This type arrangement is especially nice to use in the winter time when there is not a lot to choose from in the garden and there might still be ferns available. **Nancy Schank** suggested probably the better times to transplant ferns is in the Fall or Spring.

**Program:** Presentation on Ferns by Master Gardener and member of the Fern Society, Carolyn Doherty, with the help of her husband Jerry. She brought numerous ferns with her for show and tell. She handed out a printout on ferns. She also showed us a 4 page print out on Propagation and Planting of Ferns. Ginny made a copy of this and will see about making copies for those who are interested.

#### **Members Present:**

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

#### **Guests:**

Sharron, friend of member Sharon Aguilar

Sherry Hanson, daughter of member Ginny Phillips attended the Fern presentation.

