

Dogwood Garden Club January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:40 by President **Diane Mettler**. **Diane** handed out the list of favorite garden books compiled at our December meeting.

Thanks to hostess **Kathleen Owen** and co-hostess **Jan landry**.

15 members present.

Welcome to visitor and prospective new member **Georgia Stiefel**.

December minutes motioned approved as read by **Kathy Mettler** and 2nd by **Mary Bewley**.

Treasurer's report given by **Ilse Trujillo**. **Cking: \$2069.56, CD: \$1319.78**.

As supports our theme this year of "Reuse It Or Lose It", **Sharon Aguilar** had a suggestion to use empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls to start plants in. Cut them to length, fill with dirt and plant your seeds. They will plant right into the garden, are biodegradable and will gradually break down as the plants grow. **Ilse** also uses them around new lily stems to ward off slugs eating her flower stems.

Mary still has tongs left at her house at the December potluck. Call if you are missing yours.

New Business:

Diane is the new editor of the newsletter for the **Northwest Horticulture Society**. She reminded us that we could possibly have the use of the Community Center bus to transport us as a group to further away venues we might like to consider. She suggested Powells Wood Garden as a future place to visit in Federal Way. **Sharon Aguilar** pointed out Albers Garden in Bremerton was featured in a Fall issue of Sunset Magazine and maybe it would be another place to visit. Bellevue Botanical Garden is another one pointed out by **Nancy Schank**. We will add these to our "bucket list" of places to visit.

Nancy Schank also told us of an upcoming event at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St in Bellevue, on January 16th, 2015. There is a silent auction followed by a lecture given by Dan Hinkley and Jim Fox titled "Plantsmanship as a Competition Sport" which should be not only interesting but fun. The cost is \$45. Anyone interested could call **Nancy** at **253-846-1768** for further information or look it up on **Heronswood.com/events**.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Mary Bewley reminded us of the District meeting coming up on March 24th which is held at the Dryer Masonic Hall in Tacoma. More information to follow in the upcoming issue of the **Echo**. **Mary** also reminded us of the annual Hill and Dale Workshop to be held at the Dryer Masonic Hall on April 30th. Our club will be responsible for providing several salads and several dozen cookies. The cost to attend is \$20 which includes lunch and programs. More info to follow in the Echo.

\$2 meeting fee was collected.

Raffle held.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Lunch served by our hostesses.

Program: The topic “Hostas” was presented by **Greg Graves** co-owner of the **Old Goat Farm Nursery**. He gave us handouts on Hostas and also on the Northwest Horticultural Society and South Sound gardens. We gained lots of new information on the benefits of growing Hostas along with a list of suggested varieties and whether they are best in sun, are fragrant, slug resistant, or are “Great Plant Picks”. Thanks to **Greg**.

Members Present

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

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**