

Dogwood Garden Club April 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 10:45 am.

Thank you to hostess **Mary Bewley**.

12 members present.

Welcome to guest **Sharon Rosenkranz**.

No treasurer report given.

March minutes motioned to be accepted by **Lisa Libby** and voted approved by those present.

It was announced by **Mary Bewley** that inactive member **Vera Byrd** passed away this morning. She was 98 and was a charter member of Dogwood having served as president in the past. **Diane** suggested we dedicate this May Day Plant sale to her for all her past contributions. **Mary** will submit an article to the Echo for publication in the next issue on Vera.

Chairman Reports:

Diane reported we had a good turn out for the Dogwood Park Clean-up on April 7th. Thank you to the 7 members who participated: **Lynne Smith, Kathleen Owen, Kathy Bowman, Lisa Libby, Kathy Mettler, Diane Mettler** and **Ginny Phillips**. Thank you to Kathleen's husband **Ken** who also helped us.

Unfinished Business:

If you have any items to donate to the **Jr Garden Club** such as succulents, poppy seeds, Iris rhizomes, empty hanging baskets or pots or any plants that can be planted in them, please contact **Kathy Bowman** at 360-832-3479.

Remember to plant up your items for the upcoming May 6th Dogwood Plant Sale at the community May Day Celebration held at the Eatonville High School. Please label your contributions with their names and deliver them to the gym from 8:30-9 am. **Diane** is working on making color coded price sticks and a corresponding sign to simplify pricing. She will also check with **Nancy Schank** on the availability of **Vassey Nursery** boxes to put the sold plants in. You should arrange to pick up your unsold items at 3 pm. **Chris Bivins, Diane, Kathleen Owen** and **Lisa** are donating items to be raffled.

Anne Hartman reminded us of an upcoming event at the Chase Gardens. Cisco will be the speaker on Saturday May 21st 4-8 pm. The cost is \$50 to enjoy this garden expert. Contact Chase Gardens to purchase tickets.

New Business:

We discussed the paying of guest speakers for their precious time and expertise. **Diane** made a motion, it was 2nd by **Kathy Mettler** and voted approved by members present to extend a compensation of \$50 to our speakers.

Diane gave information on the Yelm High School Horticulture Program plant sale to be held on April 27th
8 am-7 pm, 28th & 29th 8-5, and 30th 9-3. They will have a great selection of well priced veggies and flowers.

Lisa Libby is setting the date for the Eatonville wine barrel planting for Thursday May 19th. There are 6 barrels. We will meet in the vacant lot beside Rainier Connect at 10 am to weed and plant these barrels around town. Arrow will give us 50% off of plants we purchase from them.

Hill and Dale District Business:

The next Garden Therapy will be held at Brookdale Puyallup South at 8811 176th St E, Wednesday May 18th at 10 am. They will be working with Alzheimer's and dementia residents to plant flowers. They request each club be represented by 2 members.

Pierce County Fair: Our club will be in charge of the Youth Entries and **Mary Bewley** will lead this group. On August 10th we will check in youth entries in the Floral Building from 1-7 pm. **Lisa** said she would help on this. More info to follow at May and June meetings. If you have any ideas for kids activities like planting shoes or potatohead people, etc, give a call to **Kathy Johnson, 253-847-4933, kathyj16@msn.com or Sherry Matthews, 253-845-2555, sherrytom41@comcast.net**

Dogwood had 9 members attend the recent District Meeting on March 22nd, **Mary Bewley, Geneal Palmer, Sharon Aguilar, Lisa Libby, Rosie Trujillo, Sheri Slayton, Paulette Quirie, Sharon Burlingame and Ginny Phillips.** The moss/sedum wire formed centerpieces our club made all successfully sold and were beautiful.

The wine and chocolate raffle basket our club put together for the Annual Workshop held on March 30th was also a success. It appeared to sell lots of tickets.

Mary Bewley attended the Arbor Day tree planting April 13th at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. **Lynne Smith** picked up the tree from Todd's Nursery and delivered it to the planting spot. Thanks, Lynne.

There is a change in the date of our **June** meeting. It will be held on Thursday **June 2nd.** Please note this in your books. This will be a field trip to the Governor's garden and residence, which is a privilege for us to be able to do. **Rosie Trujillo** will be our hostess for this. More details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Raffle.

Lunch served by our hostess.

Sharon Burlingame displayed her materials and explained her methods working with miniature design.

Greg Graves of **Old Goat Farm** gave a presentation on ground covers followed by our shopping of plants he brought with him. He gave us hand outs on ground covers.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Sharon Burlingame
4. Anne Hartman
5. Joan Hofer
6. Lisa Libby
7. Diane Mettler
8. Kathy Mettler
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Paulette Quirie
12. Lynne Smith

Guest: Sharon Rosenkranz

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips