

Dogwood Garden Club
December 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

- Meeting called to order at 10:40 AM.
- Thank you to hostess **Mary Bewley**.
- 14 members present.
- November minutes approved as read.
- Treasurer **Ilse Trujillo**, unable to attend, no report given.
- **Betty Allison** returned the \$50 check we had donated for purchase of a Magnolia Tree to the Eatonville Baptist Church 100th Birthday. A church member wished to donate this tree instead.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - 2 members, **Sharon Burlingame** and **Linda Evaro**, report having no club booklets, **Diane Mettler** will check on additional copies.
 - We are still looking for someone to coordinate carpooling. Contact Diane if you are interested.
- **New Business:**
 - **Diane Mettler** delivered copies of her new book “You May Be An Obsessed Gardener If” to those who wished to purchase copies. She gave bookmarks from the book to all members present. We can go to the book’s website obsessedgardener.com for more information.
- **Hill and Dale District Business:** report by Mary Bewley
 - **Mary** has a copy of the district bylaws if anyone is interested in reading.
 - We were reminded of the August 2014 Pierce County Fair. **Mary** will be chairman of the flower show, theme being “ Barnyard Dynasty”. A meeting will be held in January to put together ideas on this theme.
 - A good representation from our Dogwood club, **Kathleen Owen, Joan Hofer, and Linda Evaro**, have been attending the design classes held each month.
 - Several members of Dogwood, **Sheryll Slayton, Sharon Burlingame**, and **Ginny Phillips** helped place entries at the December 3rd District meeting. **Mary Bewley, Anne Norman, Sharon Aguilar** also attended. The speaker presented a program on carnivorous plants. We had several members from our club enter designs and the flower show.
 - The District workshop will be held on April 29th at the Puyallup Elks Club. Clubs from all over the state attend. Each Hill and Dale Club is responsible for providing 5 salads and cookies for the luncheon. Tickets will be \$10.00 which includes lunch and the program. The Design Guild will be in charge of the design program and the theme will be “Every Inch Matters”.
 - Our Club Booklet won the District competition and will now go on to state.
 - **Mary** is state chairman of the High School Gardeners groups. This year 2 groups submitted entries for the competition. She requests **Diane Mettler’s** help in

judging these entries.

- Pictures have been sent in for state judging: **Kathleen Owen** cleaning and sprucing up the Eatonville Post Office garden beds, and **Sharon Aguilar's** birding sanctuary. Our website was also entered. Winners will be awarded in June 2014 at the state convention.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15.
- **Program**
 - **Mary Bewley** demonstrated some of her ideas for underwater design.
 - Members shared their favorite tools for gardening. They gave us lots of new ideas to add to our tool collections.
- **Christmas gift exchange**
- **Potluck lunch and dessert** was enjoyed by all.

Minutes recorded by **Ginny Phillips**.