

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING
December 13, 2011
Shepherd's Crook

The welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Co-President Sandi Shea.

Business Meeting

Members were reminded to sign in on the roll call register. A reminder was given to peruse the minutes of the November meeting on our website. The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Kathy Knutell.

Committee Reports

April Meyers reported that a good size group visited the "Wonderland Express" at the Chicago Botanic Garden on December 9.

Barb Clark reported that sales of garden gloves at the November meeting totaled \$80. She did not bring gloves today but members can contact her if there is interest of a purchase before the next meeting.

Old Business

The Helpful Hints or Hints booklet will be discussed at the January meeting.

The Garfield Conservatory Donation has been sent.

New Business

Sandi Shea reported that according to our bylaws, an audit of our financial book should be done every two years. She is suggesting that the audit be done in April, 2012. Next month we will select a committee to perform this task.

Sandi also reported that it is time to form a nominating committee for our upcoming election of officers. Members can start thinking about which office they might like to run for, or volunteer to serve on this committee so they can help make the choice of who to place on the ballot. A committee will be formed at the January meeting.

New refreshment committee assignments were given for new members who were not assigned in our yearbook. The assignments are:

January: Peggy Evans
February: Marie Hacker
March: Ludwina Homer
April: Donna Sayle, Joyce Patterson
May: Mary Otahal
June: Carolyn Bergman, Fran Isaacs

Other Items and Concerns

A reminder was given to check our website and you e-mails frequently.

Upcoming Workshops

Photo Contest: This year's contest will be held at our January meeting, just for fun. The categories will be:

Close Ups
Landscapes
Animals/Insects in the Garden
Garden Art

Participants may have up to two photos in each category. 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 sizes are recommended, they do not need to be mounted. Please write your name on the back.

Paint Your Own Tote Bag: This activity will also make up part of the January meeting. It is recommended that members should wear old clothes or bring a smock or an apron. The charge will be between \$5 and \$10. You can create your own pattern or stencils will be available. Members were asked to sign up before leaving today.

Yearbook supplements are available for those who still need them. If a member present has not yet had a picture taken, Ginny Adams was available to take care of the picture after the meeting.

Jill LaBelle reported to the group that a Garden Club was being formed at North Prairie School in Winthrop Harbor. She thought that it would be a great opportunity for our club to be available to help their club with support and encouragement. Discussion followed confirming the excellent opportunity for our club and a show of hands confirmed the club was in agreement. Jill will contact the sponsor of the club and report back with more information.

Acknowledgement and thanks were given to the Refreshment Committee for their help and for the beautiful centerpieces they

prepared. Jill LaBelle was thanked for arranging the caterer and the facility for the luncheon.

Tip of the Month: Beth Dermody suggested rolling up and storing Christmas lights on a garden hose reel. Also with our warm weather, there is still time to buy bulbs on clearance and get them in the ground before it freezes.

The meeting was followed by our 2nd annual Christmas Centerpiece Workshop.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Matteson, Secretary