

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING

November 9, 2010

Zion Benton Library

The welcome was given and the pledge of allegiance was led by co-president Beth Dermody. Our guest speaker was Tim Pollack, a horticulturist from the Botanic Gardens. His presentation "Colorful Edible Container," which included a slide show, was very informative and interesting.

Business Meeting

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Kathy Knutell. Barb Clark reported that garden gloves are available for purchase.

Committee Reports

Morton Arboretum trip. April Meyers reported that the trip to the Morton Arboretum on October 18 was a huge success. There were 30 that participated and the weather was beautiful.

April's fall yard tour. April Meyers reported that the fall yard tour scheduled for October 25 was cancelled due to bad weather. She prepared a handout entitled "Preparing Your Garden For Winter" and had it available to members.

Other trips. Discussion was held to get ideas for other trips. Suggestions given included a spring trip to the Chicago Botanical Gardens, the Morton Arboretum again in the spring, and Anderson Garden in Rockford.

December Christmas luncheon and meeting. Jill LaBelle reported the details for the upcoming Christmas luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 12 noon, at Shepherd's Crook, 351 Green Bay Rd., Zion. The cost is \$15, reservations and payment were taken at the meeting. Jill asked if there were any food allergies that needed to be considered for the meal. Kathy Knutell gave two more weeks as a deadline so a count can be turned in. The club is picking up the fee of \$15 per person for using the facility. A short business meeting will be held during the luncheon.

December workshop. Following the Christmas luncheon, approx 1:30 pm, Gale Dulien will present the workshop, "making our own Christmas centerpieces." The fee is \$10 and sign up and payment must be made in advance. Table space of 3 to 4 ft. per participant will be needed by December 1. Jill LaBelle will check with Shepherd's Crook for the set up. Members are encouraged to bring their own pruners, pocket knives, and special ornaments, Gail will provide evergreens and tape.

January meeting and workshop. Beth Dermody reminded the members of the outdoor glass holder workshop scheduled for January 11th meeting. The cost will be \$6 instead of \$5 that was originally announced, due to the higher cost of supplies. A sign up sheet was available and payments were taken.

Arbor/Earth Day activity. Shirley Mintern requested ideas for a club project in April for Arbor/Earth Day.

Old Business

75th Anniversary. A chairman is needed for the Labor Day parade float. Ideas for parade themes can still be contributed. Contact Cheri Ditzig or Doreen Matteson with your ideas.

Photo contest. Don't forget the upcoming photo contest to be held at the January meeting.

Log wear. Sandi Shea will call when the logo wear is in.

New Business

A question was asked concerning the Gateway Horticultural Club's e-mail and planned activity on December 2. The cost is \$45.

Programs for next year. Bring ideas to the January meeting for next year's programs. Marty Butler suggested the idea of a Vermillion workshop. Interest was indicated by a show of hands. Other suggestions are needed.

Other Items and Concerns

Beth thanked the refreshment committee.

Beth gave her tips of the month.

Note: A suggestion for the float theme given by Linda McKinney was "Flowering for 75 years," or "75 years of Flowering."

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Matteson

Secretary