

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING
November 8, 2011
Zion Library

The welcome was given by Co-President Beth Dermody. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed four guests.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were highlighted and the treasurer's report was given. Barb Clark gave the Sunshine report and shared that a card had been sent to Helen Darsnek following the passing of her husband.

Committee Reports

Upcoming Tours: April Meyers reviewed the trip to the Chicago Botanic Gardens in October. She then introduced a possible trip to Chicago Botanic Garden's Wonderland Express. Two dates were recommended, Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 9. It was decided that the Dec. 9 date was preferred. A sign up sheet was available for those interested. Fees would include admission, gas, and parking. Those that sign up will be notified by April. Admission rates are as follows: Adult Members-\$8, Nonmembers-\$10, Sr. over 62 Members- \$6, Nonmembers-\$8.

Gloves for Sale: Barb Clark reported that garden gloves were available for sale after the meeting.

Memorial Garden: Sonia Bedrosian reported that the memorial garden at the library had been closed for the winter.

Old Business

Helpful Hints or Gardening Hints booklet: Topic was table until a later date.

Garfield Conservatory Donation: The question was asked if our donation had been sent. Kathy Knutell stated that at this time she did not have the forms to send the donation. It was determined the forms are on line at the Garfield Park site.

New Business

Scholarship Committee: Jan LaBelle asked for volunteers for the committee so the selection process for this year's recipient could begin. Marty Butler and Doreen Matteson volunteered to help Jan.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Luncheon meeting at Shepherds Crook: Reservations are needed by Dec. 1. The luncheon cost is \$15 per member and \$10 for the optional centerpiece workshop following the

meal. Containers, flowers, and filler will be provided, please bring pruners, scissors, a knife, and your own small accessories that you want to include in you project. If you have a special container you want to use, feel free to bring it also. Sign up sheets for both the luncheon and the workshop are available.

Photo Contest Themes: Ideas were shared for categories for our January contest. The ideas included:

- Close ups
- Landscapes
- Animals
- Garden Art
- Unusual

The photo contest is just for fun, maybe some prizes will be awarded.

Paint Your Own Tote Bag Workshop: This workshop will also be part of our January meeting. A sign up sheet is available today.

Other Items and Concerns

Website and E-Mails: Reminders were given to check out the site, and check you e-mails for reminders and information.

The supplement to our yearbook was passed out to members. This sheet included pictures and information of new members since the book was printed along with the two changes in our constitution voted on at the October meeting.

If there were still some who had not yet had their picture taken for the yearbook, they were asked to see Ginny Adams after the meeting today.

The Refreshment Committee was thanked and acknowledged for their Thanksgiving themed refreshments.

The Tip of the Month was given by Beth Dermody.

Our guest speakers for this month, Chris and Ken Smith from Bernie's Busy Bees, were introduced. We all enjoyed their presentation covering bee keeping and honey making. They provided us the opportunity to purchase their wonderful honey products.

Respectfully Submitted

Doreen Matteson, Secretary