

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING
September 13, 2011
Shiloh Center

The September was preceded by our Harvest Bonanza, the kick-off luncheon for the 2011-2012 year.

The business meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Co-President Sandi Shea. The welcome was given and eight guests were introduced.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and the treasurer's report was given. Barb Clark gave the Sunshine report stating that a thank you note was received from Ellen Buntrock following her illness, and a sympathy card was sent to the family of Vera Turner.

Committee Reports

Upcoming Tours. April Meyers reported that she is scheduling "Planning for Next Year's Garden" on Tuesday, September 27, 10 am at her home. Also, a fall trip to the Chicago Botanic Gardens is a possibility in October. Sign up sheets for both events are available today. April continued her report with other trips at future dates which include the Rockford Anderson Japanese Gardens in late spring or early summer, and a Milwaukee area tour. A Christmas exhibit at the Chicago Botanic Gardens was also mentioned.

Old Business

Milaeger's Money. It was advised to use up your Milaeger's money before the end of the season. There is interest in offering the fundraising plan again for next year.

Logo wear. Sandi reported that three members still owe on ordered items. The question was asked if there was interest to order more logo wear. Jill LaBelle questioned ordering from the same supplier and the potential of using another. The reason is for more variety of clothing for women. It was brought up that we do own the rights to the club logo. Jill will look into what other suppliers have to offer and their prices.

75th Anniversary Year.

We are planning to place a float in the Labor Day parade in 2012. It was suggested that we use animation on our float. Also, we should check with Benton Lumber for possible lumber donation. The Jubilee Days committee is seriously considering celebrating our anniversary as their theme.

The city is not printing a calendar this year; we could do our own though it would be pricey.

Also as an anniversary publication, think about the idea of printing "Helpful Hints" and "Gardening Hints." We will discuss this topic at next month's meeting. It was suggested that we could preserve the old "Helpful Hints" booklet on a PDF file.

New Business

New Yearbooks. New yearbooks were distributed to members. Please keep them handy and use them to check this year's schedule and member information. Corrections to the membership information: Glenda Clark and Marilyn Goodman both indicated a change for their e-mail addresses. Please check with an officer to obtain the corrections.

New Chairpersons.

Anne Miller—Chaplain
Cheri Florczyk—Community Affairs
Jan LaBelle—Scholarship

Christmas at the White House. Information concerning this workshop sponsored by the Garden Club of Illinois in Northfield, IL on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 – 3:30 pm. The speaker will be Nancy Clark. Check the website for further information.

Change of Induction of New Officers. April Meyers proposed that since we have added June to our Calendar of meetings, we induct our new officers at our June meeting. This will give our new officers the entire summer to get organized. Additionally, we're dressed up for the June Tea. This would mean amending Article 6 Section 4 in our constitution. The motioned was seconded by Helen Koetz. After some discussion, Beth Dermody stated that the proposal will be voted on at the next meeting. Our current co-presidents, Sandi and Beth stated they would both stay actively involved.

Other Items and Concerns

Kathy Knutell proposed that instead of dues (\$15) being due in June for the following year, and delinquent after July, that dues be delinquent

after June 30, with dues payable beginning in March. A delinquent fee (\$5) would be assessed after the June 30 date. As this is a change in the constitution, we will vote at the October meeting.

Marty Butler motioned that the club give \$300 to Nikki Rhomberg for her skills in preparing our yearbook. The motion was approved by a showing of hands.

Jill LaBelle motioned that the club buy two new coffee pots, one would be used for tea only. Sandi will check on prices and report next month. Shirley Mintern offered to check at Bed Bath & Beyond.

New Member Induction. Ludwina Homer, Joyce Patterson, and Bonnie Lolmough were inducted as new members. Those that joined the club today will be inducted next month.

Upcoming workshop and clinic possibilities.

Close the Garden Tour
Chicago Botanic Garden Tour
Garden Obelisk Workshop
Holiday Centerpiece Workshop
Member Photo Contest
Paint Your Own Canvas Bag Workshop
Hummingbird Feeder Clinic
Glass Flower Garden Art Workshop
Container Potting Clinic
Concrete Art Workshop
Bench Building Workshop
Plate/birdbath Workshop

Reminders. Please check your e-mails on a regular basis. Also the website contains new photos and links as well as our schedule. There is a password for the personal info section. See an officer for the password.

Thanks to the officers and chairpersons who prepared today's luncheon.

Tip of the month was given by Beth Dermody.

Marty Butler motioned for adjournment which was seconded by Gloria Askew.

Helen Koetz presented a demonstration on canning followed by Beth Dermody presenting a pickling demonstration.

Respectfully Submitted

Doreen Matteson, Secretary