

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING October 10, 2017
Zion-Benton Public Library**

Co-Presidents April Meyers and Gale Dulian called the meeting to order at 1:03pm They led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: April asked all guests to stand and introduce themselves and acknowledge the member who invited them.

Speaker: Master Potter Fred Tarnow spoke on "With these Hands...and a Wheel". Mr. Tarnow creates Bonsai pottery and containers. Examples of his creations were displayed.

BUSINESS:

Roll Call: April reminded everyone to sign in, and retrieve their name tags displayed on the Name Tag Tree. There were 45 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

Birthdays: April and Gale invited members with October birthdays to stand and all were honored with everyone singing "Happy Birthday". The following members have October birthdays: Brenda Perez, Judy Wilkes, Naomi Friedrich, Fred Pitts, Carolyn Bergman, Judith Stalder, Connie Mills, Shirley Mintern, Barbara Draegert, and Helen Koetz.

Minutes: The Minutes from September 12, 2017 were posted on our website, emailed, and posted on the Information Board at our meeting. The required signatures were obtained and accepted with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Cheri Florczyk presented the Treasurer's Report, which was posted with a combined final balance of \$10,449.25 for both the checking and savings accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Helen Koetz reported that Judy Sims had a valve replacement at Rush and she will be sending a card.

Garden Gloves: Helen announced garden gloves are \$4 a pair and she has all sizes available at the meeting.

Activities: Darlene Robinson and Helen Koetz reported that 15 people made the trip to Stade's Farm Market where they picked apples, went on a hayride, and were given samples of watermelon and cantaloupe. Everyone had a wonderful time. No future trips were proposed.

Publicity: Fran Isaac reported that the ZB News is no longer in publication. Marty Butler made a plea for everyone on Facebook to use it as a means of publicizing our meetings and events to the public. Fran Isaac said she was trying to get the ZB Library to publish our meetings in their quarterly newsletter.

Scholarship: Doreen Matteson talked with Susie Hoffman, Coordinator of the Center for Conservation Leadership with whom we've been offering scholarships for the last few years. Doreen requested our 2017 Scholarship winner Daisy Lazcon come to one of our meetings.

Workshops: There are no workshops yet for the coming months.

Garden Walk: Due to some personal responsibilities, our Garden Walk Chair has had to resign and we need a new Chairman. There are already five gardens lined up for next year, and we're looking for someone to step up.

OLD BUSINESS

Zion City Flower: Cheri Neal has been working on having Zion adopt the Zinnia as their city flower. She will be reporting her progress to the club at the January meeting.

Garden Walk Sign Holders: We are in need of the metal holders for the Garden Walk signs. Jan LaBelle took a garden

walk sign home and will see if she has replacement metal sign holders that fit. Sandi Shea would look into seeing pricing for new signs if needed in the future.

Butterfly Garden: Donna Saalfeld visited the milkweed garden we planted South of the train station in Zion on the West side of the path and did some weeding. Donna and Gale Dulian took pictures of the monarchs and flowers.

NEW BUSINESS

Induction of New Members: April announced the induction of the following new members: Nelda Nelson and Diane Sheehan. Pictures were taken after the meeting.

Garden Q & A: Sandi Shea suggested it would be good if we began an information-sharing segment at our meetings to share any tips or suggestions on a different topic each month. This month the topic was squirrels and bulbs: how to keep the one from eating the other. She said that because the squirrels find the bulbs by scent, clean up the area thoroughly then cover the newly-planted bulbs with dirt and water until muddy since the squirrels seem to not like to walk in the mud. Shirley suggested covering the planting with pea gravel and spraying with cayenne pepper. Another suggestion was to plant the tulips under the daffodil bulbs, since squirrels don't like daffodils.

Tip of The Month: April Meyers reminded everyone to keep watering trees, shrubs, and perennials, and that mulch should be laid down after the ground is frozen for the winter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October Refreshment Committee: April thanked Lead Helen Koetz; Greeter Liz Grulke; and Members Pat Campanella, Ruth Hens, Kathy Knutell, Linda McKinney, Barbara Meyer, Shirley Solberg, Judy Stalder, and JoNancy Warren.

November Refreshment Committee: April announced November's Refreshment Committee Members: Lead Carolyn Bergman; Greeter Judy Wilkes; and Members Helen Collins, Pat Doles, Peggy Evans, Linda Janicki, Sylvia Kerstein, and Marge Leable.

November Speaker: Linda Camp Owner of BC Bonsai will speak on "The Art of Bonsai" and will demonstrate how to create and care for a miniature tree.

Name Tags: April and Gale reminded everyone to turn in their name tags at the conclusion of the meeting.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Sandi Shea and seconded. Motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Fran Isaac
Secretary pro tem