

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING November 14, 2017  
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

Co-Presidents April Meyers and Gale Dulian called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. They led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Speakers:** Linda Camp of BC Bonsai and Jim Beck spoke about "The Art of Bonsai". They demonstrated how to create and care for a miniature tree. Plants and various pots were displayed and available for sale.

**BUSINESS:**

**Roll Call:** April reminded everyone to sign in and retrieve their name tags displayed on the Name Tag Tree. There were 56 members and 1 guest present at the meeting.

**Birthdays:** April and Gale invited members with November birthdays to stand and were honored with everyone singing "Happy Birthday". The following members have November birthdays: Lori Coady, Jerome Hufendick, Linda Janicki, Judy Jensen, Judy Leonard, Bonnie Lolmaugh, and Jean Studebaker.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from October 10, 2017 were posted on our website, emailed, and posted on the Information Board at our meeting. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cheri Florczyk presented the Treasurer's Report, which was posted with a combined final balance of \$10,412.00 for both the checking and savings accounts.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sunshine:** Helen Koetz sent cards to Judy Sims and to Janet Melin whose brother had passed away.

**Garden Gloves:** Helen stated she has garden gloves for \$4.00.

**Activities:** Darlene Robinson requested suggestions for activities and mentioned there may be a trip to a nursery in the Spring.

April and Gale suggested a Fall trip next year to Chicago Botanic Garden's "Night of 1,000 Pumpkins".

Gale Dulian and Rebecca Bozarth recently enjoyed a visit to the "China Lights" event at Boerner Botanic Gardens in Milwaukee.

April encouraged members to take advantage of the many Holiday events in our area. The Morton Arboretum has the "Illuminations" which is a night walking light and music display. The Chicago Botanic Garden has the "Wonderland Express" with beautiful plant displays and the holiday train, wreath, trees and gingerbread houses.

**Workshops:** Following the IDGC December 12, 2017 meeting, Gale Dulian will do a workshop making a Christmas Centerpiece with evergreens and trimmings. The fee for the workshop is \$15.00 and interested persons were to sign up for the workshop at the Information Table.

**Garden Walk:** April and Gale stated they are temporarily Co-Chairing the Garden Walk until a new Chairman is made and that six gardens have already been selected for the Walk. Barbara Redman graciously accepted to be the new Chairman for the Garden Walk.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Yearbooks:** Jill LaBelle stated she has extra yearbooks available for new members.

**Garden Walk Sign Holders:** Jan LaBelle generously donated 30 metal sign holders that will work perfectly with the existing signs.

Sandi Shea can be contacted for a printing source if new signs are needed in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Induction of New Members:** It was decided per Gail Dulian's suggestion that the following new members be inducted at the December Meeting: Carol Awe, Linette Parrish, and Lulu Wojcik.

**Nominating Committee:** April announced a Nominating Committee will be created in January.

**Garden Q & A:** In response to a question whether it is too late to plant/move Canna and Amaryllis bulbs, April and Gale explained a shovel should be used to dig them up after the frost and before the ground hardens. Cut off the leaves and store them dry.

Regarding a question whether it is too late to separate mums, April replied that "yes" it is too late and Spring is the time to separate perennials.

A question was asked how to handle pots that have had diseased tomatoes and cucumbers. April responded the containers should be scrubbed first to get off mold with a brush, then the containers should be washed thoroughly with 1 part bleach to 10 parts water (bleach washing).

Another question was asked whether you can divide tulip bulbs now. April responded that you can still divide existing bulbs or plant new bulbs now as long as the weather is still warm enough and the ground is not frozen.

**Perennials:** April and Gale distributed a flyer on the 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year, "Allium Millenium". April stated the Allium blooms in July and August and can be purchased in pots.

She said our area is considered Zone 5a and to make sure when purchasing any perennials they will successfully exist in our area.

**Other Gardening Information:** April and Gale stated trees and shrubs can be watered until we experience a severe frost. Mulch should not be applied until the soil is frozen solid. April stated our lawns should be aerated in the Spring for best results.

**Tip Of The Month:** Beth Dermody demonstrated a Christmas decoration using a cleaned, clear soda pop bottle with the top and bottom removed. Purchase mini Christmas trees (Walmart has them) and insert them inside the bottle. A small mirror can be used for covering the bottom and decorate around with styrofoam beads for a snow effect. Place the bottle on top of a small votive candle stand for a great decoration for Christmas.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**IDGC Tea Set:** April announced the Zion Women's Club has requested use of the IDGC Lilac Tea Set for December 3, 2017. Our Board agreed the set may be used with the understanding that if any items are broken, the ZWC must replace them.

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

**December Refreshment Committee:** April announced December's Refreshment Committee Members: Lead Fran Isaac; Greeter Dolly Flesher; and Members Gloria Askew, Mary Fredrickson, Jo Galassini, Shirley Mintern and Doris Saenim.

**December Meeting:** There won't be a speaker at the December meeting because it is the Christmas Luncheon at Shepherd's Crook. Members need to sign up at the Information Table for the Luncheon since a count is needed and the Garden Club is paying for each member's lunch. Guests need to pay \$15.50 to attend.

Following the December meeting, Gale Dulian will do a Christmas Centerpiece Workshop with evergreens and trimmings. The fee for the workshop is \$15.00 and interested persons were to sign up for the workshop at the Information Table.

**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 Barbara Redman and seconded. Motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Joyce Lomonaco  
Secretary