

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
April 12, 2016
Zion Benton Library**

The meeting was called to order by President Fran Isaac. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 51 members and 4 guests.

1st Vice-President Joni Marlowe introduced our Speaker Sue Obry. She spoke on "Growing and Cooking with Herbs". A Question and Answer followed her presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: Fran reminded members to sign the attendance roster at the welcome table. She also informed the members if they did not receive a yearbook, to see April Meyers.

Birthdays: April birthdays were announced which included April Meyers, Jo Galassini, Anne Miller, Carol Behm, Barb Alexander, Dori Jones, Beth Dermody, Peggy Evans, Connie Allen, Joyce Lomonaco, and Helen Darsnek.

Minutes: The Minutes were sent out by email and posted on our website. A copy of the minutes is also available at the information tables. A Motion was made by Marty Butler and seconded to accept the Minutes and the Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cheri Florczyk read the treasurer report which included the checking and savings accounts with a final balance of \$7,293.42. Since there were no changes, the treasurer report was approved. Dues for the 2016-2017 year are due now and need to be paid by June 30, 2016. Any dues paid after that date will be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Helen Koetz reported no cards were sent out since the last meeting.

Garden Gloves: Garden Gloves are available for sale by Helen today after the meeting.

Activities: April Meyers reported members there were no trips planned at this time. Once the warmer weather months are here there will be trips planned.

Scholarship: Doreen Matteson announced the 2015-2016 Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be given out at the Scholarship Awards Presentation on May 17, 2016. She will be receiving the recipient's name in early May, 2016.

Workshops: Beth Dermody reported she has several workshops in the planning stages. Those include: Concrete Workshops (possibly both steps and leaves) and Decorative Pots.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Committees: Fran announced there are still Committee heads that need filling which include Photography, Publicity, Callers, Activities and shared Garden Tours. There is a sign-up sheet at the information table for those interested.

Announcements: Fran announced there was some incorrect information given from the last meeting. Helen Koetz said the beneficial use of praying mantis in our gardens was incorrect. After going to the Spring into Gardening seminars she was told that praying mantis not only eat pest insects in the garden but also beneficial insects as well.

Spring into Gardening: Fran announced several members participated in the Kenosha County Extension event "Spring into Gardening" in Paddock Lake. Those members also set up a table on behalf of our Garden Club. The event was very beneficial to those who attended.

May Meeting and Luncheon: Fran announced there would not be a speaker at the May Meeting since this is our Plant Auction and Luncheon. There were some changes in what each member brings for the dish to pass. The changes for dishes to pass for members last names are now: Desserts (A-F) and Salads (G-Z). Dishes can be brought after 11:00 am.

May Plant Auction: April Meyers, on behalf of Kathy Knutell, presented the Plant Auction reminders. All members need to continue collecting plants and include all information on each plant. She asked that anyone with carts please bring them to the sale. All workers need to come early for help in set-up. All bidders need to need to follow bidding protocol and raise your paddles high for ease of recording bids. Please also have patience when you are paying.

Garden Tour and Raffle: Beth Dermody reported she needs volunteers to sit at gardens for the Garden Tour. There is a sign-up sheet at the information table. Darleen Robinson reported she is collecting items for the Raffle. A sign-up sheet is at the information table for items to be donated. Helen Koetz will be storing the raffle items at her home.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting: Fran announced a Board Meeting would be held at El Lago on May 31st at 11:00 am. All present and new Board Members need to attend.

Library Meetings: Cheri Florczyk announced the rental for the library meeting space would be increased for the 2016-2017 year to \$10.00 per meeting. The Budget Committee will need to increase that amount for next year.

June Tea: The June Tea committee will be meeting after our meeting to start making plans. If you are on the committee please stay for this meeting.

Tip of the Month: Beth Dermody explained how to make a simple potting bench from an ironing board.

Give Aways: Fran announced there are some tables with numerous garden give-aways; please take anything you like.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Reminders: Fran announced there were sign-up sheets for the Refreshment Committees for 2016-2017 at the information table. She also reminded everyone to please turn in their name tags in the box at the exit doors.

New Members Installation: President Fran Isaac installed two new members: Barbara Meyers and Jo Galassini. Beth Dermody provided plant arrangements.

April Refreshment Committee: Fran thanked the April Refreshment Committee. Those were: Greeter Judy Sims; Members: Naomi Friedrich, Marge Leable, Judy Stalder, Ingrid Tjader, Linda Waynick, Fran Isaac and Barb Redman.

May Refreshment Committee: Fran announced the May Refreshment Committee would be: Members Bonnie Lolmaugh, Sylvia Adams, Carol Bufton, Barbara Farrell, Jo Galassini, Judy Leonard and Donna Saalfeld.

A Motion was made by Donna Saalfeld and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

April Meyers,
Secretary