

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
November 8, 2016
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President April Meyers at 1:00 p.m. She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 58 members and 1 guest present at the meeting.

Speakers: Donna Saalfield introduced the speakers for today's meeting. Charlotte Adelman, Co-author of "The Midwestern Native Garden", and Monica Buckley, Red Stem Native Landscapes, who spoke on "A Pollinators Dream Team". A question and answer followed.

Following a ten minute break after the presentation, April Meyers proceeded with the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: April Meyers reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their nametags.

November Birthdays: April invited the November birthday members to stand for acknowledgements: Linda Janicki, Bonnie Lolmaugh, Lori Coady, Judy Leonard, Jean Studebaker, Judy Jensen, and Jerome Hufendick.

Minutes: The Minutes from October 11, 2016 were posted at the meeting, emailed and posted on our website. 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 \$9,510.76 for both the checking and savings accounts. April Meyers asked if it was feasible to move more of the money into the savings account to generate more interest. Cheri stated the interest rate was so low it would not make a difference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: April Meyers reported that no cards were sent this past month.

Garden Gloves: April reported that Darlene Robinson has garden gloves available for \$4 a pair.

Activities: Darlene Robinson reported that no trips are planned at this time. April Meyers informed the members that a visit to the Chicago Botanic Gardens during the holiday season is always worthwhile. Karen Monson mentioned that the Kemper Center in Kenosha is also a nice place to visit during the holidays.

Workshops: Beth Dermody reported there are no workshops currently planned, but a stepping stone workshop will be scheduled for late spring.

July Garden Walk: Lori Coady reported there are no gardens scheduled yet for the walk this summer, and asked members to keep their eyes open for suggestions and to give her potential addresses so she can contact the property owners. She also informed the members that she had binders of garden magazines available for the taking. April Meyers said that there were also seed containers and pamphlets available.

Facebook, Website and Email: April Meyers thanked Shirley Solberg (Facebook page) and Sandi Shea (Website) for all of the wonderful updates and pictures posted. She also thanked Jennifer Mendez for handling all of the Club's emails to members.

Plant Sale: April Meyers reminded the members to be thinking about plants for the May plant sale.

OLD BUSINESS

December Christmas Luncheon: April Meyers reminded everyone that wants to attend the Christmas Luncheon (\$15) or participate in the Centerpiece Workshop (\$15) to make their payments to Treasurer Cheri Florczyk or Under Treasurer Barbara

Redman as soon as possible in order to get an accurate headcount for the luncheon.

April Meyers Garden Talk: April Meyers had 14 members attend a talk at her home on "How to Prepare Your Garden for Winter and Spring". Handouts were given and the talk was enjoyed by all who attended.

Trip to Stade Farms: Donna Saalfield informed the members that she, Josephine Galassini and Gale Dulian went on an enjoyable tour of Stade's Farm and orchards in McHenry.

April Meyers reminded the members that vacations are not for summer only - that there are some wonderful fall trips to enjoy the beautiful colors.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Inductions: April Meyers welcomed and inducted new members Jan Melin and Diana Gonzales.

Wellness Seminar: April Meyers reported that ZBTHS is holding a Wellness Seminar on December 7, 2016. The Garden Club was asked to participate, but their request for a named speaker for their program in 2 days, no one was available. She asked ZBTHS to contact the Club if they hold the event next year.

Tip of the Month: Beth Dermody provided tips for collecting and storing seeds over winter. She provided a list of seeds that are easy to collect, and gave ideas for storing them. She suggested using paper envelopes, small plastic envelopes and zip lock bags, film canisters or tiny jars. She also stressed labeling the seeds. She stated that daylily seeds need to be stratified (refrigerated) over the winter. Fran Isaac also stated that certain seeds such as coriander can be ground up and used as spices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December Speaker: April Meyers reminded members there will be no speaker due to the December Luncheon.

November Refreshment Committee: April thanked Lead Joni Marlowe, Greeter Lori Coady, and Members Claire Erickson, Peggy Evans, Mary Gustafson, Linda Janicki, Judy Wilkes, Lauren Yahiro and Jill LaBelle for the delicious refreshments provided for the meeting.

December Refreshment Committee: April announced the members of next month's refreshment committee: Lead Beth Dermody and Members Judy Anderson, Dorie Jones, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Mintern, Sandra Nichols and Sandi Shea.

A Motion was made by Shirley Solberg and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Mary Otahal,
Co-Secretary