

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
March 11, 2025 GENERAL MEETING
Zion-Benton Library
Zion, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kim at 1:10 pm. She welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: There were 31 members and 2 guests present.

Introduction of Guests: President Jackie Kim asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves.

Birthdays: Members with March birthdays were acknowledged: JoNancy Warren, Ingrid Tjader, Brenda Dickson, Donna Bybee, Letitia Dabbs, Jill LaBelle, and Taylor Austin.

Meeting Lecture Topic

This month's topic "Living Soils" was presented by Jeff Weiss of Lake to Prairie Wild Ones. Jeff discussed how to apply basic soil science to help build better soils for gardens, home landscapes, and natural areas. Also discussed were methods to increase biological activity using compost and other organic materials to improve soil texture and fertility.

Tip of the Day: Sandi Shea presented for Beth Dermody. Dead plants from over winter should be left either on the plant or laying in the soil until night time temperatures reach 50 degrees. The plants may contain insect eggs as well as seeds that can be beneficial to the garden.

Minutes: The February 11, 2025 meeting minutes were compiled by Cathy Peterson and were emailed to members and posted on our website. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Cheri Neal and Jan LaBelle seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Glove Sales:

Gloves are available for purchase from Mary Gustafson.

Sunshine Report: The Sunshine Chairperson has reached out to Kathy Knutell with well wishes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Rebecca Kinnavy

Beginning Balance Checking:	\$1256.47
Deposit dividend:	0.06
Expenses:	\$150.00
Ending Balance Checking:	\$1106.53
Ending Balance Savings:	\$5.00
Beginning Balance CD:	\$8971.26
Interest YTD:	22.01
Total as of Month end:	\$8993.27
Total End of Month as of 2/28/25	\$10104.80

Activity Events By April Meyers

Lake County Extension Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale will be held Saturday May 17, 2025.

2025 Lake County Native Plant sale May 17-18, 2025.

April is working on planning some other activities.

Community Activities

Sandi Shea is working on the Winthrop Harbor Planting Project.

An update will be given after the upcoming mayoral election since the current mayor funds the project.

Committee Reports and Updates:

Work on role summaries and guidelines/rules will continue to be drafted/ expanded or edited as recommended. The following Guidelines will be started or ongoing this month:

Refreshment Committee roles and VP2 roles have been drafted and completed by Kris Seegren.

President and VP1 roles

Frank Nelson and Jackie Kim are working Plant Auction roles and Committee needs.

Winthrop Harbor Planting and requirements for Village of Winthrop Harbor pending April 1st Mayoral election.

The Garden Walk Tour June 28,2025

5 gardens remain, 1 garden has dropped out and there is work being done on a replacement.

Kris Seegren is working on signs for the walk.

Jackie Kim and her husband are working on creating a donation box that will be located at the registration table at the Zion-Benton Library where the walk will begin.

Posters and community notices will need to be completed in the next month for advertising purposes.

Pop-Up Gardens this spring/summer: Please work through Sandi Shea. She will record the dates, names, and other information and will send announcements to club members.

Progress Update on History of IDGC By Terryl Rajcevich

Assembly of photo albums has started.

There are still some pictures that need to be identified.

Locations for 2005 Garden Walk are needed.

There are still various Meeting minutes that are missing.

Status of Seed Library

Updates from Wendy: Distribution of more than 2000 packets at the Seed Expo at CLC which was staffed by Chris Tollefson-Smith and Linda Perreault.

Help is still needed to pack more seeds for this year's growing season. The schedule for seed packing was handed out at the meeting.

Summary of Plans for the following upcoming events:

May 13, 2025 Annual Plant Auction and Buffet/Potluck at The Point Church:

Refreshment Committee Lead Vicki Mattson, Co-lead Susie Rucinski.

The plant team is responsible for collection and organization of the plants as well as ensuring there are enough people to help with the event.

Jill LaBelle is in charge of the luncheon which will begin at 11am. Frank Nelson and Jackie Kim will coordinate plant sale portion, Please check around your garden for plants that you may be able to donate for this event, Again, empty boxes would be appreciated.

June 19, 2025: The June Spring Tea Refreshment Committee and assists to provide updates when meetings will be scheduled.

Cheri Neal presented a Summary of Survey Results (Fall 2024) at the March 11, 2025 General Meeting.

Motion was made by Rebecca Kinnavy to participate in the Zion Zinnia and Monarch Festival and Judging of the Best Zinnia Front Yard Contest in Zion. Terryl Rajceovich seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was then made by Jan LaBelle and seconded by Sandi Shea to table the previous motion.

Announcements:

Thanks to this month's Refreshment/Centerpiece committee:
Refreshment committee: Diane Waldow(Lead), Darlene Robinson (co-Lead), assists:
Ingrid Tjader, Delores Mink, Liz Peterson and Linda Perrault.

Next month's Refreshment Committee: Jill LaBelle(lead), April Meyers (co-lead). Assist: Doreen Matteson, Sanjay Singhal, and Gale Dulian.

Next Month's meeting is on April 8,2025 at 1:00pm at the Zion-Benton Public Library. Eric Carlberg from the Westosha Senior Center will present information on the Healing Garden of Fresh Produce and what the center provides in Kenosha County.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by April Meyers and seconded by Ingrid Tjader. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Submitted by Secretary
Cathy Peterson