

Dracut Garden Club

March 13, 2013

Minutes

Executive Board: President, Donna Vallois; 1st VP, Juanita Pare; 2nd VP, Donna Bosco; Treasurer, Georgia Cirillo;
Recording Secretary, Kathy Gauthier

Advisory Board: Isabel Flynn, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Lisa Bourgeois, Gail Morrisette

Meeting Called to order: 7:05 PM

Attendance: 21, Quorum

Secretary's Report: December minutes were sent via email to members

Treasurer's Report: \$1,153.26

2013 Program Review:

Donna gave a brief overview of our upcoming season.

Please see 2013-2015 Program Book for monthly meeting information.

Note: May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th (in place of Wednesday May 8th) as we will be taking a field trip to New England Wildflower Society in Framingham, MA. *Please contact Donna if you wish to sign up.*

Our keynote speaker this year will be Kristi Marsh who will visit us in November to teach us how to be

"Deliciously Clean and Green."

<http://www.choosewiser.com/>

DGC Drinking Cup:

Each member received (or will receive at a future meeting) a travel mug that should be brought to each meeting as we will no longer be using paper or plastic throwaway cups. This is DGC's way of contributing to a greener environment. Thank you to Chris Maxim who shared the cost with the club to provide these to our members. And in Donna's own words,

"If you forget your cup, you're going to go dry..." ;)

Hospitality:

Eileen Kane will have a sign-up sheet at each meeting for members to volunteer to bring refreshments the next month.

Mayflower:

Donna reminded us that members will no longer be receiving the Mayflower. There will be a club copy available for borrowing if anyone is interested.

Horticulture:

In Gail's absence, Donna shared the names of Gail's new garden captains:

Dillon McInespie: Nichoal DeVito

Library (front): Isabelle Flynn

Children's Garden (library): Diane Dean

Historical Society: Jill Dunne

911 Memorial: Mary Anne Johnston

Horticulture (Cont'd.):

Each member has been assigned to one of these captains who will be in touch as the gardens need work.

Ways & Means:

Laurel Chisolm outlined our fundraisers for the season.

Celebrate the Earth: April 13

Yard Sale: May 18

Plant Sale: June 1

Old Home Day: September 7

All members are expected to help out with each fundraiser. The money we raise will substantially offset member costs for various programs and events.

Celebrate the Earth:

Leigh Cameron has been busy coordinating speakers and events for Celebrate the Earth which will take place at Veteran's Memorial Park on Saturday, April 13, from 10 AM to noon. If you have not already signed up to help out at one of the tables, please contact Leigh. She has arranged for the Girl Scouts to oversee a table where children can decorate a recycled plant pot and plant seeds. Small E-waste and Mercury recycling will be available. Guest speakers will include State Rep. Coleen Gary; Farmer Dave Dumaresq; Heidi Kost-Gross, President of the GCFM; Matt Zettek, Dracut Recycling Coordinator. Please be sure to mark your calendars!

Art in Bloom:

Mary Jo Baur, assisted by Laurel Chisolm, will be creating a flower arrangement to complement an Asian art piece that consists of 5 wood block prints of Geishas. The arrangement will be displayed (along with many others) at the Museum of Fine Arts, April 27 through 29. There will not be a free night as in the past. Cost to visit the museum is \$25 (\$23 for seniors). Mary Jo also requested that members begin to collect shells and driftwood for a future club craft, a shell wreath. Shells should be washed in a solution of ½ c. bleach to 4 c. water and set out to dry to ensure no unpleasant odor.

2nd Vice President:

As Kristen McCauley found the need to step down from this position, Donna Bosco graciously stepped up and agreed to fill this position. Thank you, Donna.

Upcoming Events:

Danvers Garden Club presents An Evening with Flowers by Steve, Danversport Yacht Club, April 9, 6:30-9:00 PM
Refreshments (desserts) will be served. Tickets are \$25. Contact Jacquie at 978-774-1693 or email
uconmom09@verizon.net or flowersbysteve@verizon.net

Northern District Annual Meeting, Andover Country Club, Andover, MA, April 15, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Contact Donna Vallois for more information if you are interested in attending.

Centerpiece:

Congratulations to Martha Patch, winner of last night's centerpiece. Don't forget that you will be responsible for providing a centerpiece for our April meeting.

Executive Board Meeting:

March 25, Donna Vallois's house, 6:30-8:00 PM