

Dracut Garden Club

April 10, 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 Morrissette

Meeting Called to order: 7:02 PM

Poem read by Donna

Attendance: 18, Quorum

Secretary's Report:

March minutes were sent via email to members, approved

Treasurer's Report: \$693.60

To avoid paying sales tax, please use our tax free number when making larger purchases.

Tax ID #

Dues

Annual dues will be gladly accepted by Georgia Cirillo from now until June 1st.

May Field Trip

In lieu of a regular meeting in May, we will instead travel to

NE Wildflower Society's Garden in the Woods, Saturday, May 11.

Members attending should meet in the parking lot below Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

The Club will pay for the limo and entrance to the Garden.

Please bring a bag lunch/beverage.

Hospitality (Eileen Kane)

At each meeting there will be a sign up for members to volunteer to bring refreshments for the following month's meeting.

Boston Flower Show

10 members attended.

Horticulture (Donna for Gail Morrissette)

Spring clean-up of all gardens is underway or completed. Captains should be sure to contact team members for assistance.

Yard Sale (Laurel Chisholm)

Saturday, 5/18 (rain date 5/19) Donna's front yard, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please start to put items aside for this event!!

Kathy G. will update flyer and email to Laurel. Nichoal suggested Craig's List for advertising Yard Sale.

Plant Sale (Laurel Chisholm)

Saturday, 6/1 (rain date 6/8), Historical Society, Lakeview Avenue.

Members' donations are needed. All plants should be potted.

Seedlings, especially veggies, are desired.

Kathy G. will update flyer and email to Laurel.

Newsletter (Kathy Gauthier)

Members are encouraged to submit original articles, reprints from other sources, poetry, upcoming events, quotes, anecdotes, photos, garden-related jokes/puzzles, etc.

Merry Christmas, Donna

At the Christmas party we had presented Donna with a gift certificate for a birdhouse to be painted by Kathy Gauthier. The finished birdhouse was presented to Donna at the April meeting.

Northern District Annual Meeting

Floral pieces are needed for Fun with Fashion & Flowers. Kristen McCauley and Isabel Flynn volunteered to make arrangements.

Blog/Website

Leigh Cameron is currently creating a new blog and website for DGC. Previously our blog/website was maintained by Ann Northrup. With her passing, we cannot gain access, so we are starting from scratch.

Memorial Gift

A donation has been made to Mass General Hospital in memory of Ann Northrup. A fruit basket was also sent to the family.

Historian

A volunteer is needed to fill the role of club historian. Please contact Donna V. if you are able to assist.

Break for Raffles and Refreshments

Jill, Lisa, Mary Jo and Mary Ellen were the happy recipients of the raffles which include plants and garden accessories.

Featured Speakers

Mike Buxton, Director, Dracut Department of Public Works presented "After the Storm: Understanding Storm Water."

Leigh Cameron introduced our new recycling fundraiser, Terracycle Brigades. The Club agreed to recycle the bag inserts in cereal boxes, toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, and cosmetic containers. Leigh will be providing more details to members. The more we recycle (at no cost to us), the more funds we can raise for our Club.

Lisa Bourgeios spoke about recycling efforts at the district level, and about her responsibilities as Northern District Director, effective in June.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 PM

Centerpiece

MaryEllen McCarthy won tonight's centerpiece and will be responsible for providing one for our June meeting, as we will be "on the road" for our May meeting.