

## **Dracut Garden Club**

**July 10, 2013**

### **Minutes**

*\*A special thank you to Gail Morrissette for taking these minutes in my absence.\**

*Kathy Gauthier*

#### **Change in Venue:**

Members donned umbrellas and toured the lovely manicured gardens of member Juanita Pare. The purple coneflowers, yarrow, coleus, black eyed Susans, day lilies, castor beans danced in the rain as members ooh'd and aah'd at the magnificent gardens. Tucked among the plants were whimsical garden ornaments. Garden in the Woods has competition when it comes to Juanita's garden. Toward the back of the yard sits a veggie garden maintained by Bob, Juanita's husband. Victory Garden needs to take some tips from Bob. Rows upon rows of corn, tomatoes, spaghetti squash, and green beans were growing to heights reaching the sun. A true love of gardening is evident in Juanita's and Bob's land.

Donna V. thanked Juanita for her hospitality, presenting her with a plant, another new addition to her garden. A poem was read by Donna V by a student from the Indiana School System.

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:07 PM**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, Attendance:**

24, quorum

**Recording Secretary:**

Absent from meeting due to vacation

**Treasurer:**

Balance, \$1,260.64, approved

**Horticulture:**

Town gardens are looking great. Captains reminded to check on their gardens.

### **Newsletter:**

July 29<sup>th</sup> is deadline for submissions for August Newsletter. Please forward any items to Kathy Gauthier.

### **By Law Change:**

Donna V. announced the change in language in our by laws regarding social media. Ballots were given to members present and asked to vote. Members not present will have copies mailed to them.

### **Terracycle Program:**

Leigh C. spoke briefly about the program and reminded members that Chico bags are available for sale. In September, there will be a push to sell the bags for DGC profit. Check out the website.

### **New Member:**

Leandrea McKinnon was inducted into DGC and presented with a welcome gift bag.

### **Sunshine:**

In keeping with our theme this year, Getting to Know You and Your Environment, Jerelyn S. requested that members email her if they know of a member who could use a little note of sunshine...for whatever reason.

### **Ways & Means:**

Donna talked about Old Home Day, a major fundraiser for our club, to be held September 7<sup>th</sup>. Participation and cooperation of all club members is mandatory. Laurel will have more details at the August meeting.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **August**

George, founder and owner of the Butterfly Place will speak about plants that attract butterflies. One free admission ticket will be given to each member in attendance.

## **September**

Books in Bloom was discussed. Georgia distributed books to members present. Members will have \$15 available to them for purchase of flowers. No fake, silk, or dried flowers—live flowers are mandatory for all arrangements. Arrangements will be made at the September meeting and will be left at the library. Mary Jo B. will tend the floral arrangements on Friday to be sure all are ready for the Open House. This event is open to the public. Members were told to keep their receipts of purchased flowers and give to Georgia for reimbursement. Donna V. is meeting with the Library Director to arrange space and determine where the arrangements will be situated.

## **October**

Remember to collect shells for our October craft, seashell wreath.

## **November**

We will be presenting, “Choose Wiser: Greening Up Our Lives.” This event will be open to the public. Members are encouraged to bring a friend at \$10 per person. The event is free for members as long as you sell one ticket. If you don’t, you are responsible for purchase of one ticket to this event. Also, members were asked to bring 3 glass jars to the meeting as it is a “hands on” event and we will be making cleaners.

### **Day lilies:**

Donna V. has been in contact with a woman who owns a Daylily garden on the Carlisle/Bedford line. She will be giving away her day lilies and invited our club members to partake. Donna will have more details at the August meeting.

### **Executive Board Meeting:**

July 22, 2013 at Donna V.’s house

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

7:28 PM (when the mosquitoes came ‘round!)

Members lingered, touring the lovely garden by torch light. Fabulous evening enjoyed by all.