

Bookworms Judy Goar	Gitche Gummee Ann Fink	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Norton Park Susan White Marilyn Persch*	Smithville Mae Anderson*
Duluth Heights	Hart Haven Joanne Marinac	Longview	Oatmeal Hill	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Ensign	Hortus Clayton Oslund*	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek	Vermillion
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners Karin Cummings	Lake Aire Yvonne Anderson Lakeview	Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca Normanna	Printha Markert Julie Mockler Park Point	Wild Ones
Glensheen Garden Guild Sheryl Lind Peder Nelson	Lake Superior Rose Society Bruce Berg	Northern Lights	Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers Bob Norstrom*
		Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

Guests: Ethan Perry, Louise Levy

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Review minutes of 01/07/08	On copy sent out and handed out, Bruce Berg and Sheryl Lind were inadvertently omitted. However, correction was made so that minutes posted on the Web reflected this change.	<i>Joanne Marinac made the motion with Printha Markert making the second to accept the minutes as presented with the two noted corrections. Minutes approved.</i>	
Treasurer's Report OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS	Income received was \$702.00 Disbursements totaled \$1,796.65, mostly for the Holiday Dinner. Balance is \$6,393.58. None. 1. <u>Second Reading of By-laws Change</u> – Reviewed minutes from January and read why the By-laws were being changed. Concern raised that by taking out the term limits, there may be serious repercussions in the future if someone was in office that the membership has problems with. We need to start the nominations sooner in order to get candidates. No volunteers were forthcoming for the offices of President, Secretary, or Treasurer, therefore, in		

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>order for the current officers to continue, the By-laws need to be changed. (Article V., Section 2)</p> <p>2. <u>Tree Ordinance</u> – Guest speakers Ethan Perry and Louise Levy came to speak to us on a possible update to the Duluth Tree Ordinance. The original Ordinance was passed in 1988 mainly to insure maintenance of existing trees, reduce the number of trees destroyed during the construction process and when damaged by pests, and provide a balance in these processes.</p> <p>In general, there are two problems encountered with Duluth's trees. Lack of funding to replace and maintain and loss of tree cover.</p> <p>Proposed changes would be as follows:</p> <p>A. <u>Establish a Tree Fund</u> – Account to be managed by City Forester for the planting and maintenance of public trees. Deposits may be made by the city or private donation. Fines could be levied for damage to public trees with those fines being deposited in this tree fund.</p> <p>B. <u>Tree Removal permits</u> – Permits would only be needed if the party wanted to take out a significant number of trees on their property. (Number has not been determined yet.)</p> <p>C. <u>Tree Replacement Policy</u> – Funds would be used to plant replacements on the site, or on another site.</p>	<p>Bruce Berg made a motion to amend his motion from last month to state that the term limits of officers be changed from the current four years to a maximum of six years review able every two years. Marillyn Persch seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Place recommended wording in By-laws.</p>	<p>Ann Fink</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Fee would be deposited in Tree Fund.</p> <p>The goal is not to stop economic development but to encourage use of older, existing trees in construction. Speakers will come and speak to any garden clubs. For more information contact Ethan Perry at 728-6258 or email him as ethanperry@earthlink.net.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>Dues and Rosters</u> – There are currently eight (8) clubs that have to turn in either dues or information. This needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. New directory will go to press next week so rosters for clubs that have not be updated may have wrong information on them. In order to plan for the upcoming year there will be a <i>Budget meeting</i> next week - <i>Monday, February 11, 2008 @ 5:45 p.m.</i> at the Parks building. 4. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – New date has been established so that it won't conflict with other events. May 3, 2008. 5. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Organizing committee will meet next week to begin planning this series. Meeting will be held on <i>Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.</i> at the Parks building. 6. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Will be the fourth Saturday in May as usual. Sheryl Lind has agreed to organize. This is a good way for clubs to earn money in a relatively short time. 7. <u>Secret Garden Tour 2008</u> – Is set for the third Saturday in July (07/19). The first organizational meeting will be held on March 11, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at Perkins East. Six busses have been reserved for this event by us. 8. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – We are going to sponsor this contest this year. Volunteers requested to help organize, etc. Volunteers will be needed to judge gardens. We 	<p>Contact Ethan Perry with any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Send dues and/or rosters to Ann Fink within the next week.</p> <p>Attend Budget meeting on 02/11/08 if interested in helping to develop.</p> <p>Mark date of Spring Luncheon on calendar.</p> <p>Attend planning meeting for Spring Seminars.</p> <p>Mark DGFS Plant sale on club calendar.</p> <p>Attend organizational meeting for Secret Garden Tour 2008 on March 11.</p> <p>Design Flower Bed Contest brochure and have available for March seminars.</p>	<p>Any interested garden club or DGFS member</p> <p>Any DGFS club mentioned in the January minutes that has not turned in information.</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>All DGFS clubs</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Peder Nelson</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>may give out certificates instead of plaques in order to cut down costs. Contest is important as we get many of the gardens for the Secret Garden tour through this process. Organizational meeting for this will be <i>Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>9. <u>Flower Show</u> – July 26, 2008. Theme for this year's show will be "At the Hop", music of the 50's. There will be a Finnish category to coincide with the Finn Fest scheduled for the same time. Flowers in this category need to be blue and white.</p> <p>10. <u>Donations and Funding</u> – Budget will be presented at the March meeting.</p>	<p>Attend organizational meeting for Flower Bed contest.</p> <p>Mark calendar and consider entering Flower Show - not just artistic categories but species as well.</p> <p>Present Budget at March meeting.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>All DGFS members</p> <p>Budget Committee</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Award</u> – Tom Kasper was presented an award last weekend by the Minnesota State Horticulture Society for "Making Duluth a better and livable community". Congratulations!</p> <p>2. <u>DGFS DVD</u> – On February 28, a DVD will be made by some of our more experienced members on "How to Design Arrangements for Flower Shows". Cost will be \$35.00. After viewing some of the videos the state has, it was determined that they are too old and out of date. Several copies will be made and available to show at club meetings.</p> <p>3. <u>New Ventures Gardening Seminars</u> – Will be held at Northwoods School on 03/05/08. Sessions go from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.00. Jeff Gillman will be presenting at two sessions. Questions - contact Julie at (715) 466-4692, Ext. 501.</p> <p>4. <u>St. Louis County Master Gardeners Extravaganza</u> – April 19, 2008. More information available next month.</p> <p>5. <u>Great Gardening</u> – Series on PBS (Channel 8) with Tom</p>	<p>Consider attending New Ventures Gardening Seminars on 03/15/08.</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p>

