

Bookworms Sara Fitzgerald	Hart Haven Joanne Marinac Barb Munic*	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jsanet LeBard Longview	Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness Jocelyn Heid Smithville
Chester Creek Mona Cheslak James Gittermeier Susie Darley-Hill	Hortus Don Anderson*	Morgan Park	Norton Park Mae Anderson*	Diane Black Tom Black Ray Picconatto
Duluth Heights Reggie Phillips	Lake Aire Yvonne Anderson	Mt. Royal	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners Karin Cummings	Lakeview	Normanna Lone Cooke*	Park Point Diane Gould	Vermillion
Gitche Gumme Ann Fink	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights	Proctor Hilltop Nan Lindquist* Kathy Hannan St. James Mary Garden Amy Johnson*	Wild Ones Clayton Oslund* Zenith City Diggers Bob Norstrom* Lisa Jefferson

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 03/02/09	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Mona Cheslak made the motion with Lisa Jefferson seconding to accept the 03/02/09 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i>	
Treasurer's Report	Not much activity this month. Took in about \$860.00, mostly in dues. Had some miscellaneous expenses. Balance as of March 29, 2009 is \$6,188.92. It was reported that the U.S. Bank account that DGFS had was closed and a new account opened at Wells Fargo.	<i>Jocelyn Heid made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ann Fink seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Dues</u> Dues are still needed fro Duluth Heights, Lake Superior Rose Society and Wild Ones.	Send in dues and rosters to Bruce Berg as soon as possible	Treasurer's for Duluth Heights, Lake Superior Rose Society and Wild Ones

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NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Great Gardening</u> – Series starts again on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8 and runs for 10 weeks. 2. <u>Society Fundraiser</u> – Sales have been rather sparse so far. Orders can be directly mailed in to Clayton Oslund. The form is available on the Web site and can be downloaded. This is a chance to make money for DGFS as well as to obtain more unusual plants at a reduced price. Orders should be sent in by May 4. 3. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Start on April 13 at the Duluth Public Library at 6:30 p.m.. April 13, 2009 – Clayton Oslund speaks on “Bringing Nature’s Beauty into the Shade Garden”. (Sponsored by Book Worms.) April 27, 2009 - “Creating a Cut Flower Garden and Arranging with Cut Flowers by Don Keinholz. (Sponsored by SMDC Wellness Garden.) Looking for clubs to sponsor seminars in May on beginning vegetable gardening (very basic). 4. <u>St Louis County Master Gardeners Spring Extravaganza</u> – April 18, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. There is a whole list of workshops. Cost is \$35.00 per person which includes coffee and lunch. 5. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – April 25, 2009 starting at 11:00 a.m. for registration and Country Store. Speaker will be Mike Lowe from Home Depot. Cost is \$19.50 per person. Site was visited last week and looks pretty good. Registration deadline is <i>April 15</i>. Registration form is on the Web. 6. <u>Tomato Express</u> -- Ray Picconato is starting all the tomato seedlings for this project at no charge to DGFS. Plants will be given out to Nettleton and Stowe Schools. Ray is looking for more big pots and plastic coffee cans. 	<p>Tune in to Great Gardening.</p> <p>Encourage club members to send in orders for Society Fundraiser</p> <p>Send orders to Clayton Oslund for unusual plants from Shady Oaks Garden Center.</p> <p>Discuss possibility of sponsoring a spring seminar with your clubs.</p> <p>Contact St. Louis County Extension Service for more information.</p> <p>Send in registration for Spring Luncheon as soon as possible.</p>	<p>All interested DGFS members</p> <p>DGFS Club Presidents</p> <p>All interested DGFS members</p> <p>All DGFS Presidents</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS	<p>Transplanting date will be Monday, April 27. Help will be needed.</p> <p>7. <u>Tour des Fleurs</u> – May 30, 2009. 30 tickets have been sold to day. There is also a good article about the event in the Woman Today magazine. Registration form is on the Web site. There will be four buses. Each bus will be going to three different green houses. Cost is \$30.00 until May 15. After that, the cost will be \$35.00.</p> <p>8. <u>Plant Sales</u> – Two dates this year for sales. May 23 and May 30. Discussed that specialty plants should be priced higher.</p> <p>A. <u>Fall Plant Sale</u> – Not sure if this will be happening or not. Haven't heard from the club that suggested this. Event will need a sponsor.</p> <p>9. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – July 11, 2009. First planning meeting is Monday, April 13, 2009 @ 7:30 a.m. at London Road Perkins. Tickets are being sold only to DGFS members at this time so clubs need to get reservations in as soon as possible. Will open up to the public in four weeks. Two different options being offered. Bus for \$35.00 includes lunch. Self-guided tour is \$17.50. There will be six or seven gardens. Are still looking for garden possibilities. Need some type of identification (maybe a hand stamp) for self-guided tour members to present at gardens.</p> <p>10. <u>Flower Show 2009</u> – Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Depot. Judy Goar is chairing again this year. Note the day change. Perhaps we will be more downtown business people to attend because of the date change. Booklets should be available at the May meeting. The video produced by us last year on how to show plants at the Flower Show is available for viewing. We should also see if we can get PACT TV to air it several times again this</p>	<p>Contact Ray if able to help out with transplanting.</p> <p>Send in registration for Tour des Fleurs by May 15.</p> <p>Consider participating in the DGFS Plant sale this year. Sign up if interested.</p> <p>Attend planning meetings for Secret Garden Tour.</p> <p>Contact PACT TV in City Hall if interested in purchasing copy of flower arranging tape</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>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>year. Copies of the video can be purchased from PACT TV for \$15.00.</p> <p>11. <u>Garden Opportunity</u> – (Informational only at this time.) Friends of the Parks is a new organization working toward improving the City's public parks system. Lower Chester(15th Ave. E & 5th St.) has been identified as a place for Friends of the Parks to start. Idea is to create gardens (preferably vegetable gardens) in a co-op fashion. The City will give the space rent-free and utility-free for three years for the development stage. The building is still functional so that could be used for club meetings and other community-based events. Holds about 60 people. Calendar would have to be established for it's use. They Friends of Parks hopes to take over as early as May. City would still own the building and the site. Water is available at the site and the building could be used for tool storage. It is hoped that DGFS will consider joining in this endeavor. In order to look over the space, there is a possibility that we may hold our next meeting there.</p> <p>12. <u>Garden Club Map</u> – For the last two years, DGFS has used funds of \$1,500 to produce a map, in conjunction with the Visitor's Bureau, showing locations of Duluth public gardens. This was supposed to generate more members for clubs. This has not actually been the case to date. Perhaps there is a better way to spend our money. Suggestion was that we get info into the Duluth Happenings booklet. We will have to wait until next year as it has already been printed. Also suggested was a caricature map to use as a marketing tool. Lisa Jefferson volunteered to work on this. More discussion to follow in May.</p>	<p>Keep DGFS informed of progress of Friends of the Parks.</p> <p>Put discussion of caricature map, other ideas on May agenda.</p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, May 4, 2009 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			

