

Bookworms	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness
Sara Fitzgerald				
Judy Goar				
Chester Creek	Hortus	Longview	Norton Park	Smithville
James Gittermeier	Bruce Berg			Ray Picconatto
Sheryl Lind				Tischer Creek
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek	Tom Kasper*
Reggie Phillips		Amy Johnson*	Printha Markert	Vermillion
			Julie Mockler	
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal	Park Point	Wild Ones
Karin Cummings		Joan Scinocca*	Diane Gould	Clayton Oslund*
		Normanna		Zenith City Diggers
Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Rose Society	Eileen Asperheim	Proctor Hilltop	Bob Norstrom*
Ann Fink		Northern Lights	Nan Lindquist*	Lisa Jefferson
			Rose Schilling	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club
			St. James Mary Garden	

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 04/06/09	Bruce Berg was inadvertently left off the attendance roster.	Ann Fink made the motion to accept the 04/06/09 minutes as presented with the noted correction. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes approved.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	Receipts totaled \$1,389.50, mostly for the Spring Luncheon. Expenses were \$1,309.75. Balance is \$6,268.66. All Clubs have paid their dues except Wild Ones. May be taken off Web site, etc. if not received shortly.	Make corrections to April minutes and forward to Web Master for posting.	Julie Mockler
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Event was held at Spirit Mountain. Mike Lowe from Home Depot was guest speaker. There were about 60 in attendance. Everyone had a good time. Attendance has been going down for several years.	Ann Fink made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Judy Goar seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.  Contact Wild Ones President to see about getting dues and roster sent in.	Clayton Oslund

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OLD BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Discussed whether or not we should continue to have the Spring Luncheon in the future or if we should try something else. The majority of those present felt that the tradition of the Spring Luncheon should continue.</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Extravaganza</u> – Attendance at this event was also down from last year. Price was reasonable and lots of information was made available.</p> <p>3. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – DGFS sponsored two spring seminars. The first one featured Clayton Oslund with between 70-75 in attendance. The second speaker was Don Keinholz. About 35-40 people attended this one. The last seminar was supposed to take place on May 11 but this one has been cancelled as it is later in the season now and it seems like people have lots of other things to do.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Heritage Garden Clean Up</u> – May 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Not a lot to do so the more that show up, the faster things will be completed. DGFS will provide treats. Calendar will be established for clubs to sign up on asking clubs to commit to a Saturday to work on this garden.</p> <p>2. <u>Great Gardening</u> – Five sessions left. May 7, 14, 21, and 28 and June 4 at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. Rebroadcast on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>3. <u>Rose Garden Pruning</u> – The roses have been raised. 80% were raised by volunteers. Now they are ready to be pruned. Pruning will take place on May 12 &amp; 13 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are requested to help. Even if you haven't done this before, there will be plenty of people there to show you what to do.</p> <p>4. <u>Society Fundraiser</u> – The \$1,000.00 mark has been surpassed. DGFS has made about \$500.00. Even though the May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline has passed, there is still an opportunity to order. A Kimoto Dragon hosta was raffled off at this meeting. Winner was Joan Scinocca.</p>	<p>Encourage club members to participate in Heritage Garden Clean Up and determine a Saturday when club can work the Heritage Garden.</p> <p>Watch remainder of Great Gardening series.</p> <p>Help with pruning of roses at Rose Garden on May 12 and 13.</p> <p>Order from the fund raiser list from Shady Oaks as soon as possible.</p>	<p>All DGFS Club Presidents</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <u>Tomato Express</u> – Bad luck at Stowe with plants. Lost about 400 plants. Principal told the kids to take those plants home. The temperature at the school at night was too high and the plants got too leggy. However, there are still about 946 plants. May 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. has been set for transplanting to bigger pots. No date has been set for the Nettleton Tomato Express yet.</li> <li>6. <u>Plant Annuals for Downtown and Canal Park</u> – Planting date has been set for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Bayfront Park.</li> <li>7. <u>Tour des Fleurs</u> – 73 bus seats have been sold so far to anyone who has been on the list.</li> <li>8. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Scheduled for two weekends - May 23 and May 30. Clubs can sell at one or at both. Will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Rose Garden parking lot.</li> <li>9. <u>Garden Opportunity</u> – Discussed the new Friends of the Parks group. They just voted in a board recently. Looking for volunteers to help out. Suggestion was made that the Society invest some money to help with start up. They need to have insurance and group has not started fund raising efforts yet. They could use \$300.00 for insurance. Concern was expressed that DGFS not be considered an all-time benefactor and that this was a one time donation. It is hoped that the building at lower Chester will become a hub for gardening activity in the future. Possibility of moving these meetings to that building suggested. Victorian style garden beds being considered. There will be a press conference on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Rose Garden to announce the group. There will be a party on May 29 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Sheraton celebrating this endeavor.</li> </ol>	<p>Help with transplanting of tomatoes on May 27.</p> <p>Help with planting annuals for Downtown and Canal Park.</p> <p>Contact Sheryl Lind to reserve spot for plant sale.</p> <p><i>James Gittermeier made the motion with Bob Norstrom seconding to provide the Friends of the Parks \$300.00 to pay for insurance. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Attend any of the Friends of the Parks group activities</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS clubs</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>10. Club Historian – Historian requests copies of any newspaper articles involving DGFS members/activities to include in scrapbook. She is also looking for pictures of events and gardens.</p> <p>11. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – All seven (7) gardens have been secured at this time. All but one have not been on the tour before. Only three buses will be filled. Rest will be self-guided by car. Bus is \$35.00 while the self-guided tour will be \$17.00. Jocelyn Heid is in charge of the volunteers this year. Next planning meeting is May 12, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Perkins on London Road.</p> <p>12. <u>Flower Show</u> – Booklets are out and were handed out. Front cover design is a special one and was initially used in 1976. It was designed by Gerri Benassi. Only enough booklets were printed as potential number of entrants. There will not be a booklet for every DGFS member.</p>	<p>Send newspaper articles, pictures, etc to Amy Johnson for DGFS scrapbook.</p> <p>Attend next planning meeting on 05/12/09 for Secret Garden Tour.</p> <p>Hand out Flower Show booklets to those interested in participating.</p> <p>Consider entering the 2009 Flower Show.</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Club Presidents</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p>
OTHER BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minnesota Water Garden Society tours – Tour is in the Twin Cities. Cost is \$15.00 for both weekends (July 18 &amp; 19 and July 25 &amp; 26). For more information look at web site at <a href="http://www.MWGS.org">www.MWGS.org</a> or call (612) 803-POND (7663).</li> <li><u>Water Gardens: Savor the Beauty, Avoid the Pitfalls seminar</u> – To be held at Harley Nature Center (3001 Woodland Ave.) On May 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Speaker is Daniel Dix who owns Woodspirit Gardens, a landscape design and installation company in Backus, Minnesota. \$5.00 donation requested</li> </ol>		
<p>Next meeting:  <b>Monday, June 1, 2009 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)</b></p>			

