

Bookworms Judy Goar Chester Creek Mona Cheslak James Guttermeier Duluth Heights	Gitche Gummee Ann Fink Hart Haven Joanne Marinac Hortus Mae Anderson*	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Longview Judith Babst Morgan Park Amy Johnson* Mt. Royal	Norton Park Oatmeal Hill Oregon Creek Julie Mockler Printha Markert Park Point Harriet Meagher Nancy Shaw Proctor Hilltop	Smithville Don Anderson* Tischer Creek Tom Kasper* Vermillion Wild Ones Clayton Oslund* Zenith City Diggers Lisa Jefferson
Ensign	Lake Aire Yvonne Anderson	Normanna		
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners Karin Cummings	Lakeview	Northern Lights		
Glensheen Garden Guild Peder Nelson	Lake Superior Rose Society Bruce Berg*	Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness Jocelyn Heid	And someone whose handwriting I couldn't read. * Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 05/06/08, 06/04/08 & 07/08/08	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Jocelyn Heid made the motion with Printha Markert seconding to accept the minutes from 05/06/08, 06/04/08, and 07/08/08 as presented. Minutes approved.</i>	
Treasurer's Report  OLD BUSINESS	Disbursements totaled \$6,562.80 and receipts were \$1,665.08, most of which was income and expenses for the Secret Garden Tour. Balance is \$5,700.93.  1. <u>Heritage Garden</u> – Garden has water. Arrangements were made with the people in the house across the avenue for \$100.00 per year to supply us with water for the garden. There are hoses in the corner by the house in a tub. Sprinklers also. Access is through the back. Several clubs are assigned to work at this garden on Saturday. Work to start at 9:00 a.m. Suggestion that email reminder be sent to these clubs. Also discussed amount of time and plant material that Clayton Oslund has put into this garden.	<i>Lisa Jefferson made the motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report as presented. Nancy Shaw seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.</i>  Send email reminders to clubs working on Saturday at the Heritage Garden.	Sheryl Lind

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>Suggestion was made that we reimburse him for about \$500.00 toward his costs.</p> <p>Suggestion made that more mulch be put on the edges. Is getting thin and grass is starting to grow there.</p> <p>2. <u>Lake Superior Rose Society Rose Show</u> – Attendance seemed to be down. Very little publicity.</p> <p>3. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Our profit from holding this continues to drop. Lower attendance and higher costs of are probably contributing factors. Suggestion made that a committee be formed to discuss possible future changes to this such as making the tour self-guided and not providing buses. Sign up sheet passed around for committee volunteers.</p> <p>Disappointing pictures in the Duluth News Tribune. Much better pictures on the web site. Members encouraged to send Web Master good pictures to post of events.</p> <p>4. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – Contest was re-structured this year. Better organized. Winners received a plaque. Info needs to be posted on Web. Book Worms seriously considering doing this again next year.</p> <p>5. <u>Flower Show</u> – Attendance was up this year (up by 25%). Finns seemed to be pleased with their category. There were four junior gardeners. Orchids and Bonsai were displayed as well. Peterson Anderson Flora Shop decorated the mantles of the fireplaces. Many entries in the photography category. Awards were entered into a spreadsheet this year and have been sorted a couple of different ways. Printed copies will be available at next month's meeting but the lists will be posted on the Web. Discussed whether or not there needed to be any financial prizes awarded. Most thought ribbons would be enough reward.</p>	<p><i>Tom Kasper made the motion that DGFS reimburse Clayton Oslund \$500.00 for plants he has put into the Heritage Garden. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>Sign up for Secret Garden Tour re-vamping committee.</p> <p>Send any good digital pictures to Web Master (Bruce Berg) for posting.</p> <p>Forward Flower Bed Contest winner information and/or pictures to Web Master.</p> <p><i>Tom Kasper made the motion with Ann Fink seconding to discontinue the financial awards for the Flower Shower. Motion carried.</i></p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Judy Goar</p>

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OLD BUSINESS, cont.	Volunteer requested to take over as Chair for next year.	Chair 2009 Flower Show	Sheryl Lind
NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Andrew Sankey</u> – Andrew is a world class cottage gardener from England who will be here in September. He is willing to speak. We had discussed possible dates of September 25 or September 29. When looking at the second date, it was determined that this should have been Saturday, September 27. Suggestion was made that we stay away from the Saturday date as we may get more to come during the week. Suggested fee at the door will probably be \$5.00 was we will have to reimburse Andrew something.</li> <li>2. <u>Harvest Festivals</u> – Question asked about how many garden clubs have made contact with area schools to institute a Harvest Festival. Morgan Park has been in contact with St. James and are thinking of Tuesday, September 9. Park Point reports that school is working event into curriculum. Question will be asked again in September.</li> <li>3. <u>Christmas Dinner</u> – Nothing new to report. Scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at Northland Country Club.</li> <li>4. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Nothing new.</li> </ol>	<p>Continue working on arrangements for place and date for Andrew Sankey speaking engagement.</p> <p>Drive Andrew to Minneapolis airport on Sunday, September 28.</p> <p>Continue working on arrangements for Christmas Dinner.</p> <p>Continue to work on Spring Luncheon.</p>	<p>Sheryl Lind</p> <p>Jocelyn Heid</p> <p>Norton Park Garden Club</p> <p>Chester Creek Garden Club</p>
OTHER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Duluth Peony</u> – On sale for \$6.00 through Gilbert H. Wild company. Company has been around for over 100 years. Can order on Web site <a href="http://gilberthwild.com">gilberthwild.com</a>.</li> <li>2. <u>Orchid Club</u> – Tuesday, October 21, 2008 - Holding a seminar with topic to be native orchids hardy to this area. It will be at the Hillside Methodist Church in Piedmont.</li> <li>3. <u>Possibility of raising DGFS dues</u> – to be discussed in September.</li> </ol>	Place DGFS dues on September agenda.	Tom Kasper

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OTHER	<p>4. DGFS Officer positions – Members need to consider stepping up into one of the officer positions. Elections need to take place in November so nominees need to be in place by October.</p> <p>5. Rummage Sale at Mike Lowe's – Has a vast collection of items to be sold on 08/15 and 16. (8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W. &amp; First St.</p>	Consider running for President, Secretary or Treasurer of DGFS and let any current officer know as soon as possible.	Any interested DGFS member
<p>Next meeting:  <b>Monday, September 8, 2008 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)</b></p>			