

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The February 28th. meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club took place at La Plata Methodist Church. President, Joyce Rose, began the meeting at 10:00 am. Joyce welcomed members to a new garden club season and introduced new member, Shauna Haggerty and guest, Barbara Gooding.

PROGRAM

Joyce acknowledged Mary Ann Wade , Program Chair, for the fabulous programs scheduled for this year. Mary Ann introduced Mary Pat Berry, President of the Charles County Garden Club, who presented a program on the "Blue Bird of Happiness". We learned many interesting facts about Blue Birds and the history of Blue Birds in America.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joyce introduced our new officers to the club members. They are as follows:

Vice President – Carol Flowers , Yearbook (committee, Diane Shisler, Mary Beth Chandler, Joyce Rose) , Recording Secretary – Jane O'Farrell, Corresponding Secretary – Marge LaMar , Treasurer – Melissa Leiter. Mary Grant and Leesa Meyers will head up the Newsletter Committee. Millie Head is the new Chairperson for Hospitality and Janet Clark will be Host Cordinator for the Host Committee.

Mary Grant plans to send the next newsletter out in May and asks that all articles for the newsletter be submitted by April 15th.

Judy Ruth reported that the "Designing Women Show" was a big success . Final profit for the show totaled \$1,642.30

NEW BUSINESS and UP COMING EVENTS

The District II Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 14th. Flyers are available if members wish to attend.

The State Federated Meeting, Luncheon, and Program will be held on Tuesday, March 24th. Flyers are also available for this event.

The Daffodil Show will be held on April 10th. and 11th.

Jane O'Farrell informed the members of our club's plans to take part in the Christmas in April event in Charles County. The date is April 25th. and the site will be the Old Waldorf School. We will be helping to plant a Memorial Garden and Memory Lane Walk. Jane passed a sign up sheet for those members wanting to participate in this project. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Carol Rauch Eisen announced that the annual Plant and Shabby Chic Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. in the parking lot of Christ Church in La Plata. Carol passed a sign up sheet for those members who wish to donate items and or work at the sale. No clothes or electric items, please.

Joyce Rose announced that our club has been asked to participate in Sotterley Plantation's, "Garden Fair" on Sunday, April 26th. After much discussion, it was decided that our club would participate by giving a demonstration on how to plant a large container or perhaps how to make garden stepping stones. Maureen Chiarizia and Cheri Brady will head up this committee. Mary Beth Chandler made a motion that monies not to exceed \$100.00 be designated for this project. The motion was voted on and passed.

Mary Ann Wade informed the members of a planned bus trip to Mt. Vernon on May 9th. We will travel by school bus. There will be seats for 38 people to ride on the bus. Club members can also drive in private cars. Cost of the bus trip is \$38.00. Reservations and checks should be in to Mary Ann or Melissa Leitner by April 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Refreshments were served by the Host Committee: Sandra Mitchell, Randy Clark, Ann Gardiner, David Gardiner, Danielle Webber, and Mary Beth Chandler.

After the business meeting and refreshments, the members constructed Blue Bird houses of cedar and cut to the North American Blue Bird Society plans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane O'Farrell Recording Secretary