

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The March 22nd meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club was called to order by President Dianne Shisler at 7:10 P.M. The meeting took place in the La Plata Firehouse.

Dianne announced that during the meeting we would be selling raffle tickets at a cost of \$1.00 for the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. There would also be a drawing of 8 free tickets for the London Town Daffodil Show. She asked members to contribute \$1.00 toward the rental of the firehouse meeting room. Dianne introduced and welcomed several guests to the meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved. There was a positive response by the members to receiving the minutes of the meeting by E-Mail. The treasurer's report was also approved.

Dianne called attention to the following dates:

April 21st Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage in Charles County

April 6th London Town Daffodil Show in Edgewater, M.D.

April 27th Towson Gardens Day

June 3rd Hammond-Harwood House Secret Garden Tour in Annapolis, M.D.

November 10th There's No Place Like Home, a program presented by the Moonflower Garden Club

Special Projects. Judy Ruth reminded members that the dedication of the Star Memorial Garden would be April 28th at 11:00 A.M.. Set up will be at 9:30 A.M. Eighty-five invitations will be sent out. She asked for more potted plants to decorate the staging area. The final meeting of the staging committee will be on Friday.

Hospitality. Elaine Miller asked all members to sign up to bring finger food to the dedication. If it rains that day, refreshments will be served at the Town Hall.

Ways and Means. The May 5th Plant and Yard Sale which will be held along with the Charles County Garden Club will be located at the old Safeway on route 301 in La Plata. Members are to watch their E-Mail for up dates.

Star Memorial Garden. Sharon Zimmer announced that the benches are in place in the garden. One of the benches needs some adjustment to fit properly. The memorial plaque will be set in black granite. Mr. Raymond will order the granite for us. The club will be asked to help defray the cost of the granite. The contributor's plaque is on order. Barbie Walter asked members to sign a garden maintenance sheet. A choice of dates was offered.

Dianne reminded members to pick up the new yearbook pages. She also asked for a volunteer to plan a bus trip for the club.

Polly Zimmerman invited the members to come to Middleton Elementary School on May 7th through the 11th to help plant 1,200 wetland plants. Planting will go on from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. every day.

Melissa Leitner informed the members of a donation to the club that was given in memory of Mary Beth Chandler's mother-in-law. It was suggested that a tree be purchased for the Star Memorial Garden.

Dianne conducted a drawing for the ticket to the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage and the London Town Daffodil Show .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Joyce Rose introduced Rhonda Goldman, a Master Gardener who presented an interesting program entitled Bay-Wise. She informed us of the problems concerning the Chesapeake Bay and what we can do to help improve the health of the Bay. She reminded us that the Bay begins in our own backyard. Rhonda urged homeowners to use the following environmentally sound approaches:

Fertilize Wisely	Manage Yard Pests with Integrated
Water Efficiently	Management
Control Stormwater Runoff	Plant Wisely
Mulch Appropriately	Encourage Wildlife
Recycle Yard Waste	Protect the Waterfront

Refreshments were provided by the Host Committee, Maureen Chiariza, Gingie Winkler, Leesa Myers, Jessica Milstead, and Diana Kasic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. O'Farrell, Recording Secretary