

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club took place at La Plata Methodist Church. President Joyce Rose opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Mary Ann Wade introduced Tom Williams, former president of the Southern Maryland Beekeepers Association. Mr. Williams presented a program entitled To Bee Or Not To Bee. He explained the construction of a bee hive, the reproduction of bees, how honey is harvested, how to become a bee keeper, and many other interesting facts about bees. Mr. Williams displayed jars of different types of honey. He stressed to the members the importance of bees in the food chain. One third of our diet depends on the honey bee.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Joyce welcomed the following guests to the meeting; Barbara Gooding, Judy Pobst, Kathy Ivan, Neal Johnson, and Heather Zdobyaz.

Minutes from the February meeting were corrected and approved.

The Treasurers report is to be given every third month.

Joyce announced that complimentary tickets to the Daffodil Show were available. Our club is responsible for providing a continental breakfast for the Judges. Several month to month calendars were also available to members for \$9.00. The calendars tell what to do when in the garden for each month of the year. Our club has purchased two tickets to the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour. It was decided that we would sell raffle tickets for \$2.00 or three for \$5.00 at this meeting and next month's meeting. The raffle winner would win the two Tour tickets.

Garden Report - Dianne Shisler reported for Barbie Walter. Barbie thanked the members who responded to her e-mail concerning time scheduling for the garden. She will be sending the garden calendar out by e-mail to all members. Barbie has met with Bobbie Stahl, from the Town of La Plata, to plan the digging up of some plants. Some grasses will be divided. Mulching will be done after weeding has taken place. The sprinkler system will be activated on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Clean up day for the garden has been changed to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas in April Report- Jane O'Farrell thanked all those members who signed up to help on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The workers were divided into two groups. Group (1) will come to the Old Waldorf School at 9am. to prune, weed and mulch around existing plants. Group (2) will arrive at 10am to plant shrubs, place down newspaper, and mulch the new planter area. Jane passed a sheet that told workers what group they were in and what supplies to bring. Those members who were not present at the meeting will be called.

Sotterley Plantation- Cherrie Brady displayed a wonderful new banner to be used at the Garden Fair and on other occasions. The banner says "LA PLATA COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB" in large letters and has the e-mail address at the bottom. Cherrie and Maureen Chiarizia will demonstrate how to correctly plant an outdoor planter for sun or shade at the Garden Fair.

Waldorf Pottery has offered to supply planters and plants for the demonstration. Our club plans to donate a planter to the Christmas in April project

Plant and Yard Sale- Carol Raucheisen passed a sign up sheet and urged members to volunteer to work at the sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She needs helpers to arrive early to set up and later for clean up. She urged members to begin collecting items for the yard sale and also to dig up and separate plants for the plant sale. The sale will be held at Christ Church in La Plata. Items may be dropped off Thurs. from 5pm to 7pm. and Fri. from 5pm to 8pm.

Program for May- Mary Ann Wade announced that 19 people have signed up for the bus trip to Mt. Vernon on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There is room for 38 people on the bus. The cost of the trip is \$38.00. Our April meeting will be held at the La Plata Firehouse. The program will be "The Daffodil". It will be a hands on program. Each member is encouraged to bring a daffodil from his or her yard.

Gifts From The Garden- Liz Shifflette will co-ordinate a program to give Meals on Wheels participants a small gift of flowers on their meal tray. She displayed two small decorated pots of flowers that she had made. She would like to begin the program in May. Liz asked members to sign up to help make the pots and also to help deliver the meal trays. She asked members to begin saving small, green, plastic flower pots.

Newsletter- The deadline for the newsletter is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Joyce urged members to send in questions for Ron Bush, Horticulture Chairperson. Members may also send in articles or recipes for the newsletter.

Old Business- Joyce asked that members take home and be responsible for their nametags. Nametags should be worn to all meetings.

New Business- Judy Ruth, Ways and Means Chairperson, announced a project to obtain a drawing of the Memorial Garden which could be used on note cards and stationery. Three local artists are being interviewed for the project. The Design Show will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. at Sacred Heart Church in La Plata from 12:30pm. to 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Refreshments were served by the Host Committee: Jane O'Farrell, Sherie Zimmer, Jessica Milstead, Cindy Barnhart, Karen Allison, and Janice Lackey-Waters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane O'Farrell Recording Secretary