

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The June 28<sup>th</sup>. meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club was called to order by President Dianne Shisler at 7:35pm. The meeting took place at the La Plata Firehall.

Dianne reminded members to sign the attendance sheet. There were no guests present.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Dianne thanked Mary Beth Chandler for teaching three classes in artistic design to the members. Mary Beth said that more classes will be held in the Fall.

Special Projects: Judy Ruth reported that her committee was working on getting vendors for a "Design for the Holiday" fund raiser which will take place in December. The next meeting of the committee will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>. at 7:00pm. at the old train station.

New Business:

Joyce Rose announced that the club will hold an "Evening Garden Party Under the Stars". This party will be a wine and cheese fund raiser and will be held in the new Memorial Star Patio Garden on August 4<sup>th</sup>. from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Reservations for the event will cost \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 for two people. We hope to have 100 people attend the party. Reservations will be open to La Plata Community Garden Club members until July 9<sup>th</sup>. At that time, members of the Charles County Garden Club and the Master Gardeners Program will also be invited to attend. Reservations can be made by calling Jean Middleton at 301-934 – 2931. Gary Fick, Chef at Casey Jones Restaurant, has agreed to prepare the food. We are also hoping to have music at the garden party. Linda Lockhart passed out a flier with garden party information to the members. Cheri Brady offered to provide 15 tiki torches for the evening. In event of rain, the party will be held the following evening, August 5<sup>th</sup>. If it also rains on that night, we will hold the event in the La Plata Rescue Squad Building on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Joyce introduced the members of the committee working with her on this fund raiser. They were: Linda Lockhart, Elaine Miller, Jean Middleton, and Jane O'Farrell.

Dianne announced that plans have been made for a bus trip on October 5<sup>th</sup>. to the Louis Ginter Botanical Gardens near Richmond. She asked for a volunteer who would purchase snacks and goodies for the bus trip.

Sandra Mitchell shared information with the members about osteoporosis and vitamin D requirements which she had learned after attending a program at the Clark Center presented by Donna Bailey of the Extension Office. She also wanted members to be aware of the following concerts, to be given at the Town Hall at 7:00pm. this summer : June 29 – United States Naval Academy Band, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. – United States Navy Band

“The Cruisers”, August 17<sup>th</sup>. – United States Air Force Band “Silver Wings”, August 31<sup>st</sup>. – United States Navy Band “Sea Chanters”.

Dianne reminded members of the Flower Show School Course IV which will be held September 24<sup>th</sup>. – 26<sup>th</sup>., at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium, Md.

The next meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>. at 7:00pm. at the La Plata Firehall. Carol Flowers will present a program on Azalea Propagation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joyce Rose then introduced Judy Slaughter who presented a program on Creating a Butterfly Habitat. Judy has been a master gardener since 1999 and a member of the Dorchester Garden Club since 2003. The main topics discussed in the program were: Butterfly Habitat, Garden Design, Resources, and Wings of Fancy. Judy stressed planting flowering plants that provide nectar as well as petals for butterfly resting and nesting. March through October is the best time to observe butterflies in your garden. She suggested not to wear black when working in the garden since it is the one color known to attract bees. Judy circulated several good reference books that she had found useful. She also suggested that we go to [enchantedschool.com](http://enchantedschool.com) to check out interesting butterfly and gardening related materials. She passed out a flier entitled Butterflies - What Attracts Whom. This flier listed 23 plants and the individual butterflies that each attracts. She also suggested that we plant white turtle head. This plant attracts our official Maryland butterfly, the Baltimore Checkerspot. She encouraged us to plant a butterfly garden that will accommodate all stages of the butterfly life cycle. Judy closed her program by showing a lovely CD entitled “Nature’s Miracle”. The CD was filmed by Gordie Corbin and Judy Switt of Gaithersburg, Md.

After the program, refreshments were provided by the Host Committee, Maggie Mahaffey, Irene Poole, Liz Shifflette, and Millie Havrilla.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. O’Farrell, Recording Secretary