

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The August 23rd. meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club took place at the La Plata Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by President Dianne Shisler at 7:05pm.

Joyce Rose introduced Joe Clements, the owner of Heaven's Garden Plant Center, who presented a program on Ornamental Grasses. Joe grew up on his family's farm in La Plata and says that plants have always been his passion. He began in the wholesale plant business and has now expanded to a large retail nursery. Joe brought along many examples of beautiful grasses that could be used in landscape design and urged members to use them as accent plants. He discusses the many varieties of grasses, how they should be planted, fertilized, and cared for during the year. An interesting question and answer period followed. Joe also made available a number of fliers on selecting grasses and other topics of interest to plant lovers.

Dianne began the business meeting at 7:50pm. Several members brought guests and they were introduced and welcomed.

The treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting were not read. They will appear for the membership to read in the next newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Joyce Rose reported that the Wine and Cheese Party was enjoyed by all who attended, but that the event did not make any money for the club. We did, however, break even on the expenses for the evening. It was suggested that we try this fund raiser again at a cooler time of the year. Joyce thanked the members who worked hard to make the garden beautiful for the event.

Judy Ruth informed the members concerning the December Design Show which will be held at Christ Church in La Plata on December 1st. An email will soon go out to all the members with detailed information about the event. Everyone will be asked to help in some way.

Old Business:

Dianne reminded members to register for the bus trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on October 5th. We hope to have 45 to 55 people go on the trip.

New Business:

Dianne urged members to enter a floral arrangement in the Charles County Fair on behalf of our La Plata Community Garden Club.

A motion was introduced to allow the club to enter the Scare Crow Festival Contest to be held again this October in La Plata. The motion was passed. A fee of \$120.00 is charged to enter and proceeds go to Civista.

Dianne reminded members of the District II Semi – Annual Meeting which is to be held on October 12th. at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. Anyone who would like to go should contact Dianne.

Announcements:

Polly Zimmerman invited all members who were interested to help plant wet land plants at Brown Elementary in Waldorf during the first two weeks of October.

Dianne reminded members of the next meeting at the home of Sue and Tom Lewis. This meeting will begin at 6 o'clock.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by the Host Committee: Mandy Edwards, Deborah Carpenter, Millie Head, Ann Gardiner, David Gardiner, and Judy Nathan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. O'Farrell' Recording Secretary