

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The October 25th meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club took place at the La Plata Firehouse. The meeting was opened at 7:07 pm. by President, Dianne Shisler.

Dianne welcomed members and introduced guests. She encouraged everyone to wear a name tag. Minutes of the last meeting are posted on the club website. The treasurer's report is published in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to call Dianne if they have an addition or correction to either of these reports.

Committee Report

Jenny Lewis introduced the scarecrow committee. Our club's scarecrow won an award and Jenny encouraged members to be present at the La Plata Town Hall at 12 noon on Sunday to receive the award.

Elaine Miller reminded members to sign up for the November 17th Luncheon and Workshop. The cost of the luncheon is \$27.00. Don't forget to bring two small bags or one large bag of cranberries to make the cranberry centerpiece.

Carole Raucheisen encouraged members to sign up for the December 1st. Design Show. The cost is \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Contact Cheri Brady if you have items for the shabby chic sale.

Nan Stout reminded members that it is time to pay our club dues. Dues are \$25.00.

Old Business

The bus trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on 10/5 was a great success. Dianne asked members for suggestions for a bus trip next year.

The District II Semi-Annual Meeting was held on October 12th. Six of our members attended. A topiary, designed by Mary Beth Chandler, was provided by our club for a drawing.

New Business

Bev Ward has invited our members to attend a Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery in December. More information will follow.

Sandra Mitchell asked that our club contribute \$1.00 per member to the Natural Disasters Fund. Linda Lockhart made a motion to contribute \$77.00 to the fund. The motion passed.

There will be a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker Dedication Ceremony on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12th. A luncheon will follow at Killarney House. Cost of the luncheon is \$21.00.

There will be a poinsettia sale at the Helen Tawes Garden on November 29th. from 10 – 4:00 pm.

Announcements

The next meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club will be the Luncheon and Design Workshop on November 17th. The luncheon will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in La Plata and will begin at 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Joyce Rose introduced Ron Bush, our Garden Therapy Chairman, who presented a program on Deer Abatement. Ron discussed 13 strategies for keeping deer out of your garden. He gave members a list of Deer Resistant Perennials and suggested several local hardware stores where deer abatement supplies could be purchased. Members enjoyed the interesting and informative program and the question and answer period that followed.

After the program, refreshments were served by the Host Committee: Gloria Carpenter, Gloria Groeger, Karen Higdon, Thomas Higden, and Jane O'Farrell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. O'Farrell, Recording Secretary