

Miller Garden Club April 20, 2013

There were 38 in attendance

Karin Crane called the meeting to order at 10:10. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Projects were discussed:

Pond Show -- A sign up sheet was circulated for the pond show to be held April 27 and 28th at the Lake County Fairground in Crown Point.

Workday --- May 11th. Members of the garden club will be mulching. Next Thursday (April 25) members are going to DeVries to buy plants for our gardens. A sign up sheet was distributed.

Plant Sale -- Drop off starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday the 17th at the Aquatorium. Chuck Hensel will make a care sheet for the plants or he can be consulted for assistance. Volunteers should come at 7:30 a.m. on the 18th to set up. Used garden products are also requested for the sale. Rain Barrel associated products will be available (pumps) as well as composters and birdhouses. There will also be a bake sale. Bakery goods are requested. Please wrap individually. Signs are being made and were demonstrated.

Lavender Farm Outing - This will be scheduled in June or July based on when the lavender is in bloom.

Garden Walk --July 6th and 7th. Volunteers are need to be garden angels, docents for gardens and docents for the buses. Also needed are volunteers (knowledgeable about plants) to sell plants at the Aquatorium. We need someone to take photographs of the gardens and to help with the selling of tickets for those parking cars.

New Members were introduced.

Susan Binkley spoke about the **Community Gardens**. She asked that members adopt a corner to take care of throughout the season. Dawn Vanzo introduced the plan for the Miller Garden Club maintained corners. Prairie drop seed will be the one of the focus plants. Plants will all be native.

Jim Nowacki was recognized for mowing and maintaining the lawn at Old Town Hall.

The **Miller Farmers Market** has given us a discount for a booth. We will be there the first and third Sundays from 10 to 3 starting May 5th.

The **speaker** for the June meeting will be Jim Severa who will speak about gardening tools and will be available to sharpen tools.

Publicity: Joanne Stratton showed a copy of an article from the March issue of **NWI Times**. The article was about composting and mentioned Chuck Hensel and the Miller Garden Club.

It was requested that information for the **Newsletter** be given to Marty Bohn by the 10th of each month.

The **website**, Miller Garden Club.org is up and running.

Announcements:

Larry Lapidus invited all members to a Garden Party Sunday June 30, 2013 from 4 to 8 p.m. He asked all to bring one cut flower in a plastic glass. Awards will be offered for the largest, most unique and prettiest flower.

The garden at Broadway and Fifth street in Gary which is maintained by Jim Nowacki was acknowledged in the weekly newspaper.

The Purdue Theatre Company is putting on Working by Studs Terkel.

Sandy Robinson thanked the garden club for support with her ideas. Currently the project she is working on is creating a farm/garden at 15th Street and Massachusetts. She asked for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50

The speaker Lauren Riga of the Gary Environmental projects office was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara deRamona, Secretary
Miller Garden Club