

**Miller Garden Club General Meeting September 16, 2017**

Corya Channing, President -- Welcome to members, new and returning!

Minutes from June meeting

In memory of Deb Doerr, our Secretary who passed away August 3, a moment of silence. Plus an announcement.

Treasurer's Report - Karin Crane

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Garden Walk 2017

Bench for Bernie Bonk placement at Woodson Library Branch, Lake St.

Fox Nursery Hosta Gardens outing

Miller Garden Club Storage space at Build-a-Bike workshop garage

Name Tags: new chairpeople: Sue Clemens and Nancy Coleman

BRATS & BULBS new Chairperson: Diana Plenys, co-chair: Liz Locke SAT OCT 21

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fest in the First: TODAY on Lake St. Irene Sowala is hosting our booth. WHO ELSE?

James Hitz, Arborist, will demonstrate pruning at our Oct 21 meeting

March 2018 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of Miller Garden Club big event in the works

Fernwood Gardens Outing in October 14<sup>th</sup> Joanne Stratton is organizing

Board of Directors election Pat Pelkey Board will elect officers next month

Dreams for the future? What's yours?

Website and Newsletter: any comments? Questions?

**BRIEF INTERMISSION FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SET UP FOR SPEAKER:** Laura Ekasetya, Laura joined Lurie Garden in February of 2011 as a horticulturist working to maintain the integrity of Piet Oudolf's perennial plant design. She came from Chicago Botanic Garden where she tended to perennials grown under research evaluation. After attending the public opening of Millennium Park in 2004, she became a regular visitor to the garden. Watching the garden grow from little gallon sized plants into a rangy tapestry of color and texture has been a delight. Piet's vision for planting design as presented in his books, visits to the garden, and his very active Instagram account, is a regular source of inspiration. In the beginning of 2017 Laura became the director of Lurie Garden. Laura enjoys stalking insects, birds, and other creatures that make the garden their home and finds any sort of faunal association with plants to be most intriguing. Laura has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and she studied horticulture at Harold Washington City College of Chicago. She enjoys helping out with community gardens throughout the city, and hiking the Indiana Dunes and marshes and wild areas in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She is currently trying to learn to identify the various birds that migrate through Chicago along the Mississippi Flyway and is always tracking down veteran birders to double-check her sightings.