Minutes of Town and Country Garden Club. September 7, 2022.

Ann Baker, President, called the meeting to order following a very good program presented by arborists, Lesley and Gil Smith. They enlightened us with some very practical solutions to tree problems and tips on caring and planting of trees. Ann thanked the presenters, then thanked Peg Samuelson, hostess, and her committee, Patrice Rehm, Sally Steele, Lizz Verbeten, and Jennifer Rielly. Annie Cochran and Jennifer were also thanked for providing great programs.

Sally Steele, 1st VP, reported we would soon have 27 active members and 7 associate as Evelyn Olsen, guest of Rise’, will become a new member. We welcome Evelyn, whose beautiful garden was on our past Garden Walk. Judy McKennel was welcomed as guest of Julie Eberspacher..

Rise’ Barkhoff, Treasurer, reported $5,033.45 in Money Market, $15,354.69 in checking account, totaling $20,388.14. (noting a contribution from Marlene Elkins in honor of her mother).

Norma Seymour, Secretary, read a thank you from Chicago Botanic Garden for the donation of $100 from our Club in honor of Ayse Pogue, as a thank you for conducting the tour of the Japanese Gardens for our June program.

Anne Stranberg, Civic, reported that the plantings are doing well, deadheading helps, plus continue watering.

Jennifer Rielly, Programs, announced the following IMPORTANT INFORMATION concerning the October meeting at Ivanhoe Country Club: The meeting is on WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5 at 11:30. The cost of the luncheon meeting is $40.00. PLEASE WRITE OUT CHECK TO TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB and send to Treasurer, Rise’Barkhoff. RSVP to Jennifer before September 26th, [jrielly@gmail.com](mailto:jrielly@gmail.com).

Paula Lubenow Sept 7 Conservation Update

Native Garden at Village Hall—new signage and informational links

* Sustain Libertyville Commission received a grant from Com Ed & Open Lands to install an interactive/educational sign in the Native Garden outside the Village Hall.
* The sign will connect visitors to a portal with live updates about featured plantings, resources for growing native plants and tips for being pollinator friendly in your own backyard.

Fall Garden Clean-up: Putting the Garden to Sleep (and preparing for Spring) On-line Event (via Zoom)

Benefits of applying compost in fall and autumn gardening tasks that support overwintering

of Birds, insects and pollinators.

Wed. Sept 14 at 6 pm.

Event sponsored by SWALCO & Univ. of IL Extension

Register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?Registration>ID=26115

Healthy Hedges

Lake County Forest Preserves will share best practices for Buckthorn Removal and suggest great replacement plants.

Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Fremont Public Library (Meeting Room C)

1170 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein

Fall compost Giveaway (while supplies last)

Friday Sept 30 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Univ. of IL Extension 100 US 45, Grayslake

Bring your own bucket

Sponsored by SWALCO, Univ. of IL extension and Master Gardeners of IL

Car Pool to meetings & field trips to reduce carbon monoxide emissions, reduce fuel use & save money on gas

Marlene Elkins, Horticulture and Sunshine, Deadheading makes a big difference in the blooming , continue it. Also, you can start planning for spring, maybe dividing some plants, etc.

Laura Levert, Scholarships. Gathering information on how to apply, notifying high schools, etc. She will also get in touch with 4H and other Youth Clubs.

Peg Samuelson, Publicity, ‘all is well’ as her report!

GARDEN WALK !!

Ann and Julie have all 5 Gardens confirmed in Libertyville within different neighborhoods. Barb Grollo also added that if someone drops out Sharon Akers, a former member said her garden would be available. GARDEN WALK IS JUNE 24, 2023!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, Rise’ chairman, and Lizz and Norma, committee. Rise’ presented the slate: President: Sally Steele

1st Vice President: Sue Hazelwood

Treasurer: Paula Lubenow

Rise’ moved we accept this slate of officers, Marlene 2nd, and motion passed. These new officers will be installed at the October 5th (Wed.) meeting at Ivanhoe.

Ann Baker, President, enlightened us on the following projects and activities of Town and Country Garden Club:

**Memorial butterfly garden**\*: Last month we talked about potentially planting a memorial butterfly garden downtown. I have no new information - the village administrator is waiting to speak with Sustain Libertyville and others to coordinate this I think with their native demo garden.

\***Marlene** has made a donation to the club in memory of her beloved mother. Thank you for your gift and for including us in this Marlene.

**Membership information gathering/corrections**: In order to make sure we have the most accurate information for each of our members for the yearbook, we are asking each member to fill out an online form. I will send you the link. It’s pretty self explanatory, fill in the blank - if you have any issues, please call me and I will fill it out for you as you give me the info. The nice thing about this form is that it directly creates a spreadsheet that we can use for club business. Thanks for taking the time to do this.

Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NnGdom8qPam4v2hWh-PYbcT3G8DHhf5oB162cXmW74I/edit>

**Facebook:** You may have viewed a “What’s blooming in our gardens?” Video on Facebook. Risé came to me with the idea, and we each took some photos so I could figure out how to create it. In a week or two, I’ll ask you to send me a photo or two from your own gardens. I can only use about 15, or it gets too long. ALSO, it would be very helpful if you could share our created posts or updates on your own page to increase the views we have. Thanks for your help!

**Newsletter**: Since I went to GCI convention and heard about other club’s newsletters, I’ve been publishing a small newsletter called the Hidden Gem. We have 90 subscribers to our website who receive it and we post it on Facebook. If you’d like to receive it each month (seasonally fall and winter) let me know and I’ll add you to the subscribers.

**perennial exchange** Julie Eberspacher is proposing a perennial exchange Julie will share details— Wednesday, September 28, in her driveway.

And Speaking of events…

Behind every great garden club member is great spouse, partner or friend. And wouldn’t it be great to have an opportunity to get to know those who support and care for our members?

Mary Gay shared with me that a few years ago in the club, we had a social gathering for just such a purpose, and she and I have decided to host the event again, so mark your calendars and watch for your invitation:

Bring your spouse/partner/friend to Ann’s home on Saturday, October 8, beginning at 4 p.m. We will provide pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw and water/soft drinks. We ask each of you to bring a side dish to share and if you would like an adult beverage to bring that as well. We will have coolers and ice for beer or wine chilling.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Gay, seconded by Joyce. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Norma Seymour