

# Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 11:20 am.

Minutes: March general meeting minutes were accepted as recorded in the Scoop.

Financial: Barbara Lindberg presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.

Checking Bal as of 4/7.....\$6,074.11  
Cash on hand.....200.00  
Savings.....4,000.71  
Total of check-cash-savings....\$10,274.82

President's remarks: + Judy sent out an informative article on Biochar from PCC Markets. Be sure and look at the last page telling you how to use in your garden. The sale of Bio Char at the plant sale may be handled by the original dealer Mr. Short. His price is \$15 per bag and is a better price than the other source from Bellingham.  
+ Judy shared a cleaning recipe she found in the Everett Herald that uses vinegar and Dawn dish washing soap. It does a fantastic job on showers. The recipe is in the Scoop.

Committee Reports:

Nominating: **Election of Officers:** The slate of officers for 2019/2020 was presented. All members voted in favor.  
President/Jan Hawley  
Vice-Pres/Laurie Marshall  
Secretary/Marilyn Enright  
Treasurer/Barbara Lindberg

Vote on Bylaw Change: **1.** Page 42, Section 4, 3.41 – Correct “majority vote per Section 3.12” change to 3.11  
**2.** Page 46, Article 13, 13.13 – Change from “assets would go to a scholarship or environment fund of the WA State Federation of Garden Clubs” to “assets shall be distributed by the Arlington Garden Club Board of Directors in accordance with 13.12 above.”  
All members voted in favor of the changes to the Bylaws.

Membership: +Libby Adams – New Members: Anita Emery and Mary Kay Graves.

Activities: + Karen Ricketts – May trip to **Cascade Iris Farm, Lake Stevens – May 20<sup>th</sup>**. A second trip will be scheduled at the end of summer.  
+ Judy Ness – We need a firm commitment from members on the **trip to Victoria on June 26**. Cut off for attending and paying is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make payment directly to **Travel Time 306-474-9192**.  
+ The dates for the **Mukilteo Garden Quilt Tour – July 20 & 21**.

Potting Day @ Sunnyside: + Kathy Engell – May 25<sup>th</sup> - Need more members to signup for time slots 12 – 2 and 1 – 3.

Programs: Cheri Hansen – Next meeting will be Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_ from Lowes. She will be speaking on Plant Problems. Let Cheri know if you have any questions or problems you want answered.

June Fling: If you are going to attend please pay \$20 by the May meeting.

Plant Sale: Merle Green – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Set-up begins at 7:00 am, sale begins at 9:30 am.  
+ Save boxes and bring for customers to carry plants. If the boxes are not used please take home what you brought.  
+ Need more canopies. If you have one let Merle know.  
+ We will have an Information Booth this year. Please volunteer to help answer customers questions.

- + Please pot up and bring nice looking plants, something that you would like to buy. There are bags of potting soil at our shed to be used for sale plants.
- + Bake Sale: There were many requests last year for pies. Mother's Day, you know, and dads and kids would like to present their moms with a pie that she didn't have to bake.
- + Bring a chair if you need to sit down during the sale.
- + Remember we need help cleaning up. Judging from past years the cleanup usually begins about noon.

#### Community Service

##### Centennial Trail

- + Diane Jochimsen – We need more team leaders. The cleanup day is Friday, June 14.
- + A brief background about the trees and memorials on the **Centennial Trail**: In the past our club has installed memorial signs and planted trees honoring those who have done something great for the community. After a few years the markers became hidden by weeds. Now we need a few more group leaders to supervise two or three people to clean up these areas. A map of the markers and trees is on the club website. The club will bring a mix of top soil and biochar to help the plants and trees grow.

##### Old Business:

- + The club received two **thank-you letters**, one from the city for our donation of \$300 to purchase plants for city building courtyard, and another from Arlington Arts Council for \$100.
- + **The AGC Scholarship** has been submitted to six high schools in the area: Arlington, Darrington, Stanwood, Lake Stevens, Lakewood and, new this year, to Marysville Pilchuck. The scholarship is \$2500 and has increased by \$500 this year.
- + **Blue Star Memorial at I-5 Rest Stop** – Mike Conner is contacting the State to see if we can proceed with renovation to the Memorial Area. At this point there is no water to that area and we would like that resolved before we proceed with new planting.

##### New Business:

- + Any members interested in teaching children about gardening at the **3<sup>rd</sup> Street Garden** – Contact Beth Countryman at 360-438-2991. There will also be a blueberry patch at the garden which our club will sponsor.

##### Judy's Five Minutes:

- + Plastic Bottles – Use to keep water around plant and shrub roots. Cut off the top and bottom of a quart bottle to make a water reservoir. Water the plant by filling up the reservoir to direct the water to the roots of the plant.
- + Judy thanked the following members for the work they have done for the club this year: Tina Wilson, Merle Green, Kathy Engell, Ann Ostrander, Laura Lane and Deb Cofer. She presented each with a **Stolwijk Gold Clematis Alpina**.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary