



Hardy Plant Society of Washington

Purpose: Board Meeting

Date: March 7, 2011

Location: Deborah Sturdevant's house

Participants: Bob Lilly, Pam Perrott, Beda Herbison, Stefani Cushing, Coral Wilde, Deborah Sturteville, Alice Brewer. Terri Bates was sick. Caroline was absent.

1. Agenda

- a. Flower and Garden show retrospective
- b. Plant sale
- c. Terri Bates's suggestion of a vegetable growers' interest group
- d. Doing maintenance in Sylvia Duryee's garden
- e. Cornish student's request for help with a living wall installation
- f. any other business

2. **Treasurer's Report-** Kandy was not present, so there wasn't a treasurer's report.

3. Project Report – Plant Sale on April 17th

We still don't know where the plant sale will be held. The curling club costs way too much. The plant sale is Sunday April 17th. Pam has notified Grace of the date, so the date is on the website, and Pam sent the list of plants that Alice Brewer typed into Excel for the F&G show, to Grace to put on the website.

Deborah Stuteville will investigate Lake City Community Center as a site and the Meadowbrook Community center and report back. Bob suggested if the rent is \$300 or less, sign us up.

Stefani is investigating credit card processing through BECU where our new bank account is.

Pam needs to email the membership for next Sunday's potting up. We'll do common seed orders for Seed Savers and Johnny's seeds at the potting up party. We'll have the seed catalogs there.

Bob wants firm transport commitments: 8 pickups, vans etc. so there's one load for everybody. Everybody transporting plants will need to be at Kandy's at 7am to pick up plants. So far we have:

Deborah's van

Pam's Range Rover plus trailer

Grace in her pickup

Beda in Gabe's truck

Kandy in her Jeep

Stefani in her Range Rover and trailer

We could do the plant sale at Kandy's but traffic is a problem. Her street is a dead end. There's quite a bit of parking on her street, but still the number of cars we might get is likely to be a big problem. The potting up next Sunday March 13 and the Sunday after, March 20th will be 1-4 as usual. Bob has stuff prepped. Linda from Edmonds Community College will bring stuff. We can sow seeds if nothing else. We'll need more soil soon. Black Gold is at Steuber's in Snohomish. We suggested getting a pallet and if this much is ordered they will deliver it. Donna Wright, District Sales Manager, Pacific Northwest Retail, donnaw@sungro.com said she could arrange for a discount on the Black Gold soil for us through Steuber's. Deborah will contact her by email about the discount, and will order another pallet.

Pam applied to Cedar Grove for a potting soil donation last fall. She needs to apply again in 2011.

4. Project Report – NWF&GS Booth

Bob asked how many members joined at the F&G show. Any new member applications were to have been taken home by the last board

member working the last shift and brought to the board meeting. We knew of at least 3. Bob suggested it's not worth doing a booth if we don't get at least 10 new members. It costs us about \$600 to do the booth. Booth rental is \$300. We said the weather affected attendance this year. The booth was hopping by the weekend, on Saturday and Sunday. Giving out a free packet of seeds was very popular and we should do that again.

We won the award for outstanding educational booth – again!

If we do the Flower and Garden show booth again, we need:

- a definition of a Hardy Plant for the booth volunteers. It was a common question – what's a Hardy Plant? The new owner of the F&G show's other shows are yard, garden and patio shows, and Bob wonders if their advertising is drawing the wrong crowd. Bob found the visitors to the booth where Bob sells prints were pretty uninformed this year. They are also charging more money to vendors than last year. Alice said the Tacoma yard, garden and Patio show was awful, it was very small.
- names of the plants on the postcards. Bob said that's hard to do
- a reference work in the booth, for example Bob, Carrie and Susan's book on perennials.
- name tags, aprons, or something to identify who is working at the booth.
- whoever notices the supply of seed packets is low needs to arrange for more to be brought
- We need a sign indicating people can take ONE packet of seeds and we need to be watchful. People were taking handfuls. Or we need to keep the seeds basket on the table where we can watch it better. The free seeds were a big hit.

The booth committee agreed they had fun with their crafting of the crossword tiles and the seed tiles.

The Flower and Garden show committee is Stefani, Terri, Alice, Deborah and Coral with Bob as checker and advisor of designs. They will continue as the committee and will interface with Paul Smith for next year.

It's Pam's job to update the 3 ring binder.

It's good to invite people into the booth to look. If we get a corner space again next year we need to do a design for a corner.

Stefani's partner David helped a lot and made the small black storage cabinet we had in the booth.

5. Other Business

- a. Coral reported that renting a booth for the Seattle Tilth harvest fair in September is \$50. It's a Saturday. We could sell seeds there and recruit members.
- b. Terri Bates is interested in setting up a subgroup on vegetable gardening. We tabled this because Terri was sick, but were favorable to the idea. It started with Bonnie wanting to share postage costs on a seed order. There was lots of interest, which got Terri thinking of a group.
- c. We also discussed helping Sylvia Duryee with garden cleanup. Sylvia provides many of the seeds for our seed exchange. She's struggling with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy. Her garden will be open on April 9th and May 21 and maybe in June. She'd like help in getting her garden ready for the opening in April right now. She has chemo on March 25th, and wants a few days to recover before we come. She suggested coming between March 29th and April 5th. Bonnie is leaving

town for a week on April 1st so she wants one day between March 29th and 31st. Bob suggested doing a day on Saturday April 2nd which would fit most peoples schedule – 10-4 but you wouldn't have to stay the whole time. Bonnie can pick a day between 3/29 and 3/31 for her day, and people who are available during the week can come then. Contact Bonnie for directions to Sylvia's. She lives in Madison Park.

- d. We discussed the Cornish student who asked us for help with a living wall project. She basically wants us to do the whole thing – she wants the pockets and she wants donations of plants. She thought we'd be a good contact since we did a vertical display for the F&G show. We said no. Coral said there's a vertical gardening seminar at Sky Nursery on Saturday March 18th and to suggest she attend that. Pam will contact her with our decision.
- e. Stefani said we need to pass a motion that Stefani, Kandy and Pam are authorized signers on our BECU account. Seconded and passed.
- f. Stefani needs a copy of our articles of incorporation to give to BECU. Bob had a copy which Deborah copied for Stefani to take to the bank.
- g. Stefani said we don't need to file a fancy income tax form since we earn less than 25k a year (26k for the state). The incorporation renewal is \$10 to the state.
- h. Stefani also has a pile of specialty nursery guides to give away at the membership meeting.
- i. Coral has the numbers bag for door prizes.
- j. Pam needs to check the P.O. box once a week while Kandy is away.

- k. J. Kandy needs her house plants watered while she's away – the potting up parties will do that.
 - l. Bob said the seeds need to come to CUH on Saturday March 12th at about 9am. There's a NHS spring ephemerals sale 9-5 on that day which is a fundraiser for the Miller library, and Bob is speaking about seeds. Then they need to be collected and taken to the membership meeting on Monday March 21st. Pam will get them from Kandy's early Saturday morning and deliver them to CUH; and pick them up at the end of the day and deliver them to the membership meeting.
 - m. Alice Brewer wanted to know the HPSW address for the notice of the Soos Creek grand opening around July 17th. We said it's on our website.
 - n. We still don't have a location for our picnic. We could book a picnic shelter at Woodland Park, but Pam would like our picnic to be in a garden. We had thought we could have it at Soos Creek, but it may be very noisy there and Alice Brewer says she's not sure the place she thought we could use will be available. Pam said she'd ask Ellen Carnwath if she'd be willing to host us in her garden in Kirkland.
 - o. Sky Nursery has built a big new building and they've said we can use their conference room for free. Unfortunately, we can only use it during the day when Sky is open. They would love to have us use it.
 - p. We need a logo for signs etc. We need to find a graphic designer to design it for us. Pam will ask by email if anybody is a designer or knows one.
6. Action Items for next meeting
7. Next Board Meeting April 5, 2011 at Deborah's

