



Hardy Plant Society of Washington

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Purpose	Board Meeting
Date	September 10, 2012
Location	NE Branch Library, Seattle Public Library
Participants	Pamela Perrott, Coral Wilde, Stefani Cushing, Bob Lilly, Alice Brewer, Caroline Zebrowski
Absent	Grace Hensley, Terri Bates

Agenda

1) CUH garden

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How did the garden design meeting go? Who was there?

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Do we have enough crew leads?

2) Flower and Garden Show- Stefani – are we registered?

Who will be on the booth committee?

3) Website – Grace has three volunteers to update the website. Pam Perrott, Suzanne Ferris and Suzanne Birrell. When training?

4) Thank you to Joan Karreck for organizing our garden tours. She was really offended by her treatment at the August meeting, but I also know she was thinking of resigning before that. Beda Herbison is interested in taking over the duties.

5) Fall Bulb sale

Info for Bob about bulbs that are out at De Vroomen and Brent and Becky's

Are all the bulbs ordered?

Where will they be delivered?

When and where will we package them?

6) Any other business?

Meeting notes:

1) CUH garden

- a) Recent work parties, which I wasn't able to attend: are we caught up on weeding? What needs doing next?

The Bressingham beds are weeded and bed 1 and 2 have been partly weeded free of Equisetum. We also moved some of the square tiles out of bed 2 – we will use them to edge bed 1, and that is partly done. We need soil to fill the holes left when a tile is removed. Pam said she would buy the soil. Bob said to buy Cedar Grove compost and to buy 6-8 bags.

Assuming we have a work party this coming Saturday we would weed bed 1 and move the tiles if we have a strong enough person there.

On Thursday the 20th we would continue to weed.

The work party scheduled for the 29th is cancelled because that's the day we planned to package bulbs. Pam will send out a notice changing that work party to a 9-5 work party with pizza lunch provided, at Kandy's.

- b) When is the big do at CUH which David Zuckerman referred to in his email (without mentioning the date) – so I can send out an email cancelling the work party?

No one at the meeting knew the answer to this. Pam has emailed Grace and David to find out the date. I suspect it's the coming Saturday, 9/15.

- c) Mulch for the Bressingham beds – is it ordered?

Grace wasn't at the meeting and no one knew if the mulch has been ordered.

- d) When more cardboard mulch for bed #1

We are still accumulating cardboard, but using it for mulch is indefinitely postponed. Stefani said she has a lot of sofa-sized cardboard and needs a large truck to come and pick it up. Bob agreed to do it on a Monday when he can borrow Madeleine Katzman's truck and meet Stefani at the furniture store where she works. There's a deadline since Stef's company needs to move out of their warehouse in a couple of weeks.

- e) How did the garden design meeting go? Who was there?

Bob, Stefani, Coral and Grace were at the design meeting. They made a nice design. Stefani photographed it and emailed the photos to Grace, who will turn it into an electronic design which we can send to David for curatorial committee approval.

- f) Are the bulbs ordered for planting in bed #1 and #2 in the fall?

Bob said the bulbs for planting are all ordered.

We will have an all membership bulb planting work party in October, once the bulbs arrive. We'd like to have all the bulbs in the ground by the end of October.

We need hardware cloth to make covers for the tulips so rats and squirrels won't dig them up and eat them. The board was asked to look and see if they have hardware cloth hanging around (it is strong and has about ¼ inch square holes in it. Chicken wire isn't good.)

- g) Coral got an invite to a volunteer recognition event. I didn't. When is the event?

The volunteer recognition event, which includes a barbecue dinner is Thursday October 18 4-7 in the NHS Hall at CUH. It looks like all our volunteers are invited. Pam will send out a general invite once Coral sends her the email with the invite.

- h) Do we have enough crew leads?

The board thought we have enough crew leads. Pam has been checking that at least one person will be present at each work party. Sometimes only one person is available, but so far we've always had one of the four of us there.

- i) Buckets

We had hoped to buy buckets from Dick's at 75 cents each, but they have stopped selling them. We need another source. Bob is asking around. Pam asked if she should ask the membership for sources of inexpensive buckets. Someone suggested trying Craig's list for buckets. Pam will do that.

2) **Flower and Garden Show**- Stefani – are we registered? Who will be on the booth committee? Stefani said we are registered. We didn't decide on a committee.

3) **Website** – Grace has three volunteers to update the website. Pam Perrott, Suzanne Ferris and Suzanne Birrell. When training?

Stefani volunteered to help with the website, too, especially to upload photos. Grace was absent from the meeting so we couldn't ask her when she plans to have the training session. Pam emailed Grace that Stefani has volunteered also.

4) **Thank you to Joan Karreck** for organizing our garden tours. She was really offended by her treatment at the August meeting, but I also know she was thinking of resigning before that. Beda Herbison is interested in taking over the duties.

Pam brought copies of Joan's email to the board meeting. We agreed as a board to send a Thank You card to Joan in the board's name. Stefani said she thought Bob should apologize to Joan. Stefani said she understood why Joan felt offended by what Bob said, even though he wasn't talking about her, but about others who were talking about the garden tours. Pam said she was sorry to have missed the meeting, but she'd snail mailed garden tour information to Bob, so he would have been able to read it out at the meeting. (He wanted only someone who had printed and definitive information to read it out).

5) **Fall Bulb sale**

a) Info for Bob about bulbs that are out at De Vroomen and Brent and Becky's
Pam handed information to Bob about the bulb orders.

b) Are all the bulbs ordered?

Bob said all the bulbs are ordered

c) Where will they be delivered?

They will be delivered to Deborah Stuteville's house like last year. They will have to be transported to Kandy's from there.

d) When and where will we package them?

At Kandy's on September 29th, one week before the sale. 9-5 with pizza ordered for lunch. Bob said it's possible that not all the bulbs will arrive by the 29th (like last year) and if so we'll need to schedule another bulb packaging party

Brent and Becky's bulbs will be shipped on the 24th from the east coast, so we hope will arrive in time.

We need to know how many can come and package bulbs on the 29th

The list we came up with during the board meeting is:

Pam Perrott

Coral Wilde

Caroline Zebroski

Alice Brewer

Kandy Kroll

Stefani Cushing

Carol Hooey
Shirley Shimada
Julie Martinson
Lynne Harrison
Beda Herbison

Stefani said the NHS fall plant sale is this coming weekend, Friday 9/14 12-6 and Saturday 9/15 9-2 at North Seattle Community College in the parking garage under the new building at the north end of the NSCC campus. Pam volunteered to hand out postcards with the bulb sale info on Friday afternoon, and Stefani volunteered to hand them out Saturday. Grace needs to make 800 postcards with the bulb sale information on them by Friday.

Pam needs to mail the publicity post cards and do the publicity emails by 2 weeks before, i.e. by 9/23.

We need to order small paper bags to put the bulbs in. Kandy did it last year. Pam will ask Kandy to do it again.

We need to get the boxes, sticks, and photographs back from Terri. Pam will ask Terri to get them to Kandy's before the 29th.

The dirty sticks (from the plant sale) are at Kandy's. Bob thinks we may not need them for the bulb sale.

Large paper bags with handles for people to shop into? Did Kandy return the package of them to QFC? Pam will ask Kandy. We can buy more bags at 5 cents each if needed.

Grace needs to do the labels for the bulbs – the labels that go on the small bags. She did them last year. Bob has the information Grace needs – he needs to get it to her.

We need to bring staplers to the work party. Pam said she can bring 2.

We also can publicize the bulb sale on Craig's list. People suggested putting in as many keywords as possible and we brainstormed a list:

Plant sale, bulb sale, bulbs, daffodils, tulips, crocuses, fritillarias, colchicums (autumn crocuses), leucojums, corydalis, ipheion, alliums, garden, gardener, gardening, CUH, Douglas Classroom.

Pam will put the bulb sale on Craig's list.

Pam forgot to talk about more signs for the bulb sale. We talked about it briefly at the last board meeting. Here is the information, repeated: Pam showed her research on the cost of more signs for both the bulb sale and plant sale. A local place has the best price she's found so far. They would cost 6.50 each if we got 50 (4.95 each if we got 100). The wire H's are \$1.00 each in addition. The board wants Pam to ask how much 20 would cost. And to ask what form the artwork needs to be in, and whether we do the artwork or they do? Pam forgot to do the further research. She will do it ASAP and report to the board, since the signs need to be made soon.

Bob suggested we also have six signs that say 'Bulb Sale is in Douglas Classroom'

Next Meeting

Monday October 1, 2012 at the NE Branch Library, 6-7:45 pm.