

## **Silvana's Community Gardens Minutes February 3, 2010**

Present: Linda Hrycaj, Ann Brewster, Brandi Doocy, Sally Morris, Maggie Butler, Marie Orlin, Heather Gerhart, Irene Horine, Larry Lunceford and Susan O'Brien

**I. Election of Officers:** Co-chairs: Linda and Marie, Treasurer/Registrar: Michelle  
Secretary: Susan O'Brien.

### **II. Future Projects and Priorities:**

#### **A. Grant Money guidelines/constraints**

- 1) \$3000 from Live Well can be used as we see fit.
- 2) \$1000 from Summit Foundation to be used to buy wood for 4-5 experimental beds. We will be testing a variety of cold frames and other extended season methods for 3 years.
- 3) \$1000 from Town of Silverthorne will be used primarily to purchase weed barrier, linseed oil, screws and crusher fines.
- 4) Maggie has asked the county for 40 tons of soil/compost mixture + delivery and use of a bobcat.
- 5) Larry will ask Joanna Hopkins for soil
- 6) We should have about \$2700 on hand in addition to the \$5000 in grant money and that should cover expenses to date.
- 7) Marie is checking on monetary gift from the garden club.

#### **B. Experimental Beds:**

- Half of each of these beds would be used for experimentation.
- Sponsored gardeners would be asked to do the experiments.
- Larry made several suggestions including using weight as a way to measure productivity.
- All would have to be kept simple enough for people to keep records.
- We need a coordinator to lay the experiments out and a "constant" to track results.

#### **C. Bridge and Benches:** Linda shared plans from Walt, the bridge designer.

- One plan incorporates benches that could be sold as memorials.
- There was discussion about ways to make the bridge more "artistic".
- Maggie will talk to Chad to see if he likes the bench-bridge idea for the memorial to his mother.
- Linda will ask Walt to play with some ideas we discussed. Maggie needs a plan to sell.
- Costs for the bridge could go as high as \$6000.

#### **D. Shed:** Discussion about size, cost, location and alternatives.

- Sally will research types and prices for nice "tuff sheds"
- Larry suggested a locking toolbox, (Larry's lock-up) and ways to chain and hang tools as alternatives to a shed.
- Need to identify space for a shed.

**E. Priority:** In order of importance& need: 1). Compost bins, 2). Bridge, (to complete plans turned in to TOS), 3). Shed – will leave space for it.

### III. Committee Reports

- A. Social Committee:** Brandi reported that Julie wanted to have the Kick off party and seed exchange on May 15 at the North Park Pond.
- Marie and Linda asked if the party could be moved to end of April.
  - Julie wants to find donated catering. Otherwise, we can do potluck.
  - The party will be an opportunity to hand out seeds, go over rules, match gardeners with mentors and have fun.
  - Larry suggested a SCG cookbook. People could bring recipes to the party. Brandi will research a cookbook website. Ann knows someone who may be able to help with details.
  - Ann is looking into getting free seeds from Scheeper's and Linda will order free seeds from the American Beauty Fund.
- B. Education:** Joanna sent an updated class list. This is still a work in progress.
- First confirmed SCG class of the season is EDIBLES THAT GROW IN SUMMIT COUNTY AND HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SEEDS. 6-7:30 PM on Wed, 3/24 at the County Commons' Mt. Royal room in Frisco. Instructor is master gardener Kim Desmoineaux. Joanna asked us to help promote this class.
  - Big Horn/ Ace Hardware store is happy to let us use the kitchen in their design center for classes. (Thanks for asking, Annie B!)
  - Ryan at TOS has also agreed to let us use their facilities free of charge.
- C. Mentor Group:** Each mentor will have a resource notebook full of information that they can share with their mentees. They will hook up with gardeners at the party and be available to answer questions throughout the season.
- D. Communications/PR Committee:** Jill Benbow will set up and monitor a free account with Yahoo groups where gardeners can go to comment or post questions. She will also do a weekly blog this season and will work with Marie to put the blog on the website. Thanks Jill!

### IV. Next Steps:

- A. Five Year Planning Committee** will meet next Wednesday. Feb 10 at 6PM in conference room of Silverthorne Town Hall.
- B. Rules & Applications:** This paperwork needs to be finalized so that apps can go out to gardeners the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Previous gardeners will need to fill out the revised application form and sign off on the rules.
- C. Status or Wait List** needs to be determined when Michelle gets back in town.
- D. Reconfigure the middle section of the gardens.**
- E. Start bi-monthly meetings in April.** Susan will check on meeting space.
- F. Work Day:** Set a date/place in April or May to build the experimental beds, and find someone to coordinate this work.
- G. Town Council Update:** Maggie, Linda and Ann will attend 2/23 council meeting (Tues.) and hand out the sponsorship report with pictures.

**IV. Adjourn:** Next meeting Wednesday, March 3 at 6 PM in the Schmidt Room in Silverthorne Town Hall.

Garden meetings are open to the public & scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month at 6:00.