

Silvana's Community Gardens Minutes March 3, 2010

Present: Linda Hrycaj, Ann Brewster, Brandi Doocy, Sally Morris, Maggie Butler, Marie Orlin, Heather Gerhart, Irene Horine, Julie Maggs, Michele Juneau, Tim Glasco, Joanna Rybak and Susan O'Brien

I. General Business

A. Long-term planning committee report: Linda reviewed what was discussed at the meeting on February 10. See the basic outline at the end of the minutes.

B. New Bridge plans: Linda met Walt, the bridge designer, & had plans for everyone to see.

C. Box building and Compost classes:

- HCCC is offering 5 composting classes starting in May that will provide thorough knowledge on all aspects of composting.
www.highcountryconservation.org. – Green Living to Master Composter.
- Joanna will ask Jen Santry if she will oversee our composting efforts this season. We want advice when it comes time to filling the boxes.
- Joanna will email compost box specs to Tim.
- Compost boxes will be built the same night as the raised beds. Scheduled building date is **April 28** at the Subaru Dealership. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- Maggie will look for free lumber for the raised beds and compost boxes.
- Tim asked if we plan to build another phase of beds. Our group is not ready to take on more at this time.

D. Rules and Application: Michelle has the rules written. Susan will send these out for online review by the Steering Committee. Michelle will email the revised application for review.

- Applications will be accepted at Silverthorne Town Hall again, and we will NOT apply for a post office box, as formerly stated.
- Marie will post the new application on the website.

E. Waiting Lists and plot configurations:

- There are 7 people on a 2009 waiting list, 6 people on a 2010 waiting list, and others interested in getting information.
- 4 gardeners have said that they will not return.
- SPA will have one raised-bed plot this year.
- The 4H group will use the children's beds by the fence and give up their in-ground plot.
- We will keep the potato patch.
- The registrar will meet with co-chair to discuss redesigning the in-ground beds, and assignment of any newly available plots. Date TBD.

F. Town Council Update: Linda, Ann and Larry did a short presentation before the Silverthorne town council.

- Larry shared Neils-Lunceford's landscape design award for the work they did on the gardens last year. (Congratulations!!)
- The town council was happy and supportive of the gardens.

G. Kick-Off Party: SAVE THE DATE – **May 15 from 5-7 PM** at the NORTH POND PARK. It's a POT LUCK.

- Brandi will help with invitations
- The seed exchange will take place at this party. Ann expects that Sheeper's Seed Co. will donate to this.
- Everyone should bring a dish/beverage, or both to share. Wine & beer OK.
- **Cookbook:** Brandi researched making books online and found that it would be too expensive due to website minimums. We'll make our own, so **EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING FAVORITE GARDEN RECIPES** to the party, and we can get started on this project.
- The party planners have lots of ideas for a fun year!

H. Garden Class Update: Joanna's schedule of classes is almost complete.

- SAVE THE DATE for the 1st class on March 24. **Edibles that grow in Summit County and How to Choose Your Seeds** 6-7:30at the County Commons in Frisco, taught by master gardener Kim Desmoineaux.
- See a list of classes being offered at the Alpine Earth Center in Silverthorne. www.alpinegarden.com.
- There will be a lot of crossover classes in the county. Check our website for 4H Children's classes www.silvanascommunitygardens.org.

II. Adjourn: Next meeting Wednesday, April 7 at 6 PM in the Schmidt Room in Silverthorne Town Hall.

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