

On 8-9-22 we had our potluck at Bellevue University with the Bellevue and Plattsmouth Garden clubs. We had a lot of very nice items donated for the raffle. The money from the tickets for the raffle that people bought paid for the chicken and the extra money we received went to our club and the Bellevue Garden Club. We had around 56 people attend from all clubs. Our speaker was Sarah Buckley, who is a coordinator of the Bloom Box Program through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. She told us about the Bloom Box Program and how it helped schools and children learn about plants. The Plattsmouth Garden Club invited all of us to the installation and dedication ceremony of the Gold Star Memorial Marker that takes place on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2pm the Oak Hill Cemetery. They are also having a fall plant and garden sale on 9-9-22 and 9-10-22 starting at 9am at the First United Methodist Church in Plattsmouth. Everyone had a great evening!

Kathy Cedillo
Club Secretary

The Papillion Garden Club met on 9-13-22. We had 26 members attend the meeting and 3 visitors. Sandi Gable, Club President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sandi Gable then introduced our speaker Bob Henrickson from Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. He gave a presentation on Natural Crafts for Holiday Decorating. He talked about which evergreen branches you could use to make wreaths, swags and arrangements in pots. He also told us which grasses and flowers we could also use, how to dry them and when to gather them. His presentation was very interesting, and he was a great speaker! The presentation is on our website along with his handout.

We then had treats and refreshments which were very yummy! Cathy Bartunek then passed out birthday cards to club members.

Sandi Gable let the club members know that Marylou Alfieri had died recently. Marylou had been in our garden club for many years, was a Master Gardener, and did other community activities. Sandi read a very nice poem in tribute to Marylou.

Sandi then brought up Old Business. The Papillion/Bellevue/Plattsmouth Garden Clubs Potluck was a success, a great turnout and the speaker, Sarah Buckley was very interesting. Sandi thinks maybe next year we could come up with a program that includes children and gardening, maybe at Papillion Landing. Deb Busche had brought up last month to give the membership list to all members. Due to security purposes, we will not be sharing the list but if someone wants to get information about a member, ask Sandi and then she will ask the member if that is ok.

For New Business Joyce Stranglen brought up an opportunity to work at the Stephen Center in the spring. We would plant a garden and then maintain it. They have a shade and a sun garden. If interested we can contact Beth Ellis at the Stephen Center. Joyce also brought up that if anyone was interested in weeding and deadheading the Butterfly Garden on Thursday mornings to let her or Karla Rupiper know. She also told us that the Josie Harper Hospice

House will be having a garden tour on Saturday, September 17th from 10 am to noon at 7014 Cedar St, Omaha, NE. Sandi Gable then reminded us that Sheltering Tree may need our help next June with their garden. Sandi let us know that the Festival of Trees is on November 18th and 19th. We usually decorate a tree for this event, would like 4-5 people to help with this and to let Sandi know if you are interested. Sandi thanked the hospitality committee for providing the yummy treats. Judy Liberty, treasurer, gave her report on how much money we have and the expenses that were paid in the last month or so. Our next meeting will be on October 11 and we will celebrate the club's birthday. Our speaker will be Justin Evertson, and will do a presentation on tree selection, planting and care.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

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