

The Papillion Garden Club met on 10-11-22. We had 32 members attend the meeting. Cathy Bartunek, Vice President, called to order the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone. Sandi Gable, President, was on vacation.

Cathy Bartunek, Vice President, then introduced our speaker, Justin Evertson, who has worked for the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the Nebraska Forest Service since 1990 and has been the Green Infrastructure Coordinator since 2010. He oversees programs that provide funding, technical assistance and educational outreach for community forestry and public landscaping efforts across the state. His areas of expertise are in trees, arboriculture, and sustainable landscaping. He brought quite a few tree samples to show us and told us about all kinds of trees. He even brought a small tree to give away! He gave us handouts to take with us about trees, and how to care for them. He was very interesting, and he answered a lot of our questions regarding trees.

Kathy Cedillo, Secretary, thanked & recognized Connie Leversee for all her leadership and hard work that she did with the Blue Star Memorial Garden since 2012. The club gave her a card and a gift card as she is stepping down from chairing this garden but will still help with the garden.

Judy Liberty, Treasurer, announced that we were celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of our club. She let us know that the club was started in 2007 when eight women decided to start a garden club where “members could share the enjoyment of plants in a fun and relaxing environment”. The original members were Kathy Bokelman (president), Connie Leversee (secretary), Connie McDonell (vice president), Mary Hopewell (treasurer), Deb Fabry (publicity), and Jane Meter and Carols Gates (membership committee). She thanked the ladies for their vision of starting Papillion Garden Club to share the love of plants and we gave the original members a beautiful yellow rose.

We then had a break for treats, which we had a beautiful, decorated flower birthday cake, ice cream, and nuts. Cathy Bartunek announced birthdays and passed out cards.

For New Business Joyce Stranglen spoke to us about the Junior Women’s Club Festival of Trees that will be at the Polish Home on 11-18-22 and 11-19-22. We are planning on decorating a Christmas Tree for this event. Cathy Bartunek asked for volunteers for the nomination committee so that we could provide the names of candidates for 2023 officers in November. Joyce Stranglen, Kathy Bokelman, and Jackie Pool volunteered for this committee. Cathy Bartunek let everyone know that we had to change our November meeting back to 11-8-22, as it was going to be on 11-15-22 due to election day on 11-8-22. Anna Johansen from Canoyer’s will be sharing how to care for house plants. Nancy Zaraya suggested that the club allocate money in the budget for the Blue Star Memorial Garden of \$500 for flowers, mulch, and tools. She said we could think about it and then vote on it early next year. Nancy Zaraya also said that the Butterfly Garden could use some help deadheading, cleaning up the garden in a couple of weeks. Cathy Bartunek announced that on December 13 will be our annual Christmas Party Potluck. We would like to have a raffle so bring items along with a yummy food dish. We then had a raffle and three people won fabric pumpkins and a gardening puzzle. Several club members brought plants to share. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.