

**Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.**  
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**“Keepers of the Earth”**  
**September 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by **President Joan Collick** at 10:39 A.M. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with a reminder that the minutes are on the website. The ADOBE program is used and Jackie Skinner at the library will help anyone who needs help. Joan then thanked Linda Reinhardt for the signage pointing the way to our new meeting lair, Sue Hegarty for the coffee, Lois Kallis for the exotic runners on the tables and ALL who helped fix up the room.

The garden walk for 2013 will be centered around Lake Manuka and Otsego Lake.

**Denise Matteini, membership chair**, reported that there were 29 members present at the August meeting.

**Lois Kallis, program chair**, announced that at the next meeting Suzanne Stock will talk about sand gardening. There will also be a **field trip** on October 12 to the Applefest in Charlevoix. We will meet at the Peace Lutheran Church at 10 A.M. Lois also reminded us that Arrow (now American) on Little League Drive provides receptacles for recycling. [Www.recyclechicken.com](http://www.recyclechicken.com) provides information on where to recycle unusual items. Remember to buy flowers from Evelyn when possible as she was most generous with the flowers she provided for us when she was our guest speaker. Also remember Robert DeLong for sharpening those garden shears, And finally please let Lois know if you have any ideas for future programs or field trips.

Sue Hegarty announced that the Patriot's Place (veteran's homes) won the election for **“Deck the Halls.”**

**Treasurer Linda Reinhardt** reported that we have a balance of \$6,241. She reminded the garden chairs to please give her your receipts and expense reports for reimbursement.

**Marge Williamson, corresponding secretary** announced that she mails the newsletter to a list of seven members without computers. Let her know if you need to be on that list. And then—birthday song time!

**Kathleen Normand** suggested taking pictures of our gardens and putting them on posters to decorate the walls of our lair. As an example, she had a poster of the gardens at the Rock and Information Center. Woo Hoo!!

Joan welcomed Kim Jones—a returning member of the garden club. Welcome back!!

**Roseann Kujawa, planting chair**, reported that Ellsworth ordered dairy doo for us last year.

HOWEVER— some of the gardens did not pick up their order. If next year's order is not picked up in a "timely fashion" it will be sold. We will need 41 bags by October 7 for a total cost of \$491.18.

Mirja Hoeft made the motion *that we purchase Dairy Doo at Ellsworth for up to \$500*. Seconded by Nancy Fussell. Discussion. Motion passed.

**The fall plant exchange** will be held on September 29 from 9-12 by the pavilion. Kidz on a Mission will set up the canopy.

**Chairs for the Greens Sale (November 17) are Pat Sitz and Pearl Kabacinski.** Chamber of Commerce booklets were distributed in hopes that members would choose at least two businesses to solicit for greens. Forms were provided. The prices are the same as last year; orders need to be turned in by November 9. Forms may be found on the website—Pat also has LOTS of forms and envelopes!!

**Pine Cone Queen Carol Breed** presented Pine Cones 101—a brief study on the type of pine cones to hunt in obtaining the required count of 75. Pine cone wiring takes place November 14, 9:30 A.M. at the Waters RV Center. Bring a chair.

**He Christmas Luncheon Chairs Mirja Hoeft and Shirley Teankersley** passed around the menu from Marsh Ridge. They announced that the charity for this year would be the VFW with the money going towards their new building fund. It was suggested that we purchase a paver that says, "Freedom is not Free, from the Edelweiss Garden Club. " \$5 to \$10 per member is the suggested donation amount. God bless America!!! Checks for both the luncheon and the VFW contribution should be made out to EGC.

The **revised by-laws and operational procedures** are on the website and in the newsletter. Please read them as we will be voting on them at the October meeting.

**The board nominating committee** consisted of Ruth Doss, Roseanne Kujawa and Marilyn McIntosh. They thanked Marge Williamson for her past service and bid adios to Kathleen Normand. The proposed slate of officers is:

First VP—Denise Matteini  
Recording secretary- Pam Karbowsky  
Corresponding Secretary- Caryl Irrer  
Director- Pam Greve  
Director- Linda Kirkpatrick

Terms begin in June although installed in December.

Sue Symkowiak made a motion *that the money collected for name tag fines be given to the food pantry annually instead of to Pennies for Pines*. Seconded by Sue Hegerty. Motion passed.

**Gardening Concerns and Suggestions**

Ruth Doss brought pink hydrangeas for “show and share,” along with information on growing them.

Richard DeLong does a sharp job of sharpening garden tools. Tools may be dropped off at Advanced Electric with no drop-off fee.

If transplanting now, use lots of water. Spring is a better time.

Don't cut down hostas.

Peonies should ONLY be moved in the fall.

Bring your own mugs for coffee at the next meeting (think green!!) and don't forget canned goods for the food pantry.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Karbowsky  
Recording Secretary