

Russell and District Horticultural Society

Minutes of meeting Monday, May 21, 2018

7 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Community

1. The meeting began with the guest speaker Daniel Shelton who gave an introduction to Bonsai

Some of the topics included:

- What is Bonsai
- Origins of Bonsai
- Species characteristics
- Sizes and styles
- Care and maintenance
- Special care (tools, pots, shaping, pruning, soil)

2. Carole van Die thanked the speaker.

There were about 22 members present

3. Lindley McPhail approved the minutes from the previous meeting, and seconded by Grace Stapper. Minutes were accepted by everyone.
4. Carole reminded everyone that the last meeting had been cancelled due to weather and that the guest speaker will be rescheduled for another meeting.
5. Carole also reminded everyone that the next June flower show will be held at the next meeting and the flower show schedule can be found in the yearbook and on the website. Also at the next meeting will be a guest speaker who will be talking about cacti.
6. Lindley announced that there are a few copies of publication 34, which is a booklet on judging standards for flower competitions.
7. Marie-Claire announced that the 7th annual Victorian Tea fundraiser for breast cancer will be held June 23. There will be three sittings (at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm). Tickets are \$35.
8. Carole reminded everyone that the next watercolor workshop would be on Thursday and that Gloria had brought in her watercolors from the previous workshop.
9. Carole announced that the plant sale which ran from 7:30-noon on Saturday raised \$1,720.00. A big thankyou was put forward to Ann Jackson and her students for growing many vegetables for the sale. The society donates the seeds and the soils and the students put in the labour to grow the vegetables. Any leftover vegetables then get planted in the giving garden at the school.
10. Grace let everyone know that Janet and Doug Scharf were at the plant sale and are planning to start a local newspaper and are looking to fill a paid position for a person to sell advertising spots in the paper.
11. Lindley announced that the plaque is now up at the Children's Reading Garden at the Russell Library.
12. Treats were provided by ????