

Argonne Garden Club Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2011

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Building 212, A157

MARCH MEETING RECAP

John Jecha from Green Garden Nursery Center came, talked about gardening issues and answered people's gardening questions. He handed out lots of freebies.

WINTER SOWING – MILK JUG UPDATES (FEBRUARY MEETING)

Several gardeners brought in their milk jugs which were seeded during our “Winter Sowing” workshop in February. Karen Walker talked about growing her seedlings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Louis was busy flagging the pizza delivery girl. Anyone who has questions on finances can direct them to him.

MISC BUSINESS

1. Earth Day: There will be a lab-wide Earth Day celebration on Tuesday, April 24. The garden club will participate, along with a dozen or so other groups/organizations.
2. Plant Swap: We had a plant swap at the exchange club last year. Although the weather was pretty bad, we had a decent turnout of plants and people. The club needs feedback to decide whether to do this event or not. Please send in your comments.

PLOT PROGRAM UPDATE

Updated maps have been posted on the website showing 2012 plot assignments.

The club officers and stewards were introduced to members. Stewards for each area are also uploaded although we don't yet have every position filled. Coming soon.

Tilling is anticipated to take place as soon as the ground is dry enough for it. If it had not rained recently, it would have started already.

OPEN FORUM:

The group talked about the use of milky spore (organic means) to control Japanese beetles. The 200 areas will be a test case this year. Erika will find out which specific areas have been inoculated.

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 15, at noon. The location will be the Building 212 A157, unless otherwise indicated. Questions, suggestions, and willingness to volunteer can also be directed to garden@anl.gov.