

Sowers of St. Luke's

St Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN

May/June 2010

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Summer's Coming...

Let the Gardening Begin

First I want to thank my co-leader Sue Mc. for attending the Member Care Ministry meeting on March 30th. Sowers is grouped with several others in this area, and it is a way to get together quarterly to hear about each other's activities. Please let either of us know if this is something (evening meeting) that you might be interested in attending in the future.

We had a good turnout, including three non-members, for the Tussie Mussie workshop on April 21st. It was fun learning about and creating our own "message" in flowers. Don't forget that our re-scheduled program on Bees is coming up June 9 which will be the last program for the non-gardening season.

A huge thank you goes to Carolyn and Sue M. for their excellent organization and implementation of the Spring Plant Sale. Looks like our gamble of holding it on Mother's Day paid off, as we realized over \$1000.00 in profit. Thank you to all who provided plants and helped with the set-up, sales and clean-up! This is our biggest money maker of the year, so please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to learn the ropes by being a co-team leader next year.

Another big thank you goes to everyone who showed up Saturday (including my and Carolyn's husbands!) to spread mulch. Jim Altum of Litchfield Gardens donated the mulch which Anna and Pat R. helped spread. Newcomers Pat and Lynn were most welcome as well.

Thank you also to our intrepid communications queen, Diane, for volunteering her garden this Sunday for open garden. This is such a nice tradition, that some of us lazier gardeners really appreciate! Hope to see everyone there.

In the meantime, I hope that everyone's little piece of paradise flourishes this summer!

Gail



Bees in the Garden

The Sowers will meet on **Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00PM in the Parlor** for the 'make-up' program on bees. Kathleen Prough, a state apiary (bees) inspector, will discuss the importance of bees in our gardens and the environment. She will also discuss the difficulties that the bee population is experiencing currently. Please come and bring any who might be interested.

Spring Plant Sale

Thanks to all the Sowers who made our plant sale a success again this year! It was another good one. Judy Tults reports a tentative profit of \$1,028.91. Very good!

Sue Meyer

Notes from the Garden

My calendar has been brimming with Sower's activities this month. First, three of us drove over to Beneta Harshman's off of W. Kessler to dig plants from her garden for the last time. After driving back to the church five of us gathered around the picnic table and potted. The house will go on the market this summer. Deb Smith, her daughter, has been gracious to let us take plants for the

last three sales. "Mom would be so happy to know the plants are going to good homes." If you get into Good Earth in Broad Ripple, look for Deb and say thank you for promoting our cause with her brother who has been managing the house.

Last week was another successful plant sale. It was successful in that we made approximately \$1000 and several members whom had not participated for awhile joined in. Should we choose the second Sunday in May again next year? We were glad to include two new members, Lynn Bryant and Pat Taylor. Lynn has come to work in the garden several times this spring and Pat joked she was going to decide later about membership. She told me today she was writing that check. *(She has sent it! DR)*

Last Sunday the congregation bought our plants, and some customer's purchases filled the red wagon. This Sunday if the weather was nice enough to entice them into the garden they would have seen that wonderful look and smell of new mulch. Litchfield Landscaping again donated the mulch -- thank you Jim Altum. We had prepared the beds earlier in the week by weeding and cutting back daffodils. Eight of us including two husbands were able to spread the mulch in less than two hours, and we did a very satisfactory job with no bruises that I know of to members or plants.

Carolyn Curry

Ed note: Beneta was a member many years ago who hosted very nice Sunday teas in her garden. Sadly she now has Alzheimer's.

Member Notes

Cherrie Kochel recently sent the following note with her dues. She wanted to be sure the Sowers knew she so appreciated the herb basket we sent to her husband Lester's memorial service last spring. "I cherished the veggies and herbs all last year. What a perfect gift! The support and cards from everyone truly helped and lifted me through the darkness into the light."

Member Directory

This year's directory is enclosed with the mailed version. There will also be extra copies in the Sowers' box for those that do not get the mailed version. I don't think it will be on the website at this point – privacy, you know!

Look at the photo section of our website for some shots taken of the tussie mussies.

The Language of Flowers

There were 11 Sowers members and 3 guests at the program in April – nice turnout! Miranda Marsico of Blooming Dragon Emporium in the Irvington area told us how flowers and herbs were 'messengers' in the old days. Most often they were used by gentlemen to communicate with a favorite lady. She then taught us how to put together a "tussie mussie" from an assortment of flowers that she brought along. We could choose the flowers knowing the appropriate sentiment that went with it. The central flower is the main sentiment and it is usually a rose.

Pink rose	grace and beauty
Yellow rose	maternal love, friendship
Alstromeria	prosperity and fortune
Daisy	cheerfulness
Fern	sincerity
Larkspur	devotion
Rice flower	festivity
Statice	always remember
Stock	lasting beauty

From the Editor

Issues are posted on our website: www.sowersofstlukes.com with the newest at the top of the list. They are printable as an MS Word .doc file or as an Adobe .pdf file. Members will receive an email when a new issue is posted.

St Luke's website: www.stlukesumc.com also has an active link to the Sowers website. Look under "Get Involved", and then we're under "Fellowship" right after the Elderberries.

Diane R

2009 Financial Statement

Beginning Balance (1/1/09) \$ 4,658.33

Income:

Membership Dues 110.00
Memoriam 0.00
Donations 0.00

Total Club Income: \$ 110.00

Color Program 435.00
Plant Sale/Spring 1,084.50
Plant Sale/Fall 411.00
Bazaar 1,080.75

Total Fundraising Income: \$ 3,011.25

Endowment Interest Withdrawn 0.00

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Expenses:

Garden (plants, mulch, labor) 440.45
Sprinkler Maintenance 292.00
Plants for Pots/Urns at Entrance 290.30
Speaker Honorariums & Supplies 50.00
Memorial/Flowers 154.20
Charitable Contributions (KIB) 100.00
Stamps, Postage, Paper, Checks 86.34

Total Club Expenses: \$ 1,413.29

Color Program 117.00
Plant Sale (herbs & supplies) 61.63
Plant Sale/Fall 0.00
Bazaar Supplies 166.52
Bazaar Booth 2010 176.00

Total Fundraising Expenses: \$ 521.15

Endowment Contribution 1,000.00

Total Endowment Expenses: \$ 1,000.00

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Ending Balance (12/31/09) \$ 4,845.14

Color Program Profits \$ 318.00

Plant Sale Profits (1,022.87+411.00) \$ 1,433.87

Bazaar Profits \$ 738.23

Endowment Value (12/31/2009) \$12,706.00

Events Calendar

Fri 6/4 6:30pm Garden with Carolyn

Wed 6/9 Rescheduled "Honeybees" program
7:00pm in church parlor

Sat 6/19 9:30am Garden with Carolyn

Sun 6/27 Deadline for next newsletter

Fri 7/2 6:30pm Garden with Carolyn

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Sat 7/24 9:30am Garden with Carolyn

Next newsletter in late July or early August....

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