



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: April 14, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President, at The Church of the Holy Nativity located at 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

There were 44 members and 5 guests present at this meeting.

Mr. Jordan Bagarolo opened the meeting with a whimsical poem titled "The Garden".

The program portion of the meeting began prior to the business meeting at the request of the presenter. Ms. Anne Nicholas introduced Ms. Deborah Trickett, a Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist and owner of the Captured Garden. The program "Jaw Dropping, Traffic Stopping, Get Your Neighbors Talking Containers" was informative and entertaining. Ms. Trickett provided ideas for unusual containers as well as interesting combinations of colors, leaf shapes and textures. The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session.

A short break followed, and the meeting was called back to order at 10:50.

Ms. Picciotto introduced Mr. Paul Williams from the Weymouth Health Department who deals with substance abuse and suicide prevention. WGC was contacted by Mr. Williams for potential community engagement through gardening. "Thyme for Iris and Oak" is the title for this endeavor. Several suggestions have been made – pop up gardens with positive messaging, hope and recovery plots blending ecology and nature with social issues to form a healthier community. Further discussions will follow shortly.

Secretary's Report: Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the March meeting are posted on the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin has forwarded many items of interest over the past month. Check emails for details of upcoming events, including South Shore District luncheon on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Horticulture Morning Workshop on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom" event – April 28-30, 2018 – celebrates spring in their Annual Festival with fine art and fresh flowers. Mses. Michelle Cappellini and Yoshie Picciotto are planning the arrangement to best interpret the Georgia O'Keefe "Fish Hook for Hawaii #2" painting.

Books-in-Bloom: Ms. Jean Berg applauded the 35 fabulous arrangements from this year's event. Ms. June Fulton provided an exceptional program giving detail for all entrants. Ms. Michelle Cappellini cared for the exhibits, watering as needed.

Children's Workshop: The next workshop is not yet defined.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney shared a note of thanks from the Weymouth Food Pantry for the generous donations given by club members.

Field Trips: The Field Trip to Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset is planned for 4/28. Ms. Lisa McCrossen requested those wishing to carpool meet at the parking lot opposite the Verc Car Rental shop on Route 18 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$12, cash only, which includes a talk and tour of the farm.



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Garden Therapy: Ms. Mary Fasci confirmed the next session is on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to assist, and any donations of seasonal containers or decorations are gladly accepted. Ms. Trentin will send out a reminder notice.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded members that she is ready to help if members need assistance, especially for the upcoming Plant Sale.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked members for the delicious assortment of baked goods, breakfast items and fruits. The centerpiece was also quite lovely. A suggestion was made that future programs precede the business portion of the meeting. As most members agreed, next year's meetings will be planned with the new format.

Membership: Members are requested to forward their Club dues of \$40, to Ms. Donna Schiller. Ms. Picciotto will forward a proof of the Club brochure to Mses. Berg and Foster for proofreading.

Programs: Mses. Anne Nicholas and Maureen Lyons are working on the Programs for next year. Speakers will be requested to start at 9:40.

Publicity: Mses. June Fulton and Michelle Cappellini are working on the next video which includes the Books-in-Bloom festivities. Rainbow of colors is now available on the cable channel.

Ms. Cappellini informed WGC members of the Civil War re-enactment that's planned for May 12<sup>th</sup>, same day as our next meeting. The plan is for the event to begin at the Abigail Adam's Green. Ms. Cappellini will be on-site to keep a watchful eye on the property.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan mentioned various sites where the daffodils are sprouting. Check out the High School sign, Fogg Library and Police station to name a few of many areas WGC has planted daffodils. The Abigail Adams Green clean-up has been postponed. Neighbors in adjacent properties have pitched in and done a fantastic job.

Plant Sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne is unable to attend the meeting. The May 18<sup>th</sup> date has been confirmed with the DPW for drop off 4-7 p.m. Set up will commence on May 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 a.m. with sale hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. allowing for 1 p.m. DPW space vacancy deadline. Refreshments will be provided on both days.

Minimum of 10 plants per member are requested. Plants should be potted in appropriate containers (no popcorn, please) at least 1 month prior to the Sale. Members can again purchase herbs with Ms. Mary Dorey in lieu of bringing plants. Members can purchase 1 plant on 5/18 and 1 plant on 5/19 prior to start. Pricing structure will be same as last year. As the Plant Sale is our major fund raiser for Scholarships and Club education, all members are required to participate.

Library Flower Arrangements: Member volunteers are providing arrangements as scheduled. Ms. Cappellini will call to remind volunteers who have signed up.

The Opportunity Drawing closed out the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:45 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Nichols*

Anne Nichols, Secretary