



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2019

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. EDT, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President, at The Church of the Holy Nativity located at 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. Yoshie welcomed all members to the meeting.

There were 47 members present at this meeting and 1 guest – Ms. Lisa Sandonato.

Invocation: was given by Mr. Jordan Bagarolo:

Persian proverb was quite appropriate for this meeting:

*"He who wants the rose*

*Must respect the thorns"*

Program: Ms. Anne Nicholas introduced the speaker – Mr. David Cannistraro, Master Rosarian. His Company is Just Roses located in Stow, MA. This presentation was extremely informative giving basic tips and easy solutions for a beautiful garden. From watering to fertilizing to pruning to bedding down for winter, Mr. Cannistraro left no detail to the imagination. The demonstration of trimming back the rose bush showed the proper technique when pruning. Just keep in mind the 4 D's – prune if dead, damaged, diseased or for design. Clip away but be sure to use bypass pruners never use anvil pruners. Makes a big difference.

The meeting adjourned for a short recess at 10:52 and resumed at 11:05.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney thanked the members for the great raffle items this month. The Food Pantry is grateful for the Club's generosity. Sign-up sheet for future raffle items is located on raffle table. Thanks to Ms. Fran Hale for the pussy willows which are always a big hit with members.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis was not able to attend. Ms. Picciotto reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Pennies for Pines goal to plant 2 acres of trees has been reached. The funds raised from Membership dues pay for all club expenses, donation for meeting space, programs, maintaining our website and printed materials. Members are encouraged to choose attractive raffle items as that is our only in-house fund raiser.

The proceeds from the May Plant Sale is used to fund the 2 - \$1,000 scholarships that are awarded to Weymouth residents. Any additional funds are earmarked for education.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin will forward the flyer for the Plant Sale to members.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM): Members are encouraged to look at GCFM.org for workshops and classes that are available

The Boston Flower Show was reported to be not spectacular by member attendees. There were only 4 exhibits to view, but many more vendors in the Marketplace.

The South Shore District Annual Meeting will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Marshfield Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. All are invited. Please let Ms. Picciotto know if interested in attending.

Committee for Elections: Ms. Jean Berg read the slate of officers presented for Club elections:

Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President, Ms. Anne Nicholas, Vice President, Ms. Anne Nichols, Recording Secretary, Ms. Karen DeTellis, Treasurer and Ms. Lisa Kimball, Corresponding Secretary are the proposed candidates. As there were no nominations from the floor, Ms. Nichols cast a vote for the officers as presented.

WGC Committees: Ms. Picciotto reviewed the Committees that work behind the scenes to achieve our Club Mission. All positions are volunteer. The board meets 2 weeks prior to the General Meeting to review upcoming topics and programs. Many of our Committees need Chairpersons for the upcoming year, including Field trips, Plant sale, Programs and Holiday Luncheon. Let Ms. Picciotto know if you are interested.

Field Trips: Ms. Nicholas confirmed the Field trip to Cochato Nursery on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Further details will be available at the May meeting.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley reminded members about the Garden Therapy session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Pope Nursing Home. All members are encouraged to attend.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded Members that help is available to members who are not able to tend their garden due to illness. Help is available for members who need assistance digging up plants for the Plant Sale.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked the members for the delicious spread of baked goods, fruits and the beautiful centerpiece.

Media/Web: Mses. Michelle Cappellini and June Fulton have been working at the studio on the current Birds and Bees educational show. Ms. Picciotto also premiered the Kokedamas demo. Shows are aired on Weymouth TV on Tuesdays at 11 am and 7 pm. For members without cable, the show can be viewed on demand.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller confirmed our Membership now stands at 74.

Dues can be paid at May meeting or mailed to Ms. Schiller.

Plant Sale: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan confirmed the date of Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-noon at the DPW on Winter Street. Members are required to drop off a minimum of 10 plants on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> between 4-6pm. Sign-up sheets were provided for the numerous committees. Suzanne will supply marking sticks at next meeting. Each plant should be identified with color, proper environment, etc. Members are encouraged to re-pot early, making sure dead leaves have been removed from potted plant. Clean pots should be used. Absolutely no non-soil materials should be used, e.g., newspapers, packing peanuts.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan reported the Weymouth Town clean-up day is 4/27. The Abigail Adams Green clean-up will be coordinated on that day from 9am to noon. Bags and gloves can be picked up at the DPW.

Programs: The May program will firm up details for the Plant sale and installation of the Officers.

Publicity: Ms. Jean Berg will be posting Plant sale details on all the Weymouth pages – Cable Channel 8 – WETC and Channel 9 –WCA using the Club flyer.

Sunshine Remembrance: Ms. Judy Suket has no updates currently, be sure to contact Ms. Suket of any member illness, family birth, etc.

Library Flower Arrangements: Volunteers are needed for upcoming months for the Pratt and Weymouth North Libraries' flower arrangements. Sign-up sheets were circulated for coming months. Fresh blooms are requested as well as inspection during the month to add water or prune. Members have donated a children friendly plant at the Fogg Library as the Tufts Library is under construction. The future plan includes twin palms on either side of the fireplace at the Fogg Library upon Tufts construction.

MFA Art in Bloom: Confirmed dates – Friday 4/26/19 to setup with removal on Tuesday 4/30/19. An Ancient World Syrian "storm god" statuette, circa 1500-1200 B.C. is the article chosen for this year's display. There are 50 Garden Clubs participating in the event.

Pennies for Pines: We've exceeded our goal to plant 2 acres of trees in honor of 2 long-time WGC members. A presentation will be made at a future meeting when certificates are in hand.

The raffle concluded the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:15 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Nichols*

Anne Nichols, Secretary