



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: February 10, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT, 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 43 members and 3 guests present at this meeting.

Mr. Jordan Bagarolo gave an invocation titled "A Year's Windfalls" circa 1866 by Christina Georgina Rossetti. *"On the wind in February -- snowflakes float still -- half inclined to turn to rain -- nipping, dripping, chill."* How appropriate.

Ms. Picciotto suggested that members introduce themselves to fellow members whom they aren't acquainted, during the break, encouraging true fellowship within the club.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Picciotto reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Ms. Picciotto reminded members that we are collecting funds for the Weymouth Food Bank today. For every dollar donated the Weymouth Food Bank can purchase \$7 worth of food.

The funding check for our \$2,000 Scholarship commitment has been sent to the Scholarship Committee.

Ms. Picciotto thanked the many members who answered the call for vases that will be used during meetings to enhance our gatherings and at other events.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded members to communicate any changes in contact information to ensure everyone receives WGC announcements and notices. Ms. Picciotto shared a thank you note from Weymouth Youth and Family Service in gratitude for the generous Christmas gifts provided in December by Club members.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts ("GCFM"): Ms. Picciotto has forwarded items of interest to Ms. Trentin for distribution to the Club. Members are encouraged to visit the GCFM site to view the many educational opportunities.

The Pennies for Pines collection was a fabulous success as the Club has raised the \$68 needed to plant an acre of pine trees which will be planted in memory of Ms. Patricia Savage, a former member who passed away suddenly last year. The total amount raised was \$87.

The Boston Flower and Garden Show will return to the Seaport World Trade Center March 14 – 18, 2018.



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Museum of Fine Arts “Art in Bloom” event – April 28-30, 2018 – celebrates spring in their Annual Festival with fine art and fresh flowers. Ms. Michelle Cappellini and Ms. Picciotto are eagerly anticipating their assignment to challenge their creativity. Orientation day is February 26th. At that time an object will be assigned.

Children's Workshop: The next workshop is planned for a seed starting session in the spring.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney is collecting monetary donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry. Ms. Delaney is handling the opportunity drawing as Ms. Mayre Hammond is not attending the meeting today.

Field Trips: Ms. Maureen Lyons reminded members that the Field Trip to the Fuller Craft Museum is happening next Saturday, 2/17. Plans are to meet at the Precinct 10 parking lot area at 9:30 for carpooling to the Brockton location. All interested members should contact Ms. Lyons for further details.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Mary Fasci was unable to attend the meeting however Ms. Picciotto reminded members that the February session is planned for Tuesday, 2/13 at Pope Nursing Home. All members are welcome to assist, and any donations of seasonal containers or decorations are gladly accepted.

Historian: Ms. Michelle Cappellini was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Picciotto reported about the contents that were recently found at Tufts Library in long forgotten WGC locker. There are stacks of scrapbooks - hopefully containing information that's been missing from the WGC historical information. Members might be able to browse scrapbooks if interested. Further details to follow.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked members for the delicious assortment of baked goods, breakfast items and fruits. The centerpiece was also quite lovely.

Membership: Ms. Picciotto reported that Ms. Sue Wencek is stepping down as Membership Committee Chairperson after 5 years of faithful service. Ms. Donna Schiller has accepted the Membership Chairperson role. Ms. Wencek acknowledged 3 guests, Karen, Judy and Marion, in attendance. Kudos to Ms. Wencek for her exemplary efforts.

Chairpersons needed: Ms. Jane Meehan (Hospitality Co-Chair) and Ms. Alice Desaulniers (Program Co-chair) have also tendered their resignations to their respective roles after this season. Hospitality arranges for the beverages and oversees the meeting place set up. The Program Chair develops and coordinates general monthly meeting's programs. Ms. Anne Nicholas will survey club interest for programs for next year at our March meeting. A Programs Workshop at the GCFM Elm Bank location is on 3/20 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Interested members please contact Ms. Picciotto, Ms. Foster or Ms. Nicholas.

Plant sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Picciotto reminded Plant Sale Chairpersons to send Ms. Champagne a note sharing what worked best and any suggestions to make 2018 the best Plant Sale ever.

Publicity: Ms. June Fulton shared photo albums of the last 3 years of Books-in-Bloom. Ms. Fulton reported the next video is nearing completion with closing credits currently in development.

Books-in-Bloom: Ms. Jean Berg suggested interested members might pick a book with a nice jacket giving entrants ample embellishment opportunity. Dates and times follow for the event:



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- 3/1 - Set up displays - noon to 8:30 p.m.
- 3/2 - Viewing of displays - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Reception hosted by the Friends of the Library - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
WGC members to provide baked goodies.

Exhibiting is open to all - friends and neighbors alike - so spread the word. Entries are not judged but enjoyed by all. Ms. Berg provided flyers which Members are directed to post in visible locations throughout town.

Town Beautification: There are no updates. Ms. Suzanne Sullivan is anxiously waiting for daffodils to make their appearance in April.

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

New Business: Weymouth Winter Farmers' Market is held on Saturdays through April from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Chapman School. WGC has been offered a Community Table on February 24th which would be a great opportunity to recruit new members and sell reasonably priced arrangements to help fund our educational endeavors. A sign-up sheet was circulated to gauge interest.

Ms. Picciotto was contacted by Mr. Paul Williams who works for the Weymouth Health Department focused on substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention. Several suggestions were discussed for collaboration with the WGC. A floral arrangement might be a thoughtful gesture for people recovering from addiction or other related issues. Our endeavor will be titled "Thyme for Iris and Oak". Interested members were encouraged to sign up with their contact information.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded members that she is ready to help if members need assistance. Here personal email is: [brendareed5172@gmail.com](mailto:brendareed5172@gmail.com).

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m. for conversation, fellowship and Opportunity Drawing. Meeting called back to order at 10:30 a.m.

Program: Ms. Anne Nicholas introduced Ms. Cheryl Monroe a self-taught gardener for 20 plus years, now a Master Gardener specializing in clematis and garden design. Ms. Monroe gave a fast-paced presentation covering an extensive list of spectacular shrubs to incorporate lots of low maintenance color, texture and appeal. The presentation concluded with a brief question and answer segment.

The Opportunity Drawing closed out the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Nichols*  
Anne Nichols, Secretary

