



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: February 8, 2020

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.

Invocation: Given by Ms. Picciotto

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ...
a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl.
And the anticipation nurtures our dream. – Barbara Winkler

Secretary's Report: Ms. Anne Nichols reported that the minutes to the January 2020 member meeting will be posted to the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of funds on hand.

January Newsletter: Ms. Lisa Kimball sent January newsletter to Members as well as information about Neal Sanders article. Be sure to check your email for updates.

Pennies for Pines: Our continuing collection was held to raise funds to participate in the National Garden Club Federation program to aid in replanting forests. The cost to plant an acre of trees is \$68. Ms. Picciotto hopes to raise \$136 in ongoing collections for the planting of two acres of trees 1 acre for Jane Meehan and 1 acre for Alice Fulton, mother of June Fulton.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney is collecting donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry, reminding Members that each dollar donated will buy \$8 food for needy families in our town.

Field Trips: Lyman Estate and Greenhouses tour is planned for February 29th. A sign-up sheet was circulated. The cost is \$8 per person. Carpooling at 9:30 at the street side of the Precinct 10 parking lot. April trip to Mass. Horticulture Elm Bank is scheduled for April 25th. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley is planning this month's session on February 11th for residents to make terrariums. Mses. Alison Sullivan and Lorelle Mulvey have volunteered to be Co-chairs to this Committee next season.

Helping Hands: Ms. Adele Barcelo should be contacted should Members need help in their gardens due to illness or injury. Ms. Barcelo will in turn seek assistance from fellow Members.

WGC 90th Anniversary: The club will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in April 2021. To mark the occasion, the club is planning a President's tea at the Tufts Library. Suggestions for a theme are welcome.

Historian: With our 90th Anniversary fast approaching, Members are encouraged to forward any news clippings to Ms. Michelle Cappellini.

Publicity: Ms. Picciotto reminded Members any pictures or articles must be approved by her prior to posting. Ms. Martha Slocum has posted minutes to the site for past meetings.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller welcomed Ms. Robin Clark as new Member and confirmed the Club currently has 72 members. Three guests were in attendance.

Programs: Program chairs will be compiling a list of topics to survey Members' interest for next season.

Library Arrangements: Ms. Michelle Cappellini shared the new smaller signs that are placed with arrangements acknowledging the Member's name.

Art in Bloom: Art in Bloom will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts on May 2nd to May 4th. Alice Desaulniers and Jean Berg will participate.

Boston Flower and Garden Show: The Garden Show will be held from March 11-15. The South Shore District President is urging members to enter the show and Ms. Cappellini has accepted the offer. Any interested volunteers should contact Ms. Cappellini.

Weymouth Intra-Garden Club Tour: Ms. Picciotto announced the tour proposed by Ms. Jean Berg and Ms. Charlotte Champagne as an event open to WGC members is scheduled to be held on June 27, 2020, rain date of June 28, 2020. A tour of 5 members' Gardens (2 Gardens as backups) is planned. 30 minutes at each house. Interested Members should contact Ms. Picciotto.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan requested Members to take pictures of any daffodils popping as the Spring rolls into town. Reminder the Abigail Adams clean-up is planned for April 25th to coincide with the Town clean-up efforts.

Plant Sale: This year's Sale will take place on Saturday, May 16th with drop off on Friday, May 15th. Minimum of 10 perennials per Member with option to purchase herbs/vegetable plants instead.

Brief adjournment at 10:20 for refreshments and raffle tickets.

Meeting resumed at 10:35 for "Not Your Grandmother's Hostas" presented by Mr. Stephen Shaw. This informative presentation included a beautiful power point display of the many, many varieties of Hostas – the #1 perennial in the U.S. Proper planting locations for different color of this very versatile plant was also provided. The handout provided a wealth of information from relevant websites for further info as well as best practices to maintain a beautiful garden.

Question and answer session concluded the presentation.

Meeting concluded with raffle at 12:30.

Anne Nichols, Secretary