



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 11, 2020

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.

Invocation: Given by Ms. Ann Schulke

Bare branches of each tree  
on this chilly January morn  
look so cold so forlorn.  
Gray skies dip ever so low  
left from yesterday's dusting of snow.  
Yet in the heart of each tree  
waiting for each who wait to see  
new life as warm sun and breeze will blow,  
like magic, unlock spring's sap to flow,  
buds, new leaves, then blooms will grow.

**Nelda Hartmann**, *January Morn*

Secretary's Report: In the absence of Ms. Anne Nichols, Ms. Yoshie Picciotto confirmed that the approved minutes to the October 2019 member meeting has been posted to the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of funds on hand. The Wreath Sale was a success.

Pennies for Pines: A 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, which will be in the members' names.

WGC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The club will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2021. To mark the occasion, Ms. Picciotto suggested that the club plan a tea or luncheon at the Tufts Library.

Art in Bloom: Art in Bloom will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Cancellation Notices: Ten individuals volunteered to establish a phone tree to contact members if there are any meeting cancellations.

Membership Program for February: “Not Your Grandmother’s Hostas”

Committee Updates:

Children’s Workshop: Ms. Yoshie Picciotto and Ms. Ann Schulke held a workshop for children at the Fogg Library on December 16<sup>th</sup>, using materials left over from the Wreath Sale.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney expressed appreciation for the “Giving Tree” gifts collected at the Holiday Luncheon. Ms. Delaney will begin collecting donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry at the February meeting.

Field Trip: Ms. Mayre Hammond announced a field trip to the Lyman Estate in Waltham scheduled for Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley was again busy running a workshop at the Pope Nursing Home.

Library Arrangements: Ms. Michelle Cappellini was unable to attend the meeting, however, she is still looking for volunteers to provide arrangements at the various library branches.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller reported that the club has a new member, Charlotte Nichols.

Brief adjournment at 10:30 for refreshments and raffle tickets.

Meeting resumed at 10:45 for a workshop led by Ms. Jean Berg and assisted by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto on the art of Ikebana. Members were able to make and take home their own Ikebana arrangements. We had many lovely arrangements made by members at this fun event.

The meeting concluded with raffle drawing at 11:30 a.m.

Donna Schiller, substituting for Secretary Anne Nichols.