



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 9, 2021

The WGC Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Yoshie Picciotto, President to mitigate the COVID-19 risk to our members and follow State mandates about group gatherings. The President welcomed all members to the meeting and wished all Happy New Year. There were 22 members in attendance.

Invocation: Given by Anne Nicholas
I wonder if the snow loves the fields
that it kisses them so gently?
And then it covers them up snug
you know, with a white quilt
and perhaps it says go to sleep darlings
till the summer comes again
- Lewis Carroll

Secretary’s Report: Anne Nichols reported that the minutes to the December 2020 member meeting is posted to the WGC website. Thank you to Martha Slocum for website posting.

Treasurer’s Report: Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of funds on hand as well as the Wreath Sale profits.

Scholarships: Board will discuss Town scholarship award at January Board meeting. If members have any ideas, please forward to Yoshie.

Nomination Committee: As stated in Article VII of the by-laws, 2021 is year to elect Executive Board Members. Yoshie nominated Jean Berg to Chair this Committee. Following positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Lisa Kimball will continue as Corresponding Secretary. Lisa does a fabulous job keeping members informed and sharing relevant gardening tips and tricks. The following members have accepted appointments to this Committee: Mayre Hammond, Alice Desaulniers, Libby McDonald and Carmela Rihn.

The responsibilities for these positions are detailed in the Member Yearbook in Article V. Members interested in any position should contact the Nominating Committee. All positions require work on behalf of the Club. Some suggestions for these vacancies include: Donna Schiller for Recording Secretary. Donna has filled in when necessary and did a great job. The Treasurer must maintain records electronically per requirements of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Penny for Pines: Members are encouraged to forward checks to Karen DeTellis if interested.

Donations: Charlotte Delaney will collect donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry during the February meeting. Checks should be made out to the Weymouth Food Pantry and mailed to Charlotte. Kathy from the Teen Center has shared her appreciation again for the Club's Christmas donations and continued involvement when the need is greater than ever.

Books-in-Bloom and Children's Workshop are not planned this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Field Trips as a group are not being planned though members are encouraged to visit local Garden Centers to spark ideas as the Winter wears on.

Garden Therapy, Helping Hands, Historian and Helping Hands committees are on hold as well.

Media/Web/Publicity continue maintaining the WGC website. Reminder, Yoshie must approve any information prior to posting on the website. Also, any corrections to Yearbook information should be sent to Yoshie.

Plant Sale is currently planned for May 15th. Members should plan on a minimum of contributing 10 plants. Suggested options include herbs, houseplants or something from your garden. Start from seedlings if possible.

January Program: "Winter Growing Houseplants" by Art Scarpa included a tour of Art's greenhouse in Atkinson, NH. The weather outside might be a bit chilly though the indoor temp in the greenhouse is a comfortable 65-70 degrees. Art's extensive knowledge was both informative and entertaining. Great suggestions from starting bulbs indoors to forcing flowers on Christmas cactus.

Lively question and answer segment gave members an opportunity to gain insight into their own houseplants.

Next General meeting is scheduled for 2/13 at 9:30 a.m. and Board meeting is planned for 1/26 at 6:30 p.m.

February Program will be presented by Rebecca Warner titled "4 Steps to an Earth Friendly Garden."

Be sure to watch for reminder emails from Lisa Kimball and Anne Nicholas which will include "Zoom" meeting link.

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Members are reminded to send any WGC related photos to June Fulton for possible publication in Weymouth News.

Meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols, Secretary