



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: March 3, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:35 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.

There were 26 members and 1 guest present at this meeting.

Mr. Jordan Bagarolo’s invocation, appropriately titled “March” opened the meeting.

March, when days are getting long,
To set right some wintry wrong.
Let thy growing hours be strong.
- Carolyn May, 1887

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

Treasurer’s Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. The check for funding the 2018 Scholarships has been forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reported no updates and reminded members to communicate any changes in contact information to ensure everyone receives WGC announcements and notices

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (“GCFM”): Ms. Picciotto reported that Meses. Anne Nicholas and Maureen Lyons will attend a Programs Workshop at the GCFM Elm Bank on 3/20 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. A survey questionnaire has been supplied to this month’s attendees to pinpoint areas of interest for next season’s programs.

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

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller requested a volunteer to set up tags, etc. if she is unable to attend a meeting. Mr. Jordan Bagarolo has volunteered for the assignment.

Museum of Fine Arts “Art in Bloom” event – April 28-30, 2018 – celebrates spring in their Annual Festival with fine art and fresh flowers. Meses. Michelle Cappellini and Yoshie Picciotto were assigned the Georgia O’Keefe “Fish Hook for Hawaii #2” painting. The floral exhibit must contain very specific components and should interpret the feeling of the painting not imitate it. Ms. Picciotto has a vase she made that will be utilized.

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

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney is unable to attend the meeting today. Ms. Karen Corkery is handling the opportunity drawing today. Ms. Picciotto reminded Members to provide items that will attract interest and donations.

Field Trips: The Field Trip to the Fuller Craft Museum was informative and enjoyed by all. The next Field Trip is to Holly Hill in Cohasset on 4/28. Details will be provided next month by Ms. Lisa McCrossen.



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Garden Therapy: Ms. Mary Fasci was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Picciotto volunteered at the February session when Valentine themed arrangements were made. The residents were quite enthusiastic and appreciative of Club members time and talents. All members are welcome to assist, and any donations of seasonal containers or decorations are gladly accepted.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded members that she is ready to help if members need assistance.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked members for the delicious assortment of baked goods, breakfast items and fruits. The centerpiece was also quite lovely. Ms. Jane Meehan is resigning as hospitality co-chair at the end of this season. Ms. Maureen Silva has volunteered for the position.

Membership: Ms. Picciotto reminded members that Club dues will remain at \$40 for next season. Dues can be mailed or given to Ms. Schiller. Deadline is June 1st.

Plant sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne is unable to attend the meeting. The May 18th date has been confirmed with the DPW for drop off 4-7 p.m. Set up will commence on May 19th 6-9 a.m. with sale hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. allowing for 1 p.m. DPW space deadline. Refreshments will be provided on both days. Ms. Judy Suket is circulating sign-up sheets.

Minimum of 10 plants per member are requested. Plants should be transplanted in appropriate containers (no popcorn, please) at least 1 month prior to the Sale. Members can again purchase herbs with Ms. Mary Dorey in lieu of bringing plants. Members can purchase 1 plant on 5/18 and 2 plants on 5/19 prior to start. Pricing structure will be same as last year. As the Plant Sale is our major fund raiser for Scholarships and Club education, all members are required to participate.

Publicity: Ms. June Fulton is filming the Books-in-Bloom festivities immediately following our meeting. There is a total of 35 books in this year's exhibits.

Books-in-Bloom: Mses. Jean Berg and Michelle Cappellini are at Tufts Library this morning. Ms. Cappellini's sister, Ms. Regina Potter also volunteered to host and keep an eye on the exhibits. Members are encouraged to visit and attend the reception from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. hosted by the Friends of the Library. WGC members are providing baked goodies.

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. WGC will not participate this year.

WGC's collaboration with Mr. Paul Williams from the Weymouth Health Department titled "Thyme for Iris and Oak" will get underway in the Spring.

Details on the Marshfield Fair was provided. WGC will not participate this year.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:10 a.m. for conversation and Opportunity Drawing. Meeting called back to order at 10:25 a.m.



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Program: Ms. Anne Nicholas introduced Ms. Hannah Traggis, a Senior Horticulturist with Mass Horticulture. She gave an informative presentation on “Seed Starting”. Her overview of the science and the practical considerations for seedling care through transplanting were a welcome reprieve to our winter blahs.

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. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

 Anne Nichols
Anne Nichols, Secretary