



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: March 7, 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. Anne Nicholas

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold. When it is summer in the light and winter in the shade."

By Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

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

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

February Newsletter: Ms. Lisa Kimball sent March newsletter to Members as well as many informative gardening articles. Be sure to check your inboxes often for valuable information.

Pennies for Pines: Continuing collection 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. Currently, our funds stand at \$120. *(Post report addendum - \$157 was submitted to NGCF)*

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. To date we have collected \$704.

Community Garden: Ms. Lisa Kimball introduced the Old South Union Church Community Garden to Members. The garden is located between Fogg Library and the Church. Volunteer opportunities will exist for Members to provide guidance as the garden efforts progress. The Garden is funded by the South Shore Bank and proceeds of the garden are donated to the Weymouth Food Bank. Estimated produce for the season is 1,200 lbs. Ms. Kimball will alert Members when help is needed.

Field Trips: April trip to Mass. Horticulture Elm Bank is scheduled for April 25th. Abigail Adams and Town clean up planned for same day. Rescheduling trip is a possibility.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley is planning this month's session on March 11th for residents to pot plants with St. Patrick's Day theme. Volunteers are always welcome.

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. June Fulton has provided Club information to the Weymouth News for posting in "Things to do" at WWW.Weymouth.wickedlocal.com.

Membership: Ms. Picciotto welcomed Mses. Barbara Devine and Kathy Curran. Our membership currently stands at 74.

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

Library Arrangements: Ms. Michelle Cappellini unable to attend. No volunteers are needed at this time..

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 are participating. This year being the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote – our selection is especially significant – famous Francis Singer Sargent 1903 portrait of Mrs. Fiske Warren (Gretchen Osgood) and Her Daughter Rachel. The portrait contains many colors which will translate beautifully with floral hues.

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.

Weymouth Intra-Garden Club Tour: 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. Mses. Anne Nicholas, Donna Schiller, Charlotte Delaney, Carole Johnson and Ann Schulke have volunteered their gardens for this tour. More details to follow.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan requested Members to take pictures of any daffodils popping as the Spring rolls into town. Reminder that 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 10:10 for refreshments and raffle tickets.

Meeting resumed at 10:30 for "Ergonomics for Gardening; Keep diggin' what you love in comfort and safety" presented by Ms. Nancy Brais. CMG. This informative presentation included many useful tips and techniques that allows you to work safely with peak performance in the greatest

comfort when gardening and in all the varied tasks in your day. As our days grow longer and our gardens beckon, much good advice was imparted.

Question and answer session concluded the presentation.

Meeting concluded with raffle at 11:30.

Anne Nichols, Secretary