



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: March 13, 2021

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Yoshie Picciotto, President, in a virtual setting via zoom. Yoshie welcomed all members to the meeting. There were 26 members in attendance.

Invocation: Given by Anne Nicholas

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom
- Marcel Proust

Nominating Committee: Jean Berg, Chair announced the candidates for 2021-2023 slate of Officers:

President – Anne Nicholas

Vice President – Libby McDonald

Treasurer – Carole Johnson

Recording Secretary – Donna Schiller

Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Kimball.

There are no additional Members nominated for these positions. After formal vote during April’s General meeting, the virtual Installation will be held at the May General meeting.

Recording Secretary: Anne Nichols announced the minutes from the February meeting have been posted to the website. Thank you to Donna Schiller for taking minutes during the prior meetings in my absence. The March 2020 meeting was the last in-person meeting held for the club due to the pandemic. Many thanks to Yoshie and Anne Nicholas for their service in providing the platform for the Club to meet virtually over the past season.

Garden Tours: Yoshie is considering the option to have 2021 Garden tours as were planned last year. Further details will be provided.

Treasurer: Karen DeTellis is not able to attend the meeting today. Yoshie gave the accounting of funds available and confirmed the \$1,000 scholarship check was received by the Town.

Penny Pines: Total funds are \$144. The club will proceed with the purchase of 2 acres in the names of Jean Berg and Suzanne Sullivan at a cost of \$136 (\$68/acre). The additional funds will be held for next year’s program.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Kimball had no update.

Yoshie will provide details to Lisa for Member distribution on 2 opportunities for WGC participation.

- Plymouth Pawtuxet – formerly known as Plymouth Plantation – clean-up on 3/27. Any Members interested are encouraged to participate. This will not be a Club sponsored event.
- Cape Cod Hydrangea Society – online Seminar being sponsored by the Heritage Museum and Gardens on 7/9. WGC will sponsor for \$100 which will allow members to attend the Seminar and our name will appear in sponsorship materials. Details to follow.

Committee Updates

Donations: Charlotte Delaney and Mayre Hammond were not available to attend meeting. Funds collected for Weymouth Food Pantry is \$2,150. Thank you all for your generosity

Helping Hands: Adele Barcelo is no longer able to chair the committee. Libby McDonald has volunteered to head the committee with help from Martha Slocum.

Media/Web: Martha confirmed that minutes are current on the WGC website. Yoshie gave updates on social media issues on Facebook, reminding members that Maureen Lyons, Anne Nicholas and Michelle C are Administrators and all posts and comments are monitored by them. FB name Weymouth, MA Garden Club though not preferred likely in competition with Weymouth Nova Scotia and Weymouth England. May not be able to change though Michelle will investigate.

Plant Sale/Beautification: Suzanne Sullivan reminded members to look for progress of 2,000 daffodil bulbs blooming around town. Take photos to be posted on Facebook. Be sure to include notation of where the photo was taken.

Suzanne sent event form to Mayor's office for 5/15 Plant Sale date. All members are required to donate 10 plants minimum. Any members with additional empty pots can drop them off at Suzanne's house outside of garage. Details on date to come.

Club participation needed for publicity, signs, set up, etc. Emails will be sent to folks as details are firmed up. Town permission needed to place signs. Facebook notification and word of mouth are best options for a successful sale. Lisa Kimball and Carole Johnson are investigating options for debit/credit purchasing.

For public safety, 2 members will be Covid monitors, reminding public to keep safe distance and proper mask adherence.

Raffle items are encouraged, and all items are welcome.

Community Clean-up: Date is set for 4/24, 9am to noon to clean Abigail Adams Green. DPW will likely provide gloves and bags. Box lunch may be provided. Details to follow.

Library Arrangements: After a pandemic hiatus Yoshie donated a beautiful arrangement to the new Tufts Library. Reminder to members, arrangements shouldn't exceed 1.5 inches tall.

Potted plants are also appropriate as arrangement. Michelle will tweak instructions and forward to volunteers. Interested members should contact Michelle. Arrangements can also be provided for the Children's library.

Membership: Donna Schiller will be stepping down as Membership Chair after accepting Recording Secretary nomination. Yoshie may step up to fill the Membership Chair position, but waiting other volunteers/

Children's Workshop: Yoshie will continue chairing this program.

By-laws Review Committee: By-laws to be reviewed to reflect changes made necessary during the current season and when new meeting venue is available. Volunteers include Yoshie, Anne Nicholas, Martha, Donna and Charlotte Champagne. Changes will be voted on by the Board; approved changes to be included in next Yearbook. Alice Desaulniers working on cover art.

Programs: Barbara McCarty will continue as Chair. We are looking for a Co-chair. Please let Yoshie now if you are interested.

Weymouth 400 Celebration: The town will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Wessagussett Settlement next year. In conjunction with the celebration, Anne Nicholas offered an idea to plant a medicinal herb garden at the Abigail Adams Green. The herbs would be a selection of those used in colonial times. Volunteers are needed to help.

Abigail Adams Green: Proposed that a Committee be formed to oversee the Green maintenance for next season.

Weymouth Garden Club 90th Anniversary: The anniversary celebration will take place in April of 2022.

March Program: Donna Schiller provided an informative discussion on drying techniques for flowers. The best flowers to use, timing, drying techniques and preserving the arrangement were covered. Donna displayed her beautiful arrangement with tips on proper container to use. This arrangement can last up to 7 months.

Anne Nicholas gave her slide presentation with accompanying photos for herb drying methods. Growing tips and various drying methods with pros and cons were discussed. Such a great opportunity to make our gardens work for us even in the off season. Great storage options suggested to enable use throughout the winter months and beyond.

April Program: On 4/10, Alison Sullivan, a WGC member will show us how to create a fairy garden for outdoor or indoors. Alison will send a list of supplies needed and options for purchase so Members can participate and make their very own garden.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am EST.

Anne Nichols, Secretary