



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: May 12, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:32 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. Ms. Picciotto related one benefit of being Club President includes invites to other Garden Clubs throughout the year. On these occasions, Ms. Picciotto always invited a fellow member to attend.

There were 41 members and 1 guest present at this meeting.

Mr. Jordan Bagarolo opened the meeting with an invocation titled "Invitation" by Frederick Frye Rockwell from "Around the Year in the Garden, 1913."

Ms. Picciotto shared a unique method to revive a wilted hydrangea. After cutting the stem diagonally under water, place the entire bloom, stem and all under water. Within 1 hour the hydrangea had regained its exquisite bloom.

Secretary's Report: Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the April meeting are posted on the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Members are reminded that approval of expenses are required from Ms. Picciotto prior to reimbursement.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded Members to forward any email address changes to be sure all correspondence is received.

Ms. Picciotto acknowledged the participation of many Members who have volunteered tirelessly over the past year to make our Club successful. From the Pumpkin-Give-a-Way to the Daffodil Squad to Garden Therapy to Books-in-Bloom, we are a very active Club with the participation of so many Members. We've had a successful year, kudos to all!

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts(GCFM): The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 6th in Milford. Registration deadline is May 26th. The deadline for yearbook directory entries is June 15th. Please visit the GCFM website for further details

Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom": Ms. Picciotto shared her experience during this new endeavor as our Club has not participated in some years. Mses. Michelle Cappellini and Picciotto's floral arrangement was exquisite and interpreted the Georgia O'Keeffe's "Fish Hook for Hawaii No. 2" painting perfectly. The planning was crucial to remain within the guidelines set out by the MFA. Next year, other Members are encouraged to consider participating in the exhibition. Unfortunately, Ms. Cappellini is unable to attend the meeting this morning due to involvement with the Civil War re-enactment at the Abigail Adam's Green.

New Business:

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley has volunteered to Chair as Ms. Mary Fasci will be unable to participate next season. This will continue to be on the first Tuesday of the month. A reminder will be forwarded to Members in advance.

Hospitality: Mses. Maureen Silva and Barbara Collins have volunteered to help Ms. Paula Foster next year.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller stepped up to this Chairperson role mid-year after Ms. Susan Wencek resigned. Members are reminded to forward dues for next year and be sure to sign in when attending the meeting.

Programs: Ms. Alice Desaulniers is stepping down as Co-chairperson. Ms. Maureen Lyons has accepted this position. Mses. Anne Nicholas and Lyons are working on the Program selections for next season.

Publicity/Media: Ms. June Fulton shared recent press on the MFA "Art in Bloom" event as well as current press regarding the upcoming Plant Sale. Members are reminded to view the WGC shows on the Weymouth Channel.

Webmaster: Ms. Charlotte Champagne has submitted her resignation of the Chairperson role of Webmaster. Ms. Maureen Lyons has accepted this responsibility.

Ms. Ellie Reppucci informed members of an upcoming town-wide Community Supper at Old South Union Church on Tuesday, May 15th from 5 – 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Team (SAPT) is meeting on Monday, May 14th from 6 – 7 p.m. at Crossroads Church on Broad Street. The group is looking for a sliver of land for planting. All are welcome to participate.

Children's Workshop: The upcoming workshop is planned for Monday May 21st from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Tufts Library. Strawberries will be planted in pots that the children decorate. Hostas will be separated and planted as well.

Board Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Tufts Library in the Canoe Room. All members are welcome to attend. This may be the final meeting if all business is wrapped up.

The Marshfield Fair is August 17-26th. Members are encouraged to participate alone or as a team this year. Information is available on the Fair's website.

The GCFM sent a certificate acknowledging the donation to Pennies for Pines acre of land out West in honor of Ms. Patricia Savage. Ms. Picciotto will forward the certificate to Ms. Savage's family.

A brief adjournment at 10:20 a.m. for refreshments and raffle.

Meeting called back to order at 10:25 a.m. Raffle winners were drawn then meeting turned over for

Plant Sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne went over the following items for the upcoming event:

- Distributed craft sticks to use for the plants descriptions which should include plant name, color, proper environment etc.
- The extended weather forecast is favorable.
- Sign up sheets were circulated for Members to confirm their assignments.
- Ms. Fulton has provided flyers to be distributed by Ms. Brenda Reed at various locations around town. Several members have posted street signs around town. Still working with the DPW to have their signage board used.
- Set-up is Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. Members should bring at least 10 plants labeled and ready for pricing. Pricing will again be \$1, \$3 and \$5 for most plants. Ms. Champagne will have refreshments available during drop off
- Members can purchase 1 plant on Friday and 1 plant on Saturday before the Sale. Purchased plants must be placed in Members' car prior to sale start.
- Saturday set-up will start at 6 AM. Refreshments will be provided. Members are also encouraged to bring baked goods if they wish.

- Marketplace items to include aprons from last year's sale, crocheted items from Mr. Bagarolo, bamboo plants from Ms. Picciotto to name a few.
- Raffle (yes, we are ok to use this term) items will be limited to 5.
- Demos are in discussion.
- Day of sale, members will help, if needed, getting purchased plants to buyer's cars. Watering of plants may also be needed. Pink WGC shirt or logo patch to be worn. Hat if sunny, raincoat if raining.
- Be certain to label tables, wagons and/or tents with member name to avoid confusion at conclusion of event.

Ms. Picciotto gave a demonstration on spiral tied floral bouquet arranging. Spring flowers practically demand to be showcased as a gorgeous centerpiece and the easy to follow directions will come in handy.

Ms. Suzanne Sullivan created an interesting arrangement using chicken wire in a wide vase. She shared the layout strategy of dividing the vase into 3 sections with like components. Great ideas just in time for the bounty of our gardens.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m. ET

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary