



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2020

The WGC Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President via Zoom to mitigate the COVID-19 risk to our members and follow State mandates about group gatherings. The President welcomed all members to the meeting. There were 24 members in attendance. Thank you to all members who participated in the Daffodil planting. Planting teams should only have one planting site in the future.

Invocation: Given by Ms. Anne Nicholas

A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people: For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are;

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms; For feisty friends as tart as apples; For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible; For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as potatoes and as good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels Sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem Artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes; For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

For all these we give thanks.

~ Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

Secretary's Report: Ms. Anne Nichols reported that the minutes to the October 2020 member meeting is posted to the WGC website. Minutes for September will be posted shortly. Thank you to Ms. Martha Slocum for making that possible.

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

Membership: Ms. Picciotto has the completed Membership booklets. The booklets will be available for members to pick up at Ms. Donna Schiller's house on Monday afternoon 11/16.

Contact Ms. Schiller for address. Donations for the Penny for Pines can be left at Ms. Schiller's house or can be sent by check made out to WGC with indication that it is for Penny for Pines to Ms. DeTellis. Two suggestions made for 2021 Penny for Pines nominees are Mses. Jean Berg and Suzanne Sullivan.

Scholarships: Determination will be made in February whether Scholarships will be awarded in 2021.

Committees:

Donations: Weymouth Teen Center provided gift wish list for 80 recipients. Members have generously accepted all tags. If interested, members could also purchase gift cards for Walmart, Kohls or Game Stop to name a few. All gifts should be unwrapped with the tag attached. Gifts should be dropped off at the Wreath Sale on 12/5. If unable to drop off, contact Mses. Mayre Hammond or Charlotte Delaney for alternate arrangements.

Weymouth Food Pantry will gladly accept food donations. Non-perishable items can also be dropped off at Old South Union Church. Be sure items are not near or past expiration dates. Although clothing items are not being accepted at the Church, the Teen Center will accept clothing donations.

Door decorating contest is a go again this year. Ms. Michelle Cappellini will forward a flyer to Ms. Lisa Kimball for Club distribution. If interested, call Town Hall to be included. Doors must be decorated by Sunday, 11/29 and judging will be done on Monday, 11/30. Club member judges have stepped up. Due to restrictions, no carpooling this year. Judges will have Zoom meeting to discuss and make their choices. Doors will be filmed to be included in Holiday Show. Members can enter but are not eligible to be judged.

Mayor's office decorating will be "Our Native Wessagusset" using greenery, berries, feathers and shells scheduled to be done on 11/24. Interested to volunteer, contact Ms. Cappellini.

Programs: Ms. Barbara McCarty has Programs lined up for January through April. Non-member presenters will be invited to join meeting at 10:15.

Wreath Sale is tentatively planned for 12/5 at the DPW. We are waiting for approval from the Mayor's office. Members encouraged to drop off greens, pinecones, bows and any other decorating items on Monday 11/30 or later at Ms. Suzanne Sullivan's house. Ms. Sullivan will have 20 wreaths available along with decorating items in her garage for members interested in decorating at their homes. Further details and flyer will be provided.

Next General meeting is scheduled for 12/12 at 9:30 a.m. and Board meeting is planned for 11/24 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Picciotto asked Ms. Nicholas to continue chairing the meeting and urged members to stay cautious and be mindful.

Ms. Nicholas began "Show and Tell" with a clever re-purposing idea for birch tree branches, measuring approximately 2.5" wide. The branches are plentiful in her yard which borders Great Pond. Using lengths of the branch, Mr. Nicholas bores appropriately sized hole to accommodate a tea light. Varied heights of branches and seasonal decorations such as ribbons and greens are added to fashion fabulous centerpieces.

Ms. Terry Harrison's suggestion for Holiday goodie bags include chocolates and candy canes as thoughtful gifts for co-workers and associates. Who doesn't welcome a little chocolate?

Ms. Joanne Kelley demonstrated assembling a kissing ball. Using foam ball and holly from her garden with a beautiful ribbon topper making a perfect Holiday decoration. So beautiful, could be sold at the wreath sale.

Ms. Barbara McCarty designed a porch gnome using upturned tomato cage, greenery, potato for a nose and seasonal colors as an appropriate wardrobe. What a cute idea.

Ms. Sullivan gathers wreath decorating ideas from magazines to keep her presentations current and inspired.

Ms. Cappellini demonstrated bow making 101. Her helpful tips will allow for the perfectly constructed ribbon that will withstand even our harsh winters. Ms. Kimball made a beautiful plaid bow during this instructional session. Ms. Cappellini reminisced her childhood experience when the WGC decorated her families' home with simple pinecone wreaths. Perhaps some pinecone wreaths will make an appearance at our 2020 Wreath Sale.

Circling back to the wreath sale – suggested pricing guidelines - \$25 per decorated wreath, \$15 per swag and \$5 per bow.

Meeting concluded at 11:20 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols, Secretary