



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: November 13, 2021

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT, by Libby McDonald, Vice President. Anne Nicholas, President, was not able to attend.

Invocation: Given by Libby McDonald

A mighty wind blew night and day.
It stole the Oak Tree’s leaves away.
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
until the Oak was tired and stark.
But still the Oak Tree held its ground while other trees
fell all around. The weary wind gave up and spoke,
“How can you still be standing Oak?”
The Oak Tree said, I know that you can break each
branch of mine in two, carry every leaf away,
shake my limbs and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth, growing stronger
since my birth. You’ll never touch them, for you see
they are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn’t sure of just how much I could endure.
But now I’ve found with thanks to you,
I’m stronger than I ever knew.

Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr., The Oak Tree

Secretary’s Report:

Donna S. reported that the October general meeting minutes have been approved.

Treasurer's Report

Carole J. gave an accounting of funds on hand.

Historian

Michelle C. gave a summary of history in the 1960's.

Donations

Charlotte D. received names of 120 children from Weymouth Youth and Family Services and had the Giving Tree tags ready for members to select for gift-giving. Unwrapped gifts can either be brought to the holiday luncheon or Charlotte will arrange to collect them. Charlotte reported that Kathy Collins, director of Weymouth Youth and Family Services, will attend the holiday luncheon.

Library Arrangements

Michelle C. announced that members have signed up to provide flower arrangements to the library through January. She is looking for volunteers for the month of February.

Membership

Phyllis M. and Yoshie P. announced that the club has three new members. The new members present were given a warm welcome. The membership total is now 60.

Meeting Program for November 13

In preparation for the Wreath and Greens sale, Yoshie P. demonstrated how to make holiday swags using fresh greens. Bow making demonstrations were provided by Michelle C., Charlotte C., and Donna S.

Books In Bloom

Michelle C. announced that the exhibition will be set up on Wednesday, February 9. Public viewing of the flower arrangements at the library will be from Thursday, February 10 to Saturday, February 12.

Field Trips

There will be a field trip to Highfield Hall and Gardens in Falmouth on Friday morning, December 3. The house is a stick style Queen Anne and will be decorated for the holiday season. There is also a gift shop on the property. The cost for admission is \$10 and includes a private tour. Members should plan to meet at the parking lot of the Ocean State Job Lot on Rte. 18 at 10:00 am and carpool from there. Those who are interested can arrange to have lunch together after the tour.

Holiday Luncheon

The luncheon is December 11 from 11:00 to 3:00 at Raffael's at the South Shore Country Club. The cost is \$35 per person and guests are encouraged. The deadline for payment is November 20th. Members participating in the Giving Tree should bring their gifts to the luncheon. The event will include an optional "Shop Local" swap. Those participating in the swap should bring an item purchased from a local vendor in Weymouth in the \$10 - \$15 price range.

Media

Martha S. reported that the meeting minutes for October have been posted on the site. She welcomed suggestions from members on ways to update the site.

Town Beautification

Seven hundred daffodil bulbs were planted at King Philip Memorial and other public areas in town.

MFA Art in Bloom

Michelle C. and Regina P. are representing WGC. They will create a flower arrangement interpreting a work of art at the museum. Michelle C. shared that February 28 is the orientation meeting at which time the museum will assign each garden club a work of art.

Mayor's Office Holiday Decoration

A team from WGC coordinated by Michelle C. will decorate the mayor's office for the holidays on November 23.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Secretary

