



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: October 21, 2017

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:25 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 thanked Members for arriving early for this meeting. We are allowing the Program Speaker, Ms. Jen Kettel to give her presentation prior to the Business Meeting. Ms. Kettel has requested this option and will be adjusting her fee by \$50. This adjusted fee will help in funding the Garden Therapy Program which began again this month.

There were 48 Members present at this meeting.

Invocation: was given by Ms. Picciotto, using a poem of George Gutenberg titled "October Gave a Party".

October Program: A Camel's Garden was presented by Ms. Jen Kettel, a Horticulturalist at the Arnold Arboretum. With the current drought in Massachusetts, the information was extremely useful. Ms. Kettel gave options for trees, shrubs and vines that use less water yet add diversity and beauty to the garden. Also suggested using 3" layer of mulch to help with retaining moisture and provide insulation for winter.

Grouping of plants that are drought tolerant will help with water conservation efforts. The program concluded with a question and answer session.

Hospitality break allowing Members to purchase Opportunity Drawing chances followed. Meeting called again to order at 10:47 by Ms. Picciotto.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts as of September 29, 2017.

Also a donation was made to Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Scholarship Fund for \$50.00.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin acknowledged a thank you note was received from Weymouth Public Library for the Memorial Gift in honor of Mr. George Berg. Ms. Trentin sent a Thank You note acknowledging a generous donation of \$100.00 made in gratitude for Ms. Judy Suket's experience and gardening guidance over the years from her grateful neighbor. Ms. Trentin reminded Members to forward any updates to their email addresses, etc. to ensure everyone receives WGC announcements and notices.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts ("GCFM"): Ms. Picciotto provided information for three educational programs: Landscape Design, Environmental Studies and Gardening Study. Programs are held at Elm Bank in Wellesley. Interested Members can access all details at [gcfm.org](http://gcfm.org).

The National Garden Club's fundraising program was introduced by Ms. Picciotto. Members are asked to donate some pocket change during Member meetings. Small change can make a significant difference in planting an acre of pine trees. Our Club goal for \$68 will pay to plant an acre of Pine Trees, which can be made in memory of specified individual and we can designate a specific state of our choosing.

The Museum of Fine Arts is sponsoring their "Art in Bloom" event which celebrates spring in fine art and fresh flowers occurring April 27 – 30, 2018. Contact Ms. Picciotto if interested.



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The Cohasset Garden Club Yuletide House Tour is planned for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per person is \$50 however if 8 or more attend as a group the cost is \$35 per person.

The Abigail Adams Green Cleanup was cancelled due to inclement weather though the Green is in excellent condition due to the phenomenal care of Ms. Sue Wencek and adjacent neighbors. A Committee to oversee upkeep of the Green will be organized with Ms. Wencek chairing. Ms. Trentin will send a notice for initial meeting.

The Field trip to the Arnold Arboretum was attended by 8 Members. The knowledgeable Tour Guide Bart gave an informative and interesting tour of the grounds.

The October 14<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Giveaway was well received and attended by residents and guests alike. The face painting was again a winner.

Tufts Library Floral Arrangement volunteers are reminded to contact Ms. June Fulton after placing arrangement. Also, check on the arrangement after placement to maintain freshness.

Books-in-Bloom: Now is a good time to start thinking about Books-in-Bloom. Ms. Jean Berg, Program Chair made a great suggestion to find a book with an interesting jacket. Entries are not judged, also Members can work as a team.

Children's Workshop: is under discussion to determine what age groups will be targeted and the # of children to include. Suggestions made to either plant seeds or make flower arrangements.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney thanked participants for Opportunity Drawing items. Also noted the Giving Tree which contains names and ages of children and an item requested as a gift which will be collected during the Holiday Luncheon.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded all of her correct email [brendareed5172@gmail.com](mailto:brendareed5172@gmail.com). No Members have requested assistance at this time. Volunteers can contact Ms. Reed if available to help. Ms. Ellie Conlon and Ms. Suzanne Sullivan have generously offered their time and talent.

Historian: Ms. Michelle DeLorey Cappellini is still looking for missing Yearbooks for the following years: any years before 1984, 1985, 92, 93, 94 and 2001 and 2015. Suggestion was made to contact GCFM as they may have a copy of missing Yearbooks.

Hospitality: Ms. Jane Meehan thanked Members for their participation in this month's refreshments. Ms. Ellie Reppucci reminded Members that a gluten free option would be greatly appreciated.

Membership: Ms. Sue Wencek stated our membership is currently at 66.

Programs: The November 4<sup>th</sup> program will be initial preparation for our December Wreath sale. Members should bring wired ribbon, pine cones or sparkly holiday decorations. Members are requested to bring scissors as well as any baskets or containers they wish to recycle. Ms. Picciotto won't be attending due to traveling to Japan. Motion made and seconded to forego with the business portion of the November meeting to allow ample time for our Holiday Workshop. The meeting agenda will consist of Invocation, discussion on the Holiday luncheon, details for the Wreath sale and reminders on donations for the Giving Tree. This meeting will also be concluding early due to the Church's request.

Ms. Alice Desaulniers reminded Members the Holiday Luncheon will be held at the South Shore Country Club on December 9. A new menu is planned. More details to be provided during November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Payment is appreciated at next meeting.

Photography and Publicity: Ms. June Fulton was unable to attend however Ms. Michelle Cappellini confirmed that Ms. Fulton will provide a Wreath Sale flyer.



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Town Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan is planning for planting of the daffodils on Saturday, 10/28 at 10 am at Weymouth High School. Daffodils will be placed in front of the brick sign and in other mulched areas. Members are encouraged to bring digging tools and gloves. Suggestion also made for planting at Wessagusset School in N. Weymouth. Ms. Adele Barcelo will be planting beach grass at the Lane Beach sign also in N. Weymouth as this area is quite bare. Motion made to purchase said grass at a cost estimated at \$68 with additional 30% off. Motion was seconded and carried.

Please mark your calendars - Friday 11/30 and 12/1 from 4 – 7 pm. Members are encouraged to join Ms. Sullivan at her home to complete embellishment of the wreaths. Ms. Sullivan will again be purchasing the wreaths from Whole Foods - planning on 15 large and 15 small. Proceeds benefit the Town Beautification fund. Our beautification efforts have seen over 3,000 bulbs planted around town.

The Wreath/Greens Sale will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m. during the Annual Christmas in Columbian Square. Our location is beside the Post Office. Volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. Details will be finalized at November meeting.

## New Business:

Garden Therapy: Ms. Mary Fasci will be Chairing this Committee. The first session occurred the first Tuesday in October at the Pope Nursing Home. Ms. Ann Marie Murphy, former WGC member is Acting Director at the Nursing Home. Shaw's Supermarket has graciously donated fresh flowers. A small container garden was assembled by the residents.

Ms. Picciotto asked Members to recycle any vases which are used for centerpieces during Member meetings. Ms. Sullivan will accept any vases for Ms. Picciotto. Ms. Charlotte Delaney concluded the meeting with the September Drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:52 a.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Nichols*

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Anne Nichols, Secretary