



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 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.

Invocation: was written by Mr. Jordan Bagarolo – Ms. Picciotto intoned in Mr. Bagarolo’s absence:

Leaves turn green to yellow,
Red, orange and brown.
Winds scattering colors
About the cold ground.
Apple picking, pumpkins,
And hayrides for all.
Bringing the nature's
Magic of the Fall.

October Program – Composting: Presented by Ms. Gretel Anspach, Master Gardener with Mass Horticultural Society gave an educational, entertaining overview of how recycling organic materials otherwise regarded as waste products can produce an excellent soil conditioner. Compost is rich in nutrients and Ms. Anspach detailed numerous options from simple to highly involved.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Ms. Picciotto thanked our speaker and then a brief adjournment for refreshments and raffle tickets purchase took place. Meeting called back to order at 10:45.

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 gave an accounting of the funds on hand. Ms. DeTellis reminded members that reimbursement for expenses must be approved by Ms. Picciotto prior to submitting for payment.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded members to provide 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 upcoming events including the Fall Conference scheduled for October 24th. Any member interested in attending the Fall Conference or other educational events should contact Ms. Picciotto as the Club will consider paying for the event with the stipulation that the member will share information at monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to visit website <gcfm.org> for a full listing of events.

WGC will again participate in Pennies for Pines, the fundraiser for Clubs to collect spare change at Member meetings to afford planting an acre of replacement trees indigenous to a damaged area when enough funds are collected. Members are encouraged to toss in any spare change each meeting.

The Pumpkin Give-a-Wey is taking place immediately following our meeting today from noon to 4PM. Mr. Bagarolo, Mses. Carmela Rihn and Lisa McCrosson are at the Give-a-Wey event. Members are encouraged to drop by.

Board Meetings: Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend upcoming Board meetings. October 30th and November 27th meetings will be held at Ms. Jean Berg's house as the Library meeting rooms are not available.

Tufts Library Floral Arrangement Members have volunteered for the month of October. Arrangements will be put on hold until January with Tufts Library construction.

Books-in-Bloom 2019: Fogg Library suggested as alternate site for 2019 event. Details will be provided when available.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney will provide the giving tree at the November meeting for Members to select one or more tags containing "Christmas Wishes" for youngsters at the Weymouth Teen Center.

Field trips: The October 20th field trip to A. D. Makepeace Company is a one-hour cranberry bog tour. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Interested members should contact Ms. Anne Nicholas.

Holiday field trip suggested for January/February. More details to follow. The June 1st field trip is planned for a visit to Cochato Nursery in Holbrook.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley and Club members enjoyed the October 9th session at Pope Nursing Home. Fall flowers were arranged with attendees enjoying the seasonal selections. Please consider attending on November 13th.

Helping Hands: Kudos to members for answering the call to help Ms. Gail Savage putting her flower beds to bed for the season.

Weymouth 400: Activities are underway commemorating the 2022 Anniversary of the town's birthday. Ms. Michelle Cappellini gave details about the October 24th Civil War talk.

Media: Mses. Cappellini and June Fulton are working on new video ideas but due to construction of parking lot at Pratt Library/WCA Studio we have not been able to go to the studio. The expect to resume as soon as the studio re-opens.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan updated members on the Beautification activities. Thousands of daffodil bulbs have been planted since 2012. Ms. Sullivan is enlisting additional Member participation to foster new beautification ideas.

November meeting: Preparations for the Wreath and Greens Sale will commence with this Holiday Workshop. Members are encouraged to bring wired ribbons, shiny ornaments and pine cones which will be incorporated into the wreaths for sale during the December 1st Tree Lighting event. Ms. Sullivan will again host November 29th and 30th finishing Workshop at her home. Hot glue guns are needed for the final assembly.

Holiday luncheon: The proposed cost for the 2018 luncheon is \$30/member and \$35/guest. Motion made by Ms. Delaney and seconded by Ms. Alice Desaulniers. Motion carried unanimously. Interested Members should bring holiday pin and/or ornaments for swap exchange.

Meeting concluded with the raffle and adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols
Anne Nichols, Secretary