



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2017

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:34 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.

The President reminded members to review their information in the 2017-18 Yearbook for accuracy.

There were 44 members present at this meeting.

Invocation: was given by Ms. Charlotte Champagne reflecting on the recent death of one of our members, Ms. Patricia Savage, from last year's Yearbook – "Gardner's Prayer" – author unknown.

Ms. Picciotto then asked that each member of the WGC introduce themselves and give a brief statement about their interest in gardening and the WGC.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Picciotto stated that as of August 30, 2017:

- Checking account total \$4,027.49\*
- Savings account total \$5,808.07
- Total balance \$9,835.56

\*Town Beautification total included in checking balance .... \$690.00.

A donation was made to NE Wildlife Center Sunshine Fund in memory of Mr. George Berg, husband of Ms. Jean Berg. A deposit of \$500 was given to Raphael's for Holiday Luncheon.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin acknowledged thank you notes received from Lauren Graham – 2017 Scholarship recipient and from NE Wildlife Center. Ms. 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 a series of interactive programs – Designing Principles in Floral Design. Registration deadline is September 15.

"Victoria's Secret Revealed" is a scholarship fundraiser High Tea which will be held at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Milford on November 8<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to attend.

GCFM South Shore District Club is hosting the Fall Coffee on Friday, September 22. Ms. Picciotto will attend. Members are reminded that Ms. Trentin forwards a copy of GCFM Mayflower Quarterly which contains interesting articles for Gardeners.

Ms. Picciotto informed members that some meeting dates are not on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. The October meeting is on 10/21, the November meeting is on 11/4 and the March meeting is on 3/3.



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Important dates before our October meeting include:

- Abigail Adam's Green clean-up on 9/30 from 9 am to 1 pm. All members are invited to participate. Refreshments are also welcome from member unable to participate in the clean-up.
- Arnold Arboretum Field Trip on 10/7.
- Pumpkin Giveaway on 10/14 from noon to 4 pm at Weymouth High School. Sign-up sheet was circulated. Ms. Sue Wencek requests members participate at this informational opportunity to meet and greet the public. Definite details will be forthcoming.

Tufts Library Floral Arrangement volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated. Ms. Picciotto is requesting 2 members participate per month. The guideline sheet will be provided to members and a reminder will be sent each month. Be sure to let Ms. June Fulton know when the arrangement has been located so a sign can be provided and picture taken. The plant should liven up the location but not have an overpowering scent.

Books-in-Bloom: Ms. Jean Berg stated the event will take place March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tufts Library on Broad Street. Ms. Berg gave an overview of the event and reminded members that arrangements are not judged. The Friends of the Library host a reception on Saturday. Since the March meeting is also scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> Members are encouraged to attend the reception following the March meeting.

Children's Workshop: Mr. Jordan Bagarolo is Chairperson for this new Committee. Details to come when available.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney gave an overview of the Opportunity Drawings which helps fund WGC projects. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting 4 Members per meeting to participate. Items should be new, garden related and interesting to encourage donations.

Field trips: Ms. Anne Nicholas gave details of October 7<sup>th</sup> Arnold Arboretum trip. There's no charge and guests are welcome to attend. This is a self-guided exploration of the grounds. Perfect time of year to visit and view many trees in transition. Long pants and socks are encouraged. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Carpooling will meet in the National Wholesale parking lot adjacent to Route 18. Lunch may be an option at Member's discretion.

February and April Field trips will be discussed in future meetings.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed is Chairperson for this new Committee. The goal is to provide assistance for a temporary disability situation of a WGC member. Contact Ms. Reed if need arises. Please make note of Brenda's email: [brendareed5172@gmail.com](mailto:brendareed5172@gmail.com).

Historian: Ms. Michelle DeLorey Cappellini provided a beautiful display of recent WGC Awards. The task of compiling 86 years of WGC activities is daunting and Ms. Cappellini plans to scan for a digital record when a scanner is available. Yearbooks for the following years are needed if any members have copies: any years before 1984, 1985, 92, 93, 94 and 2001 and 2015.

Short break taken to allow members to purchase Opportunity Drawing tickets and mingle. Meeting resumes at 11:09.



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Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster & Ms. Jane Meehan are co-chairs on this Committee. Review the Yearbook to see if you're listed for refreshments or centerpiece. Ms. Trentin does remind members when they are slotted as volunteers. Also, a requirement is to set up the hall during the month. Ms. Foster & Ms. Meehan handle the hot and cold beverages.

Membership: Ms. Sue Wencek stated our membership is currently at 65.

Plant sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne returns as Chairperson after another successful endeavor. Further research will determine the breakdown of the Marketplace and Opportunity Drawing contributions. Suggestion made for members to purchase bulbs to plant in March so perennials will be ready for 2018 Plant Sale.

Programs: Ms. Anne Nicholas gave an overview of the programs for the coming year. Programs were tailored to the interests elicited by members in the Spring survey. Ms. Alice Desaulniers is Co-chair but was not in attendance.

Photography and Publicity: Ms. Michelle Cappellini and Ms. June Fulton are busy working on the Summer video. Members are encouraged to forward any pictures of flowers to Mses. Cappellini and Fulton. The Plant Sale also shown in the video includes Ms. Suzanne Sullivan and Ms. Paula Foster's informative demo on dividing plants. WGC is shown on Weymouth Community Access Channel 9 at 11am and 7pm Tuesday and Saturday.

Sunshine Remembrance: Ms. Judy Suket sends cards of condolence or Get Well wishes. Ms. Suket was unable to attend the meeting.

Town Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan has ordered 500 Dutch Masters Daffodil bulbs. Planting to take place on date to be determined before the ground freezes. A brief overview of activities for the current year was shared.

Wreath/greens sale is scheduled for December 2. Proceeds benefit the Town Beautification fund. The November meeting is our "Holiday Workshop". More details to follow during the October meeting.

Webmaster: Ms. Charlotte Champagne will have all pictures of the Plant Sale on the Website in the next 2 weeks. As a member of the Weymouth Cultural Council, Ms. Champagne will inquire if 2 Club programs might be partially funded by the Cultural Council.

## New Business:

Sign-up sheets for Library Flower Arrangements and participation in Opportunity Drawing volunteers was outstanding. Ms. Picciotto reminded the Drawing items should be an item you would covet.

Ms. Charlotte Delaney concluded the meeting with the September Drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:48 a.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Nichols*

Anne Nichols, Secretary