



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: September 14, 2019

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 given by Ms. Anne Nicholas titled "*God is an Artist of Nature*" by Gertrude Tooley Buckingham (1940s) –

*God is an artist of Nature
He paints in colors, so rare
The bursting bud in the Springtime
The lovely trees everywhere:
Autumn leaves so very gorgeous
In colors of every hue,
The Fleecy clouds, so pure and white,
That sail in the skies of blue.*

Secretary's Report: Ms. Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the May 2019 Member meeting will be posted on the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Picciotto gave an accounting of the funds on hand, the final amount collected at the Plant Sale as well as the 2 scholarships that were awarded to Weymouth graduating students.

Membership: Our membership form has been updated to include a privacy question should members not wish to have their photo published during Club events. No members attending requested anonymity.

Education Fund serves both the scholarships awarded annually as well as funding members attending instructional sessions at the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM). Member will be required to share details at future Club meeting if funded by the Club.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Lisa Kimball reminded members if they don't have an email address to contact her so WGC Newsletter can be mailed to their residence.

Ms. Picciotto reminded members to review their information in the 2019-20 Yearbook for accuracy. Any changes should be forwarded to Yoshie. Each member receives 1 Yearbook, if additional copies are needed there'll be a \$5 charge to help defray printing costs. Any member not present can pick up their Yearbook at Ms. Donna Schillers' house.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts ("GCFM"): Ms. Bonnie Rosenthal is the new President and her challenge to all club members is to "Go Native". Ms. Picciotto provided information for upcoming events including the Fall Conference scheduled for October 30th. Any member interested in attending 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.

Committee Chairs introductions:

Books-in-Bloom – Michelle Cappellini – as Tufts is still under construction an alternate site may be sought.

Children's Workshop – Ann Shulke, Yoshie Picciotto – attended by Middle School students. First workshop – garden planters were made. December workshop is planned using evergreens.

Donations – Charlotte Delaney – coordinates monthly raffles which is an important Club fund raising to supplement our expenses. Sign-up sheets are provided, and members are encouraged to bring garden related items that you would want to bring home.

Field trip – Alice Desaulniers, Mayre Hammond - September 28th to Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, MA. Currently 5 members are attending. Plan to carpool from parking lot at Precinct 10. Contact Alice or Mayre if interested.

Garden Therapy – Joanne Kelley – 2nd Tuesday each month at 10:30 at Pope Nursing Home. All members are encouraged to attend. Diersch Flowers has donated roses for the September program. Next session is on 10/8.

Helping Hands – Brenda Reed – Sadly Brenda is relocating to New Mexico so a new Chair will be needed. Members who need gardening help due to physical limitations are encouraged to contact Brenda.

Historian – Michelle Cappellini, unable to attend – Keeps track of the WGC through the years. Recently a locker was found at Tufts Library with WGC materials.

Holiday Luncheon – Ann Shulke, Maureen Lyons – 12/14 at SSCC. Menu, pricing and even centerpieces are being discussed. Scarf swap will also be available to interested members.

Hospitality – Barbara Collins, Paula Foster and Maureen Silva – members providing the refreshments are required to arrive at 8:30 for hall set-up. If you're listed but unable to attend be sure to arrange a substitute.

Media/Web/Publicity – Charlotte Champagne, June Fulton, Martha Slocum and Michelle Cappellini – we have transitioned to handling Web updates in house for cost savings. Any information being posted on the site must be approved by Yoshie prior to posting.

Be sure to check out the great videos on the Weymouth Channel produced by Michelle and June.

Membership – Donna Schiller - 66 members currently – 5 people joined at this meeting alone. Word of mouth is best – bring friends to future meeting. Two people signed up at the Plant Sale.

Plant Sale – Suzanne Sullivan – mark your calendars for 5/16/20 Plant Sale.

Town Beautification – Suzanne Sullivan – Fall clean-up at Abigail Adams Green is scheduled for 9/21 at the Green. Bring your rake, garden gloves, etc.

Spring clean-up will be held the day the Town has our town wide clean-up. Date TBD.

Daffodils – 500 bulbs will be arriving on 9/29. Suggestion to plant on either side of the neighborhood signs in mulched area. Volunteers will be needed.

Wreath sale – 11/30 Columbian Square tree lighting is being held Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. The timing may not work for us this year. Options will be discussed. Details will follow when available.

Library arrangements – Michelle Cappellini - volunteer sign-up sheet circulated. Ms. Picciotto requesting 2 members participate per month. The guideline sheet will be provided to members and a reminder will be sent each month.

Programs – Barbara McCarty and Sandra Clendenen – interesting topics have been chosen for this year's presentations gleaned from survey responses that members filled out last spring.

Sunshine Remembrance – Judy Suket – Email or call Judy if you hear of occasion to send out a get well wish, congratulations on birth or condolence for immediate family of member.

Thyme for Iris and Oak – Yoshie Picciotto – Town of Weymouth is currently looking for land and writing grant requests.

Brief adjournment at 10:30 for refreshments and raffle tickets.

Meeting resumed at 10:47.

Our "Welcome Back" meeting continued with each member introducing themselves.

The Pumpkin Give-a-Wey will take place from noon to 4PM on October 6th. Ms. Joanne Kelley has stepped up to get this program in the works. Additional support is needed.

Ms. Mayre Hammond and Natalie Winterle officiated the raffle drawings.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:30 a.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols, Secretary

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