



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 13, 2024

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lisa Kimball, President.

**Invocation:** Written by Kirsten Robinson

You are wrong  
to think all flowers die  
in the winter  
roots are there all along  
seedlings seeking refuge in the heart  
of the earth  
waiting for the spring sun  
to come back  
and say to the dark, you may leave now  
it's time to grow.  
Your soul is a garden  
flowers will bloom again  
ever hopeful  
evergreen

### **President- Welcome**

Lisa K. welcomed new members and guests to the meeting, she announced that 5 new members joined the WGC at the Holiday Luncheon held in December 2023. The membership is 89, with an additional 6 later that day, 4 at the meeting and 2 more online!

### **Recording Secretary**

The November 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Carole J. praised members for a successful Wreath Sale with proceeds double what they were last year! The Bakery goods and Grandma's attic were a hit.

76 members and guest attended the Holiday Luncheon, the most ever. The Luncheon was subsidized by the WGC.

Carole J. reminded members to start planning for the Plant Sale in May, dividing and potting indoor plants or starting seeds, herbs and vegetable have been a seller in years past.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

Terry H. asked members to let her know of updated emails or phone numbers.

## **Penny Pines**

The Penny Pines collection will resume, Lisa K. passed a tin around for members to donate change for the Penny Pines fund. The Penny Pines program is through GCFM, \$68 buys a plot of land on which pine seedlings are planted to reforest areas in need. A WGC member will be selected to receive the Penny Pines award.

## **Garden Therapy**

Mary F will be at the Pope Nursing Home on Thursday Jan 18 at 10:30 to host a program with a snow theme, any member interested in participating can contact Mary F. directly.

## **Books in Bloom**

Books in Bloom will be held at the Tufts Library from February 1-3. The event is open to all, sign-up forms are available online or from Michelle C. directly, contact her at [wgcbooksinbloom@gmail.com](mailto:wgcbooksinbloom@gmail.com). Additional information is available on the WGC website. [weymouthgardenclub.com](http://weymouthgardenclub.com)

Arrangements can be dropped off Wednesday Jan 31 after 2:15pm. Please stop at room 133 to check your arrangement in and find out its location for set up in the library.

Books in Bloom is about interpreting a story or the cover of a book in flowers. Please use real flowers and greenery, props that enhance the arrangement can be used. Please do not use plastic or silk flowers or items that are precious. A list of the flowers used in the arrangement written on a small note card can be displayed with the arrangement.

Michelle C. requested that members interested in being a host during Books in Bloom, sign up for time slots.

## **Art In Bloom**

Michelle C. and Kari P. will represent the WGC this year at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Art in Bloom held at the end of April, they will find out their piece of artwork in February.

## **Donations**

Charlotte D. thanked everyone for their generous gifts to the Weymouth Youth and Family Services Toy donation. The number of gifts surpassed last year!

Charlotte D. will be collecting checks for the Weymouth Food Pantry at the February and March meetings. Checks are preferred, make it out to Weymouth Food Pantry.

### **Library Programs**

The WGC has been asked by the Tufts Library Director to give garden related programs at the library for the public. The WGC will be reimbursed for these programs. Members interested in giving a program geared toward kids, teens or adults are asked to contact Lisa K.

Yoshie P. plans to host a program at Tufts Library creating Kokedamas, (moss covered balls) and is looking for members to help her. Date to be determined

### **Nominating Committee**

Two executive board positions, Treasurer and Recording Secretary will need to be filled this April.

Jean Berg has graciously accepted to be the Nominating Chair along with Suzanne S and Sally C. Two additional board members are needed to fill the required 5 members for the Nominating committee.

Carole J. has volunteered to continue on as Treasurer, a special vote at the January board meeting will be put forth to allow her more than 2 terms.

### **Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, January 24<sup>h</sup> at the Tufts Library, 6:30 pm

### **Program Speaker**

Master Gardener Kathie Skinner will speak about “Hydrangeas, Which one is right for you?”

Submitted by Anne Nicholas