



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2023

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

**Invocation:** Read by Libby McDonald

I knew a girl who was so pure,  
She couldn't say the word manure...  
That lady is a gardener now,  
And all her views have changed,  
                  somehow...

In fact, the garden she has got  
Has broadened out her mind a lot.

Reginald Arkell (1882-1959), a British script writer and comic novelist.

### **Recording Secretary**

The January general meeting minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The club donated \$3,000 to the Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund for two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded to recipients studying botany, environmental sciences, landscape design or associated areas of study. Money donated to the Scholarship Fund by the club was raised at last year's plant sale. Money raised at the plant sale also covers the club educational programs at the monthly meetings. This year's will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and we hope to raise sufficient funds to support next year's programs and scholarship donations.

Lastly, I would like to thank Libby McDonald who spent a ton of time the last several months getting a non-profit tax exempt certificate for the club, which will save us money on sales taxes this year. If anyone plans to make a purchase for the club, please contact Anne N. or Carole J. for a copy beforehand.

## **Election of Officers**

### Positions Open:

President, 2-year term

Vice President, 2-year term

Corresponding Secretary, 2-year term

Lisa K. has been appointed by our president to chair the nominating committee for new officers. She will be joined by Lorelle M., Charlotte N., and Yoshie P., and Suzanne S. who have volunteered to serve on the committee. Yoshie encouraged members to volunteer to run for positions and assured members that anyone who serves as an officer can expect support from past officers.

## **Membership**

Membership is now at 71 individuals.

## **Town Beautification**

The beautification committee met two weeks ago to discuss future projects (and will meet again immediately after today's general meeting). Projects to be undertaken will be presented to the mayor's office for approval.

## **MFA Art in Bloom**

Terry H. and Charlotte D. are representing WGC. Arrangements can be viewed at the museum from April 28 to May 1. Terry talked about the art work that she and Charlotte will be interpreting. The art work is a tribal mask from Papua, New Guinea that was used to cover the yams that were harvested.

## **Donations**

Andrea R. collected members' donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry.

## **Plant Sale, May 20**

We need a source for tomato plants, other vegetables and herbs. Each member is expected to contribute at least 10 plants to the sale.

## **Penny Pines**

We collected donations for Penny Pines today. The collection will continue at the April meeting.

## **Library Luncheon**

A pizza luncheon to thank library staff was approved by the board. Rob McLean suggested two dates in March. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate.

**Weymouth Town Clean-up**

The clean-up is scheduled for April 22 (Earth Day) from 9 am – 12 pm. The garden club will be meeting and working at Abigail Adams Green. Please bring bags, pruners, rakes, etc. Following the cleanup, there will be a luncheon provided by the town at Osprey Overlook Park.

**Meeting Program**

Blake Dinius, entomologist educator for Plymouth County, gave a very entertaining and informative program on the prevention of tick infections.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary