



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”) MEMBER MEETING DATE: May 14, 2022

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

Invocation: Given by Libby McDonald

Fog
by Carl Sandburg

The fog comes
On little cat feet.

It sits looking
Over harbor and city
On silent haunches
And then moves on.

Sonnet 18: Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer’s Day? (excerpt)
By William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer’s lease hath too short a date

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Committee Reports:

Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary No new matters to report on this month

Carole Johnson, Treasurer Reported Account Balances

Lisa Kimball, Corresponding Secretary

Discussed the sale of her ribbon pins in support of the people of Ukraine. Lisa collected \$185.00 from members (!) which will be donated in one lump sum to “Sunflowers of Peace” in the name of the Weymouth Garden Club. Anne indicated Lisa’s term is up this year. An election will be

held later. Any member who wants to be nominated for this role should notify Anne. If no one comes forward, Lisa may opt to stay in the post.

WGC 90th Celebration (April 7, 2022, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tufts Library) Updates

Abigail Adams Rose that was donated to the town will be planted in the Fall at Heritage Park. Floral arrangement by MFA Associates interpreting Donna Lucas painting of a WGC Plant Sale was raffled off. Karen DeTellis was the lucky winner and she, in turn, donated it to the library to be displayed there and enjoyed by the people of Weymouth. Karen Lowe provided a photo of the box of goodies distributed to each attendee.

Daffodil Planting (Beautification Committee)

The hundreds of daffodils planted by WGC members in Fall 2021 at Heritage Park are in bloom. Michelle C. shared how much the Fire Department enjoys their daffodils. Discussion about planting more daffodils and perhaps other types of bulbs to bloom next year. A special thank you to the Weymouth Veterans Council and WGC members Janice Clifford, Genie Boland and families for the new daffodil plantings at the Vietnam Memorial in N. Weymouth and the Honor Roll opposite Town Hall. The WGC donated the bulbs to the Council in recognition of Weymouth's veterans.

Town Clean-Up Day

Joanne Kelley coordinated the WGC clean-ups at the Abigail Adams Green and Heritage Park. At the AAG, a sign for the Herb Garden has been donated by the town.

MFA Art in Bloom

Michelle Cappellini and Regina Potter represented the WGC at the event, creating a beautiful and expressive floral display referencing the sculpture "Virgin and Child". Michelle shared photos and made remarks. A number of members attended the event and the WGC has signed on for 2023.

Seed Swap

Lisa K. coordinated a first – and hoped to be annual - Seed Swap in conjunction with the Weymouth Food Pantry, Pam Denholm, Director, on May 7, 2022, at Old South Union Church and the Food Pantry Garden.

Town of Weymouth Scholarships

WGC donated two, \$1,500 Scholarships to the Weymouth Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be awarded on May 31, 2022, to two students pursuing higher education in horticulture, farming, environmental studies or a related field.

Field Trip

Mayre Hammond went over details of the field trip to the Native Plant Trust - Garden in the Woods in Framingham, on Friday, June 10, 2022. The 90-minute guided tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: Adults \$20.00, Seniors \$16.00. Correct amount, in cash is suggested. Pay at the

gate. Carpooling: meet at Ocean State Job Lot, Main Street side, at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in going to lunch after the tour should make their own plans. Suggestions: Wayside Inn in Sudbury or plan a visit to the fabulous Russell's Garden Center. **Sign-up Deadline is June 3.** Email or text Mayre: mayreha@verizon.net; 617-347-4700.

Library Flower Arrangements

Michelle has member commitments through June.

Membership

Yoshie reported that membership numbers continue to grow. Elaine Gately attended the meeting as a guest. Pam Denholm, Director of the Weymouth Food Pantry, has become a member. Welcome!

Programs

Barbara McCarty is stepping down as co-chair of the Programs Committee. Barbara and Lorelle Mulvey arranged the wonderful programs WGC enjoyed this year. Barbara will continue as an active WGC member. Thank you, Barbara!

Sunshine Remembrance

Judy Suket reported that a sympathy letter will be sent to Santina Bottari, a long-time, former member, whose husband, Joe, passed away recently.

Plant Sale – Saturday, May 21, 2022, Weymouth DPW, Winter Street

Charlotte Champagne gave an update and instructions for the Plant Sale.

- Members are encouraged to bring at least 10 plants, either from their gardens or purchased from a local nursery or garden store.
- Volunteers: sign up with Charlotte, Suzanne Sullivan or Joanne Kelley
- Plant Drop-off is Friday, May 20 from 4:30 –6:30 p.m. Plants will be priced at that time (Anne N. and Carole J.) Charlotte will be ordering pizza!
 - **IMPORTANT:** before you drop your plants off, please water them, remove any stickers or tags from re-used pots and clean up any dirt/debris on the outside.
 - Members should place a marked stick in each pot with the following information:
 - Name of plant
 - Perennial or Annual?
 - Color when in bloom
 - Variety if a vegetable or herb

■ Sun, Shade or a combination

- Members should arrive on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. for set-up. Sale begins at 8:30 and ends at Noon.
- Items Needed:
 - Tables
 - Cardboard boxes
 - Plastic plant trays
 - Watering cans
 - Wagons
 - Garden-related creative items, such as gift baskets, for the Raffle
 - ***Gently Used*** Garden tools, plant supports, trellises and other decorative garden items For Sale
- Please be sure to mark your name on items you plan to take home eg., tables, to avoid any confusion at clean-up.
- Members may purchase two plants at full price, one on Friday evening and one on Saturday morning. If prices are lowered near the end of the sale, members may purchase freely at the lower price.