

WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (WGC) GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Saturday, September 12, 2026

The September General Meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Lisa Kimball, WGC President

Invocation:

CIRCLE OF LIFE

*Ivy, ancient symbol of eternity,
speaks to us
of times that used to be.*

*Recalling lives of members,
now gone,
Whose gardens of joy
will ever live on.*

*Wreath, entwined 'neath
a candle of light
In a never-ending path,
through the seasons of life.*

*Summer's abundance,
radiant with bloom,
Bows to autumn's glory,
defying winter's gloom.*

*The candle flickers,
hesitates,
and is still,
And sleeps through winter's
lonely chill.*

*Until the earth,
stirring anew,*

*Answers spring's happy call
that resounds through the heavens,
Awakening all.*

*The ivy sprouts
beneath earth's warming sun,
And the candle's glow
reminds everyone,
The circle is eternal,
Life never ends.*

*The gardeners are here
in the hearts of their friends.*

(author unknown)

This poem was dedicated to member Jane Meehan who passed away in June.

Officer Updates:

1. Welcome from President (Lisa Kimball)

- A. Lisa welcomed all and new members! We currently have 119 members per Johannah Cronin, Membership Chair!
- B. Lisa asked members in attendance to remember Jane Meehan, who was dedicated to this club; her relatives directed donations in lieu of flowers to WGC. We are creating the "Jane Meehan Member Memorial Tree"; Alice Desaulniers and Charlotte Champagne will lead the effort.

2. Treasurer Report (Carole Johnson)

- A. Carole reviewed her Finance Report.
- B. 2026 Plant sale yielded highest total sales in our club's history.
- C. Other positive takeaways: we have been able to double program speakers since 2022, increased scholarships and educational benefits

3. Recording Secretary (Maryellen Sheehan)

- A. May Meeting Minutes approved

4. Corresponding Secretary (Tara Fairfax)

- A. A. Please check your 'junk' box in your email to see if you are getting your WGC emails or see Tara with any issues

5. New Business

A. Handbook Orientation

- I. Reminder to please check refreshment assignments! You can switch your assignment with another member.
- II. Please note that a decision was made to change the name from 'yearbook' to 'handbook' to denote the importance of the book as a place of easy reference and important information
- III. Review of Committees. Some specific details:
 - Garden Therapy (Clare LaMorte) has a planned event at Windrose on Monday, 9/21 at 2 pm; Sign-up sheet is available
 - Michelle Cappellini reported that for the next 5 weeks there are no sign-ups for Library Arrangements
 - Johanna Cronin reported that Membership Committee is launching a 'Member of the Month' recognition in the next few months

B. Membership: (Johanna Cronin) and Swag (Carol Livingston)

- I. Rose Status: (10+ years of membership); Johannah asks members to let the Membership Committee know if you need a rose on your ID badge
- II. Report your T-shirt size (club uniform T-shirts) to Carol Livingstone

C. Beautification/ Weymouth in Bloom: (Anne Nicholas)

- I. There is a DPW pollinator garden event planned for Sat., 9/19 at 9:30am (planters/garden beds)
- II. AAVG event planned on Sun., 9/27 at 9:30am (mini clean-up)
- III. Bulb Planting Event: Sat., 10/24 at 9:30am at Tufts Library (rain date Oct 25) and Girl Scout House on Central Street in South Weymouth
 - Need volunteers! – 2/3
 - Meet at the Library first for bulb planting
 - Anne has sign-up sheets
- IV. Anne needs help for plant labels – Volunteers with good handwriting skills that have the ability to write small
- V. Anne needs help getting information onto the website and to add photos to the website as well as to create QR codes and make stickers for educational purposes – link to WGC website
- VI. Heritage Park (by S&S and Walmart) needs a volunteer to provide some 'tender loving care' (take on the rose bush); nothing heavy

F. Member Survey: (Tara Fairfax)

- I. Members completed the survey
- II. A follow up email will be sent so that members that were not able to attend the meeting can complete the survey via the link/QR code within the week
- III. The results (anonymous) will be tabulated and shared at the next meeting

Program Speaker: Barb Young (The Big Little Garden) “Magical, Mystical Moss”

- I. Reminder to all members: Recording on meeting programs is not allowed!
 - II. Barb Young plans to share her slides with members; information will be forthcoming in a future correspondence
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