



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

April 5, 2025

The WGC April General Member Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by Lisa Kimball, President.

Invocation:

Gratitude promotes growth like nothing else can. It's the fertilizer to a beautiful life garden.

With every prayer my heart makes, I plant seeds of gratitude in the garden of my soul. I nurture them with faith, love, and trust in the natural order, appreciating the beauty and interconnectedness of all things. As gratitude blooms within me, it fills my life with beauty, joy, and abundance. I am grateful for all that is and all that is becoming.

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa K.)

- Welcome new members and guests
 - Current membership total: 111
 - 22 are new to the club this year!
- Recap Evening Programs
 - Pilot year was a success
 - Three evening programs were offered: "Garden Accessories," "Homegrown National Parks," and "Honey Bees"
 - Thank you, Program Chairs!
- Plant-A-Tree Program
 - Sponsored by the National Garden Club, in partnership with USDA Forest Service. Each \$50 contribution/award sustains national forests
 - Collected enough money at the past meetings to present 3 awards
 - 3 recipients will be announced at May General Member Meeting
- Next year is WGC's 95th birthday!

Treasurer's Report (Carole)

- Weymouth Town Scholarship Fund
 - Town of Weymouth confirmed that they received our \$3,000 donation to the scholarship fund (will go to a student studying horticulture, environmental sciences, or landscaping)
- WGC Fiscal Year (FY) ends on June 30
 - Dues are due; we are keeping them at \$40
 - Committee & Program Chairs are currently putting together budgets and activities for next FY

Recording Secretary (Allie)

- **Approved** – March General Meeting Minutes

New Business Updates:

Elections (Terry, chair of Nominating Committee)

- **Approved** – *Slate of candidates:*
 - President: Lisa Kimball
 - Vice President: Laura Balan
 - Corresponding Secretary: Tara Fairfax

Committee Chairs

- Open for Appointment:
 - Children's Workshop Co-Chair
 - Donations Chair
 - Social Media: Instagram Chair
 - Yearbook Co-Chair
 - Programs Co-Chair
- New "Swag Committee" looking to be formed; more information to follow
- Each Committee has a guide to ease onboarding for new chairs
- Committee Chair announcements will be made at the May General Member Meeting
- **Action** – If interested, email Terry or speak with Lisa by **Monday, April 7th**

Donations (Charlotte D.)

- Weymouth Food Pantry Donation total:
 - WGC Member Contributions raised >\$2k

Art in Bloom (Kari P. and Chelsea V.)

- **Friday, May 2nd – Sunday, May 4th** at MFA Boston
 - **Action** – All members: try to go! Bring a friend

Field Trips (Mayre H.)

- London, England
 - **Saturday, April 26th – Sunday, May 3rd**
 - **Action** – Attendees: Trip planning meeting on **Monday, April 7th 7pm** at Tufts Library
- Native Plant Trust (Wayland)
 - **Sunday, May 24th**
 - Guided tour
 - \$15 per guest; tour guide fee paid by the club
 - **Action** – SignUpGenius to come; look out for email

Beautification (Anne)

- New WGC Beautification signs
 - Will be placed near our plantings around the town
 - Thank you, Suzanne!
- DPW Pollinator Garden Plan
 - ~~Prepare location for plantings: **Sunday, April 6th 10am-12pm**~~
 - Cancelled; DPW already prepped and mulched the area where the pollinator garden will be planted
 - Plants go in the ground: **Saturday, May 3rd 10am-12pm**

- **Action** – Looking for members to sign up to contribute pollinator plants for planting
 - *Note: This would be in addition to Plant Sale contributions*
- Town of Weymouth Community Clean Up Day @Abigail Adams Village Green (AAVG)
 - **Saturday, April 26th 9am-12pm**
 - Free lunch; Pizza at Weymouth Town Hall
 - WGC is already signed up online
 - **Action** – Members only need to acknowledge release form and note if you want lunch or not
 - **Action** – Wear your pink!

Garden Therapy (Clare L.)

- Pope Nursing Home
 - **Wednesday, April 16th 2pm**
 - Creating Easter arrangements with the residents
 - **Action** – Reach out to Clare L. if interested
- Calendar of additional Garden Therapy events is in progress and will be shared

Plant Sale (Suzanne)

- Sale:
 - **Saturday, May 17th 8:30am-12pm** at the Weymouth DPW
 - Set-up begins at **6:30am**
- Drop off:
 - **Friday, May 16th 4-7pm**
 - Pizza will be served
- Marketing:
 - Let's get the word out on the sale!
 - Flyers:
 - **Action** – Share the electronic flyer on your social media, or print out the flyer and bring to local businesses
 - Signs:
 - **Action** – Pick up lawn signs for your yard (available at the meeting today)
- Plant Contributions
 - Every member expected to donate 10 plants (indoor plants, native plants, herbs, etc.)
 - Your plants can be divided and potted up from your yard, your house plants, or bought from a nursery
 - **Action** – Make sure your plants are marked (using a popsicle stick: name of plant, sun or shade, what color will it be, etc.)
 - **Action** – Plan your 10 plants now!
 - **Action** – Pick up pots
- Garden Shop
 - No glass
 - Make sure the items are clean
 - **Action** – Collect your gently-used garden supplies and décor

Membership (Johannah)

- Dues are due: \$40

- **Action** – Make check out to Weymouth Garden Club today or bring a check to the May General Member Meeting on **Saturday, May 10th**
- Yearbook Headshots
 - Reminder that these are available during the break this month and at the May General Member Meeting

Library Appreciation/Thank you Lunch (Lisa and Laura B.)

- **Wednesday, April 9th 12pm** at Tufts Library
 - Will serve Napoli's pizzas and salads
 - **Action** – Members contribute treats and seltzers
 - Thank you to all who volunteered to help!

Pussy Willows (Fran H.)

- \$1 and \$2/bunches sold during the break; all bunches sold, and \$44 raised for the club
 - Thank you, Fran!

Announcements adjourned at 10:15am.

Program Speakers

"Invasive Species and Their Impact on Our Local Birds and Butterflies" by Lisey Good, Wild Cohasset

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, April 23rd 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library.

🌻 Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro 🌻