



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”) MEMBER MEETING

February 7, 2026

The February Member Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by Lisa K., WGC President

### **Invocation:**

**“February” by Maya Anthony, Prepared by Laura B., Vice President**

*In the morning’s crisp embrace  
Frost patterns on the window trace.  
Silent whispers of winter’s breath,  
February’s chill, a quiet wraith.  
Bare trees stand in silent rows,  
Guarding secrets only winter knows.  
Snowflakes dance, a gentle fall,  
In February’s frost, a mesmerizing call.  
Yet, beneath the icy veil,  
Spring’s whispers start to unveil.  
In every flake, a promise lies,  
February’s frost, winter’s soft goodbye.*

### **Officer Updates:**

#### **Welcome from President (Lisa K.)**

- Welcome new members!
  - We are now at 114 members (18 are new this season)
- Great things are happening this spring:
  - Library Appreciation Lunch:
    - **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
    - **Action – Talk to Charlotte C. if you are available/ interested in volunteering**
  - Art in Bloom:
    - **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Boston MFA
  - Plant Sale:
    - **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**
    - **Action – You can start potting your indoor plants now!**
  - 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Party:
    - **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**
    - **Action – Check your inbox for the save the date that Tara B. sent today**
- Other updates:
  - New Hospitality Co-Chair (for Evening Programs): Sheila S.
  - **Action – Review refreshment assignments (Member Meetings and Evening Programs)**

### Treasurer's Report (Carole J.)

- Reviewed current balances in the General, Project, and Education Funds
  - Reminder: The Education Fund is used for Programs, Weymouth Scholarship award, AND for our WGC Member Scholarship (e.g., for a Master Gardener Certification!)

### Recording Secretary (Allie D.)

- **Approved** – *January General Meeting Minutes*

### Corresponding Secretary (Tara B.)

- **Action** – *If you aren't getting the newsletter or regular club emails, please reach out to Tara B. directly*

### New Business Updates:

#### Field Trips

- Briggs Nursery in North Attleboro
  - **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 10am**
    - Andrew will lead a tour of the greenhouses
    - They also have a gift shop and a small café
    - **Action** – *RSVP to Mayre H. by the end of the meeting today*

#### Weymouth Food Pantry Donations

- More information about the Weymouth Food Pantry:
  - *Provides free groceries to approximately 3,610 people in Weymouth at any given time, between 60 and 115 families per service day, 450 and 600 families each month, and distributes about 350,000 pounds of food per year*
- More information about donating:
  - Each year we collect Weymouth Food Pantry donations from our WGC members
  - Your donation is deductible for tax purposes. Proof of donation is your carbon copy of your check or your own personal bank records
  - All checks will be mailed to the Weymouth Food Pantry after the March meeting.
  - Participation is optional
  - Collecting donations at today's meeting and at the March Member Meeting
    - **Action** – *Please write checks payable to "The Weymouth Food Pantry"*
    - **Action** – *If you can't bring your check to either meeting, checks can also be mailed to Tara F., Donations Committee Chair, at 464 Pleasant Street, Weymouth, MA 02190*

#### Evening Programs

- "Designing a Perennial Garden"
  - **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm** (refreshments and socializing begins at 6:30pm)
  - Speaker: Jana Milbocker of Enchanted Garden Design
  - In person in Tufts Library Rm 133 AND over Zoom!
  - **Action** – *Register on the Sign-up Genius to make sure you have a spot (link will be shared via email ~2 weeks before the program)*

#### Books in Bloom

- More information about the event:

- *Started by WGC in 2007, Books in Bloom is a WGC-led community event at the Tufts Library where artists choose a book and interpret the storyline or the cover art with a floral display*
- *Must use real flowers or plants, can be fresh or dried, props are allowed*
- *Must use a waterproof container*
- *Arrange at home, tweak throughout the event*
- *There is no judging*
- *You will have an assigned location for setting up your arrangement based on your book*
- *The “Friends of the Library” are hosting a Bake Sale on Saturday from 9am-4pm, all proceeds go to that organization, not to WGC*
- Outline of event:
  - Set up:
    - **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm-close**
      - **Action** – Register to participate via the online registration form (or see Michelle C. for the paper form)
      - **Action** – Come to Tufts Library Rm. 133 to get your assigned location
      - **Action** – Label the box that you are transporting your arrangement in if you plan to leave it at the library between Wednesday and Saturday
  - Hosting:
    - **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-close**
    - **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm**
      - **Action** – Sign up to host via the Sign-up Genius! (Or see Michelle C. for the paper sign-up form)
      - **Action** – Wear pink!
      - **Action** – Familiarize yourself with the library layout so you can direct visitors
      - **Action** – Share WGC bookmarks with attendees who want to know more about the club (QR code on the back of the bookmark will link right to our website)
  - Breakdown:
    - **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm** (NO EXCEPTIONS on timing)

## 2026 Spring Elections

- Positions on the ballot:
  - Treasurer and Recording Secretary
    - **Action** – Members wishing to run for open officer positions must submit intent to Elections Chair, Nick M., by March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Current candidate(s):
  - Treasurer:
    - Carole Johnson (The board approved a motion to allow Carole to run for Treasurer again and she has accepted the nomination)
  - Recording Secretary:
    - You?!

## Beautification

- Looking for a new name to better reflect:
  - 1) The committee’s broad and noble goals (not “decorating”)
  - 2) That it is not just a committee, all members are needed to support!

- **Action** – *Share your most creative new name ideas with Anne N.*
- **WGC takes care of:**
  - Abigail Adams Village Green (AAVG)
    - Spring clean-up date: **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - Pollinator Garden at the Weymouth Department of Public Works (DPW)
  - Fall Daffodil Bulb Plantings (locations all over Weymouth!)
  - Other Projects:
    - New: Beautifying garden in front of the Girl Scout House in Weymouth (*More info to come*)
    - Planters at the Tufts Library
    - Planting natives in the butterfly garden at the Tufts Library

**Announcements adjourned at 10:17am**

### **Program Speakers**

*“Dahlias”* by Betsy Szymczak. Betsy will provide a brief history of the discovery of dahlias and their introduction into the American garden. You will learn how to select dahlia tubers, where to plant, how to water and fertilize. To stake or not to stake, to dig or not to dig – these are the questions! If you dig tubers, how to store, overwinter, and then how to wake them up and perhaps make cuttings.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library

 *Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro* 