



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") GENERAL MEETING

May 9, 2026

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

Invocation:

"Mayflower," by Emily Dickinson, prepared by Laura B., Vice President

Pink, small, and punctual

Aromatic, low,

Covert in April,

Candid in May.

Dear to the moss,

Known by the knoll,

Next to the robin

In every human soul.

Bold little beauty,

Bedecked with thee,

Nature forswears

Antiquity.

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa K.)

- Welcome new members!
 - We are now at 126 members (30 are new to the club this year)
 - We have reached our capacity, so membership is now **full**
 - Member enrollment will resume once spots open up
- Dues:
 - **Action – Pay your \$40 dues by June 1st**
 - Cash or checks payable to "Weymouth Garden Club"
 - Collected at today's May General Meeting, can be brought to the Plant Sale, or mailed to Johannah C.
 - Submitting your dues on time will ensure that you are included in next season's yearbook, and it also ensures that you can stay a member given our full membership
- Yearbook headshots:
 - Allie D. can take your picture during the break (new members or re-dos)

Treasurer's Report (Carole J.)

- Reviewed current balances in the General, Project, and Education Funds

Recording Secretary (Allie D.)

- **Approved – February General Meeting Minutes**

- *(Technically approved during the April General Meeting but not recorded since that meeting did not have minutes)*

Corresponding Secretary (Tara B.)

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

Business Updates:

Weymouth Food Pantry Donation Drive

- Recap: \$3,000 raised between club and member donations!

Library Programs

- Recap: "Terrariums" (Thank you, Nick M.!) and "May Day Baskets" (Thank you, Carole J.!).

Books in Bloom

- Recap: (Feb 26-28) Thank you, Michelle C. and Regina, and all volunteers!

95th Anniversary Garden Party

- Recap: (April 11)
 - Thank you to the committee for all their hard work!
 - In honor of our anniversary, WGC received citations from:
 - 1/Weymouth Mayor, Michael Molisse
 - 2/MA House of Representative, James Murphy
 - Review of gift bag goodies:
 - Chocolate daffodil anniversary lollipops, made by Janet Clifford
 - Potpourri sachet (includes: Wessagusset beach sand, yellow rose petals, hydrangea, lavender) made by Karen L.
 - WGC Anniversary pink trucker hat (we have hats for members to collect during the break today if they did not attend the party) sponsored by the club

Library Thank You Lunch

- Recap: (April 22) The staff really appreciated the beautiful decorations and food! Organized by Charlotte C.

Art in Bloom

- Recap: (May 1-3)
 - Art assignment: "Seventh Plague of Egypt"
 - Awesome job, Michelle C. and Kari P.!

Garden Therapy

- Recap: Successful March and April events held at the Windrose on Rt. 18 in S. Weymouth
- Upcoming: **Friday, May 22nd**
- If you have any questions about the committee, reach out to Clare L.

Beautification/Weymouth in Bloom

- Recap:
 - (April 18) Clean-up of the DPW Pollinator Garden in April; 2 new trees!
 - (April 25) Clean-up of the AAVG as a part of the Town Clean-up; 23 members attended
- Upcoming:

- Girl Scout House:
 - **Saturday, May 16th 1:30pm** (right after the Plant Sale)
 - Assist with planting annuals, mini cleanup
- Summer on the AAVG:
 - Wear pink (hat or shirt!), bring pruners, trowels/shovels, and rakes
 - **Wednesday, June 17th 6:30pm**
 - **Thursday, July 16th 6:30pm**
 - **Wednesday, Aug 19th 6:30pm**

GCFM Annual Meeting

- Upcoming:
 - **Thursday, June 4th 9am-3pm** in Milford, MA
 - The board approved sponsorship of one WGC Member (*TBD*) to attend

Field Trips

- Upcoming:
 - **Tuesday, June 2nd 10am** at Sakonnet Gardens in Little Compton, RI
 - *Private tour of Sakonnet, a secret garden embedded within a native coastal fields landscape. At the diminutive scale of a cottage garden, it was conceived as an intimate place to explore, with multiple paths leading one onward to unexpected experiences (<https://www.sakonnetgarden.net/about>)*
 - Cost: \$20 per person (payable by check or Venmo to the owners on arrival)
 - Attendee Limit: No limit
 - Parking: Carpooling is imperative; parking is limited
 - **Action – Sign up at today's May General Meeting or at the Plant Sale**
 - **Thursday, June 11th 10am-12pm** at The Captured Garden in Westwood, MA
 - *A private tour of Deborah Trickett's own garden. If the name sounds familiar, Deborah was the speaker at our 95th Anniversary Garden Party*
 - Cost: \$25 per person
 - Attendee Limit: Min of 10, max of 20
 - **Action – If you are interested in visiting Deborah's garden, sign up at today's May General Meeting and details will be provided later**
 - **Saturday, June 20th 10am** at Cochato Nursery in Holbrook, MA
 - *Chuck and Sue, the nursery owners have graciously invited us back this year for a private tour of their beautiful gardens, truly a labor of love. You may be enticed to purchase something unique from their retail section for your own enjoyment*
 - Cost: Free, just bring a love of gardening!
 - Parking: Carpooling is imperative; parking is limited
 - **Action – Sign up at today's May General Meeting or at the Plant Sale**
- If you have any questions, reach out to Mayre H. and new co-chair, Julie M.!

Committee Chair Appointments

- Appointed by the *President*
- A great opportunity to get more involved with the club!
- Still looking for:
 - Membership Co-Chair
 - Programs Co-Chair
- **Action – Submit your bid to Lisa by May 16th**

2026 Officer Installation Ceremony

- Officer Installation for *Recording Secretary*: Maryellen Sheehan
- Renewal of Oath for *Treasurer*: Carole Johnson

Announcements adjourned at 10:25am

Program Speakers

"Plant Sale, Plant Sale, Plant Sale" by WGC Members: Suzanne, Joanne, and Charlotte C.

- Drop-off (plants, raffle items, garden shop items, tables, tents, chairs):
 - **Friday, May 15th 4-7pm at the DPW**
 - Outdoor plants priced *before* going inside the DPW
 - Indoor plants priced *after* going inside the DPW
 - Designated plant areas: House Plants, Herbs, Vegetables on tables, etc.
 - Pizza arriving at 6pm
- Sale:
 - **Saturday, May 16th 8:30am-12pm at the DPW**
 - Set-up begins: 6:30am
 - Tents and tables
 - Pricing will continue if needed
 - Inside the garage: Raffles, House Plants, Master Gardeners (soil testing), Kids Area
 - Outside the garage: Garden Shop, Herbs, Vegetables, Shade Plants, Sun Plants, Shrubs, Specialty Plants
 - Check out: Lisa K. and Carole J.
 - Check out assistants: Need at least 10 (includes helping people bring plants to their cars)
 - Watering: *Everyone!* (bring a jug)
 - Raffles will be announced at 11:30
 - Discounting plants at the end of the sale is not a guarantee! Will be determined that day by the president near the end of the sale (maybe!)
- Advertising:
 - Plant sale signs have been distributed
 - Markers will be given out at today's May General Meeting
 - PSA sent by Carol to WTD 95.9 and will run week prior to the Plant Sale
 - There is a countdown for the Plant Sale on the WGC website
- Reminders for plant labels:
 - Name
 - Type (herb, perennial, etc.)
 - Light needs (shade, bright light, full sun, etc.)
 - Color
 - Native

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, May 27th 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library

 *Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro* 