



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") MEMBER MEETING

November 15, 2025

The November Member Meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Lisa K., WGC President

### Invocation:

**"Autumn in the Garden" prepared by Laura B., Vice President**

*Sun shines but the air is sharp against my cheeks like ice rubbing against my skin.*

*Cringing against the inconvenience I pull my scarf around my mouth.*

*As I crush drying leaves beneath my winter boots, I hear the singing in the evergreens.*

*The robin and chickadee are cheerful to be without thought of the cold only joyous for the seed and nuts I scatter.*

*I turn my face to absorb the light and warmth of the sun and whisper a note of thanks for the new season.*

### Officer Updates:

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

- Welcome baby Caspian! (Beth Lavery was the first to have a baby as a WGC Member back in 1980!)
- Helping hands:
  - Thank you to all volunteers for helping Julie M. with planting
- Trunk or Treat:
  - Formerly known as the "Pumpkin Give-A-Wey;" the event format has also changed; it is now more geared towards families and less attendees are interested in learning about community organizations and buying bulbs
- Leave the leaves:
  - Be a lazy gardener, save a butterfly!
- Reminder about timing for our April Botanical Party:
  - Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the party will be held during the April Member Meeting on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

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

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

#### **Recording Secretary (Allie D.)**

- **Approved** – *October General Meeting Minutes*

#### **Corresponding Secretary (Tara B.)**

- Tara is now sending pre-meeting reminders with bios on the program speakers
- **Action** – *If you aren't getting the emails, please reach out to Tara B. directly*

### **New Business Updates:**

#### **Beautification (Anne N.)**

- Daffodils:
  - Thank you to all volunteers who planted bulbs at the High School, DPW, Town Hall, and the Youngclaus Memorial
- DPW Pollinator Garden:
  - ***Success** – The DPW pollinator garden is now signed up for the ‘Pollinator Pathway’ (grassroots, national organization). Anne N. presented the special sign that will be on display in the garden. We are Weymouth’s first Pollinator Pathway. Learn more at: [pollinator-pathway.org](http://pollinator-pathway.org)*

#### **Holiday Luncheon (Laura B.)**

- **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 11-2pm** at Ironwood in Hingham @ South Shore Country Club
  - Dietary restrictions:
    - Please make sure you let Laura B. know if you or your guest have food restrictions
  - Price:
    - \$25 for members, \$35 for guests
    - Please pay in cash or make your checks out to the *Weymouth Garden Club*
  - Payments:
    - Payments are due by **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**
    - Laura B. collected money before & after the meeting today
      - ***Action** – You can mail your check to Carole J.* (Find her address in your yearbook & reminder to make sure they will arrive by **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**)
  - Raffle Baskets:
    - ***Action** – Looking for more volunteers to help with the Spa Basket, please contact Marcia P. if you are interested*
- Shop Local Surprise:
  - ***Action** – If you want to participate in the swap at the Luncheon, please shop locally (max: \$20) and bring it to the Luncheon for the exchange*
- Giving Tree - Toy Drive:
  - The drive supports the Weymouth Youth and Family Services organization, which provides advocacy and social services to Weymouth residents (e.g., after-school activities)
    - ***Action** – Choose a tag from the Giving Tree, each representing a requested gift (the list is also available electronically, please see emails from Tara B.)*
    - ***Action** – Alternatively, you can also donate a gift card(s) (there will be a collection box for them at the Luncheon)*
    - ***Action** – Bring your gift unwrapped to the Luncheon*
      - ***Action** – If you can’t make it to the Luncheon but still want to contribute a toy to the drive, you can contact Tara B.*

#### **Evening Program: “Houseplants” (Anne N. and Kathy M.)**

- **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**
  - ***Action** – Register on the Sign-up Genius (check your email this Monday for the link!)*

**Library Program: “Children’s Holiday Workshop” (Yoshie P.)**

- **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm**
  - *Action – Contact Yoshie P. if you are interested in volunteering*

**Garden Therapy (Clare L.)**

- **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** at The Windrose on Rt. 18
  - Will be using soup cans for this craft; no additional cans needed
  - *Action – Please reach out to Clare L. if you are interested in attending the Garden Therapy events but haven’t been getting her emails with more information*
- More about the committee:
  - The committee does monthly, floral craft projects at the Windrose Memory Care Facility

**Wreath and Winter Holiday Sale (Suzanne S. and Lisa K.)**

- Reflections on an ancient tradition:
  - Making wreaths with evergreen branches has been around for thousands of years
  - Different customs across cultures and time periods: representing connection to nature during the winter season/solstice, the circle of life, good luck for the harvest, etc.
- Important Reminders:
  - Drop-off greens and bows:
    - **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at Suzanne’s house
      - There will be a designated drop-off spot at Suzanne’s
      - No sign-ups required
  - Wreath Pick-up:
    - **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (afternoon) – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at Suzanne’s house
      - If you want to make a wreath at your home instead of during a workshop, you can pick up an undecorated wreath (~20 available, max of 2 per person)
      - They will be in the trailer at Suzanne’s
      - *Action – Sign-ups are required (if you didn’t have a chance to sign up at the meeting, and want to see if there are wreaths available to claim, email Suzanne)*
  - Wreath and Greens Workshops:
    - **Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 4-7:30pm & Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 4-7:30pm** at Suzanne’s house
      - *Action – Sign-ups are required (if you didn’t have a chance to sign up at the meeting, and want to see if there are spots left, email Suzanne)*
      - *Action – Bring wire, pruners, pipe cleaners, and decorations (ideally, natural (e.g., dried fruit, pinecones, seashells))*
  - Advertising:
    - Tara B. emailed the club with electronic versions of the social media image for the sale (which can be shared online) and a flyer for the sale (which can be printed and posted on a bulletin board)
      - *Action – Spread the word to your friends and neighbors around town and via social media!*
  - Bake Shop:
    - *Action – We are looking for high-end, decoratively wrapped baked goods*

- *Action – Please add a label (if you make something nut free or gluten free, please make sure that is on the label)*
- Day-of:
  - **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm** at the DPW
    - **6:30-8:30am:** Set-up and drop-off baked goods, wreaths, swags

**Announcements adjourned at 10:13am**

### **Program Speakers**

"Wreath Sale Creations" by Lisa K., Yoshie P., and Chelsea V. WGC members demonstrated wreath making and swag arrangement to inspire members' creativity for our last fundraiser of the year

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library

🌻 Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro 🌻