



# Weymouth Garden Club

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

October 19, 2024

The WGC October General Member Meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Lisa Kimball, President.

### Invocation:

*Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessings fall upon our seeds and bulbs, our hands and tools, our soil, our potted plants, our gardens, and our allotments. Bless our labor with rain and sunshine, that new life might spring up, that we might be truly at one with the integrity of all creation. We are stewards of the magnificent gardens, parks and open spaces around us, standing firm in our conviction to defend and protect our lands from abuse and misuse. We pray for peace, harmony and conservancy between nature and all inhabitants of this amazing planet.*

### Officer Updates:

#### Welcome from President (Lisa Kimball)

- Welcome to new members and guests!
- Reviewed Pumpkin Give-A-Wey success
  - Raised \$400+ (sold all 65 bags of daffodils at \$5/bag, and sold 8 decoupage pumpkins at \$10/each) which offset the cost of our Daffodil planting project
- First evening program was held last week
  - Great turnout, appetizers, and floral arrangement
- WGC Online Store
  - Open until **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**
    - Don't select Apple Pay, choose "More payment options," "PICKUP" discount code so that you don't pay for shipping. Lisa will bring to the Holiday Celebration

#### Treasurer's Report (Carole Johnson)

- Thank you to Roxy R. for the donation of 400+ bulbs for the Pumpkin Give-A-Wey
- Membership: 101 total members, 12 new members this year, our goal is to end the year with 125 members
- Annual Dues: Remain at \$40/year which go to the general fund to cover operating expenses (e.g., subsidizing the holiday dinner in November)

#### Recording Secretary (Allie DeCastro)

- **Approved** – September General Meeting Minutes

### New Business Updates:

#### Holiday Celebration (Charlotte N.)

- **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-9pm** at Rafael's South Shore Country Club
  - Setup: **5pm**
  - Guests arrive by: **6pm**
- \$25 for members, \$35 for guests
- Dinner and dessert will be served

- Holiday Raffles
- Toy Drive for Weymouth Youth and Family Services (Charlotte D.)
  - “The Giving Tree” lists gifts that the kids are looking for
    - Do not wrap the gifts, gift bags are preferred
    - Only new gifts
- **Action** – RSVP by **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### Field Trips (Alice)

- NE Botanical Garden last month. Enchanted forest is recommended
- London in April. Group is booking flights now

#### Beautification (Anne N.)

- Decorated the Weymouth High School sign for the Pumpkin Give-A-Wey
- Planted yellow mums in at the Weymouth DPW
- Held three fall cleanups at the AAVG (thank you to all who helped!)
- Daffodil planting tomorrow **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am until all bulbs are planted**
  - **Action** – Bring gloves, shovels, trowels, and kneeling pads

#### Membership

- New member report coming via email:
  - Can add new members to the notes section in your WGC Yearbook
- Member update:
  - AnneMaria Reardon’s Phone number correction -> grab from the newsletter
  - Beth Toth paused her membership
- T-shirts:
  - Will be distributed at the Holiday Celebration

#### Committees actively recruiting:

- Garden Therapy: This committee works with elders on floral or garden-related projects Whipple
  - **Action** – Need chair and members

#### Library Programs

- Indoor Herb Gardening: **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** with Lisa and Paula
- Children’s Program: **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** with Yoshie

#### Wreath and Holiday Sale

- Will include Wreaths, Swags, Centerpieces, Grandma’s Kitchen this year
  - **Action** – Think about baked goods, etc. that you can make for Grandma’s Kitchen
- Prep and Demos: Held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** general WGC meeting
- Workshops: Held at Suzanne’s house on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Action** – Start collecting pinecones, ribbons, etc.
- Sale: Takes place on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - Set-up: **8am**
  - Sale: **9am-12pm**

#### Books in Bloom (Michelle C.):

- **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>- Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025** at the Tufts Library
  - Choose a book and interpret the colors, themes, etc. with a floral arrangement.
  - You can use props to enhance the storyline of your book
  - This is all volunteer; you are responsible for the expenses related to your arrangement
  - Not a fundraiser, just an event that we host for our community
  - No watering at the library; displays will be on bookshelves and need to be careful of the

books

- Lunch with an author idea: Tablescape for two, with a floral arrangement, pretend you have invited your favorite author. More information to come.

**Art in Bloom (Michelle C.):**

- **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025** at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)
- Need to know by **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** who is participating
  - **Action** – Need lead designer and assistant:
    - Follow up with Kari and Chelsea
- Find previous photographs on [the WGC website under “Gallery” here](#)

**Announcements adjourned at 10:32am.**

**Next Board Meeting**

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

**Program Speakers**

Gretel Anspach (MMG) presented, *“Preparing Your Garden for Winter.”*

🌻 Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro 🌻