



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

February 8, 2025

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

Invocation:

Winter Garden by Irene Latham

There's a garden under that snow.

Deep in cozy soil, roots stretch, unfurl.

Plants need privacy, did you know?

Yes, there's a garden under that snow.

Plants carry the light required to grow

while winter sky is all storm and swirl.

There's a garden under that snow!

Come spring, watch green shoots pop, uncurl

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa K.)

- Plant-A-Tree:
 - Formerly: "Penny Pines"
 - Reforestation program run by the National Garden Club in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service
 - Each \$50 collected goes towards a Plant-A-Tree certificate that will be customized to honor, memorialize, or celebrate a club member
 - Collecting spare change today and at the March General Member Meeting on **Saturday, March 8th**
 - **Action** – Bring spare change to the March General Member Meeting

Treasurer's Report (Carole J.)

- February Treasury Update:
 - 104 members (as of this morning), 15 are new to the club this year
 - At this time last year, the club had 107 active members
 - Our fiscal year ends on June 30; any members who joined after January 1 will have their dues credited to next year's dues
 - Presented Treasurer's report with balances for General Fund, Project Fund, Education Fund as well Current Funds available (in Cash and Savings) [*balances redacted*]
- Upcoming Plant Sale:
 - The club will hold our annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 17th** at the Weymouth DPW
 - Plant Sale proceeds go to the club's *Education Fund* which funds programs to educate members, supports member's horticultural education, and contributes to the Weymouth Town Scholarship fund

Recording Secretary (Allie D.)

- **Approved** – January General Meeting Minutes

New Business Updates:

Donations (Charlotte D.)

- Weymouth Food Pantry Donation Drive:
 - Collecting today and at the March General Member Meeting on **Saturday, March 8th**
 - This is not a mandatory donation and checks for any amount will be gratefully received
 - Please make checks payable to “*The Weymouth Food Pantry*”
 - The food pantry will send you an acknowledgement of your donation
 - **Action** – Bring checks to the March General Member Meeting
- Looking for a new committee chair:
 - Charlotte D. is stepping down as chair at the end of this year
 - Thank you for your many years of service, Charlotte!
 - Responsibilities:
 - Putting together the Giving Tree during the holidays, collecting the club’s gifts for the Department of Youth and Family Services, and spearheading the collection for the Food Pantry
 - **Action** – Reach out to Charlotte D. if you are interested in serving as committee chair and/or want to learn more

Books in Bloom (Michelle C.)

- **Thursday, February 27th – Saturday, March 1st** at the Tufts Library
 - Set-up: **Wednesday, February 26th 2-8:45pm***
 - Pick-up: **Saturday, March 1st 4-4:45pm***
 - **Note = Set-up and Pick-up times are strict*
- This event was created to highlight a favorite book and complement it with beautiful flowers and plant life
- Looking for volunteers to 1) make floral displays/arrangements AND 2) to host during the event (in 2-hour shifts)
 - You are welcome to sign up for as many displays and shifts as you want, although the number of displays may be limited depending on space
 - **Action** – Sign-up to host on [via SignUpGenius here](#)
 - **Action** – Sign-up to make a display [via the Application form here](#)
- Directions for hosting:
 - Please wear our signature pink if you can (even if it’s a scarf)
 - Badges will be provided for each host
 - Greet visitors, let them know what Books in Bloom is about if asked. Make sure visitors know where all the displays are located so they won’t miss any
 - Visitors will appreciate seeing a friendly face. They like to talk about their favorite displays, flowers and books. They may ask questions about the library as well
 - You can remind visitors to sign our guest book(s)
 - Keep an eye on displays; unfortunately, visitors will touch and rearrange displays
 - Bookmarks will be available to distribute to help advertise the club
- Directions for making displays:

- Do not water your arrangements; if you see something that needs watering, let Michelle C. or Regina P. know
- Items have also been known to disappear; do not use valuables/sentimental items
- You choose your own book, even if someone else is doing the same book
- You pay for your own flowers/display
- Must use real flowers
- [Read more directions here](#)

Library Flowers (Michelle C.)

- Members donate and display a bouquet every week to beautify the library
 - **Action** – Check out the calendar and sign up [via SignUpGenius here](#)
 - **Action** – Any questions, reach out to Michelle C. via email

Elections (Terry H.)

- Elections will be held at the April General Member Meeting on **Saturday, April 5th**
- Terms are for 2 years; terms will commence following the installation ceremony at the May General Member Meeting on **Saturday, May 10th**
- Nominating Committee (5):
 - 1 Chair appointed by president: *Terry H.*
 - 2 Members elected by the Executive Board: *Joanne K. and Mayre H.*
 - 2 Members elected by the Club: *Dee Dee M. and Linda W.*
- Open positions (3):
 - President: *Lisa K. has volunteered to run again*
 - Vice President: *0 volunteers*
 - Corresponding Secretary: *0 volunteers*
 - **Action** – Need volunteers for Vice President and Corresponding Secretary, please reach out to Terry H., if interested or want more information

Field Trips (Mayre H.)

- **Thursday, March 13th 11:30am-1pm** (1.5-hour tour) at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
 - Tour of the “botanically-themed artwork in the museum”
 - \$10pp (entrance usually \$30pp!) due to Mayre H.
 - 20-person limit; there are still 4 spots!
 - **Action** – Sign up [via SignUpGenius here](#)
- **Saturday, April 26th – Sunday, May 3rd** in London, England
 - First official WGC International Field Trip!
 - Changing April Board Meeting to **Wednesday, April 23rd** to accommodate the field trip
 - **Action** – “Six” ticket fees due **Saturday, February 15th**

Beautification (Anne N.)

- Spring is 2 months away, now is the time for us to plan this year's projects!
- Beautification committee planning meeting on **Wednesday, February 12th 6:30pm** (~1-1.5-hour meeting) in Room 133 at the library
 - We will be discussing Daffodil planting, Abigail Adams Village Park, DPW planting, etc.
 - Please bring your ideas and suggestions
 - Everyone is welcome
 - **Action** – If you will be attending the planning meeting, sign up [via SignUpGenius here](#)

Plant Sale (Suzanne S.)

- **Saturday, May 17th** at the Weymouth DPW
 - Drop-off: **Friday, May 16th** (at the DPW)
- **Action** – Members are each expected to contribute (at least) 10 plants to the Plant Sale
- More information about the event:
 - Save your pots (these are the plastic containers that flowers come in)
 - Suggestion: A few weeks in advance, buy an 8 pack, divide them into pots, and let them grow into larger plants that can be sold at a higher price
 - “Plants” can be perennials, annuals, house plants, herbs, etc.
 - No glass vases
 - Bring any gently-used garden tools for the “Garden Shop” at the event
 - Bring any raffle items for the Raffle at the event
 - We will also be offering facepainting and soil testing

Announcements adjourned at 10:16am.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, February 19th 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library.

Program Speakers

“Starting Seeds” by Gretel Anspach

🌻 *Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro* 🌻