



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2024

The WGC April General Member Meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Lisa Kimball, President.

Invocation:

Adapted from “I want the spring for you” by Gerry Pere, updated by Charlotte Nichols, Vice President.

*I wanted the Spring to arrive,
That time when the Earth is black with warmth,
When our hands connect with the Dirt
And we know it is time for growing and color.
That day when the rains are gone
And the sun is bright–
So bright, it warms us and
Heals us once again...
Renews us, Empowers us,
Shows us All that is good and takes its time to say,
This is our time, our day...
Our day to Prune, Till, Shovel,
Rake and Grow our gardens anew.
It's time, All is ready–
Our shovel is honed, rake tines are straight,
Our shears are oiled, gloves are supple and
The boots are by the door.
Reach down,
Touch the Earth.
Smell the warm,
Feel the Sun and
Choose today to
Plant your garden anew.*

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa Kimball)

- WGC Awards: Voting today (three categories). Awards given at the May meeting.

Treasurer (Carole Johnson)

- This past year was a record year for members and fundraising: 102 members, 38 are new this year. First time in WGC history that we have more than 100 members.
- Dues: \$40 annual membership dues due by the end of June.
 - **Action** – Bring check to May meeting or mail check to Sheila S. (11 Taft Rd Weymouth, MA 02188).
- WGC Member Scholarship: First recipient awarded to Terry H. for her Master Gardener Certification. She will be the third master gardener in the club!

Recording Secretary (Allie DeCastro)

- **Approved** – March General Meeting Minutes.

New Business:

April Officer Elections

- **Approved** – Carole Johnson for Treasurer.
- **Approved** – Allie DeCastro for Recording Secretary.

Library Programs

- Big thanks to Tess S. and Paula F. for hosting “The Language of Flowers” for our April program.
- Library requested we host a Teen program in May and an Adult program in the fall.

Food Pantry Donation Drive

- Charlotte D. collecting monetary donations (checks made out to the ‘Weymouth Food Pantry’) and Paula F. collecting non-perishable donations.

Garden Therapy

- Pope Nursing Home: **Thursday, April 18th 10:30am**. Collecting small, multicolored vases for ‘Spring Bouquets.’
 - **Action** – Contact Fran H. if you want to volunteer and/or have a vase to donate.

Weymouth Clean-up Day

- The Clean-up Day will be **Saturday, April 27th 9-12pm**. Meet at the Abigail Adams Green. Hosted by the Weymouth Town Hall. Lunch provided for anyone who volunteers.
 - **Action** – Invite your family and friends!
 - **Action** – Wear your pink shirt, bring your garden gloves, pruners, rake (anything you would use to clean-up in your yard).
 - **Action** – Release form needs to be filled out for each participant.

Art in Bloom

- **Friday, April 26th – Sunday, April 28th** at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA). Michelle D. and Kari P. representing the WGC. 45 garden clubs participating.
 - **Action** – Reserve your tickets in advance via the MFA!

Field Trips

- “Spring Ephemerals” on **Saturday, May 4th 11am** at the Cochato Nursery in Holbrook. Tour of the garden with refreshments (free). Meet at the nursery.
 - **Action** – Any members interested in joining, contact Mayre H.

Plant Sale

- Our May General Meeting will be dedicated to the Plant Sale!
 - **Action** – Any questions in the meantime, contact Suzanne S. and Charlotte C.

- Reminders about Plant Sale event details/directions:
 - Location: Weymouth DPW
 - Timeline:
 - Dropoff: [Friday, May 17th 4-7pm](#)
 - Dropoff: plants, tables, raffle items, garden shop items.
 - Setup: [Saturday, May 18th 6:30-8:30am](#)
 - Plant Sale: [Saturday, May 18th 8:30-12pm](#)
 - Directions to members:
 - Each member brings: ~10 plants.
 - Plants to bring: Veggies, herbs, and annuals (along with perennials and houseplants). No invasive plants.
 - Bring plants in: Plastic pots (containers that plants come in; if you need some, nurseries have extras).
 - Divide, grow, or purchase plants: Start growing or dividing plants in your garden now so they are thriving by the sale. Idea: buy a ~\$4 flat of plants, repot them and put them into bigger pots.
 - Must have a labeled stick with:
 - 1/Name of Plant
 - 2/Perennial or Annual
 - 3/Color (if applicable)
 - 4/Indoor or Outdoor
 - 5/Sun or Shade
 - 6/Mark as Native (if applicable)
 - Soil Testing: Marye H. is doing soil testing, and will publish the directions.

Announcements adjourned at 10:15am.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is [Wednesday, April 24th 6:30pm](#) at the Tufts Library.

Program Speaker

[Pam Denholm](#) will speak about “Color Theory in the Cottage Garden.”

Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro.