



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 14, 2023

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Anne Nicholas, President.

**Invocation:** Read by Libby McDonald

I do hold it in the royal ordering of gardens, there ought to be gardens for all months in the year, in which, severally, things of beauty may be then in season.

For the latter of January and February, the Mezereon-tree, which then blossoms: Crocus Vernus, both the yellow and the gray; Primroses, Anemones, the early Tulip, the Hyacinthus Orientalis, Chamairis Fritellaria.

God Almighty first planted a Garden; and, indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures; it is the greatest refreshment to the spirits of man; without which buildings and palaces are but gross handy-works: and a man shall ever see, that, when ages grow to civility and elegancy, men come to build stately, sooner than to garden finely: as if gardening were the greater perfection.

Francis Bacon, 1625

### **Recording Secretary**

The November general meeting minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Lisa K. is adding new members emails to her correspondence list. Anyone who does not currently receive Lisa’s emails, should let Lisa know.

### **Membership**

Membership is now at 69 individuals.

### **Holiday Events**

Mayor’s office decoration – seaside theme, pictures on mayor’s website.

Wreath sale – very successful, see treasurer’s report.

Town Tree Lighting – catered to families with children, not many sales of wreaths, etc..

Holiday brunch – enjoyed by all who attended, collection of gifts for Youth and Family Services.

Anne thanked all members who organized and staffed events.

### **Books in Bloom**

The club’s next event is Books in Bloom, which will be held at Tufts Library. Public viewing will take place on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Members should set-up their floral arrangements at the library beginning at 2 pm on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Room 133 will be available for garden club members during the set-up and show. Presenters should bring towels, paper towels for cleaning up. Members are encouraged to sign up for hosting during viewing hours.

On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4pm, the Friends of the Library will hand out wrapped cookies and water to the public.

Participants should be prepared to remove displays on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 4- 5 pm.

### **Town Beautification**

The club has funds available for new beautification projects. Suzanne S. asked members to get in touch with her if they have ideas for new projects. Suzanne also invited interested members to join the committee.

### **MFA Art in Bloom**

Terry H. and Charlotte D. are representing WGC. Arrangements can be viewed at the museum from April 28 to May 1.

### **Donations**

At our next meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Charlotte D. will be collecting members’ donations to the Weymouth Food Pantry. Checks should be payable to the Weymouth Food Pantry.

### **Children’s Workshop**

Yoshie P. organized a children’s workshop on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The group made holiday centerpieces.

### **Library Arrangements**

Michelle C. brought sign-up forms to our meeting. Volunteers are still needed. Members should contact Michelle to arrange to place a floral arrangement in the library for a two- week period.

### **Garden Therapy**

Allison S., accompanied by a group of Brownies, held a workshop for residents of the Pope Nursing Home in December.

### **Plant Sale, May 20**

A huge event to raise funds for Weymouth Town Scholarships as well as club education opportunities. Members should contribute at least 10 outside plants or houseplants to the sale.

Consider donating gently-used garden items – no glass.

Note:

Our source for tomato plants and other vegetables will not be contributing this year. In past years we received about 100 tomato plants. Members should consider growing tomatoes from seed or buying plants for the plant sale to fill the void. The vegetables have always been a big seller and our buyers will be looking for them.

### **Meeting Program**

Beyond the Basics, 10 Herbs to Know and Grow

Speaker: Karen O'Brien

Karen offered recipes using herbs and also allowed members to taste the food, as well as infused vinegar and spirits, that she had prepared.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary