



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2023

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

#### **Invocation: Composed and read by Charlotte Nichols**

May we be ever mindful of the beauty that surrounds us. Let us grow with our flowers in gentleness, patience, courage, laughter, and acceptance.

As we turn the brown soil and plant our seeds, may we learn faith...faith in the goodness of the earth, the clemency of the sun, the fullness of the clouds.

May we be grateful for the privilege of being coworkers with nature in the creation of even one tiny flower;

And grant that we may know the undeniable joy that comes from sharing these gifts with others.

#### **Recording Secretary**

The May meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Carole J. announced the balances in the general fund, projects fund and education fund. She reported that there are 74 members currently, not counting anyone who joined today.

#### **Rooting for Weymouth T-shirts**

The club will purchase T-shirts with the slogan "Rooting for Weymouth" for all current members. The T-shirts will be in our signature pink color and will identify club members at our plant sale and other town events. Samples were on hand at today's meeting for size selection.

#### **Abigail Adams Rose Planting**

The club is giving an Abigail Adams rose to the Town of Weymouth. to be planted at Heritage Park. Due to the weather, the planting was rescheduled to Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

## **Penny Pines**

With donations from members, the club made a gift to Penny Pines for reforesting a tract of land. The gift to Penny Pines was dedicated to member Joanne Kelley. The certificate will be presented to Joanne later, since she was unable to attend this meeting.

## **Committees**

For the benefit of new members, officers were introduced. Lisa also asked each committee chair to stand and explain the role of their committee in the operation of the club.

## **Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Tufts Library.

## **Field Trips**

Alice D. and Mayre H. have planned a field trip to the Mt. Auburn Cemetery on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Media/Web/Publicity**

Corin A. gave a tutorial on using Instagram. The club now has an Instagram account.

## **Membership Committee**

Yoshie announced that Phyllis Mc. has resigned as co-chair of the committee. Yoshie also informed the group that she would also like to resign from the membership committee. We need members to volunteer for the committee, replacing Phyllis and Yoshie.

## **Books in Bloom**

The event will be held at Tufts Library from February 1-3.

## **Children's Workshop**

Yoshie plans to hold a workshop at Tufts Library right before the holidays.

## **Father Bill's Houseplant Project**

Father Bill's is building 30 residences for individuals with housing needs. The club has undertaken to provide one houseplant (in an attractive container) for each of 30 apartments. Interested members can donate plants for the project.

## **Welcome to Weymouth**

The club will have a table at the Welcome to Weymouth Community Fair. We will familiarize new residents with the Garden Club and, hopefully, encourage new members. We will cover the event with two shifts of two people at a time. The fair will take place on September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tufts Library.

### **Pumpkin Give-A-Wey**

Pumpkin Give-A-Wey is on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Weymouth High School. The club will have a table at the event, at which we will sell packages of bulbs for fall planting.

### **Holiday Luncheon**

The holiday luncheon will be held at South Shore Country Club in Hingham on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte N. is overseeing the luncheon and welcomes assistance from interested club members. In addition, the club will subsidize a portion of each member's meal.

### **Speaker**

Trevor Smith of Weston Nurseries presented "Introduction to Landscaping". The presentation was very well received by members.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary