



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: April 7, 2022

The WGC meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. EST, by Anne Nicholas, President.

The evening is a celebration marking Weymouth Garden Club’s 90<sup>th</sup> year.

**Invocation:** Given by Libby McDonald

Give me the sunshine so my flowers stand tall.

Give me the time to care for them all.

Give me the rain when their soil is dry.

Let me achieve beauty for all who pass by

Anne N. welcomed members and invited guests to the Weymouth Garden Clubs 90<sup>th</sup> celebration.

“90 years ago in this very month, a handful of women met and organized the Weymouth Garden Club. A year later they became federated by joining with the GCFM, Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. Our monthly garden club meetings are all about the future, the next event, the next meeting or sale. Tonight is about celebrating the past 90 years.”

Anne N. introduced the WGC officers and asked each to stand.

Libby Mc Donald- Vice President

Carole Johnson- Treasurer

Lisa Kimball- Corresponding Secretary

Donna Schiller- Recording Secretary

Anne N. reflected on the past few years and the challenges for us all, “COVID kept us separated from family, friends, work, anything social, but our gardens turned out to be the place to go. It’s not a coincidence that gardening across the country is on the rise. We are fortunate that our garden club found ways to continue meeting through Zoom, by wearing masks to meeting and outdoor sales.”

Anne N. welcomed the invited guests

**From Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM)**

Marjorie Dienhart- GCFM-Vice President

Carol Hartnett- South Shore District Director

Christine Mairano- South Shore Assistant Director

**From the Weymouth Tufts Library**

Rob MacLean- Director

Heather Backman- Assistant Director

Beth Crowley- Secretary

**From the Weymouth Mayor's office:**

Mayor Robert Hedlund

Jeanne Savoy- Senior Assistant to the Mayor

Kerry Ann Knapp- Assistant to the Mayor

Anne N. presented Mayor Hedlund and his staff an Abigail Adams Rose Bush that had been propagated from one of the original bushes planted in the Abigail Adams Village Green. The bush will be planted by WGC members at the new Heritage Park.

Mayor Hedlund spoke of all the projects the WGC does around Weymouth and thanked members for their work in keeping Weymouth beautiful. He presented the WGC with a Certificate of Recognition for 90 years as the Weymouth Garden Club.

Marjorie Dienhart presented the WGC a certificate from the National Garden Association in honor of their 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration. She also spoke of how welcoming the WGC has been and how impressed she was with the projects we are doing.

Past presidents in attendance were asked to say a few words about a memorable time during their presidency

2001-2002 Olga Segalla – remembered the WGC having Holiday house tours

2003-2005 Connie Nielsen- remembered the naming the Abigail Adams Rose and selling plants

2005-2011 and 2016-2017 Jean Berg- remembered member garden tours and the Holiday party

2011-2015 Suzanne Sullivan- remembered planting daffodils around Weymouth and the Plant sale

2017-2021 Yoshie Picciotto- remembered Penny Pines and initiating Zoom meetings

2021-2022 Anne Nicholas- remembered planting the Herb Garden at the Abigail Adams Green and updating the WGC website

Anne N thanked the 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee for their hard work in putting the evening together.

Andrea R.- e -invitations

Michelle C.- written invitations and the History Tables

Libby Mc. -for coordinating RSVP's

Suzanne S. -for the flower arrangements

Karen L., Libby Mc., Sue A. for baking the shortbread in the Goodies to Go boxes

Barbara Mc. and Lorelle M. for organizing the program.

Suzanne S. and Charlotte C. discussed details for the upcoming plant sale.

Friday, May 20 – Members are to drop off plants at the Weymouth DPW from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Tables will be set up and plants will be priced.

Saturday, May 21 – Setup for the sale will begin at 6:30 a.m. The plant sale will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Members should contribute at least 10 plants to the sale. Annuals, Perennials and Indoor plants should be potted early to look their best for the sale. Members can bring purchased herbs as their contribution if they wish.

Members can also bring gently used garden items to be sold and items to raffle.

There will be a Master Gardeners' table for people to ask gardening questions, a kid's table with face painting by a WGC member and membership information table.

Program, MFA Art in Bloom Roadshow

Barbara Mc. to Introduce Donna Lucas former WGC member and artist of the WGC Plant sale that was the subject inspiration for the floral interpretation. The stunning arrangement was raffled off and the winner, Karen D. graciously donated the arrangement to the Library for all to see, the artwork was also left at the Library so both could be viewed side by side.

“Goodies to Go” treat boxes were given to members on the way out. Inside the boxes were, Rosemary Shortbread for remembrance.