



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 8, 2022

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Anne Nicholas, President. The meeting was held at the Tufts Library and was also available to members remotely via Zoom.

Invocation: Given by Libby McDonald

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though:
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Secretary's Report:

Donna S. reported that there is a correction to be made to the November general meeting minutes before they can be posted. The holiday luncheon was held in lieu of a meeting in December, so there are no December minutes.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Lisa K. reported she has been sending out notices to members without any issues. Lisa asked that any new members notify her if they are not receiving her emails.

Treasurer's Report:

Carole J. gave an accounting of funds on hand.

Historian:

Michelle C. gave a summary of history in the 1970's.

Holiday Luncheon:

Fifty members and guests attended the luncheon. Anne N. thanked Charlotte D. for all her work organizing the giving tree donations. Members provided a bounty of gifts for children in need in Weymouth. Additionally, the Shop Local swap benefitted local businesses. Many lovely items were available to members in a raffle held at the luncheon.

Town Beautification:

The club planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs around town, with the majority planted at the King Philip Memorial. The King Philip Memorial will be a focal point of the Weymouth 400 celebration, enhanced by our prominent display of daffodils at the park.

Membership:

Members now total 61.

Books In Bloom:

Books in Bloom will be on display throughout the Tufts Library from February 10-12 during Library hours. Michelle C. announced that the exhibition will be set up at the library on Wednesday, February 9 from 2-6 pm. Members participating should bring their displays/arrangements for check in at Room 133 of the library, near the rear entrance/exit door. Registration forms will be available by email or at the checkout desk at the library. At the meeting, slides were shown of past displays and Michelle had suggestions regarding containers, materials, etc. For anyone interested, there is also the opportunity to interpret works of art at the library. Contact Michelle C. at wgcbbooksinbloom@gmail.com for additional information or to answer questions.

Anne N. urged all members to participate. The event will highlight both the garden club and the library.

Arrangements should be picked up no earlier than 4 pm on Saturday, February 12.

Field Trips:

Alice D. is looking into a field trip for members to the Lyman Estate in Waltham at a date in February TBD. The greenhouse at the estate features a display of camellias in bloom from February to March. Alice will check to make sure tours are operating at the estate. The cost of

admission is \$25 and includes a tour of the mansion and greenhouse. There are also exotic plants for sale. An email will be sent to members with trip details.

Media/Publicity:

Anne N. stated a goal of updating the website over the winter.

Plant Sale:

Charlotte C. suggested that members take cuttings of their houseplants now so that they are established by the time of the plant sale.

Guest Speaker:

Kristen Nicholson, co-owner of Blue Stem Nurseries at 376 Washington St. in Norwell was the featured speaker. Blue Stem Nurseries grows and sells plants native to the region. Kristen talked about the importance of native plants in providing food, nectar, and habitat for wildlife. Native plants also save water and reduce runoff and erosion. Native plants will also grow successfully in the extremes of climate change.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Secretary