



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

November 9, 2024

The WGC November General Member Meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Lisa Kimball, President.

Invocation:

The Gardener's Thanksgiving (By Reverend Max Coots, updated by Charlotte N.)

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For children who are our second planting and grow like weeds, may they always know love and fondly remember where their roots are.

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as blossoms.

For feisty friends with spirit as sharp as the apple.

For continuous friends, who curate lasting bonds, as dependable as Bees and as indestructible as honey.

For funny friends, who are as amusing as Brussels Sprouts and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions

For friends as unpretentious as cabbage, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, and as endless as zucchini, who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see us through the winter.

For old friends, nodding like the trusted sunflower in the evening-time, and new friends with new perspectives and excitement like the first blooms of spring.

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils, supporting and holding us, despite our occasional blights, wilts, and withering's.

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been steadfast and harvested, who fed us in their time that we might have life thereafter.

For all these we give thanks.

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa)

- Review of the WGC Goals, Mission, AND By-Laws, specifically Article XII: Non-discrimination
- Welcome to new members and guests! This marks one year since our first online member
- Master Gardener Program:
 - We have 4 (1 more in progress!) Master Gardeners in the WGC
 - We have a Member Education Scholarship available (as of last year) to help with finances if you choose to pursue it
 - **Action** – Ask Terry if you want more information on the Scholarship or for her experience with becoming a Master Gardener

Treasurer's Report (Carole)

- Overview:
 - We are gearing up for Holiday Sale which is one of our two major fundraising projects (Holiday Sale & Plant Sale). The Holiday sale raises funds for all of our projects around town for inspiring and beautifying the community

- We will sell 75 wreaths as well as arrangements and baked goods
 - Our goal this year is to raise \$5k
 - We are also preparing for the Holiday Dinner, which is subsidized by member dues
- Membership:
 - 101 total members with 2 new members since last meeting

Recording Secretary (Allie)

- **Approved** – October General Meeting Minutes

New Business Updates:

Holiday Celebration (Charlotte N. and Charlotte D.)

- Overview:
 - **Friday, November 22nd 5-9pm** at Rafael's South Shore Country Club
 - Setup: **5pm**
 - Guests arrive by: **6pm**
 - Dinner and dessert will be served
 - Already hit our goal of having minimum of 50 guests
 - \$25 for members, \$35 for guests
 - **Action** – RSVP to Charlotte N. by **Monday, November 9th**
- Carpooling:
 - Available for those who cannot drive at night
 - **Action** – Call or email Lisa by **Monday, November 18th** if interested
- Toy Drive for Weymouth Youth and Family Services:
 - All gifts have been claimed from "The Giving Tree." Also accepting 1) gift cards and 2) games for families
 - **Action** – Bring *new* and *unwrapped* gifts (gift bags are preferred)
- Holiday Raffle:
 - **Action** – Bring raffle items. Any questions contact Charlotte N. or Charlotte D.

Beautification (Suzanne S.)

- Emery Estate Garden Update:
 - Anne N. submitted a proposal to the town on beautifying and clearing up the area and they accepted it and are taking action. They will be restoring the exterior of the house and make layout updates to the garden. We will not be maintaining it regularly, we just helped by putting a plan in place. *Thank you, Anne!*

Library Programs

- These are the programs that the library hires us to run for them
- Indoor Herb Gardening:
 - **Wednesday, November 13th** with Lisa, Paula, and Harriet
 - *Registration is full*
- Children's Program:
 - **Wednesday, December 18th** with Yoshie
 - *Capacity = 12 children.*
 - *6 volunteers needed.*
 - **Action** – Email or text Yoshie

Town Hall Decorating (Michelle C.)

- Overview:
 - **Tuesday, November 26th 9:30am-12pm** at Weymouth Town Hall
 - Will wrap small gift boxes, decorate with berries, snowflakes, neutral colors, etc.

- Need 9+ volunteers; 5 in chambers, 4 in the mayor's office. Free lunch will be provided
 - **Action** – Email or text Michelle C. if you can volunteer

Holiday Sale (Suzanne S. and Lisa)

- Overview:
 - Will include Wreaths, Swags, Centerpieces, Grandma's Kitchen this year
- Demo:
 - Held during our program today, "Wreath Sale Creations"
- Pick-up Wreaths:
 - **Saturday, November 30th-Wednesday, December 4th**
 - Pick-up from Suzanne's house
 - **Action** – If you can't make a workshop, you can pick-up 1-2 wreaths/person to decorate on your own from. Please bring them to the sale
- Drop-off Greens:
 - **Saturday, November 30th-Thursday, December 5th**
 - **Action** – Drop off greens, bows, ribbons, pine cones, holly, etc. at Suzanne's house
- Workshops:
 - **Thursday, December 5th and Friday, December 6th** from 4-7:30pm
 - Held at Suzanne's house
 - Can attend either or both nights
 - **Action** – Please sign up via Suzanne S.
- Grandma's Kitchen:
 - Will be selling wrapped (foil, cellophane, jars, etc.) holiday treats
 - **Action** – Please *wrap* and *label* your holiday treats and bring to the sale
- Sale:
 - **Saturday, December 7th** at the Weymouth DPW
 - Set-up: **7-9am**
 - Sale: **9am-12pm**
 - **Action** – Need volunteers to help set up tents and hang up wreaths, etc. Don't need to sign-up, just show up!
 - **Action** – If you can help with pricing, please reach out to Carole
- Marketing:
 - Flyers will be provided to distribute to family/friends
 - **Action** – Need to make sure it is added to the library newsletter

Announcements adjourned at 10:10am.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, November 20th 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library.

Program Speakers

"Wreath Sale Creations" by *Suzanne, Carole, Lisa, Donna, Yoshie, Michelle, and Kathy*

 Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro 