



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC") GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

January 11, 2025

The WGC January General Member Meeting was called to order at 9:31am by Lisa Kimball, President.

Invocation:

Prayer for a Fruitful Garden This Year (updated by Charlotte N., Vice President)

As we begin this new year, we pray for blessings upon our gardens, each seed planted, each shoot that emerges, and every fruit that ripens. May the sun provide its gentle warmth, and the rain shower down in perfect measure to nourish the soil and encourage abundant harvests. Protect our gardens from pests and diseases that may threaten its vitality. Grant us [knowledge and diligence](#) to care for each plant with love and attention. May the vegetables that grow be not only a source of physical nourishment but be plentiful in order to share with others in need. As we tend to our gardens, may it be a place of peace and reflection, where we can find joy in the simple act of cultivating the land.

Officer Updates:

Welcome from President (Lisa K.)

- Library Program Recap:
 - November Library program, "Indoor Herb Gardens" (thank you, Tess and Paula!)
 - December Children's program, "Holiday swags and centerpieces" (thank you, Yoshie and volunteers!)
- Evening Program Recap:
 - Evening Programs are a new club feature intended to expand member access to programs
 - December Evening program, "Homegrown National Parks" on Zoom (thank you, Doug Talamy!). This program was recorded and the recording was shared via email
- Wreath Sale Recap:
 - Workshop fun at Suzanne's (thank you, Suzanne, for hosting!)
 - Bountiful Baked Goods (and candles!)
 - Gorgeous wreaths and swags

Treasurer's Report (Carole J.)

- Mid-year Financial Update:
 - We are currently halfway through the club's fiscal year, which ends on June 30th, 2025
 - There are currently 101 members and 12 are new to the club this year
- Holiday Dinner Report:
 - We returned to Raffael's at the South Shore Country Club for a very successful 2024 Holiday Dinner (thank you, Charlotte N.!) on **Friday, November 22nd** with 78 members and guests attending
 - Using funds from the *General Fund*, the club covered a portion of the cost of the event for members and guests.

- Wreath Sale Report:
 - The club held another very successful Holiday Sale on **Saturday, December 7th**
 - The Holiday Sale proceeds go to the club's *Project Fund* which is dedicated to projects that beautify, inspire, and educate our community
- Upcoming Plant Sale:
 - The club will hold our annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 17th** at the Weymouth DPW
 - Plant Sale proceeds go to the club's *Education Fund* which funds programs to educate members, supports member's horticultural education, and contributes to the Weymouth Town Scholarship fund

Recording Secretary (Allie D.)

- **Approved** – November General Meeting Minutes

Corresponding Secretary (Terry H.)

- **Action** – If you have a new email address OR you think that you aren't receiving the WGC's monthly newsletter, please reach out to Terry
- Terry will be stepping down as Corresponding Secretary in favor of her new role as the South Shore District Director for the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM), starting in June 2025. In this role, she will act as liaison between the 22 garden clubs in the South Shore district and GCFM (Congrats, Terry!). The Corresponding Secretary role is up for re-election in April

New Business Updates:

WGC Zoom Account (Lisa K.)

- Purchased a 1-year subscription. Zoom can be used for Board Meetings and General Member Meetings to increase access for members and serve as a backup for inclement weather and pandemics
- *Our meeting today was streamed via Zoom!*

Garden Therapy (Clare L.)

- What is Garden Therapy?
 - An opportunity for the WGC to visit local care facilities (nursing homes, assisted living, etc.) to bring the joys of gardening and floral design. Beneficial experience for both participants and WGC volunteers
- Program Updates:
 - We have a new program chair, Clare L.
 - This program used to serve the Pope Nursing home, now it will serve various venues
 - Programs will be held quarterly
- Looking for committee members to help brainstorm program ideas and volunteer during events (commitment of ~1.5 hours each)
 - **Action** – Sign up to join the Garden Therapy committee by reaching out to Clare L.

Library Flowers (Michelle C.)

- **Action** – Sign up for Library Flowers via SignUpGenius

Books in Bloom (Michelle C.)

- **Thursday, February 27th – Saturday, March 1st** at the Tufts Library
 - Set-up: **Wednesday, February 26th 2-8:50pm*** (library closes at 9pm sharp)

- Pick-up: **Saturday, March 1st 4-4:50pm*** (library closes at 5pm sharp)
 - **Note = Set-up and Pick-up times are strict*
- Looking for volunteers to assist during the event for 2-hour shifts. Volunteers are to help assist, guide, host, and watch the displays during the event. We are looking into using SignUpGenius for 2-hour shift sign-ups
 - **Action** – Look out for sign-up information at the February General Member Meeting

Art in Bloom (Kari P. and Chelsea V.)

- **Friday, May 2nd – Sunday, May 4th** at the Boston MFA
 - We have been accepted! Pending our art assignment
 - Orientation takes place on **Monday, February 24th**

Field Trips (Mayre H.)

- **Thursday, March 13th 11:30am-1pm** (1.5-hour tour) at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
 - Tour of the “botanically-themed artwork in the museum”
 - \$10pp (entrance usually \$30pp!)
 - 15-person limit
 - **Action** – Sign up using the [SignUpGenius here](#). If you sign up, Mayre will be collecting \$10 cash/check at the February General Member Meeting
- **Saturday, April 26th – Sunday, May 3rd** in London, England
 - First official WGC International Field Trip!
 - Tea party for travelers at Mayre’s today at 1pm

Elections (Lisa K.)

- Elections will be held at the April General Member Meeting on **Saturday, April 5th**
- Positions up for re-election:
 - President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary
- Next Step:
 - Creation of Nominating Committee (5 people):
 - 1 chair appointed by the President: Terry H.
 - 2 members elected by the Executive Board: *TBD; at the January Board Meeting*
 - 2 members elected by nominations from the Club: *TBD; at the February General Member Meeting*


Announcements adjourned at 10:10am.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Wednesday, January 22nd 6:30pm** at the Tufts Library.

Program Speakers

“Plants that Repel” by Sally Rossi-Orman

 Minutes submitted by Allie DeCastro 