

NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Tri-President Diana Conroy at 9:47 a.m. Diana welcomed those present, and thanked Jane Brand for the flower arrangement on the tea table. She also thanked the Ways & Means Committee for providing the refreshments. Diana announced that Needham's Art in Bloom is coming up on March 7 and 8. She encouraged attending, and noted that there are still some high school art students whose works are in need of floral designers. Diana also informed those present that a bag would be circulated to collect change for the GCFM's Pennies for Pines program.

Other announcements were as follows:

Fawn H informed the group that the GCFM's Wallack lecture will be held on May 5 at Regis College at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Fawn. It was noted that the May Board meeting has been rescheduled to May 6 to accommodate those who may wish to attend the Wallack lecture.

Amy C informed the group about a three woman speaker series called "We Too." The first of the lectures is March 1.

Upon motion made, the minutes from the January general meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary

No update.

Treasurer/Finance Committee

Martha Schleck advised that a copy of the January Treasurer's Report was available for viewing on the table in the back of the room.

Communications:

Lyn Jekowsky asked members to keep checking the club's Facebook page, as it is continually updated, and to "like" the page. There were no other communications updates.

Community Outreach:

Lynne Jones stated that there are sign-up sheets on the back table for the March and April Garden Therapy sessions, as well as for providing library arrangements. She also thanked those who had donated small baskets for use at Garden Therapy sessions, and stated that more are needed.

At this point, Lynne Jones was presented with the club's garden necklace, in recognition of her long-time work on the Community Outreach Committee, and her positive attitude toward getting things done.

Flower Arranging:

Carole Grosberg informed the group that a club workshop would be held at Elm Bank on May 12; the topic will be creating spring designs. The cost will be \$25, and 20 people can be

accommodated. Participants should bring a bag lunch; other treats will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be circulated.

It was also announced that Debbie Kraft and Carole Grosberg will be representing NGC at the MFA's Art in Bloom this year. Debbie shared that the 2020 theme is women, in honor of this being the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. The piece assigned to Debbie and Carole is a large mid-century abstract by Joan Mitchell. Anyone with a large, earth-toned, Ikebana style vessel is asked to consider donating it for their use as the arrangement's container.

Horticulture:

Karen Taggart stated that today's Horticulture Corner features examples of drought tolerant native plants. She also asked members to keep the club's plant sale in mind as spring approaches.

Hospitality:

No update.

Membership:

No update.

Newsletter:

Co-editor Amy Cicala stated that the next issue will be the May/June issue. The deadline for same is April 10th. She asked that pictures and articles be sent to Carol Alper, who will be preparing the next issue.

Nominating:

Anne Carlson stated that work on next year's slate is progressing. Those who volunteered to head up committees were thanked.

Ways and Means:

No update, other than a request to keep an eye out throughout the year for Christmas decorations which might be suitable for use in December's wreath and arrangement sale.

Program:

Karen T introduced the day's speaker, Jen Kettell, who will speak on the effects of drought on plants, and introduce the group to a new palette of plants that are drought tolerant and may increase the diversity of your garden. Jen is a certified arborist and horticulturalist, whose background includes many years of work at Arnold Arboretum. Following the program, Jen will provide a link to access her PowerPoint of the presentation, as well as to the US drought monitor website.

The business meeting concluded at 10:11 a.m., at which time the program began.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Brand,
Recording Secretary