

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2017

Acting President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. by welcoming members and guests. She thanked the Program and Membership Committees for the refreshments and Amy Cicala for the tea table centerpiece.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran placed the minutes of the March 23 Tri-Club Meeting on the back table.

Treasurer Martha Schleck placed the Treasurer's Report on the table also.

Diana reminded us to start potting up plants for the Plant Sale in June. Also, the Festival of the Trees Committee met to start planning our tree. Anyone interested should contact Diana. The next meeting is at Lynn Braley's home May 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Nominating Co-Chair Karen Taggart announced that copies of the Nominating Slate for 2017-18 were on the back table. We will vote at our Annual Meeting & Luncheon May 16.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler announced the last Garden Therapy will take place Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at Wingate. Help is still needed. Imie Kilburn made a plea for members to sign up for the Library Service. It is our way to thank the Library for the use of the Community Room. Sign-up sheets were circulated for both.

Flower Arranging Co-Chair Anne Carlson reported the next event is the May 12 "Tea Cup Arrangement" Workshop at Elmbank in Wellesley in the Parkman Room. We will start at 10:00 a.m. with a tour of the gardens, then the workshop at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your own tea cup, trash bag, scissors and a bag lunch. The cost is \$12.00 per tea cup. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings reminded us to please start dividing our plants now for the June 3 Plant Sale. If you cannot attend the sale, please drop plants off at Cathie's or **Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni's** house. Please email Cathie the names of your plants so she can make labels. A sign-up sheet to help at the sale was on the back table. On Wednesday, May 31, there will be a field trip to the Natick Organic Community Farm. Carpoolers will meet at the Library Highland Avenue parking lot at 9:15 a.m. The fee is \$7.00. If you are interested in having your garden be in the "Garden Stroll," please let Cathie know.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran announced that everything is ready for the May 16 Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the Needham Golf Club. The cost is \$30.00 and there is a sign-up sheet on the back table. She would like a final number by May 9. Mary also reminded Committee Chairs to get their reports to her as soon as possible, if they haven't already done so.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters acknowledged there were a lot of guests today, and that if anyone was interested in the Club, information packets were available on the table at the door. Bonnie then introduced new member, Nancy Gallerani, and presented her with a NGC Yearbook and official green apron. **Co-Chair Sally Toran** requested that dues, \$40.00 made out to NGC, be sent to her as soon as possible. Today there were 39 members in attendance and 17 guests.

Newsletter Co-Editor Amy Cicala announced the deadline for the September/October Newsletter is August 10.

New Business:

Karen Taggart announced “Pick-Your-Own Tulips” at the Wicked Tulips Farm in Johnston, R. I. Tickets can be purchased on-line at wickedtulips.com.

Diana Conroy announced that our “Unsung Hero” Award this year went to Nancy Agler, who has created and maintained our web site, needhamgardenclub.com. Nancy received the award at the April 13 GCFM Metro District Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the Wellesley Country Club. Congratulations Nancy!

The Business Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Program Co-Chair Fawn Hurwitz introduced today’s program, “Get Ready for Spring,” presented by garden lecturer, Suzanne Mahler.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary