

**NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2019**

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. She thanked the Community Outreach Committee for providing goodies and Mary Toran for the floral arrangement on the tea table. Diana informed those present that the preparations for the Wreath and Arrangement Sale were well under way, and requested greens, helping hands, a volunteer to spray pine cones and volunteers to take and display yard signs for the sale.

*Recording Secretary:* The minutes from the last general meeting were made available on the club website and a copy provided on the table in the back of the room. Upon a vote of those members present and voting, said minutes were approved.

*Corresponding Secretary:* There was no update. Diana requested that joys or concerns be shared with the Corresponding Secretary.

*Treasurer/Finance Committee:* Martha Schleck provided a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report on the table in the back of the room for members to review.

*Communication:* There was no update concerning the Yearbook or the website. Regarding publicity, Gail Davis noted that a flyer pertaining to the Wreath and Arrangement and Jewelry Sale had been emailed to members. She requested that each member forward it to five friends. Regarding Social Media, Lyn Jekowsky stated that the club's Facebook page has photos and other items of interest. She asked members to send write-ups of events and photos, and to "like" the page.

*Community Outreach:* Lynne Jones stated that the second Garden Therapy session of the year will be held on November 21 at Avita. She noted that this is a "members only" event, and encouraged any non-members who are interested to join the club so they can participate. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the room; greens are needed.

*Flower Arranging:* Lyn Jekowsky stated that the fairy garden workshop has been rescheduled from February to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Horticulture:* Karen Taggart stated that there is a display in the back of the room relating to greens for the wreaths and arrangements, as well as a sign-up sheet for those able to donate greens. There also are "how to" flyers for new members about making holiday arrangements.

*Hospitality:* Anne Brain stated that the Hospitality Committee would provide lunch for the wreath and arrangement-making workshop on Friday, December 6.

*Membership:* Debbie Wentworth and Nancy Gallerani stated that new members will be introduced at the January meeting. They expect additional people to join the club before then.

*Newsletter:* Amy Cicala stated that the next issue will be the January/February issue, which is expected to come out January 1. Although the deadline for submissions is December 10<sup>th</sup>, she requested that all submissions be provided as soon as possible due to the holidays.

*Nominating:* Anne Carlson stated that nominating preference sheets will be handed out at the wreath and arrangement-making workshop.

*Ways and Means:* See President's remarks at beginning of meeting concerning Committee's preparations for the Wreath and Arrangement Sale.

*Other business:*

Lyn Jekowsky stated that she and Carole Grosberg would be setting up the club's donated tree for the MassHort's Festival of Trees today. The tree's theme is based on Jan Brett's book, The Mitten. She thanked all who had contributed to the tree's decorations, and stated that there is a flyer on the back table concerning the Festival of Trees, which runs from November 29 through December 15.

Fawn Hurwitz stated that she has tickets available (\$20 each) for May's Wallack lecture at Regis College, featuring floral designer Craig Bullock.

*Program:* Pat Hession introduced Thelma Shoneman, whose program will focus on creating arrangements for various areas of the home during the holidays. Thelma has been involved with the Acton Garden Club for more than 20 years, was owner of a florist shop in Concord for more than 20 years, has exhibited at the MFA's Art in Bloom and the Worcester Art Museum's Flora in Winter and has led leaf manipulation workshops.

At 10:01 a.m., the business meeting adjourned and the presentation by Thelma Shoneman began.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary