

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m., welcoming both members and guests. Diana thanked the Community Outreach Committee for providing food. Carole Grosberg and Debbie Kraft also were thanked for participating in the Museum of Fine Art's Art in Bloom, representing the Needham Garden Club. Diana also reminded those present about Needham's Art in Bloom, which will take place on March 9 and 10. Members were informed that for those participating in Needham's Art in Bloom, student artwork will be available for viewing at the high school for another week. The members were also informed that the jewelry sale held as part of last December's wreath and arrangement sale will take place again at this year's sale, and that donations of gently used jewelry will be accepted at each of the general club meetings. Last year, the jewelry sale earned approximately \$1,000.

Recording Secretary – A copy of the minutes from the last meeting were on the table in the back of the room for members to review. Upon motion, the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary – No concerns to share this month. Let Cathy MacFarlane know if there is a member in need of a card.

Treasurer – Martha Schleck will email a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report to any member who would like one.

Community Outreach – Debbie Wentworth stated that there are sign-up sheets in the back of the room for the March 21 Garden Therapy at Briarwood and the April 25 Garden Therapy at Wingate.

Flower Arranging – Lyn Jekowsky shared that a members-only workshop on sculpture and floral design is being planned for May 8 at Elm Bank. Debbie Kraft will lead the workshop. A sign-up will be available at the next meeting.

Horticulture – Karen Taggart informed the group that on March 19, from 9:30-11:00 at the library, a workshop will be held to teach members how to prepare plants or shrubs for a standard flower show using standard rules. A sign-up sheet for same was circulated. Karen also drew members' attention to an article from UNH about pollinators which will be made available on the club's website.

Hospitality – Per Mary Toran, members should save the date of May 21 for the annual meeting and luncheon, to be held at the Needham Golf Club.

Membership – Bonnie Waters presented new member Isabell Wells with her apron and yearbook. Isabell enjoys organizing, gardening, green living and being outdoors. Vivian Weller passed on the garden-themed necklace to Mary Toran for her work organizing refreshments for the meetings.

Newsletter – Amy Cicala informed the group that the newsletter should be completed and ready for publication by March 1. She stated that photos can still be added to this issue. The deadline for the next newsletter is April 10th. The group was informed that past newsletters are now available on the website for viewing by both members and guests.

Nominating – Anne Carlson informed the group that a consortium consisting of Karen T, Bonnie W, Anne C and Pat H would be organizing programming for next year, and asked that members share information concerning enjoyable and informative programs they have seen.

Program – Fawn Hurwitz shared some background information concerning guest speaker Rebecca Warner. Rebecca is a Newton resident, and has thirty years of experience in environmental and sustainable gardening, including composting, mulching, making peat-free potting soil and preparing beds. Rebecca also blogs weekly.

Publicity – No update. Gail Davis was complimented on her successful efforts in publicizing today's meeting and presentation.

Ways and Means – Jane Lischewski asked that yard signs from the wreath and arrangement sale be returned to her for use at the next sale.

Social Media – Lyn Jekowsky encouraged members to like and share the club's Facebook page. Lyn will publish blurbs and photos relating to events, so requested that members forward items to her.

Yearbook – No update.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m., following which the presentation by the guest speaker, Rebecca Warner, began.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary