

**Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2018**

**President Diana Conroy** called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. She thanked Nina Saltus for the centerpiece on the food table, and the Community Outreach Committee for the treats for the meeting, noting that the blueberry muffins were made from Char Sidell's recipe. She informed the group, for those who may not have heard, that Char Sidell passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, and passed along a suggestion from club members that a perennial be planted in members' gardens in Char's memory. Diana noted that the planting of a tree in the Noyes Garden had also been proposed and would be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting. A member mentioned that Char's daughter was interested in creating a memory book; further information about that will be circulated. A moment of silence was observed.

**Recording Secretary** – A motion was made to accept the minutes from January's general meeting; said motion passed.

**Corresponding Secretary** – No update.

**Treasurer/Finance Committee** – Martha Schleck made available copies of the most recent Treasurer's report.

**Community Outreach** – Debbie Wentworth informed the members that the Garden Therapy event scheduled for March 22 had been canceled as the residents at Avery have moved out. The next Garden Therapy is April 26 at Wingate. She also noted that the crocuses have come up at Noyes Garden.

**Flower Arranging** – Anne Carlson stated that the annual Elm Bank program will probably take place May 11th and will feature succulent wreaths. She is also trying to arrange a tour. Sign-ups for this event will be on-line.

**Horticulture** – Cathie Cummings called members' attention to the variety of books in the Horticulture Corner, including books on flower arranging and catalogs. She encouraged members to borrow the books and keep them until the May 1 meeting. Books not taken today would be donated. She also noted that house plants are available on the back table to take home; they are types which also would do well outdoors in planters. Cathie also stated that a sign-up sheet was available on the table in the back of the room for the March 20 herb meeting, and encouraged members to share herb recipes they may have. There is no cost for this program. Cathie further noted that this program is not the March meeting; instead, the March meeting is the Tri-Club Meeting which will take place at Temple Beth Shalom.

**Hospitality** – Mary Toran informed the group that the Annual Luncheon will be held on May 15 and will cost \$30. Sign-up sheets are available.

**Membership** – Bonnie Waters introduced Nancy Stam as a new member.

**Newsletter** – Diana Conroy encouraged members to read the newsletter closely for the wealth of information it contains, including that pertaining to Art in Bloom.

**Nominating** – No update.

**Program** – Fawn Hurwitz introduced Cheryl Monroe, who was present to lead a workshop on pressed flowers. Cheryl is a plant researcher and has a pest-free garden in central Massachusetts where she grows hundreds of plants of various types.

**Publicity** – No update.

**Ways and Means** – No update.

**Website** – No update.

**Yearbook** – No update.

**Miscellaneous** –

The GCFM luncheon will be held April 11 at Temple Beth Shalom, and will feature the “Unsung Hero.” The deadline for registering is March 30.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m., at which point the presentation by Cheryl Monroe began.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Brand, Recording Secretary.