

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

Acting President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. by welcoming members and guests. Diana thanked the Hospitality Committee for the refreshments and Karen Shapiro for the tea table centerpiece. She encouraged everyone to enjoy the treats!

Recording Secretary Mary Toran placed a copy of the May 17 General Meeting and Annual Luncheon Minutes on the back table. The minutes were accepted and unanimously approved.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler placed a sign-up sheet for the October 20 Garden Therapy at Briarwood. Nancy encouraged all members to participate. She thanked all who helped water our garden at Noyes Park over the summer. There is one more spot to be filled for the Library Service. A simple plant or flowers will do. Sign-up was passed around. Nancy announced our web site is up and running at www.needhamgardenclub.com. She encouraged all to check it out and send her any pictures, recipes, and/or articles we feel would be of interest to the Club. Nancy would like a Co-Editor to help with editing, etc.

Flower Arranging Co-Chairs Anne Carlson and Karen Shapiro announced the tablescape theme for the October 18 mixer is *“Fall Wine Tasting.”* A sign-up sheet was passed around and groups will be formed and contacted soon by the Committee.

Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings thanked all those who helped and participated in the Plant Sale and Garden Stroll. If anyone is interested in having her yard/garden on the stroll next spring, please contact Cathie. Cathie also thanked those who participated in today’s *Horticulture Corner*. Next month will be a Plant Swap.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran thanked her Committee for their goodies and support. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the October 18 *Members-Only Luncheon*.

Membership Co-Chairs Sally Toran and Bonnie Waters reported they have created a packet of information, available on the back table, for interested future members. They introduced new member, Joyce Morgan, and presented her with an NGC Yearbook and official NGC apron.

Newsletter Co-Editor Amy Cicala announced the November/December Newsletter deadline is October 10.

Yearbook Co-Editor Karen Taggart corrected Janice Berns' email address to read janiceberns@comcast.net.

Treasurer Martha Schleck placed a copy of the July/August Treasurer's Report on the back table.

Former Flower Arranging Co-Chair Monica Foley announced that NGC won the "Peoples' Choice" Award for our Lego Tree raffled off at Mass Hort's Festival of Trees last December. We had the second most number of raffle tickets sold!

The Business Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Program Co-Chair Lori Markell introduced the program for the day, "*The Four Seasons of Gardening*" presented by Trish Umbrell of the Natick Community Organic Farm.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary