

## **Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017**

**Acting President Diana Conroy** called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. by welcoming members and guests. She thanked the Flower Arranging Committee for the refreshments and Lori Markell for the tea table centerpiece, which was an amazing example of Art in Bloom!

**Nominating Co-Chair Lynne Braley** asked that we complete the pink Preference Sheets for next year and return to her. The deadline is January 20. **Co-Chair Karen Taggart** emphasized that members who do not complete the sheet will be assigned to a committee. Karen reminded us of this year's "**Needham Road Trip**," January 27, 28 or 29, to the Worcester Art Museum for the "Winter in Bloom" exhibit. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

**Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler** announced the next Garden Therapy will take place Thursday, 2:00 p.m., March 23 at Avery Manor. The Thursday, April 27, Garden Therapy will be at Wingate at 10:30 a.m. The Library Service also has a few empty spaces. Sign-up sheets for all were passed around.

**Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings** thanked those who participated in today's **Horticulture Corner** swap. She encouraged members to "help themselves" and anything left should go home with its owner. Cathie circulated sign-up sheets for the "Begonia Challenge," (bulbs will be distributed at the February 28 meeting) and the members-only Kokedama Workshop on March 21.

**Flower Arranging Co-Chair Anne Carlson** reminded members to sign-up for the Needham Art in Bloom, March 4-5, and the May 12 "Tea Cup Arrangement" Workshop.

**Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters** requested that any guests in the room interested in joining our Club come see her.

**Newsletter Co-Editor Amy Cicala** announced the deadline for the March/April Newsletter is February 10. Please send articles and pictures to **Co-Editor Carol Alper**. There are copies of the January/February Newsletter on the back table.

**Ways and Means Co-Chair Martha Schleck** thanked all who participated, 70% of the membership, in the wreath making and sale. A profit of \$2,300 was realized. A big "thank you" to Martha and her Committee.

**Website Co-Chair Nancy Agler** reminded everyone to send pictures of “**Needham in Winter**” to our website at [www.needhamgardenclub.com](http://www.needhamgardenclub.com).

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

**Acting President Diana Conroy** introduced the program for the day, “**Art in Bloom,**” presented by Sue Kaplan, who was filling in for Marisa McCoy, who was ill.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary