

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.

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