

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. She thanked the Ways and Means Committee for providing the treats for the tea table, and Amy Cicala for providing the centerpieces of her original work. Lindy Roethlisberger announced that the Beacon Hill Garden Club will be holding its The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill tour on May 16, rain or shine; tickets are \$50 now, \$60 later. Lunch on Beacon Hill will follow the tour. The Beacon Hill Garden Club has information on its website.

Recording Secretary Jane Brand:

The minutes from the last general meeting were available on the table in the back of the room. Upon motion made and seconded, said minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary Cathy MacFarlane:

No update, but in Cathy's absence, Diana encouraged members to let her or Nancy Agler know if there were any needs among the membership.

Treasurer Martha Schleck:

Martha stated that a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report was available on the back table for members to review.

Community Outreach: Debbie Wentworth

Debbie stated that the last Garden Therapy session will be held Thursday, April 25 at Wingate. A sign-up for this event is on the back table. Debbie encouraged members to sign up for this very rewarding experience.

Flower Arranging: Lyn Jekowsky

Lyn stated that the design workshop will be held at Elm Bank on May 8, starting at 11:00. There is one more opening left. The cost is \$15. Members can pay Lyn or bring a check (payable to Needham Garden Club) on the day of the workshop. Members should feel free to come early to explore the gardens at Elm Bank. Also, Lyn is leading the MassHort Festival of Trees team this year, and is looking for volunteers to join her and for a green artificial tree to be donated to the effort.

Horticulture: Karen Taggart

Karen informed the group that the Club's plant sale will be held on June 1 at the Congregational Church of Needham. A sign-up for working at the plant sale is on the back table. All club members are expected to participate, including by

contributing at least 4 plants (house plants are ok, as are divisions from members' gardens.) Gently used pots, tools and books are also being sold. Plant labels are on the back table, as are plant sale pointers, both of which also will be circulated by email.

The Horticulture Committee also is sponsoring a tour of Arnold Arboretum on Monday, May 6 at 1:00 pm. This will be a 90 minute tour and is limited to 20 people. Cost will be \$5. A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

The Horticulture Corner this month features gardening tools.

The clay pots in the back of the room are donations and are free for members to take.

Hospitality: Mary Toran

Mary reminded the group that the Annual Meeting and Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 at the Needham Golf Club; cost: \$30. Please RSVP by May 14.

The "garden necklace award" was given by Mary to Cathie Cummings, for her cheerful yet tireless work on behalf of the Club as president and on many other committees.

Membership: Nancy Gallerani

Nancy informed the members that dues are being collected for next year: \$40 for members, \$45 for associate members. Checks may also be given to membership committee members at the Annual Meeting & Luncheon in May.

Newsletter:

Jane Brand stated that the May-June issue of the newsletter will be coming out shortly.

Nominating: Lynne Braley

Lynne informed the members that the slate for the Board had been sent to members via email. A vote to elect the slate will be held at the Annual Meeting. The roster of Committee assignments also was sent to members by email.

Publicity: Gail Davis

Gail shared that publicity is going well. She will email a flyer about the plant sale, and asked that members forward it to friends to help publicize the event. (Please delete the "fwd" and Gail's name before sending it to others.)

Ways and Means: Jane Lischewski

Jane stated that she is still collecting yard signs from the wreath sale. Please let her know if you still have one; she will pick them up from members' homes. Also, the jewelry collection box is on the back table, for gently used jewelry to be sold at next year's wreath sale.

Social Media:

Diana asked members to send information to be posted on the website to Nancy Agler.

Yearbook:

No update.

Program: Fawn Hurwitz

Fawn introduced the guest speaker, Suzanne Mahler, who is sharing her knowledge and expertise regarding the dividing and transplanting of plants, including techniques and tools for same. Suzanne has spent 40 years developing her property, including woody plants and perennials, with a special emphasis on day lilies and hosta. Suzanne speaks at organizations throughout New England.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m., at which time the presentation by Suzanne Mahler began.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary