

WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
April 16, 2021 GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. via Zoom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1 pm. The minutes from the November 14, 2020 meeting have been posted on the Club website.
2. WELCOME: Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our new members. In attendance today were new members Diane VanKempen and Kristin (Kris) Allen, and additional new members this year are Robin Lentz and Tom Parker. Twenty-three members in total attended the meeting.
3. REPORTS:
 - a. YEARBOOK: Susan Pike showed us the Yearbook and asked members to refer to it as needed. Susan shared some corrections to the Yearbook for the ongoing pandemic restrictions. Susan reminded us to refer to the WGC website and the Constant Contact emails for the most current information. Changes and corrections should be sent to Susan as you identify them.
4. BOARD MEMBER reports:
 - a. Civic Beautification:
 - i. Annuals: Kathy McKnight reported that we have 48 containers throughout the town that we plant and maintain. The state bridge project will be in the design stage this summer so we will plant the bridge containers after all, planting our usual 14 bridge boxes. Eja Heekin is the point person for the bridge, and Kathy McKnight is the point person for the containers. Help is needed from all members, so look for a call or email from Kathy. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Planting will take place the week of May 24 this year to be ready for the Memorial Day weekend.
 - ii. Field Park: Elaine Neely reported that the clean up date is this Thursday, April 22. Ongoing maintenance is weekly on Thursdays at 10:30 am and we always use extra hands, please join us and give your info to Elaine in case of cancellations)
 - iii. Sally Tenney Osborne: Karen reported for Bob Kamp. Bob has done the spring cleanup but ongoing weekly maintenance is needed; maintenance takes place on Mondays at 9 am, members are invited to join.
 - b. Programs: Linda Conway reported on the upcoming programs for this year:
 - i. May: CL Fornari, virtual garden tour
 - ii. June: Ken Gooch, pruning
 - iii. July: tour of the Haywood Garden in Putney Vt. We will either take our lunches or have it catered.
 - iv. August: member Judy FitzGerald, tour of her garden in Williamstown to include a picnic at her pond. The Trustees of the Reservation trail at the end of Mason Street for a short walk for interested members.
 - v. September: annual meeting and potluck at St. John's Church
 - vi. October: the customary "tbd" so please stay tuned, and send Linda any suggestions members may have.
 - vii. November: Andrea Little, Principles of Design for Flower Arranging
 - viii. December: holiday luncheon at the Williams Inn
 - c. Special projects: Maria reported on the planned events for this year and volunteers are needed for all of these:

- i. Propagation workshop (June) and fall plant sale (September) are planned; there will be no spring plant sale this year. Please gather your plants for cuttings for the June propagation workshop. Hay Day is not occurring this year but a new event in the fall will be added.
 - ii. Farmer's Market: we expect to participate in two weekly town farmer's markets this summer.
 - iii. Fall and Winter events:
 1. Holiday Greens Workshop: Katie Lanoue reported on the nimble process used last year and gave her thanks to member Pam Turton for her help. We hope that we will be able to be in person.
 2. Holiday Walk
 - d. Hospitality: Betty Iannitelli reported that volunteers will be needed for refreshments for some meetings; please call or email Betty to volunteer for a specific meeting date.
 - e. Recording Secretary: Karen and Anne Tiffany reported. We received thank you notes from Dorothy Edgerton for flowers sent to her for her recovery from hip surgery. We also received a note from Community Bible Church Food Bank for donation in memory of John Black. We sent a thank you to Carol Paul for her continuing annual donation. Our member Bette Craig sent a very nice note for her arrangement. Anne also gave her personal thanks for the many members who contacted her and sent gifts and messages during her recovery.
 - f. Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Faulkner reported that the WGC is fiscally sound. We have about \$9,000 in our savings account and \$1,000 in our checking account as well as our long-term investment account with Berkshire Taconic. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, and noted that WGC tee shirts are available for members who are working in the community gardens. Kathy McKnight noted that Goff's has donated tee-shirts to us this year and gave thanks to Goff's. Marilyn also reported on our usual annual budgeting process.
5. NEW BUSINESS: Robin Dufour of Berkshire Fitness Company has made a video for us which will be posted on our website and shared with all members. Robin is a local business leader and the owner of BeFitCo on Water Street. Robin noted that as a physical therapist, the start of the gardening season is great business. She has some short tips for all of us to ease that transition into the gardening season.
6. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: members asked questions and shared information throughout the meeting
7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Our next meeting will be in April of 2021 and the date and location will be announced. Members are reminded to watch for Club updates as all new information will be shared through newsletters sent by email.
8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Submitted by

Susan Montiel
Recording Secretary