

WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING DRAFT
November 11, 2025
1:00 P.M. St. John's Church, lower room

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Parker called the meeting to order at 1 pm.
- B. WELCOME: Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked the hospitality committee for our refreshments. There were 23 members in attendance.
- C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
1. Karen reminded members that our annual holiday luncheon will take place on Tuesday December 9th at noon at the Williams Inn. We need a head count by November 18th. The fee is \$25 for members and \$42 for non-members. There will be a cash bar for beverages.
 2. The Greens workshop will be held at the Harper Center on Tuesday December 2. Please bring clippers, gloves, and any green materials you have foraged. Let's help the Harper Center residents and guests to create their own holiday centerpieces!
 3. The Penny Social will be on Saturday December 6 at 2 p.m. in the Lasell gym. If you would like to volunteer to man the WGC table, Kathy McKnight is your contact.
- D. NEW BUSINESS: Matia Siskind introduced our speaker, Vana Nesor, Accredited GCFM flower show judge, whose presentation "Flower Show School" was an entertaining and very informative account of the key principles involved in flower design, followed by a chance for all of us to demonstrate what we had learned during her talk was enjoyed by all the members. She talked about balance, "the thing in the piece that causes your eye to move through the arrangement." In Western culture, she said, we are centered on the trinity, and we love threes. In most of our arrangements, there are three elements. In Chinese and Eastern cultures, they are focused on the elements of fire, water, wind, and earth—and they love fours in their flower arrangements. She explained that successful arrangements use CONTRAST, RHYTHM, and MASS to accomplish their goals. She talked about the use of color, texture, and pattern, demonstrating by making arrangements on a long table filled with greens and flowers. She brought along dozens of teacups and saucers filled with florist's foam and boxes of materials, and when she finished her presentation we all had a chance to create an arrangement of our own that we could bring home. Although her formal presentation ended just before 2 p.m., she moved around the room helping members and giving advice or the next hour or so as we asked questions, explained our problems, or proudly showed her our arrangements. Before we left, we put all of our creations on a table together, and marveled at how different and lovely they were. We congratulated each other, took cell phone pictures, and were pretty proud of ourselves.
- E. NEXT MEETING DATE: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2, when Diane Van Kempen will lead our annual holiday greet workshop at the Harper Center from 1:00-2:30 p.m. This is an important event, because we will not only be helping members of the community to create their own holiday centerpieces, but we will also build the flower arrangements for the club's Holiday Luncheon on December 9th.
- F. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Submitted by
Pat Wilk, Recording Secretary