

Wollaston Garden Club Virtual Meeting

October 15, 2020

Co-President Kathy Ceurvels called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. She told the membership that a team delivered 113 goodie bags that day. She thanked the Hospitality Team of Anne McCarthy, Elaine Sullivan, Claire Turck and Kathy Meade who assembled the bags and made the chocolate chip cookies.

The membership held a moment of community for Ellie Cleveland, a long-time member who recently passed away. We will be in touch with her family about possible donations in her memory.

An Opportunity Drawing was held at the end of the meeting for three prizes: a Hinoki Cypress Tree, Dwarf Maiden Grass (donated by Elaine McGrail) and a cedar tote filled two mums, garden gloves and a hi/bye sign. Members had to be present when their number was called to win. Anne McCarthy pulled the winning numbers and Ann Foresman made arrangements with the winners for delivery.

There was a brief business meeting where Emily Lebo and Pam McIsaac, co-chairs of the Greens Sale, gave an overview on how our 2020 "Covid-style sale" will be conducted. There will be six designers of the wreaths to be sold with volunteers working to replicate those designs. One "glamorous wreath" will be designed by Marie Ricci. There will also be some smaller window wreaths. The designers will critique all the wreaths made. Sachets made from the lavender grown at the Thomas Crane Public Library will also be sold along with bags of greens. Pictures will be posted on the WGC website and orders will be taken two weeks ahead of the sale date. Orders will have contactless pickup times scheduled at the Church on Saturday, December 5th with deliveries as a backup at your house. Members are urged to tell everyone to help publicize the sale.

Emily will set up a meeting for Friday, October 16th at 1:15 p.m. for the designers and Pam will schedule a working meeting for volunteers to make the wreaths. The membership is asked to look for pinecones and sites to find good greens and relay the information to one of the presidents. Of particular interest are blue spruce, golden cypress, and holly.

Ann Foresman, Co-President, then introduced the speaker, Chuck Doughty, co-owner of [Cochato Nursery](#) with Sue DuBrava. Cochato's, located in Holbrook, was recently featured in *Yankee Magazine* as one of the best New England garden centers. Chuck oversees landscaping for Northeastern University and helped secure their campus as an arboretum. Chuck will speak on "Unique Plants for Shade Gardens".

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.