

Wollaston Garden Club December Virtual Meeting

December 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Co-President Kathy Ceurvels. She remarked that due to the storm we normally would have had to cancel our meeting but the silver lining was that, thanks to COVID, we were positioned to hold our December program. Fifty three members logged in to the meeting.

Kathy welcomed our guest, Colleen Sopp, a gardener who's interested in joining our club. She gave a special shout-out to Ellen Donnelly and Jackie Ryan who made all WGC members the adorable gingerbread men with the embellishments. Please send her any pictures of your creation or those created by grandchildren.

Co-President Ann Foresman asked the membership to show off their talents by sending their home arrangements to Suzanne West to post on the WGC website. Please submit all pictures by Wednesday, December 23rd to [Suzanne](#).

Ann also said that she was so proud of our Virtual Greens Sale and thanked all the members of the greens crew who cut and gathered beautiful greens from multiple locations and the members who allowed them into their gardens. She also thanked Kate Wylie for facilitating the use of the Church for our sale. We all raised a glass to toast a very successful endeavor.

Greens Sale Co-Chairs Emily Lebo and Pam McIsaac also thanked the designers of the wreaths. Emily said that the photos didn't do them justice as they were so beautiful. They thanked the sachet crew who grew, dried and sewed the fragrant sachets which sold out very quickly and thanked Kathy and Ann for doing a great job organizing the cutters and setting up the greens on the table in the driveway. This made it easy to bag the greens for sale. We will keep some of these aspects of the sale for next year.

Treasurer Linda Monaco reported the following finances:

The checking account balance as of November 30, 2020 is

\$17,510.68, the 4 Year CD is \$5,852.85 and the petty cash is \$86.70.

The Greens Sale took in \$4,707.86 with expenses of \$1,644.30 for a net profit of \$3,078.56.

Linda also reported that WGC donated \$250 to the Quincy Community Action Program (QAP) at Brewers Corner and she delivered the check. Linda Alexander, who coordinates the program, was very happy to receive WGC's donation. Linda said that the need is great and mentioned the long lines she witnessed firsthand.

Kathy thanked all the delivery drivers who have been bringing WGC members their goodie bags. Kathleen Meade and Anne McCarthy have been coordinating and filling 113 bags each month to ready them for the drivers. The following members are part of the delivery team:

- Kate Wylie
- Anne Marie Brady
- Janet DiPaolo
- Clare LaMorte
- Jackie Ryan
- Anita Fasano
- Jan Clifford
- Suzanne West
- Jo Costello
- Pam McIsaac
- Susan Lynch
- Kathy Ceurvels
- Kathleen Meade
- Anne McCarthy
- Anne Vincent

She also thanked all the members who donated food items for Interfaith Social Services. We were able to donate a pickup truck worth of needed food which Kathy and Joe delivered to them. Kathy remarked that she had witnessed long lines which signaled the great need for our donations. Kate thanked the Ceurvels for loading up all the food and making the delivery.

Wreaths Across America's ceremony will take place this Saturday, Dec. 19th at noon at Mount Wollaston Cemetery and also at Pine Hill Cemetery. Kathy registered us as a group but members can just show up to help. It takes very little time to place a wreath at a veteran's grave and say their name out loud. It is a rewarding experience to honor those who have served our country.

Vice President Janet DiPaolo introduced our featured speaker, Deborah Trickett, owner of [The Captured Garden](#). She is an award-winning garden designer who likes to use uncommon plants in her arrangements. Her work has been featured in The Boston Globe, Garden Gate magazine, New England Home magazine and on the TV show New England Dream Home. She is a

Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist and a frequent lecturer on container gardening at the Boston Flower and Garden Show, as well as the Philadelphia International Flower Show. She also teaches classes and workshops at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston. Her presentation was called “Winter Wow: Beautiful Containers for the Colder Months”. She will leave us with a handout of the items she highlighted in her presentation which will be sent to the membership by email.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.