

## Wollaston Garden Club Virtual Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Co-President Kathy Ceurvets called the Business Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. There were 46 members attending via Zoom.

### Treasurer's Report

Linda Monaco gave the following report:

- Checking account balance- \$15,778.67
- CD -\$5,863.94
- Petty cash- \$86.70
- Linda has garden gloves and note cards available for purchase.
  - Ann showed the five designs which are photos taken from our members.
  - They are packaged on high quality paper, 5 cards for \$10.00.

**Co-President Ann Foresman** reported on the Native Plant Challenge.

- Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts President Bonnie Rosenthal is reviving the Native Plant Challenge and is looking for input from all clubs.
  - She is working on a newsletter and wants ambassadors around the state to
    - send pictures of gardens with native plants.
    - write up short articles of favorites and explain why.
    - prepare a running list of local nurseries that sell a good selection of native plants.
  - Ann is looking for a point person to coordinate this effort (Native Plant Challenge). In the meantime members can send her your information.
  - February 8<sup>th</sup> is their next meeting and deadline to receive information.
  - Elaine McGrail said that Wild Ones -South Shore MA chapter 48 Jacobs Lane Norwell MA 02061 holds a native plant sale at the Norwell Science Center each year. Contact the group directly to find out when their next sale will be. They also sponsor lectures on wild flowers and trees. They were helping a Hingham project with wild flower restoration in the Bare Cove area.
  - Elaine has pictures of native plants from her garden to include.
- Turkey Hill Brook Farm's Ellen Sousa has written *The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planting and Maintaining the Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden* and it has a section on native plants. Jan will send a list of native plants from the book to Ann to post on WGC's website.

➤ **February 18th Meeting**

- Garden Historian Thomas Mickey will present “The History of Growing and Selling Dahlias”.
  - There will be an opportunity drawing of dahlia tubers.
  - At the end of the meeting we will be playing a fun quiz game, Kahoot. Members will be put into breakout rooms by Emily and one member, in consultation with the group, will answer trivia questions on flowers and plants on their SMART Phone.
- Vice President Janet DiPaolo introduced our speaker, [Lisa Oberholzer-Gee](#). Lisa is a floral designer whose talk, “Journey to Germany and Belgium” explored the mixed media techniques she learned while studying in Europe.
- If anyone is inspired to create any floral designs based on Lisa’s techniques, send pictures to Ann or Kathy for WGC’s website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.