

Wollaston Garden Club Virtual Meeting

February 18, 2021

The **Business Meeting** was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Co-President Kathy Ceurvets with thirty two members attending through Zoom.

Emily suggested that we invite the other two Quincy clubs, (Houghs Neck and Seaside Gardeners of Squantum), to our next meeting where Julie Sullivan, from Quincy's Department of Natural Resources, will speak. Kathy will send them an invitation.

Ann Foresman announced that we will have an opportunity drawing at the end of our meeting for three prizes and members must be present to win.

Treasurer Linda Monaco gave the **Treasurer's Report**:

- Checking account=\$15,381.13
- 4 year CD=\$5,874.33 (to be rolled over with the best rate at the end of March)
- Petty cash=\$86.70
- WGC is tax-exempt for purchases at Staples but there are a list of instructions to follow and you need to get the form from Linda.
- Maria Holster has agreed to become our new auditor replacing John Reed who has resigned from the Board.

Co-President Ann Foresman reported that **GCFM Native Plant Challenge** is ongoing and being extended for two years by GCFM President Bonnie Rosenthal.

- Bonnie is encouraging everyone to plant natives in their gardens and share their success by sending pictures and short descriptions for the monthly newsletters.
- Ann announced that she is still looking for a point person to record WGC members' plantings and share with GCFM. Judy Hurstak volunteered to be our Native Plant Ambassador.
- Members should have received a newsletter, which was forwarded by Jan Clifford, from GCFM with resources such as where to find native plants to purchase online and "My Favorite Native".
- Next month's newsletter will include where to shop for native plants in person at garden centers and nurseries.

Emily Lebo alerted members that we will be playing a fun garden trivia game right after the opportunity drawing for 15 minutes. Members will be placed in breakout room (groups) with a team captain who will respond to each question the group decides is the correct answer.

Vice President Janet DiPaolo introduced our featured speaker, Thomas Mickey who will talk on “The History of Growing Dahlias”. WGC has his book, *America’s Romance with the English Garden* in our library. Thomas is a Professor Emeritus, Master Gardener, columnist and author also of the *Best Garden Plants for New England*. His latest book, *All About Flowers: James Vick’s Nineteenth-Century Seed Company* is due out in April 2021.

Following Thomas Mickey’s delightful talk, Ann drew the winners of the opportunity drawing from all attending members. The tubers will be delivered once they are received from the garden company. The winners were Jo Costello, Eric Hall and Mary Cassidy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.