

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 5, 2016
VILES FOUNDATION

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Sharon Ann Paradis, President. There were 22 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Tammy Costigan.

Minutes of the November 2015 meeting distributed to the members electronically were adopted.

Correspondence read by the secretary were:

- Note from Deb Burnham, Kennebec District Director, dated 10/30/15, thanking KVGC for assistance with the Fall Conference.
- Card from Kathleen Marty thanking KVGC for the Blaine House Tea and decorations.
- Postcard from Debbie Sherman wishing members fun at the Cabin Fever Potluck while she was vacationing in New Zealand.
- Letter from Debra Burnham dated 1/20/16 with regard to the Blaine House tea that she attended with two friends. She noted that she made a small gingerbread house with her two year old granddaughter, after seeing the display of the gingerbread houses at the Blaine House.
- Received membership renewal from the Viles Arboretum.
- Forwarded message from Linda Hartkopf regarding the Hart-to-Hart Farm Day Camp, to Tammy, dated March 20, 2016, thanking KVGC for the generous \$250 scholarship for the camp program.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

GARDEN TOUR - Ellen Jackson

Ellen spoke about sponsors, businesses that are on the tour route, and points of interest.

Needed: Tour Committees and Garden Hostesses

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT and GARDEN THERAPY COMMITTEE

Ellen Jackson spoke about a possible garden on the Kennebec Rail Trail and she will take this to the next committee meeting.

Nancy Voisine is the chair of civic activities and Penny Pray is the chair of garden therapy as this committee is to remain as one unit.

Nancy will send dates for forthcoming meetings by email to those on the committee and those interested in helping.

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB PARK- The board recommends adoption of the motion regarding framing of the blue print of the Kennebec Valley Garden Club Park at a cost of \$371.79. The cost for this project is to come from the Garden Club Park Fund.

The recommendation was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

KENNEBEC DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - May 17, 2016, at the Calzolaio Pasta Co. Restaurant, Main St. Wilton, Maine. Business meeting at 10:00 am, luncheon noon, Program: "THE NEW ENGLAND GARDENER'S YEAR", 1:00 pm presented by Reeser Manley of Bangor Daily News. The

deadline for registration is May 9th. Cost is \$15/per person which includes breakfast buffet and lunch choice of Chicken alla Parmesan, Caesar Salad with grilled chicken or for vegans, Eggplant Parmesan.

HOME and GARDEN SHOW - Augusta Civic Center - Karen Foster:

There will be a district booth at the Home and Garden Show this weekend, April 8-10, 2016. Karen Foster will be there all day Friday and is looking for help Friday 1-8pm, Sat 10-7, and Sun 10-4.

NEWSLETTER - Debbie Sherman

Debbie needs information for the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP - Shelly Hanson

Shelly distributed updates with regard to addresses of new members.

BLUE STAR MARKER - Karen Foster

Ribbons will be placed on the Blue Star Markers at the Veterans' Cemetery, Augusta and at the Arnold Lookout, Hallowell on Patriot's Day, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.

T-SHIRTS & APRONS - are now stored at the Viles Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

A motion was presented by Ann Thomas, Chair of the Bylaws Committee on behalf of the committee to adopt the proposed amendments which had been electronically distributed to the members. The motion was adopted.

The president noted that the dues will be increased to \$20 a year for active membership.

Shirlene Gosline reported that Hope Weston is still in the hospital with shortness of breath and dizziness. Penny Pray reported that Mary Oatway doing the same and Mary's son Seth fell and injured himself.

The president stated we need another delegate for the GCFM Convention. She has applications for the convention and a response must be in by May 25th. Sharon Ann also reported that the 501c3 non profit status application was mailed to the IRS 2/8/16 and was received by IRS on 2/11/16, the KVGC check was cashed on 3/2/16. The three page list of activities of our club has also been sent to the IRS and we await their review of our application.

Sharon Ann thanked hostesses: Joan Hague, Sue Bourne, Ginny Dogherty, and Shirlene Gosline for the refreshments.

The next meeting of the KVGC will be held on May 3rd, at 1 pm at the Viles Foundation. Matt Gauthier, will be speaking on "All About Hydrangeas."

Sharon Ann introduced today's speaker, Mike Bancroft, who presented "Winter Interest Gardening."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Rose Leavitt, Secretary