

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 7, 2015

VILES MANSION

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Sharon Ann Paradis, our new President. There were 24 members present, along with a guest, Darlene Bassett from Winthrop.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect, and Conservation Pledge was led by Julie Meagher.

REPORTS:

Secretaries report of June meeting was read by Rose Leavitt and accepted after a change noting that Tammy Costigan & Debbie Sherman will be taking flowers to the Winthrop Library.

Correspondence was then read:

- A letter dated June 9th was received by Tammy Costigan from Raquel Gibbs thanking KVGC for her \$1,000 Barrows fund scholarship.
- A letter dated June 27th was received from Keven Frankhauser, also thanking KVGC for his \$1,000 Barrows Fund scholarship.
- A note was received from Viles Arboretum thanking KVGC for our support and generosity.
- A note was received from Karen Foster thanking members for their calls, notes and emails during her recuperation from knee replacement surgery.
- A note dated June 8th was received from our friends at the Laura E. Richard's School thanking KVGC for the perennials received after the plant sale.

Pam Johnson, Treasurer was unable to attend the July meeting.

Standing Committees:

- Awards - Penny Pray reported that the KVGC received 3 awards at the GCFM State Convention:
 - National Garden Clubs Certificate of Commendation - NGC Award 44 - Pressbook for NE Region - 1st place - large club
 - National - 2014 Publicity Pressbook Award - 1st place - large club
 - GCFM - Publicity Pressbook Award - 1st place - large club (done by Wanda Hendrickson)

Sharon Ann asked that any future Award information be given to Jean Matheson.

It was also mentioned that Heidi Munroe was going to be working on the KVGC Scrapbook

Today's Hostesses Penny Higgins, Heather Parsons, & Doris Anderson were thanked by our President Sharon Ann Paradis.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business:

- Karen Foster asked for display ideas for KVCG's entrance to the Windsor Fair (August 30-September 7th), with setup Friday August 28th.
 - Ideas: Bistro picnics with 5 tables
 - Large table/patio area with picnic - approved
- Soup & Bread Sale scheduled for October 3rd from 10-2 pm at Longellows Greenhouse - approved. Chairpersons needed.
- Blaine House Decorating - 1st meeting scheduled for October 13th at the Blaine House. Decorating to be done on December 1st. Open house scheduled for December 8th, with Coffee 9:30-10:15am and 10:45-11:30am. Tea 1:30-2:30pm. The theme this year is yet to be decided upon.
- Work scheduled for the garden park tomorrow July 8th in the early am with Heidi Munroe.

President, Sharon Ann Paradis introduced our speaker, Jeff Quirion. Mr. Quirion is responsible for all the beautiful Kennebec Savings Bank plantings throughout the area. He spoke on "How Things Change Throughout the Years." He was accompanied by a slide presentation showing differing seasons and years. He was well-received and answered questions from the audience.

Sharon Ann announced that our next meeting will be August 4th at the Viles Mansion and that Kent Nelson will be speaking on "Planting in our landscape to prevent fires."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

Submitted by Rose Leavitt, Secretary