

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2016
VILES FOUNDATION

The regular meeting of the Kennebec Valley Garden Club was called to order by Vice President Debbie Sherman at 1:00 pm at the Viles Foundation. There were 20 members present plus 1 guest and our speaker.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Gardener's Collect was led by Joan Hague. The Conservation Pledge was led by Jean Matheson.

Tammy Costigan introduced her guest Rhonda Bolduc of China Pond.

Karen Foster introduced our speaker Ed Allen of Gardiner, local representative from Wreaths Across America. He served in the military for 15 years, is married with 4 children and works for the Kennebec Journal as a graphic artist. He spoke to the membership about the history of Wreaths Across America, stating that their motto is: Remember - Honor - Teach "Honoring those before us"...and..."to remember the fallen and their families."

This program was started in 1992 by Morrill Worcester on his farm of 8,000 acres near Columbia Falls, Maine. The very first year 5,000 wreaths were placed, with plans for a million wreaths this year. Wreaths are to be placed on December 17, National Remembrance Ceremony Day at Arlington National Cemetery and throughout the United States and the world where our veterans lay, including at Pearl Harbor and Normandy. Locally, wreaths will be laid at Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. Over a million volunteers participate including trucking companies and drivers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rose Leavitt

The minutes of our last meeting were read by Rose Leavitt and were accepted as read with one correction. (Please remove 2nd "members" from the 2nd line from page 3.)

Shirlene Gosline informed the club that nominations of officers are due May 8th.

Correspondence was read from Genie Gannett that she returned a \$76 check she received for the ice cream to KVGC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Pam Johnson

Business account	\$ 1,714.73
Garden Club Savings	24,437.53
Love Fund Savings	193.49
Barrows Scholarship Savings	9,387.94
Barrows CD	4,806.45
Total Deposits	\$40,540.14

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Ways & Means: Soup Sale - Pam Johnson reported that there was a profit of \$650.

Harvest Festival Sale - Pam Johnson reported that there was a profit of \$130. She states that Spring would be a better time-frame for the Harvest Sale should be continue to do this activity.

Blaine House - Barbara Patterson

- Sign-ups need to be completed
- Invitations may be obtained from Ann Thomas today or emailed if needed.
- each committee must be OK - as she hasn't heard from the room chairmen
- Wanda and Nancy - have obtained pieces of garland from storage and they have it in the sunroom. Anyone needing garland may take as needed - please use the sign-out sheet. See Wanda.
- Penny Pray has the sign-up sheets for pourers, greeters, assistants, etc.

Garden Therapy - Nancy Voisine

There is new landscaping occurring at the Children's Center, so we will be taking next year off from this site.

Nancy thanked all who worked so hard at all these gardens this past year.

Hostesses Joan Hague, Wanda Hendrickson, Penny Pray, and Nancy Voisine were thanked by Debbie Sherman for providing today's refreshments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GCFM Fall Conference held 10/31/16 at the Civic Center in Augusta - Topic "Here today...gone tomorrow" Rare and endangered plants discussed by speaker Dan Cameron.

Shelly Hanson received recognition for her many years of service to GCFM.

Please note that President, Suzanne Bushnell's father passed away. A sympathy card for her was passed around the membership for condolence notes.

Workshop for the Wreaths for the Blue Star Markets - Karen Foster

Wreath laying November 4th - 10:30 Arnold Look-out, Hallowell; 11:00 Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

GCFM Fall Conference, 2017 - every club will need a hostess

Dates to remember:

11/4 wreath laying

12/1 Blaine House Decorating

12/6 Blaine House tea/coffee with times 9:30-10:15, 11:00-11:45, and 1:30-2:30. Please sign up asap as only 75 people can attend any session, including us!

12/29 removal of decorations from the Blaine House

There will be no meetings in January and February.

3/2/17 at 11:30 (Tuesday) at Ruby Tuesdays in Augusta - Cabin Fever luncheon for any members that can join in the fun.

Debbie Sherman stated that she is unable to give 100% to the club with regard to becoming President next year. She does not have the computer skills and she travels extensively.

Rose Leavitt spoke about the duties of the Secretary's position.

Barbara Patterson stated that she doesn't want to see the club putting "computers before gardening." She asked if maybe we need to have a website "mistress"

Shirlene Gosline informed that membership that Hope Weston was unable to attend the Fall Conference and that she has been experiencing shortness of breath with a general decline in her health. Hope is one of our treasured older members and was our President 1962-1964.

Shirlene Gosline stated she was going to send a plant to Jeannine Tarrío who is recovering from surgery from breast cancer. A get well card has already been sent.

Sally St. Pierre-Gilbault reported that Jan Karczewski also has breast cancer and is to have surgery on 11/23.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm

Rose Leavitt, Secretary