

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Viles Foundation, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Sharon Ann Paradis opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with 24 members present.

Shelly Hanson was secretary pro tem.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Nancy Voisine.

Sharon Ann introduced guests Louise & Kerry Perry, Vassalboro; Sally Stone, Winthrop; and Olive Edwards, Augusta.

Minutes of the April Secretary's report had been distributed electronically and were accepted as posted.

Sharon Ann read the Treasurer's report, balance as of May 1, 2017 is \$39,031.09. Report will be filed.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Civic Activities & Garden Therapy:**

Nancy Voisine reported on Civic Activities which consist of spring and fall clean-up at the Cohen Center, Hubbard Free Library, MaineGeneral Medical Center, Viles Arboretum and Glenridge. Gardens at Glenridge have been done and the Cohen Center is scheduled to be done on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy reported that the committee has received four new requests from the Historical Society, Viles Arboretum, the Children's Center, and Glenridge. These new garden requests will be reviewed to evaluate scope of work at each garden to make a determination if they can be managed by the committee. She is concerned about sparse participation of committee members who actually participate and recommends after the review that it be handed off for a final decision by the new committee. Nancy plans to stay on the committee, but not as Chair.

Penny Pray reported that garden clean up at Togus is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and June 1<sup>st</sup> will be planting day and encouraged members to help out. Penny plans to continue as Chair of Garden Therapy.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ann Thomas made a motion to donate \$250.00 for a campership for 1 child to attend Hart to Hart Farm Day Camp in Albion, Julie Meagher seconded, motion carried.

Debbie Sherman updated members on the Plant Sale. KVGC Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, rain or shine, at Mill Park, Augusta on the Kennebec (location of the Farmer's Market downtown). She circulated a sign-up sheet, plant sale tips, plant tags and had posters available for members to distribute in the community. The committee is also having a banner made up. She encouraged members to dig plants early so they look their best for the sale and reminded members to wear their T-shirts. There will also be a sales table of garden related material. Any questions, contact committee members: Debbie Sherman, Karen Foster, Heide Munro.

Sharon Ann updated members on the William and Elsie Viles stones and the Memorial Bench at the Viles Arboretum. The two stone markers for William and Elsie will be on display inside the Arboretum. She circulated a thank you card for Tony Masciadri for donating the Elsie's stone and engraving at no charge. The Memorial Bench is not in place yet due to the weather conditions and she will update members about a bench dedication when it is ready.

Ann Thomas presented the by-law amendment to Article X which would split the current Civic Activities and Garden Therapy Committee into two separate committees becoming: "g. Civic Activities" and "k. Garden Therapy". Amendment carried.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Nominating Committee Report:**

Shirlene Gosline thanked her committee: Julie Meagher and Sally St.Pierre-Gilbault for their work and presented the following slate of officers which will be voted on at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Treasurer, Pam Johnston  
Secretary, Shelly Hanson  
Vice President, Debbie Sherman  
President, Ellen Jackson

Sharon Ann presented the proposed budget for 2017-2018 and will be voted on at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sharon Ann encouraged Committee Chairs to attend the Board meeting at 10:30 AM on June 6<sup>th</sup> before the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. She circulated a sign-up sheet for the Annual Meeting Luncheon. The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$16.00, and will be catered by the Parsonage House from Vassalboro and held at the Viles Foundation. Anyone who did not sign up for the luncheon, contact Sharon Ann as soon as possible.

A reminder that annual reports from all Committee Chairs are due at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Heide Munro updated members of the recent GCFM Board meeting.

- 2017 GCFM Convention in June, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport
- 2018 GCFM Convention will be held at Sebasco Estates, Phippsburg
- Workshops will be held at the McLaughlin Foundation, So. Paris

Sharon Ann reported on an email she received from National Garden Club and GCFM to pass along a warning about milkweed plants being sold at Home Depot stores have been pretreated with systemic pesticides (neonicotinoids), be aware of what you are buying.

Reminder that the District Annual Meeting will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon Ann thanked the refreshment hostesses: Debbie Sherman, Karen Foster, Sue Bourne, Tammy Costigan and Rhonda Bolduc.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Karen Foster introduced speaker Lisa Lagrange, floral designer and co-owners of Jellison's Vintage Antiques. Lisa presented many planting designs in "upcycled containers". Lisa showed possibilities in repurposing items from our homes and gardens that may otherwise be disposed of.

Submitted by,  
Shelly Hanson  
Secretary Pro-tem