

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Viles Foundation, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with 23 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Sharon Ann Paradis.

Ellen introduced guest Dianne Sturzenberger from Manchester. Dianne joined the club after the meeting.

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

Correspondence was read from The Nelson Family Project, Bath, Maine regarding vector-borne diseases. They have created a Lyme Resource Card which contains a comprehensive list of websites, books, and continuing education opportunities and shared a copy with the club. It was decided to contact them to request more cards and Sharon Ann will post the electronic version of the card on our website. TheNelsonFamilyProject@gmail.com

Ellen read the Treasurer's report, balance as of August 1, 2017 is \$39,835.74. Report will be filed.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Conservation:

Ann Thomas shared a copy of an article she received at a DAR meeting about bald eagles. The article was written by Lindsey Webb from the New Hampshire Wildlife Journal, May/June 2017 – The Bald Eagle – “A True American Bird”.

Website:

Sharon Ann reminded members to send her, or bring to next meeting, any photos you want posted on the website.

Yearbook:

Shelly Hanson reported the new yearbooks will be available at the September meeting. Any address, phone number, email changes need to be given to her as soon as possible in order to get them printed correctly in the yearbook.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Ann reported that she was collecting photos for Karen Foster for the photo contest “Seasons in the Garden”. Winners will be announced at the September meeting.

Ellen reminded members about KVGC's display at the Windsor Fair and would like the information posted on the GCFM calendar. Set-up will be Friday, August 25 from 10:30 to 12:00 in the Exhibition Hall. This year's theme is "Mad Hatters Tea Party" using funky containers, tea cups, teapots, bowls, baskets and childlike whimsical items. Items can be picked up on Tuesday, September 5th after 9:00. Any questions call Karen, 622-2930.

Ellen requested the need for a resolution for Ginny Dogherty since one was not done at the annual meeting. Penny Pray, Resolution Chair, will contact Shirlene and they will work with Ann Thomas and Betty Carpenter to have one prepared for the next meeting.

New Business:

Julie Meagher announced that Moira and Bob Fuller have moved to Potomac, Maryland. Moira is in an assisted living and Bob is in an apartment in the same facility. Ellen will ask Shirlene to send a card.

Debbie Sherman updated members about Fall Conference. It will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at the Augusta Civic Center, theme is – "What's Under Your Tree? Registration fee is \$30, includes lunch and two speakers, deadline for registration is November 3. Sharon Ann will post registration form on the website.

Ellen thanked members for their support in electing her President. She proposed the sequence of the meetings be changed to: opening the meeting, pledges, introducing guests, speaker, business meeting, and refreshments. This eliminates the need for the speaker to have to sit through meeting.

She also would like to change the time of some meetings, allowing members and potential new members who currently work a chance to attend meetings and workshops. She announced that the October meeting will be at 4:00 PM and will be a pumpkin succulent workshop and encouraged members to invite a friend.

Ellen spoke about club committees; still need volunteers to sign up to fill vacancies.

She reminded members to be thinking about decorating the Blaine House for the holidays – need Chair and/or Co-Chair and theme. Anyone interested let her know as soon as possible. Julie Meagher will contact "Farmer Kev", former Barrow's Scholarship recipient, as a way to promote his success as a scholarship recipient.

Announcements:

Ellen gave a brief overview of the field trip on July 11 to Johnny's Research Gardens, complimenting Lauren and Peggy who gave the presentation and tour. She asked that Shirlene send them a thank you card.

A plant sale will be held on June 2, 2018 at the Manchester Fire Department.

Long range plans are to hold a fund raiser - “Art in Bloom” in 2019. Possible locations suggested were UMA, Lithgow Library, Maine State Museum entry area or Library, Governor Hill Mansion. Lots of planning to do.

Next meeting - September 12, 1:00 PM – Viles Foundation. Gary Peachey will be speaker, announcing winners of the photo contest.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 PM.

Shelly Hanson
Secretary