

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Viles Foundation, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

Secretary Shelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with 27 members present. Sharon Ann Paradis appointed President Pro-tem in the absence of both President Ellen Jackson and Vice President Debbie Sherman.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Sally Stone.

Karen Foster introduced guest speaker Gary Peachey. Gary was the judge for the "Seasons in the Garden" photo project and explained his selections and criteria for the photos. Awards were given to the following:

- Spring – 1st place – Jan Karczewski; Honorable Mention – Sue Bourne
- Summer – 1st place – Jan Karczewski; Honorable Mention – Debbie Sherman
- Fall – 1st place – Karen Foster; Honorable Mention – Linda Bragg
- Winter – 1st place – Ellen Jackson; Honorable Mention – Debbie Sherman

Winners were presented with their pictures framed with a plaque. Sharon asked that contest winners e-mail her copies of their pictures so she can post them on the website. She will also post all of the other photos that were submitted.

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

Correspondence was read from Debbie Knight of Oakland thanking the club for the scholarship that her granddaughter Bostyn Knight received to attend Hart to Hart camp this summer.

Pam Johnson gave the Treasurer's report. The report will be filed as reported.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Karen Foster reported on the Windsor Fair display and thanked members who participated. She mentioned that International Association of Fairs and Expositions in Springfield, Missouri evaluated 7 fairs in New England, and Windsor Fair was one selected in Maine. They took lots of pictures and were impressed with KVGC's Mad Hatter's display. They do marketing and idea forums for fairs and exposition and is hoping they will put the display in their Trade Show magazine.

Penny Pray reported the new Garden Therapy Committee will need to meet to discuss projects. Gardens at Togus look good and she will set up a date to close them for the season. A new glider swing added near the gardens that will accommodate a wheelchair and patients are enjoying it.

Nancy Voisine spoke about Fall decorating at the Main Entrance and Emergency Entrance at MaineGeneral Medical Center as part of Civic Activities. After discussion, September 26 at 9:30

was the chosen date to decorate and MaineGeneral has made a contribution for materials. She circulated a sign up for volunteers.

On behalf of the Resolution Committee, Shirlene Gosline read a very nice resolution for Ginny Dogherty, long time dedicated member who passed away in June, 2016.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Ann, on behalf of Ellen, thanked Shelly and Penny for putting the new yearbook together and thanked all who donated to the Windsor Fair display.

New Business:

Sharon Ann announced that the Longfellow's Fall Festival is cancelled so there will not be a Soup Sale there this year.

Molly Wickwire and Judy Gates-Kilpatrick will be this year's co-chairs for the Blaine House, a sign-up sheet was circulated. A planning workshop is scheduled at the Blaine House on at 9:00 AM on October 10. Sharon Ann has allium if anyone wants to use them for decorating.

Sharon Ann announced the club will celebrate its 90th year in 2018 and will be having a dedication ceremony of the "Tribute Bench" located at the Viles Arboretum, more details to follow.

Announcements:

Joan Hague said that Jane Harvey is now at the Alzheimer's Unit in Gardiner.

Sue Bourne said she had attended a memorial service for Anita Smart that morning.

A memorial service will be held for Sylvia Ragon on Sept. 18.

Sharon Ann thanked the Hostess Committee: Shelly Hanson, Pam Johnson, DeeDee Brown, Jean Matheson.

Next meeting – October 3rd at 4:00 PM – Viles Foundation. This will be a Pumpkin Succulent Workshop and members are encouraged to invite a friend. Please note time change.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 PM.

Shelly Hanson
Secretary