

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Viles Home, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 20 members present.

Guests were introduced: Penny McCarthy, Jane Wadleigh and Olive Edwards

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Molly Wickwire.

Shelly gave an overview of the September Secretary's minutes. The report had been posted on the website.

Correspondence was read from DP Industries located in Vassalboro introducing their company and sent their catalog to the garden club. They manufacture wood and plastic garden labels as well as a variety of other items – garden marking pens, metal labels, tree tags and custom printed labels.

Pam Johnson gave the Treasurer's report. She reported that the Treasurer's books had been audited and the E-post card had been filed for the 501-3c. The report will be filed as reported.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Nancy Voisine reported that the Fall decorating at the Main Entrance and Emergency Entrance at MaineGeneral Medical Center had been done. Nine members participated in the decorating, Will Longfellow from Longfellow's joined them. MaineGeneral had donated a voucher for the decorations and Longfellow's gave a generous 50% discount for the decorations. Ellen will send thank you notes to Longfellow's and MaineGeneral.

Debbie Sherman reminded committee members that she needs information and pictures as soon as possible for the Fall newsletter.

Shirlene Gosline reminded members to let her know of anyone who needs to be sent a card as part of the Love Fund.

Unfinished Business:

Molly Wickwire reported that she and Judy Gates-Kilpatrick will be this year's co-chairs for the Blaine House, theme will be Victorian. A planning workshop is scheduled at the Blaine House on October 10 at 9:00 AM, all participating members are encouraged to attend. Cynthia Herrick has made framed gifts for the piano and harp players with her creative scherenschnitte (paper) cut-outs.

Debbie Sherman announced there will be a Fall Conference committee meeting later this week, Karen Foster will attend. Shelly had Fall Conference registration forms available, the conference

is November 14 at the Augusta Civic Center, \$30 registration fee (includes lunch) and the deadline is November 3. Shirlene encouraged members to participate.

Ellen thanked the Hostess Committee: Pam Johnson, Jane Berthiaume, Shirlene Gosline and Ann Thomas.

Next meeting – November 7th at 1:00 PM – Viles Home. Debbie Sherman will give a presentation “The Call of the Loon”, a study of loons in Maine.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM.

The meeting was followed by a workshop where members each created their own pumpkin succulent arrangements. Everyone seemed to enjoy this hands-on workshop.

Shelly Hanson
Secretary