

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Viles House, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson opened the brief meeting at 1:00 PM with 12 members and 1 guest present. Guest was Hilary Peyton, she moved to Rome from Massachusetts and missed her garden club and is looking for one here.

Molly Wickwire led the Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge.

Secretary, Shelly Hanson introduced speaker Mary Perry and her daughter Sage from Winterberry Farm in Belgrade. Mary gave a presentation on her organic farm, how she started the farm with her three children selling vegetables and flowers and how it has evolved over the last 19 years. She also spoke about the children's summer day camp she has for children ages 5-11, one week in June and one in July.

Secretary's minutes of the February meeting were distributed to members electronically and posted on the website.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was available. Current balance of accounts as of March 5, 2019 is \$36,061.48.

Memory donations received to date is \$960.00.

Hope Weston - \$870

June Peachey - \$75

Mary Oatway - \$15

Correspondence: Ellen received a phone call from Lynn Boardway from Chateau Cushnoc. They are looking for someone to talk with residents and give a brief presentation/demonstration about small space gardening - raised beds; seedlings or seeds; present handouts; and a question & answer session. She mentioned Earth Day is April 22 and might be a good time to do it. Ellen is looking for a group of volunteers, please contact her if interested.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee: Ellen announced that Darlene Bassett has volunteered to work on the nominating committee.

Old Business: Ellen thanked everyone who participated in the Art in Bloom at Lithgow Library on February 24th.

- She reported that around 60 people had attended the event
- Attendees had positive comments and enjoyed the event
- Ellen felt it was a good starting point with our first attempt
- The Library would like to have another one
- Perhaps have it on a Saturday with an expanded time
- Need to do more advertising for the event

New Business:

The Portland Flower Show is March 28-31. The Garden Club Federation of Maine will have a booth and are looking for garden club members to help staff the booth in 3-hour slots, this entitles members to free admission to the show. Contact Ellen if interested.

Julie Meagher made a motion to sponsor one scholarship this year for a student to attend the Winterberry Farm Summer Day Program, the cost is \$225.00 per student, Joan Hanscom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shelly will contact Mary Perry to let her know the club will sponsor a child to attend and Mary will reach out to a student in need.

There will be a plant sale on June 8th - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Manchester Fire Department, more discussion at the April Meeting.

A garden tour will be held in June 2020 and Ellen wants to begin working on it in June, 2019. This would include selecting the area where it will be held, and selecting the gardens. It would be best to have no more than six gardens, anyone who would like to have their garden on tour, please let her know.

Ellen thanked the Hostess Committee: Molly Wickwire, Deb Cairns, Joan Hanscom and Sharon Ann Paradis.

Next meeting will be April 2, 2019 at The Viles House, Farmer Kev will be the speaker.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 PM.

Submitted by,
Shelly Hanson
Secretary