

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
The Viles House, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson opened the brief meeting at 1:05 PM with 18 members present.

Joan Hague and Jean Matheson led the Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge.

Ellen introduced guests June Nickerson-Hovey, Kennebec District Director and Barbara Roberts, Kennebec District Assistant Director.

Shelly Hanson introduced speaker Kathleen Marty, GCFM Past President and Boothbay Region Garden Club. Kathleen gave a presentation on gardening for pollinators.

Secretary's minutes of the April meeting were distributed to members electronically and posted on the website. Minutes were adopted as posted.

Correspondence was read from Winterberry Farm, Belgrade, a student from Belgrade Central School has been chosen for the campership sponsored by KVGC.

A letter from the Estate of June Peachey was read, donating \$500 to the club. It will be deposited in the Barrow's Scholarship account.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was available. Current balance of accounts as of May 7, 2019 is 34,834.37.

**Reports of the Standing Committees:**

**Reminder: Board of Directors Meeting – Includes Elected Officers & Committee Chairs June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at The Viles House. ALL Committee Chairs or a committee member should attend this meeting and bring two copies of their report.**

**Nominating Committee:** Darlene Bassett presented a slate of officers for 2020-2022 and will be voted on at the June meeting.

President	Ellen Jackson
Vice President	Darlene Bassett
Secretary	Shelly Hanson
Treasurer	Pam Johnson

**Barrow's Scholarship:** Ann Thomas reported on behalf of Julie Meagher. One application was received from Gil Whitehead, he is attending Sterling College in Craftbury Commons, Vermont majoring in Forestry and Sustainable Agriculture and paying for his own education. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to award a \$2,000.00 scholarship to Gil Whitehead. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

The plant sale will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Manchester Fire Station. Set up time is 8:00 AM and breakdown at 2:00 PM. Ellen is still looking for a committee to volunteer for the sale. Darlene Bassett volunteered to put up signs.

Ellen gave an update on Forever Storage and is pursuing the sale promotion they are currently having which includes a 50 GB account for \$419.00. A club email will need to be set up with Forever Storage to be able to receive pertinent updates from the company. Ellen wants this to be Club venture and work with the Archive Committee to select photos, material and other information to include in this storage, and how material will be categorized in storage. She asked that members bring their thoughts of how things can be categorized with them to the June meeting. She will send out some dates to set up meeting to get the process started.

KVGC hosts the 2020 District Annual Meeting; a committee is needed to start planning now. Also need to choose a date and location. Ellen announced that she will be the new Director for the Kennebec District.

**New Business:**

Ellen circulated a sign-up sheet for the annual meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ellen announced that Allan Lipman, Hillcrest Street in Augusta has invited the garden club to visit his spring garden. She has suggested May 22 at 4:00 PM and will send out a reminder and a suggested car-pooling location.

Karen Foster reported the City of Augusta will be participating next year in the State of Maine's Bicentennial Celebration. Kennebec Savings Bank will be using blue and yellow flowers representing the State of Maine flag. The City has asked Kennebec Valley Garden Club to participate by doing window boxes and/or whiskey barrels downtown. She will report more details as they become available.

**Reminders:**

Ellen announced the following reminders:

- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual District Meeting - "Native Pollinators" at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Eustis Parkway Waterville. Hosted by Central Maine Garden Club.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - National Garden Club Week
- June 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> - GCFM Convention - "Bringing Communities Together Through Gardening" - Village by the Sea Resort Conference Center, Wells. Registration information is on the GCFM website.

Ellen thanked the Hostess Committee: Penny Pray, Debbie Sherman, Lorraine Philbrick, Wanda Hendrickson.

Next meeting – June 4<sup>th</sup> at The Viles House  
Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.

Submitted by, Shelly Hanson, Secretary