

**WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB**  
**Tuesday, November 13 GENERAL MEETING**  
**1:00 P.M. – ST. JOHN’S CHURCH**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Vice President Maria Siskind called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. 17 members were in attendance. The minutes from the October 11 Annual Meeting have been posted on the website and sent by email to all members. Many felt it was a well chaired meeting that accomplished a lot.
2. WELCOME: Maria welcomed all members and guests and thanked Joan Wright for organizing this program, and thanked the Hospitality Committee members for the refreshments.
3. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Maria thanked everyone who helped get all the WGC gardens and pots ready for winter. Maria also reported that she attended the GCFM meeting in October to accept the \$500 Grant for the Sara Tenney Osborne Garden renovation at the Library on behalf of our Club.
4. UPCOMING EVENTS: Linda reminded everyone that the annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 11** at the Water Street Grill. Arrival is at noon, with the luncheon served at 12:30 after we order from the menu. An rsvp is due to **Linda Conway** at 458-8525. At this meeting, 2019 dues should be paid; this can be by cash or check in the amount of \$35.

The Holiday Greens Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, December 4** at The Harper Center at 1:00. If you have not already signed up to attend, please contact Katie Lanoue by Sunday, Dec. 2 so that the appropriate amount of materials can be ordered. If you wish to learn how to make bows, we will make them at 1:00 on Monday, Dec. 3 at Katie’s house. Please call her at 458-4943 if you wish to do so.

The Penny Social at the Holiday Walk will be held on **Saturday, December 1** at the Lasell Gym at Williams College. Please contact Eja Heekin to sign up to help. Eja asked for ideas for children’s activities.

5. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Anne Tiffany read a thank you note from Robin Clutz, our former Treasurer, and advised we had sent a thank you letter to The Grange for their \$500 donation to our club. Anne reported that flowers were sent to Marie Stella and spoke of flowers and memorial donations sent in memory of Tom Neely and Ray Gaudette.

No other officers reported since all information was shared at last month’s annual meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Our scheduled speaker Lilian Jackman was unable to come. Linda Conway had been asked to lead a brainstorming session with members about future programs.

Program ideas:

Tour of special Williamstown gardens, possibly those of

- Tom Carlson, shade garden on Luce Road
- Karen Parker, Japanese Garden
- Judy Weber, Japanese Garden on Ide Road
- Ilona Bell, expert gardener, Ide Road
- Hugh Glover

- Note: Jytte Brooks (not mentioned at the meeting but she is a club member and her garden is shown on Garden Conservancy Tours)

Other possible subjects for programs discussed:

- Age and the Gardener (reschedule Liliane Jackman)
- Pruning
- Designing with artificial flowers by Doris Lovegreen's son who works with very fine materials
- Container gardening with pots, hanging plants and vegetables
- Vegetable gardening
- Talk by a representative of Boston's Beacon Hill Garden Tours
- Susan Pardoe who writes the newsletters for Countryside
- Speaker from Zema's Nursery
- Putting the Garden to Bed for winter
- Mushrooms
- Downsizing and Making Gardening Easier

Various club administrative issues were discussed and will be addressed by the Board at a later meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 11 Holiday Luncheon at the Water Street Grill.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The formal meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. and refreshments enjoyed.

Submitted by

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Acting Secretary

For Susan Montiel  
Recording Secretary