

**WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
MAY 13, 2019 GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. – HARPER CENTER**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. The minutes from the April 10 meeting have been posted on the website and sent by email to all members.
2. WELCOME: Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
 - a. Plant sale:
 - i. Karen met with Phil Smith yesterday who has donated over 100 plants to our sale from his garden.
 - ii. Plants for the sale should be delivered to Maria's house by this weekend; Saturday 5/18 is the planting party from 9 – 1 pm with lunch afterward. The following Thursday, 5/23, 2 – 4 pm is our party for pricing and identification at Maria's house again.
 - iii. This year the sale will have hardy sedum and succulents; Karen is fostering the plants now.
 - iv. Bake sale items are needed; Carol Oshinsky is organizing this. Please consider items prepared from scratch and wrapped in an attractive way.
 - v. Volunteers needed for transportation from Maria's house to the sale site on the morning of the sale.
 - vi. Garden tag sale items will also be offered – pots, baskets, gardening books; bring these to Maria's house as well.
 - b. Communications: brochures have been placed at the realtors' offices. Karen and Maria have made some minor changes to the WGC slide at Images Cinema and it will run again this year.
 - c. Treasurer: Karen reported on behalf of Treasurer Marilyn Faulkner that we are ahead of budget and financial activities are running smoothly.
 - d. Container and bridges: May 30 – 31 is target date for planting the containers; helpers are needed.
4. ACTIVITIES/SIGN-UP SHEETS: members were directed to the signup sheets in the back of the room and all members are asked to sign up for events throughout the year.
5. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Corresponding Secretary Anne Tiffany reported on several items.
 - a. Flowers sent to several individuals and memorial donations made in honor of the following: Marie Stella (illness) and Elaine Neely and Nancy Gaudette (loss of husbands).
 - b. Thank you cards were received from Marie Stella, Nancy Gaudette, Elaine Neely (multiple notes), St. Patrick's and Raphael Parish (for gift made in honor of Mary Lou Galusha), Community Chest (for our donation to the Penny Social), Betsy Taylor, and Carol Paul.
 - c. Memorial donations were made to the Williamstown Historical Society (Burnham), to the Berkshire Humane Society (Neely and Gaudette), and to St. Pat's and St. Raphael's Parish (Mary Lou Galusha).
 - d. The Williamstown Grange gave us a \$500 dollars award for beautification.
 - e. We received donations from in honor of Neely from Jane Alken, Inspire network, Simeone family, Maureen O'Mara, John Umlauf, Delia Dappel, and Susan Hyde.
 - f. We also received donations from Carol Paul and the Charles Steward Mott Foundation.
6. ADJOURNMENT: The formal meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm and our speaker Betty Sanders and her "assistant" Neil Sanders were to show us her method for beautiful pots. Betty's handout, Going to Pots, is attached to the minutes. Betty demonstrated her process creating five different pots for us,

and five lucky WGC members won the raffle and got to take them home. Betty's talk was very well received.

7. SPEAKER: Following Betty's demonstration, the members enjoyed refreshments.
8. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 1 pm, at Sweetwood with John Parker from Hancock Shaker Village speaking about medicinal herbs.

Susan Montiel
Recording Secretary