

WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
June 11, 2019 GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. – SWEETWOOD

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. A quorum was confirmed. Minutes from the May 14 meeting have been posted on the website and sent by email to all members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May meeting minutes; motion carried.
2. WELCOME: Karen welcomed members and guests including Bonnie Lewis, former club member and also former President of the Egremont Club; Dottie Edgerton former President and her husband, Sam; Thelma Frasier and new neighbor/possible new member, Cherie Lashway, invited by Kathy McKnight.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
 - a. Thanks to all who participated in another successful plant sale which amounted to just over \$2,600 in total (over \$2,000 plants plus over \$500 in baked goods.) Please turn in any receipts now so checks will clear by our June 30 fiscal year-end.
 - b. Container and bridges: All successfully planted. We will move two pots by the new sign to WYGT until the stone sign surround and Spring Street construction are completed.
4. GCFMA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:
 - a. Maria Siskind and Anne Tiffany attended the Annual Meeting. This year's theme is "GO NATIVE." The keynote speaker from the University of Delaware described how insects help both the native plants and migrating birds.
 - b. The new GCFM year book includes the obituaries of both Patti Brundage and Gigi Rogers. Next year's will include Mary Lou Galusha's.
5. PROGRAMS REPORT: Our July 9 Meeting/Garden Tour will begin at 1:00 pm at the Parker's Japanese Garden at 1332 Cold Spring Rd. and continue to Ilona Bell's at 152 Ide Rd., followed by a short meeting/hospitality gathering, nearby at Sue Metzner's, 335 Gale Rd. More specifics will follow.
6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We will be at the Famers' Market this coming Saturday, June 15 promoting our club and seeking new members. We have a new and stronger tent/canopy. We will give away sunflower plants and free lemonade and help the children plant sunflower seeds.
7. SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – Kathy McKnight reported that two \$500 awards were given to Mt Greylock Regional High School graduating seniors with a demonstrated interest in conservation, land management, environment science or sustainability; recipients are Cameron Grace Macuch – UMass/Amherst and Sage Bohl – Wheaton College.
8. ADJOURNMENT: The formal meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm and our speaker John Parker presented an interesting talk and slides on how the Shakers of Hancock Village used, cultivated, processed and sold medicinal and culinary herbs. John's presentation was very well received.
9. SPEAKER: Following John's talk, the members enjoyed refreshments.
10. NEXT MEETING DATE: Following the July 9th Local Garden Tour at Sue Metzner's, 335 Gale Rd.

Submitted by Karen Pellegrini for

Susan Montiel, Recording Secretary
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