

WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
November 12, 2019 GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. – Milne Public Library

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1 pm. The minutes from the Annual meeting will be posted on the website and voted on at the 2020 Annual meeting.
2. WELCOME: Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting today and gave special welcome to all guests and new members Karen Parker and Linda Dragit. In attendance today were 35 members and guests.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: three events are coming up, look forward to seeing everyone.
 - Greens workshop on Tuesday, December 3, 1 pm at the Harper Center
 - Saturday, December 7, 2 pm is the Williamstown Penny Social, volunteers are needed and sign up sheet was circulated
 - Tuesday December 10, 12 noon, holiday luncheon at the Williams Inn, look for message from Constant Contact
4. NEW BUSINESS: Maria Siskind introduced our speaker Margaret Roach whose presentation entitled *Non-Stop Plants: The 365-Day Garden* was enjoyed by all the members. It was a very entertaining talk about finding ways to enjoy your garden all year long. Some of her suggestions:
 - Find areas in your yard to “unmow” to increase diversity
 - Encourage all the different types of beneficial creatures (including snakes and bugs)
 - Look at your garden from inside the house so you can better visualize the scale, look from places where you’d spend time during different seasons
 - Embrace shapes for visual appeal even when nothing is blooming; look at the shapes of the trunks, for example
 - Margaret thinks of it as a 6-season garden: January/February = conception, March/April = birth, May/June = youth, July/August = adulthood, September/October = senescence, November/December = death and afterlife
 - Notice and enjoy plants at all the different stages, not just peak bloom; enjoy buds though the passing leaves.
 - Try to leave your tree stumps; many animals and the soil will benefit; same thing with fall cleanup
 - Read the light at all seasons
 - Add water if you can; all species depend on it; consider temporary or seasonal water features
 - Consider finding a signature plant or color and repeating it throughout your garden
 - Margaret gave us a handout which includes a shopping list of 365 day plants
 - Check out Margaret’s website: A Way to Garden.com and sign up for her newsletter and podcast.
5. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Margaret took questions from the audience.
6. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at noon. Location will be announced.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The formal meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm and refreshments enjoyed.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary