

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING/Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Call to Order by Vicky Marr who conducted the following meeting:

- **Conservation Pledge**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- ❖ **Introduce Guest**

- ❖ **Thanked Hostesses Alison and Rosalind Harris, and Claudia Knox for the lovely Valentine themed refreshment table. Next Month's Hostesses will be Izza and Jane Scease.**

- ❖ **Library Flowers: Marie Neale--February
Izza Johnson--March**

- ❖ **Secretary's Report NO Meeting in January**
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report See attached**
- ❖ **President's Report:**

A Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 30. A slate of officers was discussed for approval by membership at our annual meeting in April. We need a Vice-President and a Secretary and help with the yearbook and website. We discussed ideas for our 85th year celebration, and will possibly have a social in the Fall to invite honored guests. We also discussed having a logo and perhaps a design contest with the prize of a year's free membership. We discussed various ways of recruiting new members.

Passed around the Sign-up sheets for Hostesses, Library Flowers, and Garden Tenderers.

Program: Ann Williams, Topsham Garden Club Member, took us on a visual tour of lovely gardens and plants from her travels to Ireland and Croatia, Lovell, ME and Davidson, North Carolina.

Patsy St Pierre helped with the membership table and Carol Flaherty and Lucette Musica held a raffle for a lovely Spring Flower Arrangement.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13-- Kerry Mendez

April 10--Potluck Social and Annual Meeting

May 6--Medomak District Meeting at the Maine Maritime Museum

May 15--Shady Glen Field Trip (Freeport)

June 2- 8--National Gardening Week

June 8--TGC Plant Sale—Topsham Town Hall

June 15—Yearbook Deadline

June 18-19-- Garden Club Federation of Maine Annual Meeting, Wells

(This report is submitted by Vicky Marr, President in the absence of the Secretary, Marie Neale. February 25, 2019.)

**TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
February 20, 2019**

Checking Account Balance (as of February 20, 2019)	\$4,320.98
Savings Account Balance (as of January 31, 2018)	\$2,515.18**

*** The Savings Account balance includes \$1,500 for a "Rainy Day Fund," \$1,000 reserved for a capital gift for the Androscoggin Brunswick-Topsham Riverwalk, and interest earned.*

Membership:

We currently have 41 members.. According to our By-laws – both former and those amended on September 12, 2018 - dues for the June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020 mebership year will be payable in full by June 15, 2019.

Dues (new or renewing members) are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for two members of the same household. Members joining December 1 or later paid half price until the April Annual Meeting when all dues collected are applied to the following year.

Fiscal Activity since November 14, 2018 Treasurer's Report

According to ou rnew By-Laws adopted on September 12, 2018, our new Fiscal year began of January 1, 2019 and will end on December 31, 2019. Before that, our last12-month fiscal year ran from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 (beginning aand ending right in the middle of our busy season). The we had a 7-month "stub year" from June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, to get onto the new fiscal calendar.

- Income (\$223 for 2018 "stub year"):
 - \$223 from Christmas auction on 12/5/18 (\$17 still owed)
- Expenses (\$152.08 for 2018 "stub year"):
 - \$50 fee for Maine AgrAbility program on 11/14/18
 - \$14.46 for printing bank checks
 - \$63.57 for Christmas party (poinsettias for auction and ham & cheese platter)
 - \$24.05 for stamps
- Expenses (\$405.15 for 2019)
 - \$405.15 for 3-year renewal of domain name & website hosting (to Feb 2022)
- Savings Account Interest (63¢ total)
 - 42¢ for November & December 2018
 - 21¢ for January 2019

Given the size of our checking account, I receommend that we transfer \$2,000 from checking to savings to increase interest income from about 21¢ per month to perhaps 35¢ to 40¢ per month. We can transfer funds back to checking easily if we incur large expenses, or an unanticipated decline in income.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Harris, Treasurer