

## TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MEETING

**Minutes:** January 8, 2020  
Submitted by Vicky Savoie

**Attendance:** 8 guests, members?

Alison Harris headed the meeting. Ann Williams had a conflict and Liz Volckening was ill. Vicky Savoie was acting Secretary. A reminder that we need a Secretary!

No Pledges today.

Alison thanked Jeanne d'Arc Mayo for inviting Barry Logan, our speaker. And thanked the hostesses. Feb. 12 hostesses are listed on today's agenda.

Jan. library display has been provided by Patsy St. Pierre. The February display will be provided by Kathleen Greer-Burns.

November minutes were emailed to everyone and were accepted. There were no December minutes.

**Treasurer's Report - Currently 48 members**

Total Budget Balance for 2019 year end was \$5640.65 The Actual 2019 year end Balance was \$6428.07 which included purchasing the bench.

Fiscal activity since Nov. 13 - \$433 income at the Christmas Auction/ \$364.60 expenses/ savings interest 0.92.

Alison is drafting the budget and will present it at the Exec. Comm. Meet on Jan. 15th.

**President Report -**

Androscoggin /Sagadahoc Master Gardener class is accepting applications. Applications are accepted through Feb. 15. Classes will be held at the Topsham Library on Monday afternoon 1-4:30 from March 30 - June 8 and Aug 24 - Oct. 26. There will be refresher classes for current Master Gardeners. After completion of classes you will be required to perform 40 hours of volunteer work. Please go to [extension.umaine.edu](http://extension.umaine.edu) . The application is on the Androscoggin/ Sagadahoc website on their training page. Or call Lynne Holland at 207-581-8204. Registration fee for Topsham Garden Club members will be reimbursed by the Medomak District upon completion of the course.

**Key Dates:**

Jan. 15 - Exec. Comm. Meet

March 11 -15 - Boston Flower Show  
March 14 - Maine Garden Day  
March 26-29 - Maine Garden Show  
May 4 - Medomak District Meeting  
June 6 - TGC Plant Sale  
June 15-17 - GCFM Convention  
Oct. 13-14 - 2020 NEGC Meeting

Library concerned about the flower barrels as they are breaking apart. Alison will speak to someone at the Parks Dept. and the library. It was suggested that we replace the barrels.

If you have anything for the white elephant table at the Medomak District Meeting on May 4, please contact Fay Eldred. Lucette will purchase 2 raffle items for that meeting. We should receive details of the meeting by the end of March.

Jean Herlihy and Jeanne d'Arc Mayo suggested a trip to Monhegan Island. They will look into the details.

Next Meeting - Feb. 12 - Speaker Beth Bisson, Sign of Seasons: a N.E. phenology.

Plant Sale - June 6 - Town Hall Drop off and set up to be done on Friday after 3PM. Sale times - 9 - 12.

Last year Patsy St. Pierre started seedlings that we gave to each customer. It was a hit, so she'll do the same this year. The club will reimburse her for the seeds.

Jean Herlihy, Horticulture Chair - If you have bulbs that aren't frozen, they can be put into cold storage to be forced. Jean will let us know when to start tomato seeds for our gardens.

Meeting adjourned.

