

**Topsham Garden Club
August 8, 2012**

The Topsham Garden Club met on August 8, 2012, at the summer home of Mary Ann Douglas on Orr's Island.

President Marie Neale thanked hostesses Mary Ann Douglas, Carla Rensenbrink, and Carole Flaherty.

Marie welcomed new member, Paula Kennedy.

Next meeting is on September 12.

- "Fall tree, shrub pruning and winter maintenance" by Kyle Rosenberg from Well Tree, Inc.
- Hostesses are Alison Harris, Carole Williams and Jane Scease.

Flowers at the Library this month are by Marsha Hilton-Kingdon. September flowers are by Vicki and Betsy Marr.

The **Secretary's** report, provided by email, was accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Alison Harris reported:

Checking Balance: \$ 3,289.15

Savings Balance: \$ 206.46

Marie thanked Claudia Knox for her generous donation to the club.

Committee Reports:

Plant Sale Subcommittee

- The committee will make a full report in September.
- Committee members will have specific roles going forward.
 - Setup – Jane
 - Money – Alison, Liz
 - Plants and Plant management – Carol, Marsha and Mary Ann
- Next year's sale will be at Cosmic Stone

Town Gardens

- Common Good day is September 15 from 1-4. Bowdoin students will be assisting in the gardens at the Library. Gardens may be reconfigured.
- Hope to label perennials at the Town Hall.
- Fall Cleanup to be announced.

Topsham Fair Exhibit

- Thanks to all who participated.
- Few showed up to assist in the setup and more contributions were needed.

Youth Committee

- Discussion centered on the club's interest in asking Topsham schools to participate in Youth contests sponsored by the Garden Club.
- Jane Scease will pursue this in SAD 75 and report back to the membership.

Unfinished Business:

- Marie urged completion of the Annual Report.
- Income from the Medomak District meeting was \$2903.05. After expenses, there was a profit of \$843.52.

New Business:

- GCFM will participate in the Portland Flower Show on March 6, 2013.
- 2012 Fall Conference will be held on October 31, 2012 at the Augusta Civic Center.
- Topsham 250th Anniversary Committee would like to coordinate an event with the club during the celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Boynton