

Topsham Garden Club
August 14, 2013

The Topsham Garden Club met on August 14, 2013 at the home of MaryAnn Douglas.

President Kathleen Filtranti called the brief meeting to order at 1:30 and thanked MaryAnn for hosting the annual TGC picnic on this beautiful day.

The **Secretary's** report was accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Alison Harris reported:

Checking Balance:	\$ 1044.86
Savings Balance:	\$ 2501.39

Attached please find a detailed report on the status of the budget presented to the members by Treasurer Harris.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Claudia Knox, TGC representative to the Library Garden Committee, updated members on recent meetings.
 - A concept has been created by Irene Brady Barber which Claudia is asking members to endorse.
 - The plan is to utilize September 28, Common Good Day, to begin to define the gardens. Details and a signup sheet will be available at the September meeting.

Attached please find the Library Garden Plan Concept which was presented to the members by Claudia Knox.

- 2) President Filtranti reminded members about the GCFM Daffodil Fundraiser.
 - Sign up will be at the September meeting.
 - The bulbs will be delivered at the Fall Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Boynton

**TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
August 14, 2013**

Checking Account Balance (as of August 13, 2013)	\$1,044.86
Savings Account Balance (as of July 31, 2013)	\$2,501.39

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 through July 31, 2013.

As of August 13, we had 48 paid members for 2013-2014, plus 2 honorary members for a total of 50 members.

At a meeting on July 22nd, the Executive Committee met to review the budget for the year that ends December 31.

Income: We have met our income goals for dues and the plant sale. Going forward, the Executive Committee anticipates:

1. 5 new members between now and December 31
2. Another \$50 (net) income from miscellaneous raffles & auctions
3. \$150 prize for our [once-again] awarding-winning exhibit at the Topsham Fair
4. No income from the Christmas party to take pressure off the festivities

Recurring Expenses: We have exceeded our budget in the "Plants & Gardens" and "Plant Sale" category, the latter mostly because of the purchase of more signs that expected and our beautiful aprons that will be used again. The yearbook cost less than budgeted and some other categories are coming in under budget. Going forward the Executive Committee anticipates:

1. Spending another \$25 for annuals for the Library tubs and the "Welcome to Topsham" garden for total of about \$335.
2. Spending about \$125 (total) for hospitality (not included in original budget)
3. Keeping all other categories for "Recurring Expenses" at or under budget

One-time Expenses: The Executive Committee recommends increasing the "Town Gardens" budget by \$25 to \$625. Since about \$125 already has been spent, this leaves about \$500 to build a hardy, perennial, drought-resistant garden at the Library, adding \$25 to the budget for markers for the memorial trees at the Library (\$50 total), and maintaining the budget for plant labels and new garden signs. The savings from the \$350 budgeted for a watering system that we no longer need will cover the shortfall in the operating budget and increased one-time expenditures.

End of year: If this all came to pass, on December 31 we would have about \$125 in the checking account, and \$1,500 for a "Rainy Day" fund and \$1,000 reserved for a Riverwalk gift in the Savings Account, plus interest earned on the Savings Account.

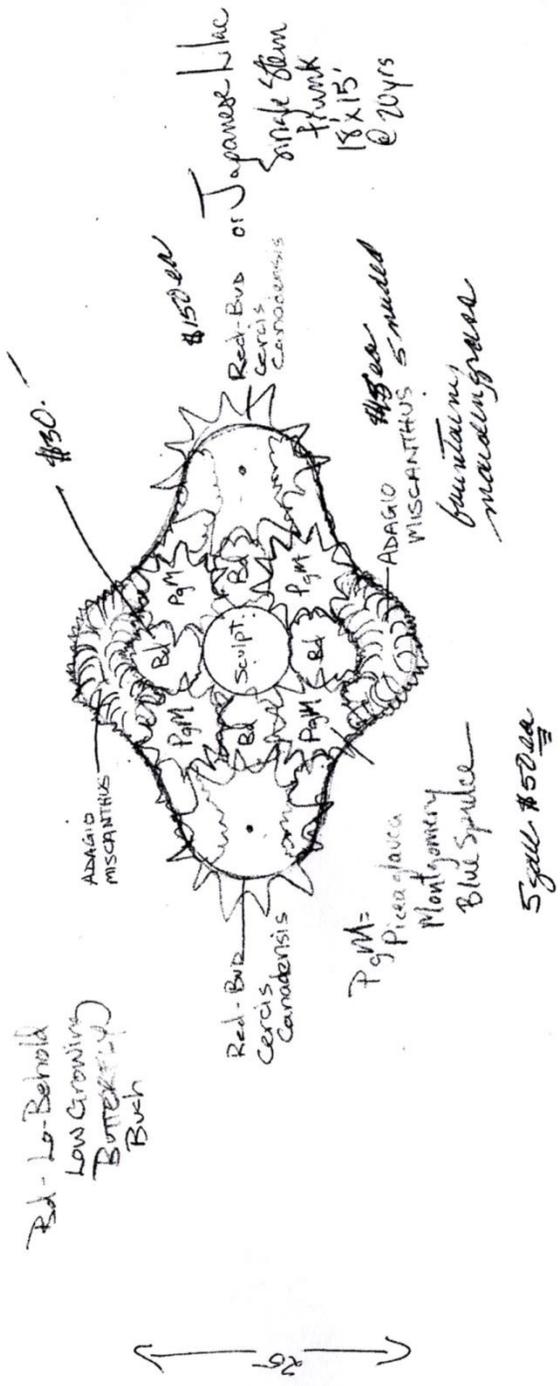
In the Fall, the Executive Committee will propose a budget for the 5-month (January 1-May 31, 2014) "stub year" created when we changed our fiscal year to match GCFM's June 1-May 31 fiscal year. According to our new By-Laws, our next full-year budget must be adopted at the April Annual meeting, so we plan to have a draft by the March meeting.

Reminder: with the new By-Laws, members joining through November 30 pay full dues; members joining between December 1 and the April Annual meeting pay 50% dues. Dues for the next June-May 31 membership year are payable any time between the approval of the budget at the April Annual Meeting and June 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Harris, Treasurer

Step 1
 paper mulch &
 top of compact -
 10 yards?
 One can do a
 digital sketch

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1" = 10'
 2-3 people, 1 day
 Cost is 60' estimate

Handabout pumila rugosa ? dwarf Norway Spruce

June 7th Comb - select & recruit donor -