

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

November 4, 2015

Presided by Vice President Vicky Marr

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

-Treasurer's report. Checking account balance (11/3/2015) - \$2555.58. We are still waiting for the check from the Topsham Fair. Jane Scease will see about the missing check. Savings account balance (9/30/2015) - \$2506.82. 47 members.

-Vicky Marr gave an overview of the Fall GCFM Conference. Included were descriptions of 2 new GCFM awards, and a project to make the White Admiral Butterfly the state butterfly. Also mentioned were regional awards won by the Harpswell Garden Club. More information should be available on the GCFM website.

- All GCFM members have been asked to participate in the University of Maine Pollinator Conservation Survey. Surveys may be obtained from Vicky Marr.

-The Blaine House Christmas Tea is Tuesday Dec. 8. Times are 9:30-10:15, 11-11:45 and 1:30-2:30. In order to attend each individual member must rsvp to Sharon Ann Paradis at Sharon.ap29@gmail.com. Marie Neale will coordinate carpools from Home Depot.

-Boothbay Festival of Trees is Dec.4-6. More information can be found on the Boothbay Harbor Garden Club website which can be accessed through the GCFM website.

-The Botanical Gardens are lit up all of December. Tickets are required. See their website for details.

-Christmas Potluck lunch and auction is Dec. 9 at Barbara McHarg's home, 15 Twin Pond Rd., Topsham. Vivian Wixom is recovering from surgery and is unable to host this year. Cards and phone calls to her would be much appreciated.

-Plant Sale - Kim Mondonedo will chair. Date still to be confirmed. More signs are needed. Sandwich board signs and/or covers are to be replaced if necessary. Marilyn Deguio will take care of drop off and pick up of tables.

-Town gardens cleanup. Thank you to Mary Ann Douglas, Jean Herlihy, Joyce Legasse and Izza Johnson for helping. There's still some work to be done at the library. Mary Ann Douglas volunteered to clean out the planters. Marlene Deguio and Lucette Musica will put greens in the trough and library planters for the winter.

-Program – Stan Wakely from Urban Garden Center showed us how easy it can be to make a terrarium.

-Information and passwords for websites are located in the yearbook on page 32.

MOTIONS PASSED:

-To accept the October meeting minutes. (by Liz Volckening , second, Lucette Musica)

-To support community efforts to initiate paying for single use bags and banning Styrofoam containers in Topsham. (by Jane Scease, second, Kim Monoenedo)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McHarg Secretary