

# TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

January 13, 2016

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order with the various pledges recited.

In attendance were 22 members and 5 guests.

## **Hostesses**

For this meeting : Sue Poliquin, Marge Whipple, Peggy Lord and Izza Johnson.

For February: Carole Flaherty, Alison Harris, and Claudia Knox.

Izza Johnson and Patsy St.Pierre volunteered to assist in March.

Vicky thanked Jane Scease for the terrarium in the library.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- Postponed till February as the secretary was absent

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Checking account   \$2910.58
- Savings account    \$2507.45
- We have not yet received the \$150 first place prize from the Topsham Fair. Jane Scease will make inquiries.
- Jerry Hix has resigned his position as financial reviewer. This position should be filled prior to the Annual Meeting in April. Please contact President Vicky Marr if you could take on this responsibility.
- Membership numbers are 47 members which includes one honorary member.

## **Executive Committee:**

- Will meet on February 13 to discuss the 2015-16 budget and for planning purposes. Contact Vicky with items/concerns you would like on the agenda.

## **Committee Reports:**

- None

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Vicky reiterated the importance of the Bee Pollinator Surveys
- Vicky discussed the Master Gardener Program for which the Medomak District is offering to one member of each club a \$250 scholarship. The Sagadahoc County course begins in February 2016. Contact Vicky for more information.

## **New Business:**

- Vicky announced that current opportunities for officer/committee positions are Vice President and Program Chair. These would become effective April 2016. As current Program Chair, Vicky explained that she has completed the programming for the remainder of 2016. The new chair would assume the responsibilities of doing follow-up contacts with the speakers and promoting the publicity each month, then making all arrangements for 2016 speakers.
- Vicky intends to comprise a summary of the responsibilities of each committee chair.
- Lucette reminded us of a talk on Sea Kelp at Bowdoin College, January 13.

## **Announcements and important dates:**

- February 10      Topsham Garden Club meeting with speaker Irene Brady Barber, whose topic will be "Travel the World through Backyard Gardens"
- February 10      85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boothbay Region Garden Club
- May 2              Medomak District Meeting, hosted by the Camden Garden Club, to be held at Northpoint Lookout. Topic will involve incorporating edible plants with perennials and keeping them attractive
- June 4              Topsham Garden Club plant sale, chaired by Kim Mondenado
- June 15 and 16    GCFM Annual Meeting, Bar Harbor, "Gardens of Eden"

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale  
Temporary Secretary

