

**Topsham Garden Club  
September 12, 2012**

The Topsham Garden Club met on September 12, 2012, at the Topsham Library.

President Marie Neale thanked hostesses Alison Harris, Carol Williams and Jane Scease. Next month's hostesses are Marsha Hilton-Kingdon, Kathleen Boynton and Patsy Lambert.

Flowers at the Library this month are by Vicki and Betsy Marr. October flowers are by Patsy Lambert.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 10 at the Topsham Library. The program is "**Carnivorous Plants**" with Ned Weeks.

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

**Treasurer** Alison Harris reported:

Checking Account Balance ( September 8):      **\$ 3,446.65**

Savings Account Balance (August 31):          **\$ 206.48**

*Anticipated December 31, 2012 checking account balance is between \$3750 and \$4000.*

**Committee Reports:**

**Plant Sale Subcommittee**

- The 2013 plant sale will be held at Cosmic Stone on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June.

**Town Gardens**

- Common Good day is September 15 from 1-4. Bowdoin students will be assisting in the gardens at the Library.
- Fall Cleanup to be announced.

**Youth Committee**

- Jane Scease shared the information with the MSAD 75 Superintendent who is expected to present it at the Principals' meeting. She is awaiting the results.

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- Kudos to Alison for a job well-done.
- Alison reports that more pictures are needed and would welcome them from members.
- She shared the password for the member's only section.

**New Business:**

- Marie thanked Harry and Judy Warren for their generous gift to the club.
- Marie led a brief discussion about the Common Good Day, September 15, at the Library. The library will purchase perennials for their gardens in the future. We will continue to maintain the Gardens.

Marie and Alison led a discussion to solicit ideas and suggestions for the upcoming Executive Board budget planning meeting. The budget proposal will be presented at the October meeting and voted on at the November Meeting.

**Ideas/Suggestions:**

**Tally:**

1. Additional funds for present gardens	26
2. Reduce dues	25
3. Fund the watering of gardens	19
4. Contribute to plantings on the Riverwalk	18
5. Cater Annual Meeting	14
6. Increase in Bryant Pond contribution	13
7. Increase in CREA contribution	13
8. Signage for all gardens	13
9. T-shirts etc. for members	13
10. Memorial Markers	11
11. Significant scholarships for HS students	10
12. Road Trip	8
13. Blue Star Memorial	7
14. Funding for outdoor sculpture, artwork	7
15. Increase in Program fees	0

**Upcoming Events:**

9/21-9/23	Common Ground Fair	
9/25	CREA program, <b>Project Squirrel</b> , at TPL	6:30
10/4	Piscataqua District Meeting	
10/30	CREA program, <b>Local photography showcase</b> , at TPL	6:30
10/31	GCFM Fall Conference at Augusta Civic Center	
11/27	CREA program, <b>Cathance Mill History</b> , at TPL	6:30
12/6	Blaine House	

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Boynton

