

# TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

Date: February 14, 2018

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order at 1:30 opening with recitation of the Gardeners Collect, the Conservation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance** 17 members  
7 guests

## **Hostesses**

For this meeting: Alison Harris, Grace Anderson, Claudia Knox with help from Jean Herlihy  
For March meeting: Peggy Lord, Jane Scease, Izza Johnson

## **Topsham Public Library Display**

This month: Marie Neale  
Our display was visible in a Times Record photograph accompanying an article featuring the Topsham Public Library.  
Next month: Patsy St. Pierre

## **Secretary's Report**

No corrections to November minutes.  
Moved to accept by: Marge Whipple  
Seconded by: Liz Volckening

December 13, 2017 Pot luck and auction at the Holden Frost House. No business meeting. Hostesses were Liz Volckening, Dorothy Gardner, Ann Williams, Jeanne D'Arc Mayo, and Vivian Wixom  
January 10, 2018 Meeting cancelled

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Checking account: \$4640.95  
Savings account: \$2512.26
  
- Income since November 8, 2017:

Christmas Auction	\$401
Membership dues	40
  
- Expenses since November 8, 2017:

Honorarium for November speaker	\$ 50
Garden plants and poinsettias	125
Delegate GCFM Fall Conference	35
GCFM dues for three new members	12
  
- Membership: 48

## **President's Report**

### Upcoming events:

- April 11 TGC Annual meeting at Topsham Public Library. Program will be on Dahlias presented by Judy Stallworth and Suzanne Bushnell. Emphasis will be to recruit new members through our publicity.
- May 7 Medomak District annual meeting hosted by the Garden Club of Wiscasset.
- May 18 Native Plant Forum in partnership with Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Various speakers/programs include:
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| Heather McCargo | Introduction to Using Native Plants  |
| Melissa Cullina | Kate Furbish's Wildflower Collection |
| Shawn Jalbert   | Plant Propagation                    |
| Lois Stack      | Using Native Plants in Home Gardens  |
| Daniel Ungier   | CMBG native plant certificate        |
| Lois Stack      | Plant Identification                 |
- Included is a guided tour of the gardens.  
Registration and fee information is on the GCFM website, [www.maineclub.org](http://www.maineclub.org). Login, Member; password, pinecone.
- June 18-20 TGC club president Vicky Marr is chair for the Garden Club Federation of Maine (GCFM) Annual Convention which will be at Sebasco Harbor Resort in Phippsburg, Maine. This event is hosted by the Medomak District Garden Clubs which are Bath, Camden, Boothbay Region, Wiscasset and Topsham. The theme is "Celebrating the Summer Garden"  
Various planned activities include:
- Speaker Paul Parent – "Ideas for Colorful Summer Gardens"
  - Speaker Marta McDowell – "All the Presidents' Gardens"
  - Speaker NGC President Nancy Hargroves – "Fall and Winter Container Gardening"
  - Standard Flower Show with "Maine's Vacationland" as the theme
  - Garden tour of the Phippsburg area to include the garden of Elizabeth Lakeman which was featured in April 2017 Downeast magazine
  - Raffles and silent auction

- Workshop with BoomerTech Adventures on taking better flora and fauna photographs

Further information and registration form is on the GCFM website, [www.mainegardenclubs.org](http://www.mainegardenclubs.org). Login, Member; password, pinecone.

For the raffle and silent auction, each club in the Medomak District is to provide 12 items – 6 for the raffle with a value of \$25 or less and 6 for the silent auction with a value of \$35 or less – to be obtained from local businesses. The benefit to these businesses is the advertising received from being listed in the Convention Program and the possible business of 200 plus attendees.

Types of items suggested are gift cards and/or products from local nurseries, spas, craftspeople.

The following TGC members volunteered to solicit these items:

Marie Neale	silent auction and raffle
Lucette Musica	silent auction and raffle
Jeanne Mayo	silent auction
Nancy Simboli	silent auction and raffle
Ann Williams	silent auction and raffle
Fay Eldred	silent auction and raffle

Vicky Marr is obtaining items at the National level as well as items for the goodie bags.

### **New Business**

- Liz Volckening announced updates to the hostess scheduling as follows:

March 14	Peggy Lord, Jane Scease, Izza Johnson at the Library
April 11	Jean Haycock, Marge Whipple, Maryanne Lamont at the Library
May 9	Field trip
June 13	Patsy St. Pierre, Liz Volckening at the Library
- The Maine Flower Show is at Thompson's Point March 22-25, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10.

The Program was by Kyle Rosenberg who discussed his "Favorite Native Plant cultivars for Maine."

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale  
Secretary

**TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**February 14, 2018**

Checking Account Balance (as of February 13, 2018)	<b>\$4,640.95</b>
Savings Account Balance (as of January 31, 2018)	<b>\$2,512.26**</b>

*\*\* 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 earned.*

**Membership:**

Since our November business meeting, three new members have joined: Joan McDuff and Marcia & Ranny McGee. As of February 13, 2018, we have 48 members for 2017-2018.

Dues (new or renewing members) are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for two members of the same household. Members joining December 1 or later pay half price until the April Annual Meeting when all dues collected will be applied to the following year.

**Fiscal Activity Since November 8, 2017, Business Meeting:** We raised \$401 at our Christmas Auction (including \$17 still outstanding as IOUs) and received \$40 in membership dues. We paid a \$50 speaker honorarium to Debbie Atwood for the November program; we reimbursed Jean Herlihy \$125 for purchases for the town gardens and for poinsettias auctioned in December; we paid \$35 for a President's delegate to the Fall GCFM Conference; and we paid GCFM dues of \$12 for our three new members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Harris, Treasurer