

Wollaston Garden Club Minutes  
March 15, 2018

President Jan Clifford called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Since V.P. Emily Lebo had to leave early, Jan let her introduce the speaker, Susan Guest, first before our business meeting. Susan is a conscious movement educator and fitness instructor who showed us how to be more aware of our bodies while gardening to reduce strain. Her presentation was entitled “Your Body in the Garden”.

Jan thanked our hostess Lori Jackson and her staff of Mary Kelly, Marie Ricci, Jan Clifford, Ruth Griffin and Marylynn Sullivan for the refreshments. Anne McCarthy made the beautiful “Irish” buffet table arrangement which will be part of the raffle. We also have tickets to the Flower and Garden Show, two gardening tools baskets and homemade hot pepper jelly donated by Anita Fasano.

Jan announced that we had three new members present and two guests.

Anita Fasano and Donna Marston had renewal applications available as we are trying to get this done as soon as possible. Membership renewals will also be available at the April and May meetings as well. The dues will remain at \$30 and \$42 if you want to receive The Mayflower in booklet form rather than the online version, which is free. New member applications are available at the front table and linked here <http://wollastongardenclub.com/members/membership-application-form/> if you know anyone who is interested.

We voted to amend the By-Laws to allow the Board to accept new members after December 1<sup>st</sup> as long as they agreed that we would not prorate the dues. Jan asked for a motion to accept. Ruth Griffin made a motion to accept and Kathy Ceurvels seconded it. The amendment passed unanimously.

The Wollaston Congregational Church is accepting donations for the benefit of Quincy residents who had losses during the recent storms. Members were encouraged to give a check or cash now as an alternative to mailing the check or dropping it off at the fundraiser taking place at Alba next week. Proceeds from our raffle will go to the storm victims.

There are sign-up sheets for the Tri-Club meeting at the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, April 11, and the Fairies in the Garden Workshop on March 28 conducted by Cynthia Lewis at the Houghs Neck Community Center. The cost is \$25 which includes the container, cactus plants and dirt. You can bring your own embellishments if you wish.

There are Massachusetts Horticultural [Gardening Study School](#) applications at the front table. The Club will reimburse members 50% if they pass.

Some of our members will be at the Flower show. Carol Fischer will be with a professional landscaper, Gail Spring will be there as a Master Gardener, Jo Costello will be at the Ikibana exhibit and Kathleen Roach will be at the arrangements.

The Plant Sale will be held in May and members are asked to start thinking about plants to contribute. At the end of April there will be a hands-on workshop by Carol Fischer at her house on Havilend Street to help members know how to properly divide and dig up their plants.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.