

Garden Club of Harwich

General Meeting – Oct. 4, 2011

Monbleau Hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church

**President Judy Palleschi called the meeting to order at 1:05 and welcomed all members. 109 members were in attendance.**

**Secretary** – minutes for the Sept. meeting had been distributed by email. Sally Cohen read them and they were accepted for file. Minutes will be sent via email prior to each meeting. Be sure to open your emails since this will be the last time they are read at the meetings.

**Treasurer's Report** was accepted as printed in the email.

**Civic Beautification Awards for Outstanding Garden Displays** - Dottie Miller and Geri Schumann presented two awards. For Residential Gardens - David and Lisa Wrightington were honored and for Commercial Gardens Bucas Restaurant, received recognition. Both recipients received a framed certificate and a plaque to put in their gardens from the Garden Club of Harwich.

President Judy Palleschi recognized Sue Hart and Doris Casey for their presentation of vibrant floral designs at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. Member Irene Mitchell also presented for the Nauset Garden Club. Judy shared that she and Karen Helliwell attended a luncheon with 16 other Presidents and officers of area Garden Clubs to exchange yearbooks. If anyone would like to look through this new collection please contact her.

### **Committee Reports**

**Bridge Luncheon** – be sure to sign up with Margaret Otis this week. **Design Workshops** – Jeanne Sidoli and Beth Savage are in the back of the room for sign-ups. **Holiday Luncheon** – The HGC will be subsidizing to keep costs down. The cost will be \$36 and flyers will be out within the next few days. To simplify seating this year, a table of 10 may be reserved with one check of \$360. No guests for this event. **Daffodil/Bulb Sale** – Patti Tworek reports that there was huge support for this fund raiser and has sold out! Therefore we will not be going public with this sale. Thank you! **Holiday Boutique** – Sandy Concannon stated that we are off to a late start this year. Please consider increasing your donation of baked goods this year and wrap beautifully. Help is needed for refreshments, children's grab and silent auction/raffle. Please sign up to help make this fund raiser a success. **Horticulture** – Dee DiGennaro encouraged purchase of bulbs today. These are non-profit and can be re-ordered if sold out. Our speaker today will be able to answer bulb related questions. She and Sharon Oudemool are "trolling" for members to volunteer to show their gardens for a fund raiser open to our club members. Interested? Contact Dee or Sharon.. **Plant Sale** – It is never too early to start thinking about the May

2012 Plant Sale fund raiser. All club members are requested to donate at least 6 perennial plants. Consider making plans for dividing them now while cleaning up for Fall. A clip board was passed seeking interested members to become part of the planning committees. Contact Sally Cohen or Dee DiGennaro if you would like to help. **Website** – If have any difficulties contact Peg Erdlen. **Civic Beautification** – Geri Schumann reminded Park Chairwomen about upcoming meeting at Dottie Millers and reminded them to bring their binders and find a replacement if they cannot make any meetings. If their garden I.D. sign is missing let her know.

#### New Business

Subcommittees have been put in place by the board to study:

1. Garden Club Federation of Mass and Non Profit Org. for the Garden Club of Harwich.
2. The Garden Club of Harwich's Financial Obligation

If there is anyone who is interested in joining either subcommittee please contact President Judy Palleschi.

Old Business – Elaine Sampson announced that we now have clipboards available for use. Let "Properties" know if needed for a meeting. Judy thanked her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Cohen, Recording Secretary

Following the meeting was landscape designer Laura D. Eisner, who spoke about "Bulbs and Companion Plants"