

Garden Club of Harwich

General Meeting – Sept.9, 2011

Monbleau Hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church

After enjoying a wonderful luncheon hosted by the Tea Committee, with delicious food prepared by so many generous club members, our first meeting for 2011/2012 was begun.

President Diane Schoenfelder called the meeting to order at 1:04. 115 members were in attendance.

President Diane Schoenfelder thanked both the Tea Committee and the Properties Committee.

**Secretary** – minutes for the June 7 meeting had been distributed by email. Sally Cohen read them and they were accepted for file.

**Treasurer's Report** was provided by Sandy Concannon for June and a combined report for July and August. They were accepted for file.

**Committee Reports –**

**Membership** chair Susan Pleines welcomed new members: Jane E. Martin, Aline Folding, Joan Hudson, and Priscilla Whittemore. Grace Waystack became a Life Member. If anyone needs a new name tag, please let her know!

**Year Books** – Diane Schoenfelder thanked Laurel for a job well done.

**Fall Luncheon and Cards/Game Day** –Oct. 13, 11:30, at the Allen Harbor Yacht Club

Amy Brady heads the committee for the luncheon and Sue Hart for set up and decorations.

Clipboards were passed seeking volunteers. Please return your forms and \$25.00 to Margaret Otis ASAP

**Holiday Luncheon** – To be held on December 13 at the Wequasset Resort More information to follow via email and flyers will be available during the November meeting. There will be a small mailing for those who do not have email. Please return your forms early!

**Publicity** –Caroline O'Leary requests for you to keep her informed of what's happening.

**Website/Newsletter** – Diane Schoenfelder thanked Peg Erdlen for the informative "Blasts". Peg reported that she can identify who is opening their emails and at this time 82% of the 164 sent have been opened. 28 members do not have email and there is a telephone committee who keeps them informed. Don't forget to check your email!

**Bulb Sale** – Chair Patti Tworek, with the assistance of Deb Paige, are taking orders for King Alfred Style daffodil bulbs. This fund raiser is a good deal: 25 per bag @ \$22.50. 12 @\$12.00 or 1 @\$1.50. Please pay when you order or no later than Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully bulbs will be in by October meeting. If not p/up will be at Patti's house.

A clipboard was passed seeking volunteers to sell to the public. Does anyone have the HGC Poster?

Oct. 6 Farmers Market, Oct. 8 – Stop and Shop Rte. 137 and Oct. 8 CVS Harwichport.

**Horticulture** – Dee DiGennaro stated that the October meeting will feature a speaker with the topic of bulbs. She will work with Peg to send photos of bulbs that will be available for sale at this meeting. Dee is partnering with Sharon Oudemool for an Open Garden Tour to be held during the summer of 2012. Please contact them if you have a garden to recommend. Horticulture sweepstakes will begin in January....stay tuned.

Upcoming events: February – Donna Eaton, Cedar Farms, “Herbs for Aroma Therapy” and in June, a field trip to a Peony Farm in Little Compton, R.I. Volunteers are needed please contact Dee.

**Harwich Gold** - Karen Helliwell reports that this is a fundraiser to sell 40lb. of fantastic mulch for \$7.00. She requested help in finding a flatbed truck to pick up material. Both gas and lunch \$ will be provided. We will save \$500 if we pick up.

**Design Workshops** – Jean Sidoli and Beth will be offering several design workshops. They are limited to 15 people and there will be a fee for each. All will be held at Beth's house on 28 Ginger Plum Lane.

Many thanks to Doris Casey who has provided wonderful workshops in the past.

Oct. 27 – A pumpkin arrangement –please bring a hollowed out sugar pumpkin

Nov. 18 – A Thanksgiving swag

Dec. 16 – holiday arrangement

Sign up at the meetings!

**Civic Beautification** – Co chairs Dottie Miller and Geri Shumann thanked previous chairwomen and those who pitched in at Exchange Park when needed. They have met with the chairs of all the gardens. They are working on a report to quantify total hours worked weeding, watering and \$ spent on each garden to compile and present to the town of Harwich and for publicity.

**Conservation and Birds** – Nancy Hip shared “Mission Wolf” Oct. 14 &15 @ Harwich Community Center.

**Library Flowers** – Cathy Dillon has the roster set.

**Christmas Boutique** – clipboards passed seeking help and ideas.

Diane Schoenfelder addressed **the proposal to join the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.** Changes and information on the advantages of becoming federated were provided at the June 7, 2011 meeting. There was an open discussion which followed Robert's Rules of Order. **The club voted not to join.**

Proposals to change the by-laws as read at the June 2011 meeting were discussed and voted on following Robert's Rules of Order.

Found in The Garden Club of Harwich handbook:

1. P. 42 – Delete Article VI, Section 2a – which specifies date of board meetings. **The club voted in favor of this change.**
2. P. 45 – Change Article X, Section 1 – Pres and VP change to one year terms. **The club voted against this change.**
3. P. 46 – dissolution clause. **The club voted in favor of this change.**
4. P. 46 – Nondiscrimination Clause. **The club voted in favor of this change.**

The Meeting was adjourned at approx.. 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Cohen, Recording Secretary

The program "Dahlias – Definitely Dahlias!" by Ginny Ballou followed the meeting.