



MEETING AGENDA

November 13, 2020

Zoom Meeting – 1 PM

Call to Order and Welcome: President Alva Hutchison

President Alva Hutchison started our meeting with a salute to our Veterans while sharing the Blue Star Memorial placed on Route 26 for this special day. Alva has also added flags of the various branches of the armed forces as well as one for our POW-MIAs. You can view this memorial in our Gardner's by the Sea website.

Happy birthday to members, Maureen Eisenhart, Laura Martin, and our President Alva!

Welcome to our newest members, David Green, Janet Sabo, Ann Bendersky, Sara Carlson, and Kathie Verse. We also have guests on the call Susan Sitek, Lee Blackwood, Christine Coppa, and Kathy Sault. We have many with an interest in our club and want to thank those who have referred some of these potential members.

Minutes: Recording Secretary, Ellen Dowling

Ellen reported that the minutes from October's meeting were distributed and posted on our website. Hearing no further additions or corrections, the minutes are finalized.

Report of Officers:

President – Alva Hutchison

DFGC – elections of officers were distributed, and our board met on Wednesday to select two members, Maryanne Green, and Carolyn Clipp to also cast their votes for the 2- year officers that are nominated. *DFGC nominations: Barbara DeRue (President), Susan Newark (1st VP), Janet Point (2nd VP), Linda Peters (Recording Secretary), Maureen Eisenhart (Corresponding Secretary), and Joan Simon (Treasurer).*

Mary Williford and Margaret Woda have agreed to co-chair the Publicity role for our 2021 Flower Show. Thank you- ladies!

Holiday Cheer – Checks can be made to **DE FOOD BANK** and mailed to our treasurer, Carolyn Clipp or brought to the Christmas luncheon. Or if you prefer you can donate to our TREE-mendous Tree project. These checks should be made to GBTS and when we have \$100

the club will contribute to the program at the DBG.

Two newsletters were recently distributed: one from our National Federation- Keeping in Touch – and the Central Atlantic Regions. You can see what other clubs are doing in the area. These have good information and ideas.

Vice President – Maryanne Green

Thank you, Steve Zimmerman for your informative bow-making video, Sandra Lopez also provided a YouTube video entitled, “80 Best Autumn Spots in Kyoto.” This is an hour- long video that takes you on a calming, spectacular journey and worth the viewing. These are posted on our website.

Wreath-Making Class:

This class has been rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 7, at 2pm at East Coast Garden Center. We have 6 confirmed attendees but will need 2 more for the minimum requirement of 8 for workshop so please consider this opportunity.

The workshop will be held in the Main covered area with social distancing. One side is open to the outside. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Victoria’s Boardwalk Plaza Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 11, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

- Upon arrival, temperatures will be taken, and you will be asked to provide contact tracing information. The room accommodates up to 60 people and we have 23 attendees currently. The tables will be at half capacity seating 4 to a table rather than 8. Victoria’s will continue to monitor Covid-19 policy. I will continue to look for checks for additional attendees.
- Hopefully, next year, we can all attend our Holiday luncheon at Victoria’s. I have reserved Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Photos will be taken again on Wednesday, Nov. 18, between 11-12 at John West Park. I will be parked near the Administration offices and will take photos for our Membership pictorial directory. Or if you prefer you can email your photo to Cathy Bowen or me.

Treasurer – Carolyn Clipp

October Starting Balance	\$11,615.12		
Income	175.00	Dues from 5 new members	
Expenses	446.53		
		Habitat	\$69.85
		Hospice Tree	\$186.54
		Yearbook	\$128.20
		Gift: retiring President	\$61.94
October Ending Balance	\$11,343.59		

Committee Reports:

Awards – Donna Gray

Donna has submitted the following for awards: Yearbook, Website, Roadside Improvement/ Beach Cleanup, Habitat for Humanity, Civic Achievement for Lord Baltimore Elementary/Gardens, and the Hospice Tree has an extension for when completed.

Community Projects – Maureen Eisenhart

Maureen submitted to the Board a proposal to provide landscaping for the Ocean View Historical Society grounds. She and Martha Gallagher have visited East Coast Garden Center as well as several other garden centers with requests for plants representative of the 18th century. It was approved with the decision for East Coast to provide the plants, installation, and a year guarantee for the livelihood of the plantings. The budget will also include additional hoses, and perennials provided by the club. This will be presented to the OVHS by Martha on Thursday. A few requirements for the OVHS would be they assist in watering (especially when newly planted) and the placement of a Gardners by the Sea sign. This endeavor will probably become a new committee to continue to maintain the grounds after finished as well as maintenance.

Facebook and Historian – Maggie Baker

Continue to submit information and photos to Maggie. These can be emailed or messaged to her with/without verbiage and permission to post.

Habitat for Humanity – Eileen Quigley

Committee purchased plants of the season and filled a nice size flower- pot for the new homeowner's front porch. A Welcome to your New Home card signed by Gardner's By the Sea is enclosed. This is presented to the family at their dedication. This year the son of the homeowner said it is the first time he gets to live with his mother, have his own bedroom and live in a house. He said, "This is where I began my New Life." It was touching and brought tears to several folks.

The committee for 2020 is:

Eileen Quigley Chair

Ellen Dowling

Ria Carraro

Martha Gallagher

Connie Ryan

Maryanne Green

Janet Sabo

Hospice Tree – Judy Stuhl and Brenda Wimperis

Despite Covid-19 the committee has been busy. Members picked up "craft kits" in October and dropped off the assembled crafts – ready to bring our tree to *life* creating this year's positive theme – **Home "Safe" Home!** On November 18 four members will be decorating our tree at the Hospice center in Milford, while maintaining our social distancing requirements.

Horticulture Specialty Show – Ellen Dowling and Judy Stuhl

The Language of Flowers June 12, 2021

An updated timeline has been sent to all members of the show. We still would love more help. Please contact either Ellen or Judy if you can participate on the 11 or 12 of June. We are fortunate to now have Publicity co-chairs of Margaret Woda and Mary Williford. Thank you! A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday the 16th for the staging and setup leads. We now have more information to be able to move forward.

Garden and Art Tour – Maryanne Green and Connie Ryan

We are thrilled to have Margaret and Mary on board as our publicity chair. Looking forward to working together on this great show.

Plant Sale and Auction – Ria Carraro and Laura Martin

Please continue to think about plants to sell in June as well as seeds. Yard art and other items would be welcomed for sale as well. We still need some volunteers on the 11 as well as the 12th. Please contact either one of us if you can help.

Lord Baltimore Garden Clean Up – Thea Chandross

We had a great weather day to clean up the gardens. They have thrived with the Bayberry bushes growing very tall. We cleaned out the rain garden and it looks good. The Bayberry bushes may need to be cut by the maintenance staff at school. Thea will discuss with the school as to how they want to proceed. Those participating were: Thea, Donna Gray, Kathy Lesperance, Anne McKinney, Sallie Melvin, Maureen Siegert, and Audrey Young.

Membership – Karen Plis

Welcome to our new members: David Green, Janet Sabo, Ann Bendersky, Kathie Verse, and Sara Carlson. They are in the process of deciding which committee they would like to join. They have all been assigned a mentor, so feel free to rely on them with questions, concerns, and any other suggestions you may have. Once you have decided on your committee, Karen will notify the chairs of each one for your inclusion.

Guests: Susan Sitek, Lee Blackwood, Christine Coppa, and Kathy Sault

Telephone tree-

A telephone tree has been written, and ready to be implemented, when necessary. The membership list has been divided up between those on the committee. The calls would be to notify members of an urgent matter such as cancellations of meetings and other events due to power outages, weather related etc. It was an attachment to the Zoom invite. Please familiarize yourself with your caller. It would be a good idea to put their contact information in your phone, so you would recognize the number if they were to call you.

Pictorial Directory – Cathy Bowen and Maryanne Green

Reminder of photos being taken at John West Park on November 18 between 11-12.

How to see the members photos: Go to the GBTS website, enter the members area (use the gbts19930 password) then hit go button. There is a member's page pictorial where you can familiarize yourself with your club members. If you are having difficulty you can contact either Cathy or Maryanne for assistance.

Youth – Pat Drizd

The Youth committee met at John West Park and reviewed the Smokey Bear poster contest but decided not a good project for this year. Instead we will be supporting Ms. Whelan's science program by putting together home kits for their use. Starting in December we will be putting together gifts from the Garden sheet, wooden picture frames that would be decorated with acorn caps. Pat will put one together and then see if committee can assist with the other 18 needed.

Horticulture Moment – Pat Drizd. *“Glorious Gourds Design Challenge”*

The challenge was to take a fall gourd and make a design using fall colors from your gardens. We were able to see the members designs on the Zoom call. They were lovely. Please take pictures and send to Maggie Baker. You can still do this if you missed the call. Just share your design with the club by a photo. These will be on our website for your viewing pleasure.

Announcements:

Ann Bendersky mentioned you can sign up for monthly videos from **Hope Flower Farm** for \$10 per month. They have great video's for flower arrangements.

At this time, our December meeting will be held during our holiday luncheon at Victoria's on Dec.11, 2021. If this changes you will be notified by the 25th of this month.

Alva closed with a saying by Barbara DeRue at DFGC meeting:

May your stuffing be tasty, May your turkey be plump.

May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize,

And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Dowling, Recording secretary