



# **Down the Garden Path**

**NOVEMBER , 2023**  
**Mountain Gardeners Newsletter**

**MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN GARDENER'S MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 14,2023**

**The meeting was called to order by president Janet Ellison at  
1.20 PM.**

**She thanked coordinators Becky Starks, Loretta Menkes, and  
Fran Grimason for the refreshments.**

**She thanked vice presidents Wendy McDonough and Becky  
Starks for setting up the meeting.**

**Minutes:-** There were no minutes for October as we did not have a business meeting. Wendy reported that our trip to Toby VonTrapp's greenhouse was well attended and a great success. Toby was delighted to share his expertise on propagating anemones with us.

**Harwood daffodil planting:** Wendy reported that members, assisted by 7 students, planted 280 daffodil bulbs. We donated \$280.00 towards the purchase of these.

**Treasurer's Report:-** Leslie reported a balance of \$. 15 members have not yet paid their dues. Leslie presented a budget of \$5,824.00 for the coming year. Plants for the Wait House were removed from the budget as the Town now leases the property out. A motion to approve the new total of \$5,674.00 was made by Janet and seconded by Loretta.

**Penny Pines:- Seddon reported that we have collected \$41.19. She passed around the collection can.**

**FGCV:-The Fall meeting was held on October 3rd. 4 members attended. Judy Reed is now 2nd vice president. FGCV has announced a Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens trip for June 24 - 26, 2024. It is pricey but filling up fast. Janet has the flyers.**

**Sunshine:- Bonnie was not present. We will ask her to send a card to BeBe Whittle.**

**Yearbook:- Sheila has updated the membership list. Sandra will send this out so that members can check their information. The books will probably cost \$3.00 each this year. We will no long**

**distribute books at FGCV meetings. Judy Reed suggested that programs could be posted on the website. Members contact information should remain private. Carol agreed to proofread the books.**

**Emails:- Sandra forwards emails to members. She asked that we reply to the original sender of the message, not to her.**

**Committee Chairs:- These have been confirmed. Contact committee chairperson if you would like to be on a committee.**

#### **New Business:-**

**Warren Gardens:- The railroad ties at the Warren Gardens are falling apart and are unsafe. We will ask the Town to replace them.**

**Plans to assist with the planting at the Warren Gazebo are on hold till next year. Becky reported that the Town has received more money than anticipated and may hire a landscaper.**

**Plant Sale:- We decided to hold the Sale on June 8th next year.  
This change will require more publicity.**

**Our plants did not look so good last year- probably due to rain, frost, cold, and little sun. Also we barefooted them because of Asian Jumping Worms.**

**Jane Hobart suggested we collect colored pictures of plants from catalogues to assist customers with plant identification. Bring these to the January luncheon.**

**The plant sale committee would like to know how many 6" and 8" black or green plastic pots they have. Members can also take them to Judy Phelon's barn.**

**September Bird Walk Meeting:-** We decided to change the time to 8.00 am as there are not many birds to be seen at our usual time.

**Website:-** Julie and Judy met with FGCV for 1 hour's free assistance. We discussed increasing the budget for this. Julie will email re more assistance. Janet suggested leaving the budget as it is for now and requesting more if necessary.

**Evergreen Place Centerpieces:-** Laura suggested coordinators take photographs of these and send to Sandra for the newsletters.

**Next Meeting:-** No meeting in December. We will meet on at noon December 9th at the Lareau Farm for our potluck luncheon.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy and seconded by Becky. The meeting adjourned at 1.45 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Hale**

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## **THANKSGIVING FLOWER ARRANGING**









