



# Down the Garden Path

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## JANUARY, 2024

Next meeting Feb 13th Soulshine Gardens @ Warren Library

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### MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN GARDENER'S MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by president Janet Ellison at 1.27 PM.

She thanked coordinators Sheila, Bonnie, and Jane for setting up for the luncheon at Lareau Farm. She thanked Wendy for organizing it.

**Minutes:-** Approval of the November minutes was proposed by Wendy and seconded by Bonnie. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:-** Janet reported a bank balance of \$10,228.34. Leslie will be away until April. Many members have not paid their dues. Janet asked if they are planning to remain members?

**Penny Pines:-** Seddon reported that we have collected \$57.00. She did not bring the collection can as this was a social meeting. NSB will count coins for non profit organizations.

**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 sent a card to the family of long time member Ann Wallis Bull. Sandra has pictures of Ann.

**Yearbook:-** Janet thanked Rita and Val for their work. The book is ready for members to pick up. There is one correction:- website committee member is Michele Reid, not Julie Reid.

#### New Business:-

**Plant Sale:-** Members are asked to let committee chairpersons know if there are dates when they are unable to pot.

**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.

**Officers:-** All except Leslie will be retiring after the current year. We need a new president, two vice presidents and a secretary. Janet asked members to consider running for these positions. Outgoing vice presidents, Wendy and Becky will have 2025's programs already arranged. Wendy has the sign up sheets.

**Waterbury Meeting:-** Stephanie reported that we have been invited to their meeting on January 18th at 6.00 PM. The presenter is Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County Forester, who will talk about How Forests Work. He is scheduled to present at our April meeting.

**Valley Events:-** Bonnie reported that MRVA has an exhibit of work by Barrie Fisher, Julie Parker, and Julia Purinton at Sugarbush outside Rumbles.

**Next Meeting:-** We will meet at the Warren Library at 1.00 PM. Tracy Badger of Soulshine Gardens will lead us in a terrarium building workshop. The cost will be \$40.00 per person which includes 5 plants, soil, and a terracotta planter. Wendy passed around a sign up sheet.

The meeting adjourned at 1.43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Hale

## POTLUCK LUNCH AT LAUREAU FARMS



We will miss you Anne !!!