

# NANTUCKET GARDEN CLUB BOARD AGENDA

JULY 21, 2025

## NANTUCKET HIGH SCHOOL

Nantucket Garden Club President, Kathleen Poole, called the meeting to order at 9 am

### APPROVE JUNE BOARD MINUTES

Proposed Debbie Lewis; Second Nancy Serafini

Motion passed

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### HOUSE TOUR- ROBIN KELLY AND LIZ SHEPARD

Thanks for support -90 plus volunteers

Ticket sales - Marianna Brewster volunteered to take place of former chairs;  
tkr sales volunteers needed.

572 tkts sold to date

Chairs will do a radio appearance to promote House Tour

Nancy Serafini has supplied information to DayBreak and other digital and print sites

Bus transportation will be provided from near the Visitors Center on Federal Street and return from Sconset.

#### PROPERTIES-KAREN RIGNEY

2 rental units- Daffodil and Green Thumb and original large unit; streamlining the units in anticipation of renting a smaller unit; donating unused items to the Hospital Thrift Shop and Fairwinds

#### NOMINATING-MARY ANN WASIK

Committee- Linda Kelly, Julie Hensler, Christine Dean, Janet Sherlund and Maryann Wasik

Proposed: Recording Secretary- Robin Hammer  
First VP- Gina Crenshaw

#### MEMBERSHIP-JOSETTE BLACKMORE

8 applicants

voting 7/28 on new members; results to be presented at next meeting

#### TREASURER- SUSAN REIN

Presented copy of budget  
\$242,000 last year; this year \$232,000  
less \$120,000 this year taking out expenses(projected) leaves us with \$125,000  
Dues must be raised; administrative expenses have gone up a great deal.  
Issues to be addressed in the future.  
Treasurer's job is very difficult in projecting expenses for the budget.  
Susan thanked for doing a very difficult job.

#### GRANTS-LINDA KELLY

9 requests totaling \$39,000 for available \$25,000  
Requests: Star, Nantucket High School, Maria Mitchell, Nantucket Conservation  
Foundation, Fairwinds, Community Sailing, Lighthouse School, Nantucket Center for  
Elder Affairs

#### DAFFODIL FUND- MARY MALAVALISE

Requesting \$50,000- Daffodils to be planted on new Polpis Bike Path, Sconset,  
Surfside Bike Path. 50,000 bulbs needed. Request is in addition to the \$37,000  
already in restricted funds (\$37,000 in planting funds from donations-restricted funds).  
How much support will the Club donate?  
Mary canvassing businesses- huge social media presence  
Members have offered to ask other members for donations  
\$138,000 spent by Garden Club on Daffodil Show since 2009(\$37,000 raised)  
International Recognition comes from the Daffodil Show

Motion by Robin Hammer that the Nantucket Garden Club will allocate up to \$50,000  
for the Daffodil Planting Fund

Second Ann Maury  
Motion passed.

#### ART WITH BLOOMS- ROBIN HAMMER AND JESSICA KATCHEN

14 Galleries, 30 members did designs,  
Recommendations- Flags outside galleries  
Galleries very pleased

#### AWARDS COMMITTEE- MARY ELLEN FERREL

Decisions have been made for awards

#### BOUTIQUE- SUZANNE EINSTEIN, SUSAN SARACENO, LOUISE MIDDLETON

Curating items; additional items added. New inventory systems instituted.  
Vendors for House Tour(local products); lack of wifi in Sconset is a concern  
New system needed for Wifi sales at other events as well

DOWNTOWN WINDOW BOX CONTEST-ABBEY LIPSEY AND BETH DAVIES

Evolving event; Suggested that an article in the paper and word on DayBreak.  
Winners will be listed in Newsletter.

PROVISIONALS- MERRIELOU SYMES(presented by Sarah Ann Miller)

SEE ATTACHED.

CONSERVATION-SARAH JOHNSON

Saltmarsh in good condition spent \$2,000 of \$3,000 budget  
Nantucket Land and Water- Kim Frisbie and Sarah writing an article about soil for  
publication.

VISITING GARDENS-SUSAN OBRIEN

Beaumont, TX Club visited  
Peter Kellner- Quidnet- for Garden Club Members

CLEAN TEAM- next week

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Serafini- ReBlooms- collect flowers; Merriellou Symes' garage to arrange flowers  
Nourish Nantucket(new initiative)21% of year round residents dependent on Food  
Bank; Meet with Nourish and Meals on Wheels to take small arrangements with food.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am by Kathleen Poole

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cigarran  
Recording Secretary