

BOARD AGENDA
NANTUCKET GARDEN CLUB
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
NANTUCKET HIGH SCHOOL

In Attendance: Kathleen Poole, Sarah Johnson, Linda Fraker, Sarah Ann Miller, Anna Casperson, Beth Davies, Robin Youngman, Helen Dryer, Sue Saraceno, Abby Lipsey, Lynn Boyajian, Marianna Brewster, Robin Kelly, Liz Shepard, Louise Middleton, Caroline Tucker, Christine Dean, Maryann Wasik, Marcia Richards, Josette Blackmore, Ann Maury, Robin Hammer, Betsy Carey, Marcella Zimmerman, Paula Henderson, Susan Burke, Mary Malavase, Mary Ellen Ferrel, Ruth Plandowski, Kathy Stroz, Connie Cigarran, Merriellou Symes, Diane Karper, Pat McGill

President Kathleen Poole called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Approval of the August Board Minutes

Motion made by Susan Burke, second Sarah Johnson - Passed

Committee Reports:

Treasurer, Susan Rein, handed out copies of the Adjusted Budget.

Much discussion ensued regarding the Community Fund(\$153,000) and the amount available to be spent for Community projects. \$35,000 for photography for Garden book has been allotted.

Also discussed was the fact that administrative costs are not covered by dues. Should they be raised?

How much should be kept in the Money Market Account?

Where should the funds raised by the House Tour be placed?

How is the income from the Boutique calculated?

How to handle costs of attending GCA and NAL meetings?

Kathleen encouraged committee chairs to make their successors aware of the current budget

Second Vice-President- Anna Casperson(Website)

Anna reported that members are able to access the website to pay dues(receipt in email), for volunteer sign ups, for the annual luncheon payment, for check requests, and to buy house tour tkts.

Art with Blooms- Robin Hammer/ Jessica Kitchen

Robin thanked Marianna Brewster and requested sign ups. She emphasized volunteers are interpreting art , not doing floral designs .

This is great PR for galleries and the Garden Club(July 11 installation)

Designers should check out space to see if pedestal is available

Betsy Carey reported:

Art in Blooms Cocktail Party- Nina King is hosting July 11, 5-7 pm; 14 1/2 Orange Street.
Try to carpool.

Appetizer sign ups on website

Awards Committee- Mary Ellen Ferrel

First meeting be held following Board Meeting

Greg Hill completed painting for Sandy Taylor award(Gretchen Riley first recipient)

Daffodil Show- Linda Fraker/ Ann Maury

49th Annual Show- 4 day Show

Statistics:

1750 businesses (about).

1296 stems(hort)

25 photographs

55 floral arrangements

Floor plan worked well

Set up worked well with Properties Chairs

Judging went well; 6 artistic judges- GCA Judge needed next year

Mary Malavase was praised for her work with PR

Education is main aspect of the Show; emphasis on how to grow daffodils

Saltmarsh project was highlighted

5th grade class received 1000 bulbs distributed by NGC to public and private schools by the youth team.

Statistics for Youth

Hort 63 entries

Stems 22

Photography 7

Budget \$15,000; came in within budget

Show is as Important to the Island Community as the Hadwen House Garden, Fountain and Scholarships

Daffodil Show launches season- Jean Macausland began the Show.

Bartlett's donates the space and most of volunteers(not NGC members) are from the community.

Daffodil Planting Fund- Mary Malavase

Mary's experience goes back to 1975. She was a friend of Jean Macausland; next year will be the 50th Show

To continue the legacy, it's time to do a major planting; town needs more bulbs- donations needed to plant 50,000 bulbs(total cost \$2 per bulb); already have approval from town for planting on Polpis/ Milestone bike path

Surfside bike path has no daffodils

We have the Chamber of Commerce support; direct mail.

Greg Hill did a painting -\$10 for one raffle tkt will be offered to the membership.

Mary will start marketing this project; needed a permit from town because we are now a lottery.

\$34,000 we have; \$46,000 is desired from the Club.
This would be a Community Project.
Dave Champoux would be doing all the planting.
Proposal will be voted by the Board in July.
Bulbs must be ordered by mid to late August

Boutique- Suzanne Einstein, Susan Sarceno, Louise Middleton

Daffodil Show- Sales same as previous year
New vendors; Selling at general meetings and house tour
Vendors will give a 20% donation to the NGC

Garden History and Design- Paula Henderson

69 Main St -Marianne Appley's garden has been accepted into the American Society of Gardens. Also under Nantucket Preservation Trust easement.

Gardens of Nantucket- 50 percent of text and photos have to be presented to the publisher in September; rest following June. To be published spring 2027- Book will be carried by all major booksellers. All proceeds go to the NGC. Paula thanked the NGC for funding the photography.
20 per cent of the book is text; 80 per cent photos.

Scholarships- Caroline Tucker

10 applications from Nantucket High School and present college students
\$25,000 plus donation of \$4,000 awarded to 7 applicants
Caroline encouraged donating more funds to each applicant as expenses have risen.

Hadwen House Garden- Robin Youngman/ Sarah Ann Miller

Members are encouraged to work in the Hadwen House Garden

House Tour- Robin Kelly/ Liz Shepard

69th House Tour. August 6th(11-4). 7 houses on Baxter road and Butterfly Lane. Houses are on both sides of Baxter Road. The houses and gardens are beautiful. Boutique and tea are at 12 Baxter. The committee is engaged and involved. There will be no paper tkts or lanyards. Wrist bands can be bought online or at the tour.
Price \$90.00 per tkt.

Membership -Josette Blackmore

The deadline for applications is July 15. Current bylaw presented at July Board Meeting. This year meeting is July 31.
Present applications at August meeting.
Other change- attend 2 general meetings. Attend 3 meetings Can be previous year and this year

Discussion ensued concerning By law change;
How many meetings should proposed members have to attend each year?
Purpose is to spend more time with proposed candidates.
Expanding the time the membership committee has to spend with the candidates.

Vote: motion to approve Sarah Johnson
Second Susan Burke

Motion passes

Approved for a leave of absence
Carol Baxter
Gretchen Riley
Chris Kinney - active
Cathy Ward- resigned

Provisionals- Merrielou Symes

Reimagine- Sept 16 and 17- Zone Meeting- Marianna Brewster attending

Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Respectively submitted,

Connie Cigarran
Recording Secretary