

NANTUCKET GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

NANTUCKET HIGH SCHOOL

President, Kathleen Poole called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Minutes from August 2024 Annual Meeting were passed.

Moved -Merriellou Symes
Second- Caroline Tucker

Sandy Taylor Award to Gretchen Riley

Greg Hill painted one of Sandy's floral arrangements; a plaque with Gretchen Riley's name is on the frame. Gretchen has been a member of the NGC since 2006. Greg thanked the NGC for asking him to do the painting of Sandy's basket. He and his wife did the arrangement. They knew Sandy and her family well.

This is a new award. Sandy had been a member since 1998; she shared her expertise with other members and won many awards. Her favorite position was Provisional Chair. Sandy loved the NGC and had a passion for flowers-especially mass arrangements.

The painting will be displayed at the Atheneum.

Introduction of Guests and Provisionals

Seven members introduced their guests.

Provisionals- Merriellou Symes introduced the Provisionals

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Treasurer- Susan Rein

Susan stated that the budget is complicated; the issue of dues has to be addressed. There is \$150,000 in the bank. She proposed a Special Projects priority list for use of these funds.

Dues - Ruth Plandowski

Ruth asked that members address questions regarding dues to her or Marianna Brewster

Daffodil Show- Linda Frakur and Ann Maury

This was the 49th Annual Show; It's Daffy Time, Let's Dance at Bartlett's- 1750 visitors; 1296 stems; 265 entries; 25 photographs; 55 photos.

Extra space this year with a new floor plan providing more space for floral arrangements and photographs.

A trained artistic judge is needed for the future.

They stayed within the \$12,000 budget- thanks to discounts and donations.

The Show plays an Important role in Nantucket community. It was started by Jean Macauland who was NGC president Most participants and volunteers came from the Nantucket community.

Mary Malavaise- Next year is the 50th Daffodil Show; Greg Hill has painted a daffodil painting for raffle; \$10/tkt. Mary has obtained permission to do a massive daffodil planting on new bike path at Polpis and Milestone Rds. Her suggestion is to plant 50,000 daffodils to celebrate the anniversary.

Art With Blooms- Robin Hammer and Jessica Katchen

This is a Friend raiser-in the tradition of the Daffodil Show. It provides publicity for the NGC; it is not just floral design but interpreting art; everybody should participate- no rules

7 more flower arrangers are needed.

Event is loved by the galleries and will be held July 11 and 12.

Hospitality - Betsy Carey

Art With Blooms- Cocktail Party, July 11, 5-7 pm; at Nina King's home; carpooling is encouraged

Sign up online for hors d'oeuvres; husbands needed to bartend.

Annual Luncheon August 20th to be held at the newly renovated Nantucket Inn.

Garden History and Design- Paula Henderson

Mariann Appley's Garden at 69 Main Street has been accepted into the Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens.

Barbara Halstead began the process of submitting the garden; it is a complicated application.

Kathy Stroz also worked on the process. It was submitted Oct 22 and accepted one week later; originally Walter Beineke's garden. Nantucket Preservation Trust has put an easement on this beautifully maintained garden.

The data will remain in the NGC archives.

Mariann was honored and pleased.

Horticulture-Paulette Boling, Lynn Boyajian, Nina King

Nina King stated that there will be a Flower Show July 14,15, 2026. A Floral Design Workshop will be held July 16, 11:30- 1pm for Provisionals. Marianna and Nina will do the demonstrations.

Lynn Boyajian said that bulbs are being distributed so that all members can enter the Flower Show in the horticulture section; bulbs are deer resistant.

Paulette mentioned that there will be a Horticulture Workshop to learn how to prepare for the Flower Show. Each member brings her own Herb container for her entry in the flower show
You can register on Sign up Genius

There will be a Zone 1 Meeting in September-each club is required to submit 3 native plants and must also enter 3 horticulture exhibits.

The Saltmarsh Garden is doing well. The Provisional Class is working there on Thursday.

Membership- Josette Blackmore

4 applications have been filed to date.

A leave of absence was given to Carol Baxter and Gretchen Riley.

Cathy Ward resigned.

Chris Kinney again active.

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Photography Ramble- Friday, June 27, 8:30 am, Sconset Market

Mary Jo Beck will be joining the Ramble.

House Tour- Robin Kelly and Liz Shepard

The 69th Annual House and Garden Tour will take place August 6 -11am- 4 pm in Sconset on Baxter Road and Butterfly Lane. There will be 7 houses plus a garden for the tea and boutique. No homemade cookies- only store bought- Sign up Genius
Buses will be provide transportation from town.

Wrist bands will be used this year.

Members will receive wristbands.

Price is \$90; members \$50.

Each garden club member should plan to work 2 shifts.

Sign up genius is on the website and in monthly newsletter.

Speaker: Wendy Mahoney Russell- Elements of Floral Design

Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cigarran, Recording Secretary

