

Nantucket GardenClub
Membership Committee Report 2024

The 2024 committee members are:

Non-Voting Ex-officio-

Josette Blackmore Chair

Kathleen Poole (NGC President)

Nina King (NGC Treasurer)

Voting members

Merriellou Symes (Provisional Chair)

Peg Condon (Hadwen House Chair)

Ruth Plandowski (Corresponding Secretary)

Olivia Charney (at large less than 5 years)

Bonnie Ford (at large more than 5 years)

The committee met twice by Zoom in the late winter. Those meetings addressed a definition of non- resident member. The proposal was held over for a membership vote in the future. The other discussion addressed possible ways to limit membership if a need ever arises.

While scheduling committee summer meetings a conflict in the Constitution was discovered . The Constitution states that the deadline for applications is July 15. It also states that those applicants approved by the committee for Provisional membership should be recommended to the board at the first board meeting in July.

This year that board meeting was July 15. That allowed no time for applications to be reviewed and discussed by the committee. The board allowed the committee to postpone recommendation of new Provisionals to the August board meeting.

Once August 12 was determined to be the date to present applicants to the board , in person meetings were scheduled for July 23 to discuss applications , August 6 to meet applicants at a coffee hosted by the chair, August 9th to vote on applicants.

The committee

reviewed and recommended to the board 4 new applications and one hold over application.

Candice Bednar. Proposed by Helen Dwyer. Sponsored by Liz McDermott Barnes andLoryn LaShelle

Marybeth Gilmartin. Proposed by Robin Hammer. Sponsored by Nancy Serafini and Daryl Westbrook

Cynthia Ketchum. Proposed by ar area Kaytes . Sponsored by Dottie Hopper and Ana Caspersen

Martha Wyant. Proposed by Caroline Tucker . Sponsored by Elizabeth Carey and Susan Gambee.

Helen Du Bois . Held over from 2023 due to incomplete application.
Proposed byDaryl Westbrook . Sponsored by Karyn Frist and Robin Hammer.

An Honorary membership was awarded to Greg Hill for his generosity and help .
Over many years, Greg has donated his artwork for the house tour, our logo and also the logo for zone meeting in 2023.

The committee received and approved requests for a change in membership from Active to Affiliate Membership from Vicki Livingstone and Judy Rushmore.

The committee accepted resignations from Karen Letart and Ann Weber.

Leaves of absence were approved by the board for
Chris Kinney . 2nd leave granted to 6/25.
Carol Baxter. 3rd leave granted to 6/25
Carol and Chris are both caring for husbands who are unwell.

Josette Blackmore
Membership Committee Chair