

Annisquam Sewing Circle  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Rather than read minutes, they will be posted on the website.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we have \$8525.25 in the bank. Her report was unanimously approved.

Judy Gustin was not here for a Sunshine report. However, it was reported that Judy Friend has had a partial hip replacement after taking a bad fall and breaking her hip. After the hospital, she will recuperate in rehab. Maureen Quine is on the mend.

Gigs Cunnings, for Good Neighbor, asked is anyone can take meals to the Gales for this Thurs, Fri and next Fri. The Gales are most grateful.

Membership chair, Annie Sinkinson reported that we have 53 active members. Betsy Colby nominated Lynn Fennollosa. A motion to approved her membership was, seconded and unanimously approval. Annie will let Lynn know.

Deb Michael, Publicity Chair, reported that new Plant Sale signs have been printed by Seaside Graphics and posted. All of the signs are the same. Since we've learned that the same "look" works from year to year, the signs were designed and printed to easily have the date changed and be reused . Seaside gave us \$100 off bill for errors problems encountered in printing the signs.

Carolyn Rogers, Scholarship Chair, reported that so far we have one applicant so so far and letter to one who received a scholarship. There was discussion about the definition of Annisquam, which is not clearly defined for purposes of awarding scholarships.

A few members' photos are still needed for the member section of the website. If they have not done so yet, members are asked to please send a photo to Suzanne Brown. Suzanne reminded us how to access the website.

The new date for the Garden Party being held at Donna Caselden's house is Tuesday, June 6th at 12:30 p.m. The board and committee members will provide lunch. Please bring auction item and check book! Joan Collier, Maureen Quine and Sue Willis will be auctioneers.

Deb Bird gave a huge thanks to Stevie Neal and Bonnie Angus for their travels far and wide to get plants, including a trip to Saco, Maine. They've done an amazing job, and we couldn't do the sale without them.

Bonnie has sign-up sheets and volunteers to work on Saturday. This year she is only taking special orders of six or more of anything. Single plant orders are too difficult. Since herbs did not sell well last year, they will not be available at this year's sale. impatiens are too small this year to sell and make money. The sales will mainly feature perennials, annuals this time of year are small, too. money. Generally annuals are still pretty small. A lot of perennials. Not too many showing color yet.

Deb asked anyone who needs help digging up plants from their garden for the sale to let us know

Lida Bernard is taking charge of filled containers, which is new this year. The plan is to start with a small number of containers made up in advance, and increase the number next year if they sell well. The press release also says that buyers can bring their own containers that we will fill them with plants they purchase at the sale. .

Stevie Neal showed tea cups with flower arrangements in them, which were for sale at the MFA "Art in Bloom." The MFA sold close to 150 for \$10 each in just 2 hours. She asked members to donate stray teacups. It's too late to sell them this year, but it's a low cost project and one that would be fun to consider for next year. Jackie Littlefield suggested selling them for Christmas Fair. Stevie is going to make a few to test market at this year's sale.. Germaine Fritz suggested selling succulents, which are popular this year. Members who have flower gardens at home were asked to flowers and small vases for small arrangements, which will be priced the morning of the sale.

Please sign up for the Bake Sale if you have yet done so. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday at Germaine's house between 2 and 4 p.m. Ideally drop off Friday if possible. All of the bake table volunteer slots are filled.

Suzanne Brown is making gift tags with the Plant Sale graphic to put on bake sale items and key plants. A short blurb about Sewing Circle is on the back of the cards.

Deb Bird introduce our guest speaker, Heather Atwood, who talked about her career as a food write and how it has evolved with today's medial, how it reflected what has been happening in the media today. Heather writes the Gloucester Daily Times "Food for Thought" column.

She also talked about working Cape Ann Fresh Catch, which started eight years ago under flags of Gloucester Fishermen's Wives. People sign up and pay fishermen in advance and then pick up their weekly fish order. The selection is small, but there is no freshener fish on Cape Ann. Heather also shared a few of her favorite cookbooks, including:

- . Out of Line, Barbara Lynch's new memoir
- Methodist Rockport Cookbook
- Alice B Toklas Cookbook
- Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals That Brought Me Home, by Jessica Fechter
- Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef, by GabrielleHamilton.

Today's delicious tea was hosted by Dottie Roeske, Jackie Littlefield, Deb Ebeling and Pam Saylor

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.