**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 10/18/17**

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**(1)clarification (2)clarification**

The members of the FGC gathered at 11:30am with 38 members in attendance.

The lovely luncheon was presented by the October Luncheon Comm., Charlotte P., hostess, Carol C., Mary D.,

Kathy F., Beverly G, and the beautiful and creative centerpieces by Lisa Brayton. To the delight of all, courtesy

of the Ways and Means Comm., members were greeted by 65 decorated pumpkins, which they could

purchase, with funds going to the FGC. The centerpieces and pumpkins added a festive Fall/Halloween feel to

our day. The 50 real pumpkins were donated by Roche Bros. Supermarket and 15 artificial pumpkins were

donated by Michaels Crafts.

**Item #1 Co-President Annette Eddy**

The business portion of the luncheon was brought to order by Co-president, Annette Eddy at 12:25pm.

Annette E. began by thanking everyone for their generosity of $160.00 that was collected for the hurricane

victims. Also, Highgate Nursing Home and Traditions of Dedham were very happy to receive the centerpieces

that members made at the September luncheon meeting.

**Item #2 Annette Eddy, Ways/Means Chair**

Annette E. Brought forward the idea for a Christmas wreath fundraiser for FGC. Ways and Means would sell

to members evergreen wreaths some with bows and some without bows. Annette E. asked for a show of

hands from members if they would be interested in this idea and would they purchase a greens wreath. With a

show of hands,13 members said they would purchase a greens wreath. Annette E. to check the wholesale

price on the wreaths and report back to the club.

**Item #3 Food Pantry Donations**

Annette E. asked that we bring a donation to the November luncheon meeting for the Dedham Food Pantry.

Annette E. introduced Carol Dixon, Garden Therapy/Horticulture Chair. Carol D. is a trustee of the Dedham

Food Pantry. Carol D. gave us a run-down of the items that are needed. These items are canned fruit and

vegetables, all staples, cereal, rice, soup, coffee, tea, and low sodium items. Any questions to

please call/email Carol D.

**Item #4 Rose Favret, Recording Secretary**

Rose F. asked that the minutes of the 9/20/17 luncheon meeting be accepted. Minutes were accepted.

**Item #5 Co-President, Charlotte Pollock**

**(1)**Charlotte P., Marion K. and Jeannine L. attended and evening presentation at the Norwood Garden Club.

Charlotte P. shared a very interesting story regarding a very old old book that Jeannine picked up to leaf

through. Charlotte P. asked Jeannine to share her story about this old book. Jeannine turned it into a guessing

game as she gave us hints about the main character. At 8 yrs. old he was plowing fields and building log

cabins, who was he? He and his sister walked 18 miles to school each day, who was he? At 19 yrs. old he was

the captain of a boat, who was he? And as proof of his character he insisted on returning a fallen baby robin

chick to its nest much to the dismay of his companions, who was he—Abe Lincoln.

Charlotte P. then went on to tell us about the November luncheon program. This will be a member

participation program. We will be creating a Thanksgiving or Christmas arrangement. The arrangement will be

made out of things we collect from our gardens. Charlotte P. told us what to look for in our gardens and how

to work with what we collect. Think hard (woody branches, juniper holly,) think soft (leaves, grasses) think

different shades of green. Is what you gather straight, curved, variegated? All will work together. Marion

Kirohn, Conservation/Tours brought our attention to a table set up with arrangements that she and Charlotte

have made. FGC will be providing some items for us to use such as oasis, rubber gloves, ribbon, picks. We

need to bring our greens, a container for our creation, clippers and our imaginations. Charlotte P. to send out

email with all the particulars regarding what to bring.

**Item #6 Marion Kirohn, Conservation/Tours Chair**

There will be an arboretum tour on 10/25, please see the signup sheet. Marion has some hibiscus seed to

share with anyone that would like some. Mary Compagnone brought sedum plants to share.

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**Item #7 Carol Dixon, Garden Therapy/Horticulture Chair**

Carol D. reminded us of the **(2)** clean-up of the Fairbanks House flowerbeds. It will be on 10/19 beginning at

9:30am. Bring your clippers, kneelers, bags and gloves. Per the Publicity Comm. pictures will be taken.

**Item #8 Maeve McHenry, Yearbook Chair**

If through the year any changes to your information need to be made please let Maeve Mc. Know. Please note

that the Hospitality Comm. information is in the process of being updated.

**Item #9 Jane Crandall for Christine Page, Nominating Chair**

Jane stated that you will find the preference sheets at each table. Please fill them out and return them today.

There are many jobs and committees listed, so please check off what you think you might like to do. It is very

important to help out in one of the committees, FGC is a working club and relies on all members to help out

where they can. Annette E. stated that she is looking for 2 more people to help out at the Christmas Festival

of Trees project that will be at Elm Bank.

**Item #10 Judy Raymond, Hospitality Chair**

Judy thanked her October Luncheon Comm. members for their hard work putting today’s lovely luncheon

together.

**Item #12 Annette O’Shea, for Mary Joyce, Programs/Workshops Chair**

At this time Annette introduced our program speaker, Mr. Neal Sanders. Mr. Sanders is an author of mysteries

and a blogger. His blog is <http://theprincipalundergardener.blogspot.com>. He also serves as the head hole digger

and rock mover for his lovely wife and avid gardener, Betty. Mr. Sanders regaled us with his many adventures

while following Betty throughout the world exploring gardens. He shared with us that he always wanted to be

a writer and it was a way to incorporate his experiences with gardens and gardeners that helped launch his

writing career. Mr. Sanders shared a wonderful slide presentation of his beautiful gardens that surround his

home in Medfield. His wife’s home away from home is Weston Nurseries. He said that he knows he is in for

some serious hole digging and rock removal every time they come home from Weston Nurseries with just the

right plant that needs to be planted in just the right spot. He shared his battles with squirrels that

are intent on getting at the composter and how he has a lovely rock wall around his property curtesy of all the

rocks he has dug up to plant just the right plant in just the right spot. He then went on to a brief synopsis of his

many books and how he gathers his material for his mysteries. Mr. Sanders donated a signed copy of one of

his books for our drawing. He also had books for purchase which many of FCG members were eager to buy.

Mr. Sanders’ program was very entertaining and informative and very much enjoyed by all. FGC member

Anne Marie F. won the signed copy of Mr. Sander’s book.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Rose M. Favret, FGC Recording Secretary

**(1)Clarification=Charlotte P., Marion K. and Jeanine L. attended a daytime presentation of the Norwood Evening Garden club’s fall flower show at the Westwood Libray. (2)added the word= clean-up**