

KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY 15, 2026

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• Request to all committees: Board requests all garden plantings, post offices, display (library, town hall, etc be decorated with Red, white and blue to support America 250, for Town of Berlin.

President, Peggy LaJoie, called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM

There was a moment of silence remembering our members and friends.

CT Flower Show – The is still time to enter. You can sign up to be a hostess at the Web-site Discount tickets available online website.

Peggy Boissoneau spoke to the members about entering the photography contest at the CT flower show. She offered to help anyone who would like to enter with details on how to do it. Please call her if you have questions.

Also the Flower show has a contest for children making posters about Smoky Bear and Woodsy the Owl.

Vice President: Carol Courtney Talked about tonight's program presented by The Berlin Flower Shop. We will be making a fresh flower arrangement demonstrated by Nick the owner

• Feb 2026 – Informal meeting Will be playing Flower Bingo again. Come and enjoy the time on Feb. 12. Also you can bring garden tips or ideas to talk about.

Secretary's report – Carol Welz

The minutes of the December were sent out. A motion was made by Dottie Fox, seconded by Nancy Bryne to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Diane Roncaioli

Checking account \$10,983.32; money market \$24,495.26. (sent via e-mail)

Corresponding Secretary: Donna DeSimone

Donna read a thank you note from Berlin Parks and Grounds commission, thanking us for the wreaths around town

Membership: Priscilla Esernia

Number of Members Present: 38 and 3 guests

Two new members installed tonight: Janice Ayotte and Lillian Pietzrak:

Eloise Plumbley sponsor for both members.

Tony Durkee has requested Honorary membership.

• All dues must be paid by Feb Meeting. – Next year – Dues will need to be paid by Dec Meeting.

Publicity: Cyndi McKinnon
no report

Hostess: Lynn Fazzino

Thanks this month's Hostess' – for lunch and desserts.

Ways and Means:

Dottie Fox reported that she and Nancy Drain are getting a head start on the Spring plant sale, Sat. May 16, 2025. Asking anyone who is separating their house plants to pot them up in pretty pots (They have several available) There are 20 bird houses to be painted. Our chairs for advertising need to be painted, need volunteers to do this.

Artistic – Vicky Griswold Town Hall, library and Sr. Center – Winter display have been setup.

Horticulture – Kathy Ginotti spoke about growing and saving amaryllis bulbs. Also about how to wax them.

OLD BUSINESS

Moore House has been purchased.

Arts and Culture Committee – Chris Edge – Economic Development

Benches in town - 1 at Volunteer park. No Report .

Peggy, Elaine and Paula reviewing bylaws for changes.

●**America 250** - Yankee Peddler day will be Sat. May 30, 2026 Veterans Park – near VFW.. We could set up a tent and sell things. Possibly left over items from plant sale.

Meetings twice a month. – Committees are being formed for Event dates. If interested let Marianne Massario or Peggy Lajoie know.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Meeting Adjourned: 12:31PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Welz
Secretary