

KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING

APRIL 16, 2026

President, Peggy LaJoie, called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

A moment of silence was held for friends and family

Four members of our club attended the spring Federated Garden Club meeting yesterday. If you want to join us at the fall meeting register at the Federated Garden Club on line.

Sign ups needed to work at the 250 Celebrate America Yankee Peddler day on May 30.

Need a committee to be formed to decide what to paint on the commemorative park bench for the town and also for planing the sensory garden. They are both sponsored by the Berlin Arts and Culture Committee.

The Berlin Historical Society is doing a presentation on the Revolutionary War and pottery in Berlin. It will be this Saturday at 1:15PM. The talk will be done in costume.

Please sign up for our spring luncheon at Sans Souci's. Also we will be going on a guided tour of the rose garden at Elizabeth Park, followed by a luncheon at Donna DeSimone's home.

Lori Zisk is setting up three workshops for the Berlin Fair starting on June 8th (10AM - 2) at the Community Center.

The minutes of our March meeting were approved.

Diane Roncaioli, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,267.33 in our checking account and \$28,662.80 in the money market account. A new copy of the budget will be sent out before next months meeting. There has been a couple on increases on some line items. Please be ready to vote on the budget at our May meeting.

Membership chairperson, Priscilla Esernia, reported 32 people in attendance at our meeting. Three people on Zoom and three guests. We have 66 active members and 4 honorary members. We welcomed a new member tonight, Michele Yarincik.

The seven hostesses were thanked for tonight's food and Bonnie McNair for her arrangement.

The America 250 flag was displayed. It will be used at Volunteer Park.

Karen Caplik, reported on Youth Gardening. They will doing spring clean up at the 1771 House with the boy scouts. There will be a nature hike with the girl scouts. Everyone is invited to go along. Don;t know if there will be any girl scouts to help with the Plant Sale.

Corresponding Secretary, Donna DeSimone reported receiving a thank you note from the

family of Tony Durkee.

Elaine Matulis reported that applications for awards are due by May 15th. If you have anything you want to submit let her know.

She needs people to help clean up Little People's Playground and do mulching. On Wednesday, April 22, she is looking for volunteers to clean our club house.

Dottie Fox, **Plant sale**, Chairperson, thanked the people who put out the fliers and order sheets. We can get hydrangeas for Mother's Day, if you would like to order some.

If you are taking a sale sign home to put on your lawn, please remember to bring it back after the sale.

We will sell any plants that are left at Yankee Peddlers Day on May 30.

If you need help digging let her or Nancy Drain know so they can get you some help.

VFW has asked us to plant their box for them. Remember, we need wagons for the sale.

Donna DeSimone is in charge of the raffle baskets for the Plant Sale. If you want to make one, let her know. Would like about ten.

Carol Courtney, reported that they will be doing small center pieces for Worthington Manor. If you would like to help let her know.

Vicki Griswold, reported for the artistic committee, saying that arrangements have been done for the library and the show case at town hall.

Diane Roncaioli has purchased flags that can be put in any garden that your committee is in charge of. Let her know if you need some.

Diane R. also reported the scholarship committee has received a few applications this year.

Peggy, said the firehouse planters signage has been ordered. If anyone else needs a sign let her know.

We needed to replace the 9/11 signage for the commemorative tree at the firehouse. A new bronze plaque will be made the cost is \$1000.00. A motion was made Priscilla and seconded by Dottie to do this. Motion carried.

No New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Welz
Secretary

