

Bath Garden Club

Bath, Maine

2024-2025



Editor's Note

Many thanks to Betsy Fear, my sister, for her wonderful drawings for this yearbook and to Joan Toy for valuable oversight.

I am so grateful to Bev Reynolds for her tireless patience and availability to partner with me to edit the Yearbook copy.

I feel truly blessed to be here in Bath, Maine, among so many like-minded folks who care about our world and our neighbors, and who are so quick to share their blessings.

Thank you all for sharing your gardening world with me.

Tory Jackson
May 1, 2024

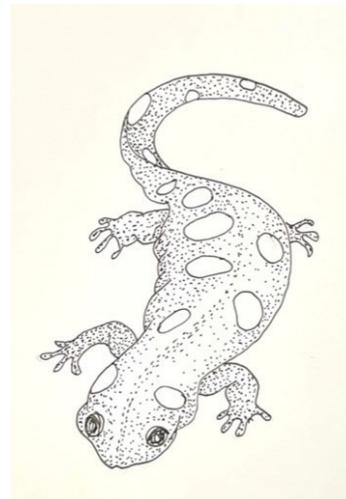
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Gardener's Collect

Let us, O God look to the tree and flower for the beauty and serenity of orderly living. As each in its season, depending wholly upon Thee for development, arrives at perfection, so may each of us in simplicity and trust, work out the divine pattern of her being. And help us to achieve in living, O God, the same harmony and loveliness that we strive for in gardening, exemplifying in both the beauty of holiness.



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Affiliations

National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region
Garden Club Federation of Maine, Medomak District
Friends of Merrymeeting Bay
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust
Merrymeeting Audubon Society

Club Members

Total 71
Including:
7 New, 16 Associate and 1 Honorary

In Memoriam

Nancy Barber
Beth Brewer
Barbara Clark
Anne Perkins

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1971-1973

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1983-1985

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2005-2007

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2007-2009

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2009-2011

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2011-2013

Joan Toy
2013-2015

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Joan Toy
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2023-2024

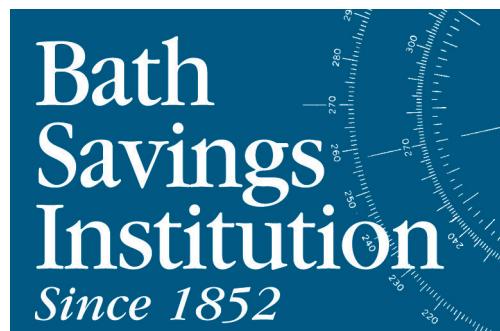
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Eldie Johnson

Certified Wildlife Habitat Stewards

National Wildlife Federation

Bonaday Beck, Judy Dillon, Lois Dole, Susan Gillies
Anne Krebsbach, Betty Wilson

Committee Descriptions

2024-2025

Awards

Inform the Standing Committees of the criteria which must be met to earn the Garden Club awards.

Receive electronic reports emailed prior to February 21st.

Prepare and submit applications for awards.

Inform members at meetings and by newsletter of state and national projects and submit a report of participation.

Maintain awards received and display them at appropriate times.

Civic Beautification

Promote projects to enhance the appearance of Bath and surrounding areas represented by the Garden Club members.

Maintain select sites around Bath and schedule committee volunteers throughout the summer.

Communications/Public Relations

Maintain a website.

Publicize club events on available platforms.

Manage information flow between Club website, Facebook, Instagram, Yearbook, and other online and social media groups.

Collect pictures of Club activities

Conservation/Legislation

Maintain Club awareness of current issues of local, national, and international importance.

Maintain and monitor the Outlook Trail Plant Identifier Project at Thorne Head.

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Garden Therapy

Use garden-related activities to improve the physical, mental, and emotional health of recipients.

Horticultural

Promote an appreciation of all phases of horticulture to stimulate interest in gardening.
Arrange a minimum of one (1) garden trip each year for Club participation.
Present information to membership regarding available local or state garden tours and flower shows.

Hospitality

Responsible for refreshments at monthly meetings and other events.
Selects and schedules hostesses from the active membership to act as hostesses and bring a variety of food to monthly meetings.
Committee members prepare the room and beverages.

Membership

Send Members Application to individuals interested in joining the Club.
Upon receipt of an application and dues, the Committee shall send the new member a letter of welcome, an information packet, committee assignments, and current yearbook.
Remind members who have not paid dues by March 15th.
Maintain a Club roster.
Provide name tags at meetings.
Provide Committee Chairs with names of members' committee choices.
Provide outreach to members who have not attended, to encourage participation.

Programs

Arrange programs and meeting places for the next fiscal year.

Consult with membership on suggestions for speakers of topics.

Prepare a budget; contact and arrange payment for all speakers.

One committee member will be responsible to coordinate one meeting, including speaker introduction, providing necessary equipment, room set up and seating.

Scholarship/Campership

Oversee the application process for Scholarships/Camperships.

Develop recommendations for any recipients of scholarship funding.

Recommend recipients/organizations to the Executive Committee to receive scholarship funds.

Offer members financial assistance via scholarship funds to National Garden Club schools and Master Gardener Volunteers, when applicable.

Ways and Means

Chaired by Chair(s) of the Plant Sale and Festival of Greens Committee.

Oversee Club fundraising projects including, but not limited to, the Plant Sale and Festival of Greens. *Presale of items held for a fundraising event is prohibited.*

Yearbook

Oversee the production and distribution of the annual Bath Garden Club Yearbook.

Distribute Yearbooks at the Annual Meeting in June.

Youth Activities

Develop projects and activities to increase youth interest in nature and conservation.

Stimulate awareness of the potential for positive impact of their conservation efforts.

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The President and co-Vice Presidents are ex officio members of all committees.

Civic Beautification Gardening Schedule

2024 -2025

Saturday, May 18 - 8 am start: Spring cleanup and garden mulching for the Patten Free Library gardens (along the building only) and the Blue Star Marker garden at the Visitor's Center/Train Station. All Garden Club members are invited to join!

Saturday, May 25 - 8 am start: Spring cleanup and garden mulching for the Woolwich Municipal Building, Meeting House and the Museum gardens. All Garden Club members are invited to join!

Week Of: Gardeners

June 2 Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
Michelle Grover/Leslie Davenport
Jody Larkin/Janice Nelson
Ann Bradbury/Pam Allen
Jackie Berry/Jim Swol

June 16 Judy Barrington/Michelle Grover
Ann Bradbury/Pam Allen
Julie Rice/Michelle Grover
Betty Taylor/Leah Zartarian
Jody Larkin/Janice Nelson

June 30 Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
Jody Larkin/Janice Nelson
Judy Barrington/Michelle Grover
Michelle Grover/Leslie Davenport
Jackie Berry/Jim Swol

July 14 Michelle Grover/Leslie Davenport
Betty Taylor/Leah Zartarian
Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
Julie Rice/Anne McKay
Ann Bradbury/Pam Allen

July 28 Jackie Berry/Jim Swol
Betty Taylor/Leah Zartarian
Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
Jody Larkin/Janice Nelson
Judy Barrington/Michelle Grover

Garden Location:

Patten Free Library Front Gardens
Patten Free Library Fountain Gardens
Blue Star Marker Garden
Woolwich Museum Garden
Woolwich Muni & Mtg House

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Blue Star Marker Garden

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Aug 25 Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
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Jackie Berry/Jim Swol
Jody Larkin/Janice Nelson
Julie Rice/Kathleen Bouchard

Sept 15 Ann Bradbury/Pam Allen
Julie Rice/Kathleen Bouchard
Betty Taylor/Leah Zartarian
Lynn Garrison/Deb Fein-Brug
Leslie Davenport/Anne McKay

June – September
Woolwich Old Town House, Old Stage Road, Woolwich Gardens will be tended by
Betsy Fear and Anne Armstrong.

Maine Maritime Museum: Donnell Home Garden is tended by Joan Drake.

Oct. 26 (tentative) ALL HANDS ON DECK TO VISIT ALL GARDENS AND CLEAN
UP AFTER FROST. BGC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

FLOATER FOR GARDENING WHEN NEEDED IS Alicia Romac. She also delivers and
assists in spreading mulch/compost mix early in the season!
Betsy Fear and Anne Armstrong may also be available to assist our efforts when requested.

Our Membership Committee will be on the lookout for new members to join Civic Beautification
for help in our gardens.

We have scheduled TWO PAIRS of gardeners for the Patten Free Library Gardens. The “Front”
gardens are those against the library building including the Children’s Garden and the Main
Entrance gardens. The “Fountain” gardens are the gardens surrounding the Zorach Fountain. We
are not responsible for mulching or pruning of the Fountain gardens just fine gardening
(weeding, deadheading, dividing, etc.) Please confer with each other when scheduling this
maintenance and work in TWO PAIRS as needed. Many hands will make lighter work!

Lastly, the Woolwich Municipal Building Garden and the Woolwich Meeting House Garden
across the street are COMBINED as one Garden to maintain.

Thank you to all YOU make a HUGE difference!

Continuing Projects

2024-25

- Support L.O.C.A.L. Garden youth education program.
- Scholarships for Ferry Beach Ecology School
- Scholarship for Merrymeeting Audubon Society
- Campership for Pine Tree Society Summer Camp
- Donation to RSU1 Bath Middle School for care of its apple orchard
- Michelle Ober Scholarship for U Maine student in Environmental Horticulture or Sustainable Agriculture
- Bath City/Library Park: maintain and water main garden and Children's Garden
- Maine Maritime Museum: plant and maintain Ellena Sewall Historic Garden at the Donnell House
- Bath YMCA building: work with Y members twice yearly front garden maintenance
- Woolwich Gardens: Old Town House, Municipal, Meeting House, and Historical Society
- Main Street Bath Flower Fund
- Blue Star Marker Garden at Bath Visitor Center (Train station)
- Oliver House: assists with the vegetable and herb garden at a group home for teens and young adults.
- Bath Senior Center Legacy Garden: a continuing renewal project
- Zorach Fountain: partnering with City of Bath to oversee maintenance of the Spirit of the Sea.

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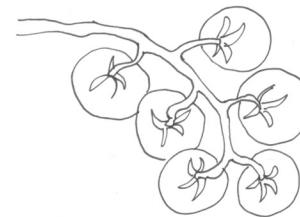
July

July 16, 2024

Time to be Determined

Veggies to Table Farm Visit

Flower harvesting, bouquet making with a group class.
28 Bailey Lane, New Castle, (next to Lincoln Academy)



August

August 20, 2024

Time to be Determined

“Birds, Bees and Butterflies”

Tour of Valentine Farm with Barbara Murphy
Mahoosuc Land Trust property
162 North Road, Bethel, ME

Monthly Meetings & Programs

2024-2025

September

Tuesday, September 17, 2024
6:00 PM - Evening Meeting, Bath Senior Center

Plant Smart, Water Smart

Speaker: Kelly Corbin of Living Landscapes of Maine.

Kelly will discuss how a strong understanding of our site condition (soil type, sun & wind) can help us choose plants that need little attention once established. Discuss native plant options well-adapted to a variety of situations that work well for intentional garden settings AND explore other ways we can be “water smart” in our homes and landscapes and using rain gardens to manage run-off.

Note: Our speaker Kelly was rescheduled from January 2024 due to snowstorm.

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024
12:00 Noon, Grace Episcopal Church

What Maine Is Worried About Now?

Speaker: Karen Coluzzi, Maine State Pest Survey Coordinator
Division of Animal & Plant Health Maine Department of
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Karen will provide an update on invasive pests that most concern our state. Pests covered in this talk include forest and tree pests new to the state, like beech leaf disease and emerald ash borer, as well new threats not currently found in Maine. (Asian long-horned beetle, box tree moth, elm zigzag sawfly, and spotted lantern fly). Status and updates of some crop pests that are expanding i.e., leek moth, swede midge, as well as a new pest of grape (grape borer beetle).

Marie Lemere: Program Host

Hospitality Team: Deborah Fein-Brug, *Lead*, Marnie Hackenberg, Ruth Kingsbury



November

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
12:00 Noon, Grace Episcopal Church

Bath Garden Club Membership List

2024-2025

A- Associate Member

H - Honorary Member

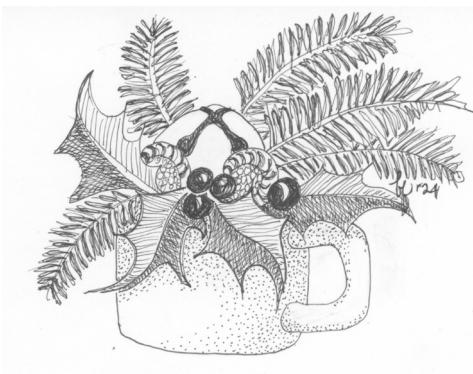
Annual Holiday Greens Workshop "Making Spirits Bright"

This annual club tradition of many years will return. We kick off the holiday season creating small arrangements with winter greens, red berries, dried materials, and holiday decorations. Following our meeting, arrangements will be delivered for distribution to Spectrum Generations for their Meals on Wheels recipients to make their spirits bright.

Members: Save your small containers or mugs for this workshop.

Program Hosts: Garden Club Membership

Hospitality Team: Gwenda Metzler-Pryor, Lead, Lorraine Koelle, Eileen Currie



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Note: All area codes are (207) unless otherwise noted.

Meeting Locations & Hospitality Procedures

2024-2025

Guests are welcome at all regular meetings of the Bath Garden Club. The holiday coffee and the annual meetings are limited to members only.

Meeting Locations

Grace Episcopal Church 1100 Washington St., Bath ME Phone: 207-443-3792. Enter parking lot from Edwards Street.

Bath Senior Center 45 Floral St., Bath, ME Phone: 207-443-4937. From downtown, take Court St. toward the Bath Shopping Center. Just before MacDonald's, take a right onto Floral St. The Senior Center will be on the left shortly thereafter.

Winter St. Center Festival of Greens 880 Washington St., Bath ME. Located across from the Library/City Park.

Guidelines for Hosting Responsibilities for Monthly Meetings

The Hospitality Committee assigns a Team Leader and 2 Team members for each meeting. The Team Leader schedules, oversees, and coordinates light refreshments served at our monthly meetings.

In the wake of Covid, we continue to ask you to bring a bag lunch to the meeting. The Hospitality Team will set up the room, provide coffee, tea, juice, condiments, etc. and 2-3 different desserts, and clean up. The Hospitality Committee Chairperson is responsible for all beverages, paper goods, condiments, etc.

If you are unavailable to make your assigned meeting, please notify either the Team Leader or the Chairperson that you need a replacement. The Team Leader and Team members are asked to arrive about thirty minutes before the meeting time to set up, and to remain through the cleanup if possible.

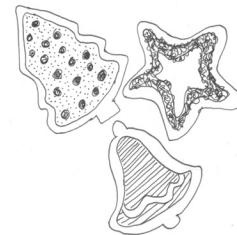
December Annual Festival of Greens

Saturday, December 7, 2024
9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm Winter Street Center

This will be our ninth year for this major fundraiser. The Winter Street Center transforms into a holiday decorating and shopping delight. Featured items include live wreaths & greens, centerpieces, ornaments, gardening items, vintage table and many specialty items. Add this to your calendars now for attending our holiday season special fundraiser.

Members are requested to contribute their special talents and time to support this yearly event.

Program Chairs: Barbara Richards and Joan Toy



Holiday Coffee

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
10:00 am. Bath Senior Center

Members gather to celebrate the season with Coffee and Baked Goods, amusing activities, conversation, Holiday Door Prizes and a Catered Lunch

Hostesses: BGC Executive Board

January

Tuesday, January 21, 2025
12:00 Noon, Grace Episcopal Church

Landscaping for Climate (and Ecological) Resilience

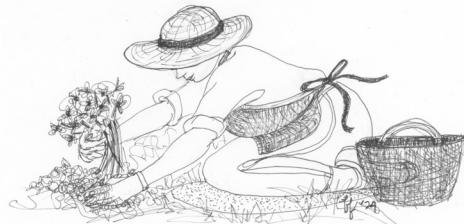
Speaker: Nancy Sferra, current chair of Bath Forestry Committee

Nancy Sferra has extensive experience with the Nature Conservancy all over Maine. She is retired, but still consulting and works with many local land trusts. Nancy is a singer-songwriter living in mid-coast Maine. Her inspiration for folk-blues comes from found poems - snatches of overheard conversations, notes from a discarded journal, objects, and photographs.

“Landscaping and Managing for Climate Resilience.” An inspiring talk on making your garden resilient to climate change. Nancy will guide us through native plant options and tips to make your landscaping thrive in our ever-changing coastal climate with invasives, pests and jumping worms to name a few and our decline of bees and insects.

Leah Zartarian: Program Host

Hospitality Team: Patricia Shaw, *Lead*, Gail Shean, Janet Pflueger



June

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
11:30 am
Long Reach Kitchen & Catering,
Bath Golf Club
387 Whiskeag Road, Bath

81st Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Yearbooks, door prizes and a raffle are included with lunch!



May

Saturday, May 10, 2025
8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
City/Library Park
Washington Street, Bath

Annual Plant Sale

This is our major fundraiser.

Every member contributes to this effort; there are several ways you can help: digging, potting, donating, identifying, labeling, transporting plants, organizing transportation gathering and transporting gently used garden items for sale, tent and table set up for sale, cashiers, workers on the day of the sale, tent and table take down after sale, and much more!



February

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
12:00 Noon ~ Grace Episcopal Church

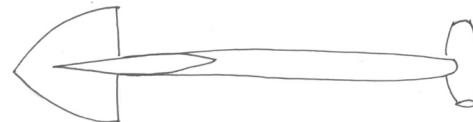
Balance and Posture (Ergonomics) for Pain-Free Gardening

Speaker: Ally Marcil, PT DPT, Mid Coast Orthopedic Therapy Center

Ally specializes in learning about how to plan your day in the garden with proper stretching and lifting techniques, selecting ergonomic tools, adapting existing tools to improve ergonomics for designing your garden to match your abilities, and much more! Use good practices when lifting, bending and harvesting. Stretch and change tasks frequently.

Bev Reynolds: Host Program Chair

Hospitality Team: Beverley Reynolds, *Lead*, Leslie Davenport, Marilyn Pomeroy



March

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
12:00 Noon, Grace Episcopal Church

Growing and Eating Healthy Food and Living Sustainably

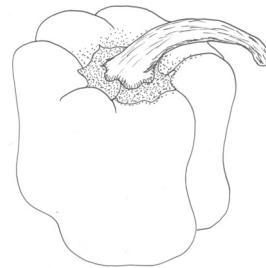
Speaker:

Anna Tracht, Development Coordinator, *Veggies to Table*.

Veggies to Table is a nonprofit farm in Newcastle, Maine. They grow & donate nutritious vegetables and beautiful flowers to community members living with hunger and needing joy. Their organization has an active volunteer program and are deepening their education program which is centered around growing and eating healthy food and living sustainably. They have a shared passion for gardening, beauty, and our community.

Bev Reynolds: Host Program Chair

Hospitality Team: Julie Rice, *Lead*, Mary Ellen Morin,
Michelle Grover



April

Tuesday, Evening, April 15, 2025
6:00 pm, Bath Senior Center

Transforming Grocery Store Flowers into Artful Arrangements

Speaker: Patricia Boutilier (Patty)

Patty is a member of our garden club and lives in Phippsburg. Patty will use a variety of vessels, along with grocery store flowers which are paired with greenery and natural materials. We will explore various creative possibilities with grocery store flowers, keeping in mind a budget conscious approach with imaginative expression. Utilizing a live platform, Patty will build interesting arrangements and hopefully inspire your inner floral artistic self to think outside the box when considering these humble flowers as a possibility for an engaging outcome.

Joan Toy: Program Host

Hospitality Team: Joan Drake, *Lead*, Judy Barrington,
Anne Armstrong



- Develop suggestions and assess feasibility of additional fundraising events.
- Develop procedures related to the fundraising activities including, but not limited to the following: **Presale of items held for a fundraising event is prohibited.**

L. The Yearbook Committee shall

- Oversee the production and distribution of the annual Bath Garden Club Yearbook.
- Have Yearbooks available for distribution at the Annual Meeting in June.
- Work with the committee chairs responsible for providing information.
- Provide a timeline for those providing information.
- Provide a copy to the GCFM President, Medomak Director, District Club Presidents and GCFM Yearbook Chair.

M. The Youth Activities Committee shall

- Develop projects and activities directed toward increased youth interest in nature and conservation.
- Stimulate awareness of the potential for positive impact of their conservation efforts.
- Choose and donate a garden related book to the Patten Free Library and each 1st grade in Bath Schools

5. Reports

Committee Chairs will maintain records of their projects and meeting notes to be passed on to the next Chair of the committee. All Chairpersons shall submit to the President written activity updates prior to each Board meeting and an annual summary of events by the end of April. The President shall provide a yearly report for the Annual Meeting, with copies sent to the Medomak Director, and included in the President and Recording Secretary's records.

6. Donations

The Board will determine membership in, or donations to, organizations with objectives similar to the Club's.

7. Revisions

These Policies and Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a Board meeting, provided the proposed changes shall have been given in writing prior to the meeting.

Bath Garden Club

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Bath Garden Club, Bath, Maine

Revised 2016 & Reviewed 2020

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the BATH GARDEN CLUB

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this Club shall be to study gardening and related subjects; to promote nature study, conservation, garden related therapy, and education of youth in club related activities; to study the growth and arrangement of flowers; to promote civic improvement and beautification, and to cooperate with the Garden Club Federation of Maine in promoting worth-while projects of a statewide interest.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of Active, Associate, and Honorary. Active Memberships shall be open to all persons who are interested in the objectives of the Club and will obligate themselves to participate in Club activities and committees. Members shall attend a minimum of one club meeting per year. Associate Membership shall have been active members for ten years or more or shall have been active members for less than ten years at the discretion of the Executive Board. Associate Members shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club but will not be required to serve on committees. Any Active Member qualifying for Associate Membership may apply for a change in status by writing to the Membership Chair. Honorary Membership shall consist of those whom the Club wishes to honor. Dues shall not be assessed to Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall be suggested to the Board of Directors for approval prior to being voted upon by the Club.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS

Unless circumstances necessitate a change, meetings shall be held on the Third Tuesday of the month with the exception of the December Holiday Coffee. Two evening meetings may be held each year. Annual Meeting shall be held in June.

ARTICLE 5 - QUORUM

Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting. Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, provided three are Officers.

- Upon receipt of an application and dues, the Committee shall send the new member a letter of welcome, an information packet (*I. Membership*), committee assignments, and a current Yearbook.
- Send a follow-up communication to members who have not paid their dues by March 15th.
- Communicate with the Executive Committee on changes in membership.
- Maintain a Club roster.
- Provide name tags at meetings.
- Process applications for Associate Membership.
- Work with committee chairs to provide members where needed, giving members preference of assignments.
- Assign one committee member to each new member in order that the new member is introduced to Officers, their committee chair and made welcome.
- Provide outreach to members who have not attended, to encourage participation.

I. The Program Committee shall

- Arrange programs and meeting places for the next fiscal year.
- Provide program information to the Yearbook by April 15th.
- Consult with membership on suggestions for speakers or topics.
- Prepare a budget, contact and arrange payment for all speakers.
- Name committee members responsible for each meeting, to include introduction, necessary equipment, and seating.

J. The Scholarship/Campership Committee shall

- Oversee the application process for Scholarships/Camperships.
- Develop recommendations for any recipients of scholarship funding.
- Recommend recipients/organizations to the Executive Committee to receive scholarship funds.
- Offer members financial assistance via scholarship funds to National Garden Club schools and Master Gardener Volunteers, when applicable.

K. The Ways and Means Committee shall

- Be chaired by Chair(s) of the Plant Sale and Festival of Greens Committee.
- Oversee Club fundraising projects including, but not limited to, the Plant Sale and Festival of Greens.

B. The Civic Beautification Committee shall

- Promote projects to enhance the appearance of Bath and surrounding areas represented by the Garden Club members.
- Form coalitions with other organizations to identify mutual goals and complete projects.

C. The Communications/Public Relations Committee shall

- Maintain a website presence.
- Act as a conduit for information to and from the Yearbook, Club website, Facebook, other online groups and Public Relations, thus ensuring consistency of information relating to the Club.
- Develop publicity for club events.
- Act as a liaison with newspapers and online platforms to insure coverage of Club activities.
- Collect pictures of Club activities

D. The Conservation/Legislation Committee shall

- Maintain Club awareness of current issues of local, national and international importance.
- Maintain and monitor the Outlook Trail Plant Identifier Project at Thorne Head.

E. The Garden Therapy Committee shall

- Use garden-related activities as an aid to improve physical, mental, and emotional health of recipients.

F. The Horticultural and Garden Visits Committee shall

- Promote an appreciation of all phases of horticulture to stimulate interest in gardening.
- Arrange a minimum of one (1) garden trip each year for Club participation.
- Present information to membership regarding available local or state garden tours and flower shows.

G. The Hospitality Committee shall

- Consist of the Chair and Co-Chair who will:
- Schedule all active members to act as hostesses at monthly meetings.
- Serve as coordinator for each month.

H. The Membership Committee shall

- Send application information to individuals interested in joining the Club.

ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS

Officers shall hold office for two years from the date of installation. Officers consist of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club. The Board of Directors shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, the Chairs of the Standing Committees, and the Immediate Past President. The Committee or Board may be called to meet at the discretion of the President to discuss matters of general interest to the Club, to transact appropriate business and to make recommendations on major business to the Club. All vacancies among the elected Officers shall be filled for the unexpired term by vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the President biannually and announced at the November meeting. The Chairperson shall report the slate of officers in the March Newsletter, and report to the Club at the April meeting, at which time the Club will act on the report. The slate of officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting in June.

ARTICLE 9 - STANDING COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as are necessary for the operation of the Club.

ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Such an amendment shall be distributed to all members prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 11 - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution, all remaining assets and property of the Bath Garden Club shall, after payment of necessary expenses, be distributed to the Garden Federation of Maine.

ARTICLE 12 - GOVERNANCE

The Bath Garden Club shall be governed with guidance from the Parliamentary Procedures Manual prepared by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The fiscal year of the Bath Garden Club shall be July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE 13 - NONDISCRIMINATION The Bath Garden Club shall not permit in their conduct of the club affairs any restriction or limitation whatsoever based upon race, color, creed, gender, and national origin or employment status.

Policies and Procedures

Bath Garden Club

Revised March 4, 2020, Revised September 19, 2023

1. Membership

- A. A person interested in joining the organization shall attend one meeting or event of the Club, review application information and send the application form and dues to the Membership Chair for processing.
- B. The Membership Chair shall send the new member a letter of welcome, information such as current activities, recent Club newsletters, information about the State newsletters, National Gardener magazine, committee assignments, and the current Yearbook.

2. Dues

- A. The annual Active membership dues shall be \$30 per year; Associate members shall pay \$35 per year. Honorary members shall not pay dues.
- B. Membership and accompanying forms are payable by March 15th.
- C. Any new member joining the Club after January 1 will be exempt from dues for the months of January and February.
- D. After appropriate notice from the Treasurer, any member whose dues remains unpaid by April 15th shall be dropped from membership by the direction of the Executive Committee.

3. Duties of the Officers

A. The President shall

- Preside at all meetings of the Club, Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and shall perform all duties of the office.
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Appoint an Auditor
- Appoint Chairs for such committees as necessary for the operation of the Club.
- Participate in District and State meetings to act as the liaison for the Club.
- Utilize email or the telephone to alert all members regarding meeting dates or important information.
- Send notice to the members on February 1st of the Club dues to be paid to the Treasurer within the month including committee selection.
- Send notice of life events to all members.
- Write a monthly newsletter

B. The Vice President shall

- Assist the President in the work of the Club and fulfill any Presidential obligations as delegated.
- Serve on the Ways & Means Committee.
- Serve as Greeter at meetings.

C. The Recording Secretary shall

- Record minutes of Board Meetings
- Record minutes of the monthly meetings and report those minutes for approval of regular meetings.
- Maintain minutes of past years' meetings.
- Send cards to acknowledge life events.

D. The Treasurer shall

- Collect and hold all monies of the Club.
- Present a financial report at each meeting.
- Pay all bills.
- Aid the Ad Hoc Budget Committee in the preparation of the proposed yearly budget to be presented to the Executive Committee in March, approved by the Board in March, printed in the March Newsletter and approved at the April meeting.
- Shall designate a maximum of 10% of revenue from fundraising projects to the operating budget at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- Provide a list to the Membership Committee of those existing members whose dues included \$1.00 to cover mailing expenses of Yearbooks.
- Send to the Garden Club Federation of Maine Treasurer the required annual dues per member (including Honorary members) by July 30th and prepare an update of membership, with required annual dues, to the State Treasurer thereafter.
- Have the books audited prior to the April meeting with results reported to the President.

4. Duties of the Standing Committee

A. The Awards Committee shall

- Inform the Standing Committees of the criteria which must be met to earn Garden Club awards.
- Receive electronic reports emailed prior to February 21st.
- Prepare and submit applications for awards.
- Inform members at meetings and by newsletter of state and national projects and submit a report of participation.
- Maintain awards received and display them at appropriate times.