**Randolph Area Garden Club Minutes**

**June 16, 2021 – Lori Peirce’s house – 11:30am**

***Please Note Important Schedule Change Below***

Attendees: Marda Donner, Millie Chase, Mimi Kevan, Roberta Brown, Jeffrey Thayer, Lori Peirce, Nancy Nicholas, Sam Florance, Alice Wakefield, Judy Osojnicki, Karen Bird, Linda Nagy, Suzanne Dworsky, Ellen Shepheard, and Joan Miles

* The meeting was called to order by Lori Peirce. Joan Miles read the minutes from the May 11 meeting which were unanimously accepted with a motion from Roberta Brown and seconded by Mimi Kevan.
* Ellen Shepheard reported the club made $1,136 from the plant sale and currently has $8,195 in the bank.
* It was decided to move forward with participation in the Fourth of July parade on Saturday, July 3rd with a start time of 10 am
  + Members currently interested in participating are: Nancy Nicholas, Linda Nagy, Marda Donner, Lori Peirce, Sam Florance, Judy Osojnicki, Jeffrey Thayer, and Millie Chase
  + Alice Wakefield remembered Wendy Ross having a cloth sign that would be nice to carry in the parade. Nancy Nicholas will assist Wendy in finding the banner.
  + Sam suggested a low key way for garden club members to participate would be to carry a bouquet of flowers from their gardens. Other suggestions included draping a hose around your shoulders, carrying a watering can, etc. Garden hats would also be a fun addition to the ensemble.
  + Joan Miles will complete the parade entry form and pay the $10 fee for participation to the White River Valley Chamber of Commerce
* There was a change in the schedule with the July and August meetings swapped. So please note that the next meeting will be:
  + July 13, Tuesday at noon – Judy Osojnicki’s garden - 225 Scenic Drive, Randolph 802-728-2025 – [jao225@comcast.net](mailto:jao225@comcast.net)
  + And the following meeting will be:
  + August 10, Tuesday at 11:30am – Karen Bird’s garden – 193 Whitney Road, South Royalton 802-291-3893 – [karenbird51@icloud.com](mailto:karenbird51@icloud.com)
* Nancy Nicholas brought up the Blue Star Memorial Garden at the gazebo
  + She is getting bids for a walkway in the garden that will be wheelchair accessible
  + Lori Peirce will put an article in the paper explaining that the RAGC is in a transition phase with the garden; it is not being neglected without a plan in mind.
    - It was also suggested that a statement be put in the Front Porch Forum
    - Another idea was to put a sign in the garden explaining the current state of disarray
* Karen Bird expressed the need to attract new members possibly through social media
  + Sam Florance reminded us about our Facebook page and the benefits of liking and especially sharing posts.
* Speaking of new members, Jeffrey Thayer our newest member suggested all posts, articles, etc. include the tag line – “new members always welcome” with a contact number/email.
* The meeting drew to a close with a tour and a sharing of garden philosophy by Lori Peirce. It was lovely.