

Teresa Mosher, president, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Board members present- Teresa Mosher- President; Lee Forsythe-Treasurer; Barbara LeDuc-Asst. Treasurer; Ellie Boucher-Secretary

There were no corrections to March 2015 minutes and they were accepted.

Lee Forsythe gave the Treasures report. At this meeting, Lee also spoke of stepping down from her position of Treasurer due to personal reasons.

Four new members were welcomed; Audrey and Oz Osborn; John Thomas and a returning member, Marta Van Dam.

Next meeting will be May 16, 2015 at the Methuen Senior Center at 10:00 AM. At this time, nominations will be heard for executive board positions for 2016. Any member interested in entering his or her name for a position should contact Manny Mendes. At the May meeting, Craig Dorschel will speak on entering roses in a rose show. This is a very timely topic as the following rose shows are scheduled soon; the Rhode Island rose show is June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Connecticut rose show is June 21<sup>st</sup> at Elizabeth Park in West Hartford, Connecticut and our New England Rose Show is June 28<sup>th</sup> at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens in West Boylston, Ma.

This spring the society will continue visiting area nurseries on the weekends.

- ❖ May 9<sup>th</sup> Roseland in Acushnet 11-3 - Manny Mendes and Teresa Mosher
- ❖ May 30<sup>th</sup> Weston Nursery in Hopkinton 11-3 - Manny Mendes
- ❖ May 30<sup>th</sup> Weston Nursery in Chelmsford 11-3 – Teresa Mosher
- ❖ June 6<sup>th</sup> Lake Street Garden Center in Salem NH 11-3 – Teresa Mosher

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT ANY OF THE DAYS LISTED, PLEASE CALL TERESA MOSHER. ANY HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

George Doorakian will be giving a hybridizing clinic at the Methuen Senior center on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 -2 PM. The members' garden day at George's home in Bedford Ma has been changed to July 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

September 10-13<sup>th</sup> 2015 are the dates for the ARS convention, held in Syracuse NY. For more information, consult their website – [WWW.NEWYORKROSES.ORG](http://WWW.NEWYORKROSES.ORG)

For the Founders Day celebration on October 17, 2015 at the Tewksbury Ma Country Club, please send any old or semi old photos to Craig Dorschel. He will be working on a slide show for that day. Also, please contact Teresa Mosher or Manny Mendes if you intend to donate items for door prizes that day.

There will be no rose sale at Tower Hill on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Teresa Mosher presented consulting rosarian certificates to Jeannette Danehy and Barbara Leduc. They had become consulting rosarians a year ago. Teresa was given the certificates at the Yankee District Convention in March by Dave Long. George Doorakian was awarded his long overdue Silver Honor medal at this convention and Teresa presented George with a photo on the presentation at the Yankee District Convention at this meeting.

At this time, there was a very informative presentation by Cameron Bonsey from the "Coast of Maine" Company. The company manufactures organic mulch, fertilizer and soil.

At this time, Ellie Boucher read the bylaws and all changes made. Teresa and Craig have been working on the bylaw changes for a few years. The board went over the changes and approved them at the March meeting. Each member present received a copy and a copy will be mailed to all members not present. If you do not want a hard copy, please give to Barbara for future members. At the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the changes will be voted on and the bylaws will be available online. Teresa thanked Craig for all his work on the updating of the bylaws

As at all meetings, there was an "Ask the Experts' panel. Dave Cannistraro, George Doorakian, Manny Mendes and Clarence Rhodes participated.

Meeting was adjourned by Teresa Mosher, president, at 12:30 pm.