

New England Rose Society  
Minutes of the September Meeting  
Methuen Senior Center, Methuen, MA  
November 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Teresa Mosher, president  
Members attended-17. Signed list is on another page

1. Minutes of May meeting. Teresa asked if there were questions on the last minutes. Hearing none, she waived the reading of the minutes with members approval.
2. Treasurer's report: Lee Forsythe was unable to attend. Assistant treasurer Barbara LeDuc gave the report: the bank balance on our account is \$7,654.37.
3. Jeanette thanked Teresa for her contribution to our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Day. Teresa thanked Jeanette for her contribution.
4. Craig said that 2 directors needed to be on the slate -2016-2018  
Motion was made by Barbara LeDuc and seconded by David Cannistraro  
Motion was accepted unanimously by the present membership and passed.
5. Marlene gave the announcements:
  - a. Thank you to those members who brought refreshments and or door prizes for today's meeting. Thank you Sharon O'Connor for chairing and hosting the refreshment table.
  - b. Welcome to Ray Depres , a new member.
  - c. The 75<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Luncheon at the Tewksbury Country Club was celebrated last month and was a great success. Peggy Martin was our guest speaker. Pat Shanley, American Rose Society president attended and presented Teresa with a presidential Citation for the NERS, which Teresa read.  
George Doorakian was awarded the Bronze Honor medal and Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations George !  
Chu Jung and Andy Venable took and shared pictures from the luncheon. Thank you Chu and Andy.  
There are a few 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary mugs left. Please see Barbara LeDuc if you would like to purchase one for \$10.00.
  - d. Dues are due: Time to send in a check for \$25.00 to Manny Mendez at 57 Rockland St, Canton, MA 02021.
  - e. Craig Dorschel's article "Where Roses Have taken me: A Personal Journey" was published in the Nov/Dec ARS magazine. Thank you Craig for sharing your story!
  - f. 2016 NERS meeting schedules are now available. Please pick up one to keep current. Check your emails or website [WWW.Rosepetals.org](http://WWW.Rosepetals.org) for updates.
  - g. **Holiday party on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 will be held at Fuscilli's cafe, formerly Sam's Bistro, on 107 Main St. (RT 28), Reading, MA**
6. Happy Thanksgiving to All
7. Announcement of 2015 Officers and Slate for 2016 Officers by Teresa  
President: Teresa Mosher  
Vice president: vacant

Treasurer Lee Forsythe

Assistant Treasurer: Barbara LeDuc

Secretary: Marlene Norton and Ellie Boucher

Teresa thanked all for their work in making 2015 a great success for the NERS.

She presented Lee McNeil with a past president's pin. Thank you Lee !

Next the slate of 2016 Officers was presented. The members that were present were asked for interest in running. The slate remained as is. The members voted unanimously on the following:

President: Teresa Mosher

Vice president: Teresa called for anyone interested in this position. Hearing none, the office will remain vacant.

Treasurer: Frank Hopkins

Deputy treasurer: Barbara LeDuc

Secretary: Marlene Norton

Librarian: Marlene Norton

Craig called for voting on the Directors at large, post to expire on 2018.

Barbara LeDuc and David Canistraro accepted the positions and were voted in by the membership that were present.

Teresa thanked the 2016 Board that was just voted in. Your stepping forward will continue to make the NERS successful !

8. Old and New Business:

David brought up that in March, there will be a chemical seminar for rosarians .  
Further information to be announced.

9. Today's speaker

The speaker today was Lee McNeil, past president, Horticultural judge, consulting rosarian and owner of Good Day Flower Shop in Reading.

She gave an excellent demonstration on several easy holiday arrangements.

Thank you Lee !

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

Refreshments followed.

Rose expert table: Craig Dorschel, Jeanette Danehy, Chu Jung, Barbara LeDuc and Manny Mendes.

Discussion centered on winterizing roses and midge.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Norton