

**Lexington Field and Garden Club
Museum of Our National Heritage
April 14, 2010**

President Gill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

President Gill welcomed the members and guests in attendance. She thanked Ellen Purinton, Hospitality Chair, for organizing today's refreshments, provided by Jane Fanburg, Claire Bertucci, Ellen Fobert, Peg Bradley, Janice McDonough, and Ellen Purinton. She also thanked our greeters, Dorothy Smith and Helaine Davis, as well as Joan Farr for providing today's flower arrangement. President Gill again announced that we are in need of a new Hospitality Chair for next year.

Recording Secretary: Jane Beswick read a summary of the minutes of the March meeting, with no corrections noted. The full text is available on our website or through contacting Jane.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Webster will present her annual report next month. Contact her with specific questions. We are doing well with the dues collection. Please send her requisitions for reimbursement as soon as possible.

President's Announcements:

-President Gill made a special presentation from our Club to the Museum. Richard Travers, Museum Director, thanked us warmly for the donation and stated that they are pleased we are here.

-We received a gift of \$250.00 from Jack Maloney of Arlex Oil, a neighbor of the Lincoln Street traffic island. This is the second time he has been inspired by those beautiful plantings to donate toward its upkeep.

-President Gill offered our sincere condolences to our fellow members Mary Gillespie on the loss of her husband Don, Shirley Stolz on the loss of her husband Norman and Queila Levinstone on the loss of her husband Don, who was also a member of our Club.

-Members were encouraged to purchase tickets for the Annual District meeting scheduled on Sunday, May 2, at the Burlington Marriott with noted speaker Bill Graham presenting "Color Loves Color." Tickets include lunch and are \$35. Call Julia Francis to purchase tickets.

-President Gill next presented the Nominating Committees proposed slate of Executive Board Officers for 2010-2011. The candidates were: President, Ann Webster; Vice President, Judy Uhrig; Treasurer, Linda Walsh; Recording Secretary, Bobbie Best; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Nokes; and Membership Co-Chairs, Gail Harris and Raya Gildor.

A motion to accept the proposed slate of officers was made, seconded and carried.

-LFGC member Dick Farr's Memorial Service was announced for Saturday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m., First Congregational Church in Woburn. Those wishing to contribute baked goods were asked to drop them off on Friday the 16th at the Farr home.

- Priscilla McDewell is selling tickets for our annual luncheon on May 12. Following the program, a skit entitled "Our Growing Years," there will be a "Mad Hatter's Luncheon" which ties in to the theme of "hats" that the actors will be wearing.

-Club dues are due by April 30- Members who have not paid by May 5th will be contacted only once by Gmail and by a letter that will be distributed to the entire club. Those who still haven't paid by May 15 will not be listed in the Yearbook.

- Potting Dates are listed in the Newsletter for our plant sale. Members can bring divided or potted plants to Jessie Foster's home on any of these days. Please sign up or call Jessie Foster to volunteer to help before, during and/or after the sale. Drop off gently used tools and interesting houseplants for the sale with Harriet Hathaway.

- On April 24, at the Arts & Crafts Society, flower arrangers can choose an art object to interpret for next fall's Art-A-Blooming.

- See Jewel Kuljian for details on joining with Tree Committee and LFGC members in planting saplings at the town's Tree Nursery on Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon.

- Meet at the Minuteman High School tomorrow, April 15, 10 a.m., for the Althea Phillips Award ceremony.

- Our Civic Improvement Committee is planning the Annual Arbor Day ceremony on Friday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. at Hastings Park. You are invited to attend to honor our members who passed away in the last year. Joining us will be our town officials, the Minutemen and Matt Foti who has once again donated the tree to be planted, a magnificent Valley Forge American Elm.

- Ann Webster will lead a Horticultural tour at Tower Hill on Wednesday, April 28, just days before their annual Daffodil show. There will be a tour of the orangerie and a lecture on late summer garden plants. Call Ann to sign up.

- Stop by St. Brigid's Church to see the improvements our members have made to Mary's garden in the back of the church. Ann Webster and other members have worked to clean up and do plantings in appreciation for the use of their

facilities for our Greens Sales and Wednesday Workshop meetings. Matt Foti also helped with the removal of several dying trees.

Members' Announcements:

-Joanne Fray is seeking helpers on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. for the shade wildflower garden at Monroe Tavern.

-Linda Walsh announced that more pots are needed for Plant Sale preparation.

-Jackie Ward announced a workshop by the Conservation Commission on the topic of Conservation Stewards tomorrow night at Cary Hall.

The business meeting was closed at 10:30 a.m.

Horticultural Minute: Linda Walsh reviewed the book Flower Confidential, describing the breeding, growing and selling of flowers, by Amy Stewart.

Program: Vice President Teresa Deible then introduced the speaker for today's lecture, Robin Murphy, who discussed and demonstrated principles of floral arrangement in a presentation titled "Beginning with Color."