

**Lexington Field & Garden Club
General Meeting
February 11, 2009**

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

President Gill then welcomed the 84 attendees, including 8 guests. She went on to give thanks to Susan Solomon, Ardie Froeburg, Ashley Rooney, and Sally Scott for providing our refreshments today; to Kassie Kattwinkel for providing flowers; and to today's greeters, Angela Marcucci and Judy Uhrig.

Recording Secretary: Jane Beswick read a summary of the Minutes from the January 14th General Meeting and announced that the full text would be available on our website or through contacting her.

Minutes were approved as Read.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Webster presented the most recent financial report. Hard copies of this report are available upon request.

Announcements:

-President Gill read a letter from F. William Smith in which he praised the work of the LFGC in maintaining the beautiful traffic islands.

- Since there is no flower show this year, The Garden Club Federation of Mass. and the Mass. Horticultural society are jointly sponsoring a Floral and Plant Display at several downtown locations beginning Thursday March 12-Sunday March 15th. In addition to the displays there will also be lectures and children's activities. To find out more about this event see the Mass. Horticultural Society website, which is: www.masshort.org.

- We will have a joint program with the Lexington Historical Society on Friday, April 3, at 7 PM at the Depot Building. Russ Morash, who was the Executive Producer and Director of the Victory Garden and other "How To" Public television series, will be talking about "Victory Gardens Past & Present". This is a special presentation available to our members and those of the Historical Society, and it will be followed with refreshments and door prizes.

- Our March meeting will be in the evening, featuring Sue Kaplan, an award winning floral arranger who will be showing us some Creative Floral Arranging.

- Also, Wednesday March 4th is our annual Open Board meeting, which will be held here in the Museum's conference room.

- Mary Gillespie is working with the Museum to create another Fairy House Program. This year it will be a one-day program on June 20th. Call Mary to assist in creating this magical event. Spaces will be limited for children to participate, so if you have someone who would love a chance to see and hear Tracey Kane, noted author and Fairy expert, you should register as soon they begin sign-ups.

- Varda Haimo, who is a new member this year, has also agreed to be our new public relations director. We welcome her to our Board and look forward to working with her. Our thanks to Bobbie Best for her excellent work in this position.

-We are looking for someone to be the Club's Award Liaison. Anne Cuervo is stepping down after several successful years of applying for awards on our behalf from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. If interested, please see President Gill.

-Sue Spicer announced a Gardening Study Program scheduled for April 2 and 3 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Contact Sue or Mary Nokes for further information.

Caroline Nijenberg announced that the Althea Phillips Award Ceremony to be held on April 30, at 10 a.m., at Minuteman Tech. We may stay afterwards for lunch at their restaurant, the Fife and Drum, for \$10. Please sign up with Caroline.

-Jane Beswick asked members to notify her if they would like to attend the joint meeting of evening groups on Monday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Scott LaFleur of the Garden in the Woods will speak on "Rain Gardens, Having Fun and Helping Nature."

Kassie Kattwinkle announced that the luncheon following our annual meeting on May 13 would again be held at Dalya's Restaurant in Bedford. The price for lunch will be \$26.00.

-Kris Burton presented the horticultural minute on the topic "Starting Seeds."

President Gill closed the business meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: First VP Teresa Deible introduced the speaker of the day, Joyce Bakshi, past president of the Andover Garden Club and of the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs. Joyce's presentation was titled "Indian Gardens of Today."

Jane Beswick, Recording Secretary