

**Lexington Field and Garden Club
Museum of Our National Heritage
January 13, 2010**

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

President Gill welcomed many guests including the members of the Reading Garden Club who joined with us today. She went on to thank Amelia Yanakis, Mary Nokes, Ellen Purinton, Betty Clark, Gail Harris, and Sandra Natale for providing today's refreshments. Ellen Purinton contributed the flower arrangement and our greeters were Sarah Maroney and Tony Clough.

Recording Secretary: Jane Beswick read a summary of the minutes of November's meeting. The full text is available on our website or through contacting Jane.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Webster reported that we received an anonymous \$2000 contribution. The Greens Sale was successful, with a \$4700 profit, higher than last year's profit. Ann went on to report on our various fund balances.

President's Announcements:

-President Gill reported with sorrow the death of our fellow member, Dick Farr, husband of past president Joan Farr. Dick was a very supportive member, helping on many projects including Emery Park, and an indispensable helper at Plant Sale time. She read a note from Joan, thanking the club members for their support on her bereavement and mentioning that a memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 17, at the First Congregational Church in Woburn.

-Thanks were given to all who made the Greens Sale such a success, especially to co-chairs Ann Webster and Sue Bush and their committee. President Gill also thanked Mary Gillespie who chaired the holiday decoration of the Museum and all those who provided such beautiful and unique decorations throughout December.

-Official Garden Club T-shirts and aprons are still available for sale by contacting Kate Gill.

- For next year, the LFGC is especially in need of a treasurer and a membership records co-chair, both positions requiring good computer skills. President Gill reminded us that it is both an honor and very rewarding to serve the Club as an Executive Board member. If interested, please notify Mary Gillespie, Nominations Chair, or President Gill.

-The Executive Board is discussing formation of a new committee that would help our members in time of sorrow or need and is seeking volunteers from the subgroups or from the general membership who would like to help on such a committee. Please contact our club president.

- The Arlington Garden Club has an event scheduled for Friday, February 5, at the Robbins Library, 6 pm to 9 pm. "Books in Bloom" will be similar to our club's Art-a-Blooming. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Members' Announcements: -

-Garden Study School: Caroline Nijenberg: announced that the Garden Study School will be held on April 1 through April 3. This class is part of an ongoing program that meets for three days per year for four years. See Caroline or registrar Mary Nokes for more information.

-Horticultural Trip: Ann Webster announced a trip to the Wellesley College with a docent-led tour there on Thursday, January 28. Contact Ann to sign up.

-HOH: Joan Farr asks that people pick up their ornaments, which they lent for the Holiday Open House.

-St. Brigid's: Contact Ann Webster if you would like to help on the work team for the garden we are planning as a thank you to St. Brigid's for their help in letting us use their space in preparing for the Greens Sale.

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

Kate Gill presented a Horticultural Minute, showing us how she set up a convenient floral arranging kit.

Vice President Teresa Deible then introduced the speaker for today's lecture, Marie Stella who spoke on "The Sustainable Landscape: A Responsible Approach for the 21st Century."