

**Lexington Field and Garden Club
Museum of Our National Heritage
March 10, 2010**

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

President Gill welcomed our members and the many guests attending including Linda Jean Smith, President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. She went on to thank Gail Harris and Mary Nokes for organizing today's hospitality and Bobbie Best, Marge Kent, Sue Harris, Kathryn Mead, Varda Haimo and Lone Garing for bringing refreshments. Kassie Kattwinkle contributed a flower arrangement and our greeters were Barbara Mahoney and Sarah Moroney

Recording Secretary: Jane Beswick read a summary of the minutes of January's meeting, noting that the February meeting had to be canceled due to bad weather. The full text is available on our website or through contacting Jane.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Webster gave a brief report on various Garden Club funds.

President's Announcements:

-President Gill introduced our guest, Linda Jean Smith, GCFM President. Linda Jean greeted us and said a few words.

-We received a letter from John Frey of the Lexington Tree Committee thanking the club for the \$1500 grant we provided in 2007 for 11 trees that were planted in the town. As a result of our gift, the Tree Committee is offering our Club a gift of 6 crab apple trees to be planted this spring. Jewel Kuljian is taking suggestions of spots in town where we would like to see these trees planted. These spots could be traffic islands or other public property. Final approval for any site will be made by the Tree Warden, David Pinsonneault.

-Christina Gamota distributed a sign up sheet for volunteers to help clean up and do weed prevention in the months of April and May at Emery Park, in front of the Depot. The goal is to have this park look its best for Patriots Day and the coming days of spring and summer.

- Fifty native trees will be planted at the town tree nursery off of East Street, on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, with a rain date of April 25. Jewel Kuljian is circulating a sign up sheet.

- Our annual luncheon this year will be held in the Farr Room here in the Museum. Following the program, a skit entitled "Our Growing Years," we will have a "Mad Hatter's Luncheon" which ties in to the theme of hats that the actors will wear. Priscilla McDewell took signups and checks, but there will also be a form within the April Newsletter. Reservations close on May 1.

- As advertised in the February newsletter, the Executive Board has listed a slate of four changes to the Club's by-laws. Following Roberts Rules, President Gill presented each by-law change for a vote:

- Page 13, under Article III, Membership, Section 3
- “The Membership year....“Dues are payable not later than *May 15. (change to: April 30)* continue on to: “Failure to pay by *May 31(change to: May 15)* is equivalent to a resignation.” Motion made, seconded and carried.
- Page 13, under Article IV, Officers, Section 2
- “The appointed officers are six directors *three (change to: four)* of whom are appointed (*strike: each year*) by the President to serve a term of 2 years each. One of the six is the Chair of the *Publicity Committee (strike and change to: Communications Committee)* one serves on the Nominating Committee, (*strike: and*), one serves on the Financial Advisory Council (*add: “and” one is the Chair of the Civic Improvement Committee.*”) Motion made seconded and carried.
- Page 14, under Article IV, Officers, Section 4
- *Eliminate office of Second Vice President and the paragraph describing responsibilities.* Motion made, seconded and carried.
- Page 15, under Article VI, Committees, Section 1
- “The Executive Board approves the formation of all Committees. *Delete the next two sentences, the first is an incomplete list of Club Committees, and the second offers no useful information. Section 2 remains as is.* Motion made, seconded and carried.

- Membership dues are due by April 30. If members have not paid by May 15, they will be contacted only once by Gmail and a by letter to be distributed during the week of May 15. Those who have not paid by May 30 will not be listed in the Yearbook.

- “Blooms 2010”, the Boston Flower show, will run from Wednesday, March 24, to Sunday, March 28, at the Seaport World Trade Center. Ann Webster is selling tickets for the show for any of those days for \$15, representing a discount of \$5 from general admission or a saving of \$3 for a senior ticket. She is also scheduling a Bus for Thursday, March 25, and those tickets cost \$12 per person. Departure from Lexington will be at 9:30 a.m. and the return to Lexington by 2:30 p.m. Members can also purchase tickets for the show and/or the bus for friends and family by contacting Ann.

-In the fall our Club has its own in-house floral design event called Art-A-Blooming, which is held every two years and this is the year. There are no rules or judging, and help is available to all those who participate for the first time. Space is limited to 30 participants. Harriet Hathaway is sending around a sign up sheet. Those participating can choose their painting or craft object to interpret by going to the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 12, noon,

-The Plant Sale meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 11, has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 P.M., at Jessie Foster’s home.

-Our speaker today will also be presenting a workshop titled “Tough Plants for Tough Places.” on Wednesday, March 31, at 9:00 A.M., at the Espousal Center in Waltham. Tickets are \$11 and space is limited. Call Julia Francis for more information.

Members' Announcements:

-Caroline Nijenberg announced the upcoming Althea Phillips Award ceremony in April, where the Club presents a scholarship to a Minuteman Tech Student.

-Caroline also reminded us of the next Gardening Study School class, part of a four year program, held April 1-3 at Elm Bank. Participants can register with Mary Nokes.

Julia Francis announced the East Middlesex District Annual Meeting occurring May 2 at the Marriott Hotel. There will be a luncheon at 1 p.m. with a lecture by Bill Graham. Tickets are \$35.

Linda Walsh announced that the amateur horticulture committee is looking for plants to be exhibited at the Flower Show.

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

Horticultural Minute: Jim Jones presented a Horticultural Minute on blooms throughout the year, called "Squeezing the Most Out of the Flowering Season."

Program: Vice President Teresa Deible then introduced the speaker for today's lecture, Adriana O'Sullivan, speaking on "Historic Gardens of the Hudson River Valley."