

**Lexington Field and Garden Club  
Museum of Our National Heritage  
November 11, 2009**

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

After welcoming the many guests attending, President Gill went on to thank Julia Francis, Teresa Deible, Jennifer Price, Mary Anne Lambert, Sue Spicer, Sue Hays, Jackie Ward, Barbara Labitt, and Dorothy Martin, all from the Wednesday Workshop sub-group, for providing today's refreshments. Lillian Cohen contributed the flower arrangement while the greeters were Mary Nokes and Elizabeth Collins.

**Recording Secretary:** Jane Beswick read a summary of the minutes of October's Annual Evening Meeting. The full text is available on our website or through contacting Jane.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ann Webster reported that the club currently has about \$45,000, of which \$17,000 is in restricted funds with \$28,000 in operating funds.

**President's Announcements:**

-President Gill read a thank you note from Nancy Nelson, Superintendent for the Minute Man National Historical Park, expressing appreciation to Georgia Glick and Mary Gillespie for organizing club members to make the floral arrangements for the 50th Anniversary of the park, celebrated at Cary Hall.

-The Morning Study sub-group won an award from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts at the Fall Conference in October. They were awarded \$1000 for Historic Development for "A Garden of Traditional Herbs of the 1775 Period" at the Hancock-Clarke House. President Gill also congratulated the group on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

-Official Garden Club T-shirts and aprons are available for sale and can be purchased at the Greens Sale.

-George Gamota, a member of our club and part of the Senior Computer & Technology Group at the Lexington Senior Center, has offered to give free beginner computer lessons to our members. There will be a meeting right after Thanksgiving for those who sign up. Members can call George for more information.

-Several new members have joined this month. All in attendance were reminded to welcome our newcomers. New member badges are green with color-coded flowers that indicate their club interests such as Horticulture, Town Gardening and Flower Arranging.

-Members were also reminded that this is a good time to divide overgrown perennials for next May's Plant Sale. Plants can be divided and planted in a special place in the garden to be found easily in early spring.

-President Gill spoke on behalf of Mary Gillespie, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who requests that members contact herself or President Gill regarding positions on the Club's executive board. The Club is actively looking for a treasurer.

-The Massachusetts Horticultural Society is presenting its first annual Festival of Trees at Elm Bank, November 20 through December 4. Trees will be raffled off with proceeds to help maintain the gardens at Elm Bank. More information is available at the website: [masshortfestivaloftrees.org](http://masshortfestivaloftrees.org).

-The Lexington Arts & Crafts Society is holding its annual Holiday Marketplace from December 4 through December 24. Many LFGC members are also participants in the Arts & Crafts Society.

**Members' Announcements: -**

**-Flower Show:** Linda Walsh: The New England Spring Flower Show will be back, March 24 through 28, at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. There will be opportunities to enter Division 1, Division 2, and Amateur award competitions.

**-Holiday Open House:** Jane Beswick announced that Mary Gillespie and her committee need several more volunteers to create "holiday vignette" displays and to decorate wreaths for the Holiday Open House at the Museum. Signup sheets were distributed for these volunteers and for the loan of small toys or toy decorations for a holiday tree to be decorated by Joan Farr and her committee. All these decorations will be displayed at the Museum from December 5 until after the New Year.

**-Greens Sale:** Ann Webster. Ann reminded members to check their newsletters, handouts or the website for the schedule of Greens Sale workshops, mostly scheduled for the week of November 30 through December 4. Volunteers are especially needed to transport the sale items from St. Brigid's Church to the Museum on Saturday, December 4, starting at 8 a.m.

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

Charlotte Ford presented a Horticultural Minute on the topic of the Acuba plant.

Vice President Teresa Deible then introduced the speaker for today's annual Ruge lecture, Bill Graham. Bill presented a highly entertaining talk and demonstration, "Holiday Decorating on a Dime."