

**Lexington Field and Garden Club  
Annual Evening Meeting  
Museum of Our National Heritage  
October 17, 2009**

President Gill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Before welcoming the many guests attending, President Gill went on to thank the three evening groups for their efforts in setting up this meeting. June Eckstrom, Caroline Heatherton, Bobbie Hodson, Betsy Frolich, Lisa Brown, Terry Hale, Flora Antonucci, Frances Gillespie, Jewel Kuljian, and Peg Bradley provided refreshments; Mary Ann Lambert contributed the flower arrangement; and Nancy Hubert and Ellen Fobert were the greeters.

**Recording Secretary:** Jewel Kuljian read a summary of the minutes of the September meeting for Jane Beswick who was away.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Webster shared that the Club finances are doing well with a balance of \$47,634, mostly in CD's or savings. Further income is expected from the Holiday Greens Sale. Anne also provided some information about passes from various organizations to which the Garden Club contributes regularly. The organizations include the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Tower Hill, Trustees of the Reservations, and New England Wildflower Society. Passes, discounts, courses, and discounts at some local nurseries are some of the advantages. Anne and Sue Hays will share the monitoring of passes. More information will be posted on the Club web site.

**President's Announcements:**

-President Gill reported the passing of a long time member Marge O'Keefe, co-author of a play about our early history, "Our Growing Years." A performance of this play, already scheduled for our May Annual Meeting, will be dedicated to Marge. Marge also wrote the brief history of the club that appears on page 17 of the Yearbook.

-Between Newsletters and Meetings we will now all be able to receive important Club information through gmail

-George Gamota will be offering free beginner computer lessons to our members. With a minimum of 15 people signing up, lessons should begin in January or February at Cary Library or the Senior Center. Members can call George for more information.

-All were reminded to recognize and welcome our newest members at our General Meetings each month. New members have a green badge with color-coded flowers to indicate their club interests such as Horticulture, Town Gardening, or Flower Arranging.

-The Town's Tree Committee and some of our members are recruiting volunteers to help do some weeding at Belfry Hill on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

The Massachusetts Environmental School will be held on Nov. 7 and 8 in Hull, MA. See Mary Nokes about this and other programs.

-A Horticultural Tour is to be held on Wednesday, October 28, for a look behind the scenes at Winston Flowers. Contact Sandra Natalie.

**Members' Announcements: -**

**-Holiday Open House:** Mary Gillespie indicated that the lobby of the Museum will be decorated and the theme will be "holiday vignettes". She needs people to decorate wreaths around the hall and two at the front door. Joan Farr announced that there would be a large tree in the Atrium with decorations of toys, dolls, and stuffed animals. Items should be no larger than 6". No plastic please. See Joan if you have items to loan.

**-Greens Sale:** Anne Webster and Sue Bush: -St Brigid's is again donating their space for the preparation for this event. Most workshops will be held on Monday-Friday after Thanksgiving. Greens are to be collected after Thanksgiving. Other items needed are baskets without handles, ceramic or metal containers, spools of ribbon, and pine cones (but not ones that are pitchy). Large boxes for carrying items are also needed. Information will be in the November Newsletter and on the web site.

**-Wildflower Garden at Monroe Tavern:** Joanne Fray, Committee Chairperson: Volunteers were requested to help with planting, digging, weeding, etc. Volunteers meet 1-1:30 every Tuesday afternoon and start planting in late April and early May.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m. President Gill then introduced the speaker, Peter Alden, who spoke on the topic "Changes in Flora and Fauna from Thoreau's Time to Today". The talk included information on native plants, invasive plant materials and the pattern of birds over time.