

OVER 130 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

Lexington Field & Garden Club



My Dear Fellow Members,

Wasn't the cancellation of the February Meeting a real disappointment? I'm sure we will schedule the "Art In Bloom Roadshow" program again, so don't worry. But I also had a lot to talk to you about at the meeting, especially about the vote on changing the by-laws. You'll notice the envelope for your dues for 2010-2011 is in this newsletter -- I hope you don't mind, but I put the new due dates on the envelopes in hopes that you would agree with these necessary changes.

When I say "necessary" I'm referring to the fact that by June of last year, only one-third of our members had paid. Not only did this mean that our Membership Committee had to work into the summer calling people, it made it more difficult to create the budget the President has to present to the Financial Advisory Council in June. Dues tardiness also stalls the process of editing the Yearbook -- we want the Membership Directory to be accurate, but we really don't want to wait till the end of July to complete the editing process. So, my *hope* is that by requiring dues to be paid by May 15th, we will solve this problem. The Executive Board has decided we will send out a G-mail and letter listing all those who have not paid by May 15th as a final reminder. If payment isn't received from those members immediately after that, their names will not be in the Yearbook. Sorry to be so draconian, but it really is a huge inconvenience for our dedicated Membership Committee members and the President, who already give a great deal of time to their responsibilities.

Ok, on to more fun topics. The good news is we made it to March! That means we're in the midst of plans for the Plant Sale potting days in April, and that means May is on its way!

General Meeting

March 10th,

9:30 AM

Refreshments

10:00: Meeting

10:30 Program

"Historic Gardens of the Hudson River Valley"

with

Adriana O'Sullivan

(See inside)

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There aren't enough exclamation points to stress how happy that makes me. Inside, you'll see an article from Jessie Foster about our need for volunteers on all levels for this event, which besides being our largest fundraiser is the best chance we offer for you to learn about perennials and bond with your fellow gardeners. I *LOVE* going to potting days and I can honestly tell you that nearly everything I know about growing perennials is a result of potting days. That's also one of the ways I got to meet and befriend those members who really know their stuff. Also, start thinking which of your perennial plants you can divide and share. Running the Plant Sale takes a lot of planning and we'd love to have your help, so mark your calendars for **Thursday March 11th at 1:00 PM** and join us at Jessie's house (6 Coach Road) for our first meeting. I hope to see you there!

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"Historic Gardens of the Hudson River Valley"

Our program for March will be "Historic Gardens of the Hudson River Valley," a lecture by Adriana O'Sullivan. The Hudson River Valley has been the inspiration for painters, writers, architects, and landscape designers since the early 19th century. This is where America's first great landscape artists founded the Hudson River School and where you will find the views and vision that stimulated this national artistic movement, a model for land conservation, and historic gardens that shaped American landscape design. In this talk, we will pay a visit to Kijkuit, Lyndhurst, Boscobel, Montgomery Place, and Olana. These historic properties are very different, yet they all share majestic views of the Hudson River as well as magnificent landscapes. Originally from Holland, with a background in art, Adriana has been gardening in New England since 1980. She has been involved in many beautification projects in Sharon Massachusetts, where she is active in the Garden Club. In 2006 Adriana graduated from the Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University with a certificate in Landscape Design and now works as a landscape designer.



Open Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday March 3rd, 9:00 AM, National Heritage Museum Conference Room.

Come and see how the "Powers That Be" operate! We'd like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions, so don't disappoint us. We have snacks too!

Climate Change Comes to Walden Pond A Talk by Richard Primack, PhD

LexGWAC is sponsoring this talk by Professor Richard Primack. Climate change is already altering the flowering times of plants and the arrival times of birds at sites around Massachusetts. Some of the best records come from Concord where Henry David Thoreau kept detailed records of natural history in the 1850s. Come see what Professor Primack has discovered.

Cary Hall
1605 Mass., Ave
Lexington
7:30 pm
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Free Admission (contributions welcome)



Emery Park Update

Emery Park, in front of the Depot, is one of our town's most prominent sites. After several years of hard and diligent work, a group of LF&GC members, under the leadership of Christina Gamota, has brought it back to a well-cared for oasis in the midst of town that everyone can enjoy. We could use a few more volunteers in the crucial months of April and May when we clean up, do some light pruning and attack the weeds as they show up. We have a lot of fun and enjoy each other's company and look forward to having you join our merry bunch. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the March meeting. Call Christina at 781-863-8969 since she agreed to chair again Emery Park but only for the months of April and May (we also need volunteers to chair the other months of 2010).

Althea Phillips Award

The Althea Philips scholarship will be awarded at the Minuteman Regional High School. The Ceremony is at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Following the ceremony, we will have lunch in the Fife and Drum Restaurant. We will have sign up sheet and more information at our March meeting. Please contact Caroline Nijenberg at 781-862-4465 or email her at carolinen@rcn.com if you want to sign up for the event.

Remember we will vote on the by-law changes that appeared in the February Newsletter at the March Meeting.



BLOOMS! 2010 will be held as a part of the Boston Flower & Garden Show
Wednesday, March 24 to Sunday March 28, 2010

*Seaport World Trade Center
 Boston, MA 02210*

Do you have show-quality house-plants? Are you an award winning floral arranger? The public is invited to participate in Blooms competitive classes. Division I and Division II are floral design competitions. Amateur Horticulture covers a broad range of indoor and outdoor plant material that can be submitted for awards. You'll find entry information for each area of Blooms at www.masshort.org/Blooms-2010. We hope to see your plants or your designs in March!

Lexington Field and Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Do you want to learn more about perennials? Are you interested in learning plant names, both common and Latin? Did you ever wonder what the best ways for dividing plants are? Do you like digging in the dirt and having fun with your fellow club members? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Plant Sale is the place for you. We welcome all members from the novice to the master gardener.

The annual plant sale is the Club's largest fundraiser and we need everyone's help to make it a success. There are a wide variety of tasks, from helping out on the day of the sale, to potting up plants, transporting to/from the Museum, setting up and breaking down the site, visiting member's gardens to dig up plants, or providing snacks for the workers. This is such a great way to get know your fellow members and learn about all the plants you don't have in your own garden. We will be holding a planning meeting on:

Thursday, March 11th at 1:00 pm
6 Coach Road
Lexington, MA

If you are interested in attending this meeting to learn more, or would like to sign up to participate in the plant sale, please contact Jessie Foster at 781-863-5206 or at foster863@rcn.com

True to our motto - "Over 130 Years of Making Lexington More Beautiful" - Proceeds from the plant sale allow us to plant trees, maintain traffic islands, the Minuteman statue trough, Cary Library, Munroe Tavern gardens and Emery Park, and to provide scholarships to students at the Minuteman Regional High School's Landscape Management program. But we can't do it without your help. Please join us; we would love to see you.

What's Going On ?

Events and Happening to Mark On Your Calendar

March 3rd, 9:00 AM, Open Executive Board Meeting, National Heritage Museum Conference Room

March 5th-7th, Friday-Sunday Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham's "Art In Bloom".
Artworks by Needham High School students interpreted by the Beth Shalom Garden Club.
For more info see needarts.org

March 10th, Wednesday 9:30 AM General Club Meeting, "Historic Gardens of the Hudson River Valley" with Adriana O'Sullivan at the National Heritage Museum.

March 21th, Sunday, 7:30 PM Cary Hall, Richard Primack, "Wildflowers, Birds and Climate Change at Thoreau's Concord. (See inside)

March 24th, Wednesday through **March 28th**, Sunday, Boston Flower & Garden Show
March 25th, The bus will depart Lexington around 9:15 am and return around 2:30 pm.
Friends and family are welcome. The cost is \$12 per person.

March 25th, Thursday, Boston Flower & Garden Show Club bus trip.

March 31th, Wednesday, 10:00 AM "Tough Plants for Tough Places" With Adriana O'Sullivan.
The Espousal Center in Waltham.

April 1st-3th, Thursday-Sunday, Gardening Study School at Tower Hill. Contact Caroline Nijenberg at 781-862-4465.

April 15th, Thursday, Althea Phillips Award.

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