

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

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## **Minutes – May 13, 2025**

Jill Dore, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. There were twenty-two members in attendance. She asked that the April minutes and the April treasurer's report be proposed, seconded, and approved as published in the May newsletter. The motion was proposed by Susan Wolf, seconded by Dianne Romeo, and approved unanimously.

Theresa Fasano, Treasurer, reported that we successfully passed the recent Audit of our books.

Theresa also reviewed the 2025-2026 budget proposed by the Academy Garden Club (AGC) Executive (AGC Officers, committee chairs, past president). This budget requires an increase in dues of \$10 per person to maintain quality programs and our signature civic project - the plantings around the Lenox monument. Our dues were last raised in 2012. The AGC Executive also recommended a change to our Bylaws so that rather than state the cost of dues the Bylaws reference our annual budget. The proposed 2025-2026 budget, together with a proposed change to our Bylaws, will be emailed to our membership after the meeting. Members will be asked to approve these at the June meeting.

Dianne Romeo asked if members were interested in attending the Hidden Gardens tour in Spencertown on June 14th – there was an information sheet at the back to sign up. Dianne is also planning in June a trip to see the roses at Elizabeth Park Conservancy in west Hartford - home to America's oldest public rose garden, a tour of the Mount gardens on a Tuesday in July (the Mounts gardeners are there on Tuesdays), and in August to Innisfree in Millbrook New York subject to member's interest. Emails regarding these trips will be sent out soon.

Jill Dore announced that our Officers next year (starting 1 July) will be Linda Goff as President, Karen Spies as Vice President, Theresa Fasano as Treasurer and Sarah Hatch as Secretary. If anyone wishes to join a committee, please contact Linda.

Jill reported that our Flower show is the first weekend in August.

Jill noted that the June meeting is at 6pm at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens on 2nd Tuesday in June, 10th of June (not 11th June as in the Yearbook).

Jill pointed out that the sign-up sheets for the Post Office Window Displays, Hostesses for our meetings, Maintaining the Monument planting and Maintaining the Pollinator Garden were at the back so members could sign up early. The sign-up sheets will also be available at our June meeting.

Jill announced that there is a private, password protected area on the Academy Garden Club website where we can upload information that the Club has to keep, such as our Treasurers reports, that we do not want the world to have access to. The information stored will be information that has been emailed to members. The password will be known by Officers of our Club. If anyone has an objection, please let a Club Officer know.

Jill thanked Jan Chague and Theresa Fasano for our refreshments.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm and Jill welcomed and introduced Chris Ferrero our speaker on the topic Gardening in Shades of Shade.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jill Dore on behalf of Sarah Hatch, Secretary**