

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

OCTOBER 2026

MINUTES

Meeting: September 8, 2026

Karen began the meeting at 6:11 pm and asked for acceptance of the June minutes. Dianne Romeo made the motion, and Ann Gannon seconded it and the vote for acceptance was unanimous.

Jill Dore, our Treasurer, reviewed our starting balance for the fiscal year. All dues paying members receive a yearbook. See fiscal report for September.

Karen reviewed the summer and September field trips and thanked Dianne Romeo for her many years of service. Dianne detailed the 9/17 trip to Black Barn Farm (topiary gardens). Linda Goff will be our new summer tour lead and Dianne will mentor her.

Adhesive name tags will be available at each meeting. An attendance checklist will be circulated.

The new member form has been revised. An Introduction to the Garden Club has been written which has a summary and history of the garden club to help orient new members. It also explains the meeting formats with three potlucks, three workshops and three lectures scheduled throughout the year.

Harriet Wetstone, our Membership Chair, distributed an interest survey which will inform the membership committee on where to focus efforts.

Civic projects are looking good. The weeding of the Gold Star monument will begin next year. Thank you to Kathy DeVylder, Dianne Romeo, Bobbie Anne Salinetti and everyone who volunteers.

Ventfort Hall is looking for volunteers to tend their gardens. Kim Jakobowicz is our contact.

Apple Squeeze harvesting of hydrangeas will be Friday 9/25 at 3 pm at Susan Wolff and Theresa Fasano homes. Please bring buckets and clippers. Cuttings will be bundled later at the Academy with raffia & brown paper (no ribbon). One size bundle with a few smaller ones will be offered along with decoupage pumpkins and lavender sachets.

Under other business: Claudia Trombly shared information on the October Potpourri workshop; Jan Chague noted that a wholesale bulb supplier may be an option for springtime sale and this will be discussed with Fundraising Committee.

The meeting concluded at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Goff, AGC Secretary