

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

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## Minutes

### September 9, 2025 Meeting

In the absence of our President Linda Goff, the meeting was opened at 6:12 p.m. by Vice President Karen Spies. She requested the approval of the June minutes as reported with The Thymes. The minutes were approved.

Karen next welcomed the twenty-nine members present for the pot-luck meeting. A warm welcome also was extended to two new members, Jane Carmel and Janet Nelson. She reviewed the many activities of AGC over the summer and thanked everyone who participated in planting, watering, and weeding the monument garden, the pollinator garden, the Lenox fire station garden, and the Academy building urns.

Jan Chague thanked those involved in the highly successful flower show which was well attended. Dianne Romeo shared that seventeen members attended the first and interesting tour of Tanglewood. She added that as a "thank you," the members baked an enormous number of goodies for the Tanglewood staff.

Sarah Hatch apologized for missing name tags and said she will update the carousel from the member booklet before the next meeting. She thanked Tjasa for printing the tags and urged people to leave their tags at the end of each meeting.

Karen then mentioned the Apple Squeeze schedule and asked people to sign up for shifts to help:

**Sept 26** - from 2-4 p.m. - cut hydrangeas; 5-7 p.m. - rap bouquets and set-up booth;

**Sept 27** - booth staffing in two-hour shifts starting 10 a.m. and before 10 a.m. to help stock the booth; and at 5 p.m. to break down the booth.

**Sept 28** is a rain date this year.

She asked that everyone sign up on sheets available at the meeting.

Needed for preparing the bouquets are satin ribbons (especially wired ribbon), brown paper, and scissors. Tjasa offered a large variety of cut ribbons if someone would go to her house to get them.

Karen reminded the membership that the next meeting is the Oct 14 workshop on preparing flowers for preservation which will be attended by Chris Ferraro. Members are asked to bring dried flowers, leaves and other dried plant materials.

Before closing the meeting Jill Dore presented Liz Celli with the Floribunda Award for her 48 years of service to the AGC. The certificate states:

*Liz is a founding member of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox. Our first meeting was held on 5 April 1977, and Liz was our President from 1978 to 1980. Over the past 48 years Liz has been a highly active member of our Club, being Chair of our Program Committee for several years, decorating the Post Office Window each year and creating the floral displays either side of the Academy Building front door. In the early days Liz would hold meetings in her barn for a month making dried arrangements in antique containers to sell at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens festival. Liz is always willing to help lend a hand helping at our annual Apple Squeeze fundraiser and at our meetings. Liz is a treasured member of our Club.*

Liz tearfully accepted the award and thanked everyone stating that "no one should leave the Academy Garden Club."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sarah Hatch, Secretary**