

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

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Susan Wolf opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed everyone.

Susan introduced Vana Nespor, our Regional Director from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM). Susan noted that Vana has provided much valuable information and support, and that we really appreciate her work. Members then gave Vana a round of applause! Vana thanked Susan and noted that she has been able to come to our meetings at both ends of our year. Vana then presented two awards from the GCFM – the Unsung Hero award to Jill Dore for her devoted, compassionate, and exceptional service and the Floribunda award to Dianne Romeo for her extraordinary service. Members then applauded Jill and Dianne who thanked Vana. Vana invited our members to join the Springfield Garden Club “Magical Fairy Garden Tour” on May 18th, 19th, 25th and 27th from 1-5pm at 48 Park Edge Avenue. Lit Tours are on May 21st and 22nd from 7-9pm. A group of 6-7 Members could join the Tour for family rate of \$20 / family - please email Vana if you plan to go so that your ticket will be ready.

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Susan then asked that we work efficiently to have a short meeting, so we can get right to the terrific program Cindy has planned for us.

Susan deferred discussion of the pollinator garden until the June meeting for logistical efficiency but asked that if anyone is physically able and willing [or have a spouse who might help] to dig-out the grass (no later than mid-June) please let Susan or Dianne know. Then we can prepare the bed with compost that Dianne has obtained for the garden.

Susan announced that we have good news to report from the work of the Nominations Committee: a full slate of officers is ready and willing to be elected at the June meeting:

- Our VP Jill Dore has agreed to step up to serve as the next President.
- Linda Goff, who couldn't join us tonight, has volunteered to serve as the next VP.
- Sarah Hatch, who also couldn't join us tonight, has volunteered to serve a second term as our Secretary.

Susan noted that Theresa Fasano has a year to go on her first term as Treasurer – she is doing a terrific job. Jill has been busy at work confirming appointed officers including Committee Chairs, the Horticultural maven, Thymes editor and so many more volunteers who really are at the heart of the Club's function.

Our Treasurer, Theresa Fasano, and our VP and next President, Jill Dore, then reviewed how we have done financially over the last Club year and presented the proposed budget for the next Club year (2024-2025) which was based on the 2023-2024 budget and projected actuals. The 2024-2025 proposed budget was approved by the Executive committee the previous week. Copies of the Budget were available to review. Members will be asked to approve the 2024-2025 Budget at the June meeting.

Susan then announced that we are going to try something new in August – a wine and cheese fundraiser, with a flower arranging workshop - to address two requests, one from Anne Gannon for additional summer activities and another from several members to reschedule the flower arranging workshop which was cancelled over the winter due to weather. We will announce the August date soon. There is also a tour of our member Barbara Glicksman's garden on 31st July from 3pm – 5pm.

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Members were asked to sign up and volunteer for our Civic projects (weeding around the Lenox monument, Academy Building planters and the Pollinator Garden, PO window decorations) and meeting refreshment duties. The sign-up forms will also be available at our June meeting.

Thanks to refreshment hostesses Jan Chague and Jill Dore.

Ann Gannon let our members know that she will have five Newfoundland puppies available – they will be born next week.

The meeting, attended by 22 members and three guests, was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dore, Vice President, in the absence of Sarah Hatch, Secretary