

**February Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2024**  
**Zoom**

**Attendance**

Barbara Baumgardner, Joanne Bennett, Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Barbara Fay, Jo Ann Forester, Mike Hunter, Beth Iosua, Kaffee Kang, Janelle Landrigan, Leslie Lowe, Patty McCann

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report dated January 24, 2024. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report dated February 26, 2024. All were in favor. Janelle transferred money from the CDs to cover expenses. She will need to know how much is needed to finance the plant sale. Committee heads have been asked to think about next year's budgets. The Thursday Garden Club informed us that a new, 100 foot hose may be needed for the water tank.

**Board Meeting**

The next SGC Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 AM at Lynn Noland's home on 129 Taylor Road, Marlborough.

**Civic Beautification**

Applications for a GCFM grant and a Sudbury Foundation grant are in process and reviewed for submission by Barbara B. for a butterfly garden in Heritage Park. Barbara is also checking into other grants.

**Community Outreach**

Valentine arrangements were provided to the recipients of the Sudbury Food Pantry. They were delivered Friday rather than Wednesday. The coordinators are pleased that they are getting the pots and foil back to be reused.

The next community outreach arrangement project will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 11:30 at the MCC (after the general meeting). It will be a Spring Pansies arrangement which will be delivered to Bridges by EPOCH.

Jo Ann Forester is teaching *Flower Arranging For A Cause* at LSRHS from 7:00 - 8:30 PM on Tuesday, April 2. The participants will create a small arrangement to take home and help make several small arrangements that will be delivered to local senior citizens at Orchard Hill. Forty arrangements are needed. Jo Ann is hoping for a tentative list of plants for the plant sale to distribute at the class. There will be a raffle for one free member plant from the plant sale.

**Gathering of the Green Thumbs**

There will be two Gatherings in March. Lunch will be on Friday, March 8 at Noon at Oak Barrel Tavern on 528 Boston Post Road in Sudbury. Members will RSVP to Barbara Fay. Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 PM at Bella Costa, on 147 Cochituate Rd, Framingham. Members will RSVP to Marilyn Hodges.

**Annual Meeting - June 5th**

The coordinators noted that venues are expensive. After checking venues such as Charter Oak Country Club, Nashoba Valley Winery, and Stow Acres Country Club, the most reasonably priced venue is the Wayside Inn. The Ford Room has been offered for no fee and the Inn will supply the food and beverages. Based on 25 attendees, a \$400 price was quoted. However, past annual meetings have drawn more attendees and the Ford Room was a bit tight when used for a past annual meeting. After a discussion regarding food, decorations, room size, amount to charge, etc. it was determined that a subcommittee will be formed to work out these details.

### **Governance**

The Treasurer will keep the acknowledgements from organizations which receive donations from the SGC in honor of a deceased member/family member.

### **Publicity**

Barbara F. checked the Sudbury Weekly which posts the date, time and content of a meeting. The Sudbury Patch is a publicity source as well. Barbara F will meet with Mike to discuss publicity for the plant sale. Mike needs a 1000 word "elevator speech" describing the SGC's mission and activities. Mike will send his draft to the Board.

Publicity for the April Program (April 10, 10:30, MCC "Six Simple Steps to Successful Rose Gardening," presented by Mike and Angelina Chute) will go into the Sudbury Weekly and other online papers. Jo Ann stressed posting on social media and adding hashtags to Instagram to gain attention for the SGC.

### **Membership**

April is membership renewal month. Simplifying hospitality and library flowers signups by having members remain in the months they signed up for this year and changing the dates to reflect the new year was suggested. Ann will send an on-line postcard to remind members to sign up. Dues can be paid on-line and then will be stopped for the plant sale. Ann is working on the sign-up genius. Two former members are interested in rejoining.

The 2024-2025 calendar for meetings has been established. Meetings will not be held on school vacation weeks.

### **Plant Sale**

Permission to use the Town Hall property for the plant sale was granted and the Peter Noyes parking lot is booked. The Plant Sale Committee will work on sponsorships. Leslie wants to commence digs as early as possible. Janelle will handle all financial matters and will choose talliers and cashiers. Kaffee will handle the Website. The plant sale committee will organize other tasks.

### **Hospitality**

Patty McCann is putting together a hospitality spreadsheet. She noted that the three atypical meetings need clarification. Patty will send around her spreadsheet for the next board meeting.

### **Programs**

The joint general meeting with the Thursday Garden Club will be at 10 AM at the Goodnow Library on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The program is: Floral Designs For Entertaining presented by Maureen Christmas. About 30-35 members of the Thursday GC will be attending. All SGC members have been asked to participate in providing hospitality and a Signup Genius for food

has been established. The Club has been asked to list ingredients on baked goods. Members bringing food have been asked to arrive at 9:30. The business meetings will begin at 10:30. Pricing of the raffle tickets was discussed.

### **Philanthropy**

Our club's name was listed incorrectly on LSRHS's scholarship list and website. It has been corrected on the LS website. Publicity of our scholarship offerings will be published on social media sites. Kaffee updated and corrected our web site.

### **Color Me Floral Workshops**

Signup began on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> online for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Flower Bar Workshop. This workshop will be at the MCC from 10 AM - 12 PM. Juju and Carol are the designers.

### **Worcester Art Museum**

Flora in Winter at the WAM is from February 29- March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Juju and Carol will be presenting an arrangement at the Renaissance Court Balcony. Carpool (field trip) arrangements are being planned to visit the WAM on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Signup will be online.

### **FAM (Fitchburg Art Museum).**

The FAM will be having their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Art In Bloom from April 25-28. The SGC has been invited to interpret an artwork. The date to select artwork is Friday, March 8, at 12 pm and is due by Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm. As yet, there are no volunteers. Ann will announce it in the Grapevine.

### **MFA Art in Bloom**

Art in Bloom will take place at the MFA from April 25 - April 28. Juju and Carol will be participating. A photo of the object will be in the Grapevine. There will be a SGC field trip (carpool) on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **GCFM**

The GCFM has asked the garden clubs to promote their (i.e. GCFM's) class offerings.

### **Sunshine Committee**

An update was provided on members who are experiencing health issues.

### **Other**

#### **Earth Day**

There will be an Earth Day celebration at Town Hall (indoors) on Saturday, April 20 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Four members have signed up to represent the club. An announcement will be in the Grapevine.

#### **Spring fest**

The Sudbury Park and Recreation event previously known as Fall Fest has been changed to Spring Fest and will take place on June 22, 2024 from 12-5 PM. A discussion regarding a booth ensued given that members may be on vacation and staffing it might be a challenge. If the SGC is participating, an activity (such as painting bird houses, suggested by Jo Ann) will need to be planned. Jo Ann also mentioned having a standard SGC presentation of one educational topic for all of the festivals/booth events that the SGC participates in. The possibility of selling items and adding an Education Committee to the Club was mentioned.

**May General Meeting**

A person whose employer is promoting employees to get involved in garden clubs has offered to provide a 20 minute pruning demonstration and will also bring something to give away. Heritage Park was suggested as a venue, although the public cannot be invited because plant sale financials will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Beth Iosua and Sally Gaburo  
Co-secretaries