

Minutes of the Sudbury Garden Club  
January 26, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

**Attendance**

Marilyn Hodges, Pat Drobinski, Ann Boland, Barbara Baumgardner, Jo Ann Forester, Beth Iosua, Patti Walch, Diane Kaplan, Barbara Fay, Juju Lem Pang, Janelle Landrigan, Leslie Lowe, Joanne Bennett, Patty McCann, Jackie Hauser

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board Meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report dated January 26, 2022. All were in favor.

**Membership**

Our membership consists of 54 Active, 6 Associate, 8 Supporting, 5 Honorary and 1 Family member. A letter was written for Lucille Bekampis, a past president of our club, in order for her to be included as an honorary member. Strategies were discussed to keep new and old members engaged in club activities. Our February meeting is in-person at MCC, limited to 40, without food or beverage.

**Color Me Floral**

Juju reported that both workshops were very successful. The upcoming March workshop will take place at the Senior Center for 15 people given by Jeanne Lucey and Heather Halsey. Non-member participants will not be invited to this event due to Covid issues. Cost will be \$35.00.

**Flower Shows**

Carol Shapanka and Nancy Hulme are doing the floral arrangement at the MFA for Art in Bloom. A non-interpretive spot was offered in a hallway at The Worcester Art Museum for Flora in Winter. Art in Bloom at The Fitchburg Art Museum will release their information in mid-February.

**Wayside Inn Update**

The Thursday Garden Club will now participate in the decorating of the Inn. They will decorate the gift shop. Musical Christmas will be the theme for 2022.

**Zoom & Live**

A discussion took place about the best way to host meetings both in person and virtually. A suggestion was made to seek volunteer members who would like to learn how to manage the technology to accomplish this goal. Ann Boland will check out what equipment is available for use by us at MCC.

### **Community Outreach**

All are welcome to participate in a Community Outreach event that will take place immediately after the February 9th meeting at MCC. We will be making 50 Valentine Bouquets for distribution to the Sudbury Food Pantry.

### **February Gathering of Green Thumbs**

On February 4th members are invited to lunch at Lotus Blossom at noon.

### **March LS Adult Ed. Class**

On Thursday, March 24th at 7pm a class will be offered by Jo Ann to teach floral arranging with a community service component. Attendees will make two arrangements - one to keep and one to donate. This will provide publicity, education and community service for our club. Cost will be \$35.00.

### **GCFM**

Lynn Noland conveyed GCFM information on the need to be aware of invasive worms called Jumping Worms. Some clubs are not having plant sales due to their increasing presence in Massachusetts.

### **Other**

Sudbury Community Calendar used to list our meeting dates. Jo Ann will follow up to see if we can resume a connection with our club activities and events including local photos of gardens that we maintain.

### **February Board Meeting**

A decision on the format (virtual or in-person) of the February Board Meeting will be announced in two weeks.

### **Plant Sale**

Patti is going to talk with the Town Manager about using the Town Hall space that we used in previous years for the in-person plant sale. Jo Ann Forester made tentative plans to have LS students help with the sale. She also noted that the Wayside Inn offered the SGC the use of their property for the plant sale. It was mentioned that we might need to raise our prices for plants due to the pandemic, increasing costs of supplies, and the possibility of having less inventory due to the worms.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

Recording Secretaries

Pat Drobinski and Beth Iosua