

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

A Message from the President

Can you believe September is here, and that means that our Academy Garden Club will hopefully resume! I am optimistic, but cautious. Under advisement about the rising COVID cases, our September 14th meeting will be held, but without our harvest dinner. Masks must be worn. I still have so much excitement for the new year, and I want to share it with you. So, stay healthy, safe, masked and vaccinated.



At our well attended end of the year meeting on June 8th in Lilac Park, one member suggested changing our meeting time from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m. A discussion followed and members voted to make the change. Our meetings will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the months of September through December and February through June. We will try to be as consistent as possible, but please check your yearbook for any changes. We will meet at the Academy Building except for February and March. For February and March, we will meet at the Lenox Community Center for safety measures during those winter months.

Many thanks go out to Carol Way and Lynn Schmitter for serving as presidents and pulling us through the worst of the pandemic with their cheerful messages, photos, recipes, and even a zoom meeting presentation in May featuring Chris Ferrero on Gardening in Small Places. Thank you to Pat Neri for putting all this information into the Thymes newsletter and sending it out to members. It is quite a production and greatly appreciated. We also thank Harriet Wetstone for adding to the Thymes with her horticultural information for us to ponder or apply for our gardening pleasure.

Our year is off to a good start. Pat and Harriet have agreed to continue writing and publishing the Thymes and Handbook/Yearbook. Harriet will be focusing on trees so if you have questions perhaps, she can address them in the Thymes. To help Pat, please let her know about any changes to your information so they can be corrected in the Yearbook. Some changes have occurred in officers. Jen Picard will continue as Secretary to replace Sue Hoffman's withdrawal from the position. Thank you, Sue, for trying and thank you Jen for stepping up to take the position. We have a new member, Kathleen Lynch, who is willing to step into the Vice President position. At our September meeting, we will officially vote on the revised slate of officers.

The Program Committee has put together a fine collection of presentations and events for you to enjoy throughout the year. Some are returning from our COVID cancellations, and some are new additions to our calendar.

We have a lot of business to address at our first meeting so be prepared to sign up for the 2020-21 committees and civic projects. If you are unable to attend the September 14th meeting, or you already know what you would like to do, please let Pat or me know and we will reserve that assignment for you.

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Bring your membership dues of \$30 in an envelope with your name, address, telephone number and email address on it. If you prefer, you can mail your membership dues and information to our Treasurer, Ginny Akabane, at 100 Hubbard St., Lenox, MA 01240. Make your check payable to Academy Garden Club of Lenox. We can expedite the yearbook production and have it ready for you in October if all the information is available on or before September 14th.

The following are committees for you to consider: (Two members already agreed.)

Civic Projects
Fundraising
Handbook/Publicity Pat Neri, Harriet Wetstone
The Thymes Pat Neri, Editor
Historic
Horticulture
Monthly Horticultural Column Harriet Wetstone
Hospitality
Programs
Scholarship
Seasonal Garden Tours
Nominating

As a reminder, active members are required to participate in one fund-raising activity and one civic project. Our only fund-raising activity for the year will be the Academy Auction.

Civic projects include Plantings at the Monument, New Lenox fire Station, and Academy Building. Creating a display in the Lenox Post Office window is a civic project. Select the block of three months you would like to do it: September through November, December through February, March through May, or June through August.

Team up with friends because it can be a fun, creative time. Caroline Kessman, Harriet Wetstone and I had a grand time decorating the window for summer. It is a happy, fanciful display that we enjoyed creating.

Well, I do think that is enough for now. Let's look forward to seeing each other on September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Academy Building and be sure to wear a mask!

September Agenda

- Welcome back
- Introduce new members
- Vote on Officers
- Present programs
- Sign up for committees
- Time to dine!

Theresa Terry Michney
President

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