President’s Message
Dear Fellow Members:

It’s that time of year to turn our thoughts to upcoming club activities and events. The LFGC bus trip to the Boston Flower Show, the Plant Sale, Arbor Day and the Althea Phillips Award Presentation, are just some of the opportunities available for you to join in and share your ideas and enthusiasm. New Members are welcome to join in. Not only will you get to know your fellow club members better, you will also be living the theme, “Learning-Sharing-Doing”. Look for the signup sheets at the February and March meetings. More details can be found in this newsletter. Happy Valentine’s Day  Sue

New York Garden Spaces

Delve into the history and horticulture of the public parks of New York City through the eyes of a New Yorker. Maureen will present her fascinating photos and discuss garden design and plant cultivation along with the development of these parks.

Hospitality by The Morning Study Group

Early Reminder– Our flower show, “Art-a-Blooming”, which we share with the Lexington Arts & Crafts Group will be held Sept. 12-14. Art objects will be chosen by flower arrangers May 3.
Althea Phillips Award, Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Each year our Club presents a scholarship award to a deserving senior presently enrolled in Minuteman Regional High School’s Landscape Management program. This year the Ceremony is at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Following the ceremony, we will have lunch in the Fife and Drum Restaurant, which is run by the Culinary Department of the school. The Department always provides a fabulous repast at a most affordable price.

Unfortunately, we can only reserve for 15 people because the rest of the restaurant has a group of 35 people. But there is no limit to the number attending the presentation.

We will have a sign-up sheet and more information at our February and March meetings. Please contact either Caroline Nijenberg at 781-862-4465 or carolinen@rcn.com or Hazel Graham at 781-862-4355 or hazel.graham@rcn.com if you want to sign up.

A Gentle Reminder to our members and guests, please sign in before meetings.

Welcome New Member

Nicole Abair
60 Hancock St., Lexington
781-862-7586
nrabair05@gmail.com

Magnetic Name Tags

As an alternative to the paper name tags used at our meeting, you can purchase a magnetic name tag and have your name engraved along with the club’s name. Price and more details at February meeting along with a sign up sheet.

A Special Party

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts is planning a “Winter Interlude” fundraiser. A cocktail party featuring “The Wonderful World of Floral Design” Saturday, February 1, 2014—3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Beachwood Hotel in Worcester.

Enjoy a delightful afternoon walking through a wonderland of floral designs as you feast on delicious hors d’oeuvres and drinks while listening to live music in a beautiful ballroom highlighted by antique stained glass windows. Donation: $50.

A portion of your donation is tax deductible. For tickets, contact: Lillian Cohen, Nancy Hubert, Kathy Leva, Caroline Nijenberg or Sue Spicer.

Special Thoughts for a Club Member

LFGC members send their condolences to Liz Haines on the death of her son. We also send her our best wishes for a full recovery after her recent surgery.

New Address
June Ekstrom
16 RiverSt., Apt. 4E
Billerica, MA 01821-1861

Correction
Jackie Ward’s corrected email is sward27@rcn.com
Chris Filadoro, Tree Warden and Tree Committee members (John Frey. Chair, Jewel Kuljian, Karen Longeteig, Gerry Paul, Anne Senning, Nell Walker and James Wood) greatly appreciate the Lexington Field and Garden Club’s generous $1,500. donation to the Tree Fund. What this donation helped to do: in late fall of 2013, the DPW planted out a total of 55 trees, 50 bareroot and 5 more selected from our Tree Nursery. This particular planting included street trees, setback trees, and trees for parks, and a cemetery. The bare-root species included: ten each of Littleleaf Linden ‘Greenspire’, Honeylocust ‘Skyline’, Tree Lilac ‘Ivory Silk’, Serviceberry ‘Autumn Brilliance’, and Amur Maackia ‘Maacnificent.’ A few locations where several trees have been planted as a group of the same species are East Emerson Road (off East Street), Worthen Road (close to the juncture of Mass. Ave.) and on Grant Street. There will be another planting effort in the spring of 2014.

In the upcoming planting, sites will include those selected by the Department of Public Works, sites from the waiting list, and from new requests. As a homeowner in Lexington, if you would like to request a **street tree** (defined as a tree planted in the town owned right of way at the front of the property) and/or a **setback tree** (defined as a tree planted on private property but no more than 20 feet back from the front property line) please send your request to Chris Filadoro at cfiladoro@lexingtonma.gov. Please include your full address, phone number, and a description about a possible location on your property for a site. You will be contacted regarding your request by a member of the Tree Committee or a DPW staff member. Jewel Kuljian, Tree Committee
What’s Going On?

Next LFGC Meeting—Sowing the Seeds of Seed with Julie McIntosh Shapiro

Upcoming Events—
February 12 - Main Club Meeting
February 20-23 - Rhode Island Flower Show
March 1-2 - Massachusetts Camellia Show, Tower Hill
March 1 - LFGC member scholarship applications due for GCFM schools, Contact Mary Nokes
March 3 - Horticulture Morning, 10 a.m., Andover, “Vegetables in Your Garden” with Betty Sanders
March 5 - Open Board Meeting, Contact Susanne Hays
March 12 - Main Club Meeting
March 25 - Plant Sale planning meeting, 10 a.m., contact Varda Haimo or Bonnie Rosenthall
April 3-5 - Gardening Study School, Course 1, Tower Hill