

***Sand Lake Garden Club***

Membership Meeting

Date: March 29, 2018

President Mary Lee opened the meeting at 7:05 pm, welcoming all.

Present: 28

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Hall reported a balance of \$4224.12. A contribution of \$125 was made supporting the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance April 5<sup>th</sup> Gala's honorary committee. A basket with gardening services and items was prepared by Mona DeMay and Joan Gross and donated for the Gala's Silent Auction. This supports RPA and increases SLGC's visibility.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Sand Lake Town Council Person, Andy Bulmer, spoke with the club about the construction of a new covered stage, 20 ft. by 40ft., at **Butler Park** being built this spring by community volunteers. He asked for SLGC expertise for perennial plant design input and planting services for gardens around the stage.

Thoughts discussed were that plants could be some of those left over from the plant sale along with others donated by club or other community members. Members of SLGC who signed up for Community Clean Up on May 23 can be a basis for some of this work but it is expected that more than a single evening's help will be needed. Anyone interested in this expanded Butler Park Project should contact Mary Lee at 518-674-5426, especially if someone would/could become the point person.

Pat Mulligan shared that semi-annually wholesale nursery **Behn's Best Perennials** invites SLGC members to view its inventory and purchase plants. It is recommended that interested persons car pool and coordinate visits, as it is not a retail operation. Arrangements can be made by contacting the nursery at 518-766-9820, noting that you are a SLGC member. They are located at Road Box 4569 on State Road Route 66 in Malden Bridge. Check their website for plant information [www.behnsbestper.com](http://www.behnsbestper.com)

**Committee reports: Plant Sale:** Bring clean, sterile 4 inch pots to Pat Mulligan for transplanting of seedlings. Contact #: 518-674-5636. Potting nights at the Salem Methodist Church at 6:00 pm are on April 23, 30 and May 7. Bring your ID labeled gardening tools to assist the process: gloves, trowels, cutting tool, clean sterilized pots of larger sizes and your own plant donations. Soil is provided. Helen Dolan will coordinate calls for community digs. Contact Helen at 518-674-3571 if you need assistance with digging or you know someone who would like to donate plants from their garden. Notification of dig opportunity for community response will be announced in the Advertiser. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in helping with digs.

**Plant Sale Raffle Tickets:** Plant Sale Posters and door prize raffle tickets designed by Cathy Welling were made available to club members for PR distribution (posters) and selling (raffle tickets) Tickets are \$1/ticket or \$5 for a book of 6. Contact Mary Hall, [mhall1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mhall1@nycap.rr.com) for additional tickets. Tickets will be available at the April meeting and also the day of plant sale. Prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>- Patio Umbrella and Stand; 2<sup>nd</sup> –Large Stoneware Strawberry Planter and 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$50 Gift Certificate from Local Nursery

**Trip Committee:** Ellen Dunn circulated a sign- up sheet for members interested in participating in a nursery crawl on Thursday, May 17 to the Adams Fairacre Farms in Kingston, NY, a large garden supply, food and more, destination. Car poolers will leave the WSL Hannaford at 8:45 and return by 5 pm. Additional nurseries will be visited on the return home, as desired. Contact is Meg Distell at 518-674-5806.

**Speaker Presentation** was Becky Raymond discussing Straw Bale Gardening: No Soil Needed.

The **meeting was adjourned** at 7:30 pm and the speaker concluded her talk and discussion at 8:05, followed by **Refreshments** provided by Linda Munro and Mary Lee Kopache.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hall, Acting Secretary