

## **Sand Lake Garden Club - Member Minutes Thursday, March 23, 2023**

Sally Perry thanked Joan Grusensky and Helen Dolan for the delightful refreshments.

There was a large turnout of members as well as 8 visitors and 3 new members, Sally thanked everyone for coming.

Treasurer's Report – Hollis McEvilly – Balance as of 3/23/23 - \$6, 856.04.

There was a motion to accept the 2023 budget made by Sue Zimmer and seconded by Judy Kasianczuk. The budget was then unanimously approved by the Sand Lake Garden membership.

Rose Dorr and Hollis McEvilly have planned some upcoming trips.

- Tuesday, June 21, 2023 – Central Park Rose Garden, Schenectady, NY
- Sunday, July 30, 2023. Rockland Farm, Canaan, NY  
This is a Garden Conservatory Garden which is only open on this date. An email will be sent as we get closer, there is a \$10.00 entry fee for this garden and members will also have to registering on-line.
- Saturday, November 2 - Sunday, November 17, 2023 (Date TBA) – Smith College  
Fall Chrysanthemum Show

Guy Castine showed us the Sand Lake Garden signs to be put in the Town of Sand Lake community gardens letting the community know the Garden Club is taking care of the following gardens: Averill Park Triangle, Sand Lake Center for the Arts. Sand Lake Library and the Averill Park Post Office.

The Town of Sand Lake Spring Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 29, 2023 (8:30 PM – 12 PM) This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the garden club has participated and every year there is a wonderful turnout. Besides the community gardens, volunteers are also needed for the Butler Park trails, Snyder's Lake Beach, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dyke on Glass Lake and Veterans Park. Anyone interested in being a Captain for one of the Sand Lake Garden Club community garden assignments can attend the meetings on April 18 and 25.

At this time Dr. Kathryn Schneider, author of "Birding the Hudson Valley" and a Master Gardener from the Columbia Greene Cornell Cooperative Extension was introduced for her presentation on "Birding 101".

Sally Perry thanked Kathryn for her fabulous and informative presentation.

Eileen VanOort reported that she has been in contact with Five One Eight Prints, Averill Park, NY to get a price for Sand Lake Garden Club T-shirts (\$9.25), Hoodies (\$22.50) and Zip Up Sweatshirts (\$24.50). These prices are approximate and may change, an email will be sent out to the members on final prices and ordering information. Eileen is hoping we can order these and have them for the Garden Faire on May 20, 2023.

Door Prizes were awarded to Jean Chenette, Joan Gross and Judy Kasianczuk.

Rose Dorr and Sally Perry have volunteered to be the Co-Chairs of the Garden Faire.

- Cornell Cooperative Extension will be having a Tool Sale - confirmed
- Location of Garden Faire - Salem Methodist Church - confirmed
- Tent from Kiwanis – confirmed
- Behn's Nursery and M & K Nurseries - contacted for supplying perennials and annuals

Sue Zimmer will be purchasing the raffle items, and Cathy Welling will print the raffle tickets. The tickets will be available for purchase at the April meeting.

Pat Mulligan talked about the seedlings she has started and is running out of room. Anyone interested in taking some home when they are placed in bigger pots would be a great help. Please get in touch with Pat if you can help.

Some upcoming tasks

- Advertising of Garden Faire
- Sandwich Boards need to be updated with new date
- Becky Bell will be ordering the road signs, which will be put up 2 weeks prior
- Dates will be announced for purchasing annuals and perennials
- Dates will be announced for one or two potting nights

Joan Grusensky is in charge of the bake sale and has asked for a couple more people to sign up to help on the day of the event.

We would like to get as many people as we can to be involved with this event, which promises to be as big a hit as last year. Any new ideas are always welcome.

Cathy Popp has volunteered to collect books for a book table at the Garden Faire. Please bring any used gardening books to the next meeting and she will store them till the day of the event.

Next meeting April 27, 2023.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Hollis McEvilly, Co-Secretary