April 27, 2023 – SLGC Member Meeting

Sally Perry welcomed everyone and thanked Ellen Dunn and Guy Castine for providing the refreshments tonight.

Before Sally announced the speaker for the evening, she noted that there were 6 new members in attendance.

Our program this evening was "All About Greenhouses", presented by Rensselaer Master Gardener – Kathy Harley. We thanked Kathy for a wonderful and informative presentation.

Before our business meeting started, door Prizes were awarded while selling raffle tickets, t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Ellen thanked Ellen Dunn and Joan Gross for the wonderful job of bringing new ideas on gardening to our club. A special thanks to Guy Castine for last month's idea of birding. We had a record number of attendees. Always looking for suggestions and program ideas for the future.

Treasurer's Report – Hollis McEvilly noted a bank balance of \$6,311.04 as of April 27, 2023.

There was a correction on the date for the trip to Schenectady Rose Garden, which is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Rose passed around a flyer and a sign-up list. Check your email for more info as we get closer to the date.

The Town Wide Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023. The captain of each of the gardens that the garden club maintains will pick up bags, waters, etc. @ 8:30 AM at Butler Park. They will reach out to the team members as to times they will be meeting. There will be a closing ceremony at Butler Park @ 11:45 am., everyone who participated is invited to attend.

Garden Faire Update:

Tentative dates have been sent to members

 May 11th or 12th – Annual or Perennial procurement and pricing days Final dates will be emailed by procurement teams
May 15th or 16th – Annual or Perennial procurement and pricing day Final dates will be emailed by procurement teams
May 15th – Potting and pricing night. Location and time TBD
May 19th – Night before Faire – set up starting at 4:00 PM (It took less than an hour last year)
May 20th – Day of Faire – final set-ups starting at 7:00 AM Official hours of Faire – 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sally Perry has agreed to bring the perennials and annuals to her house until the morning of May 20th. On that date we would like to plan for volunteers to be at her home by 7:00 AM to load the plants and get them to Salem Methodist for set up. More information to follow.

BAKE SALE UPDATE- Joan Grusensky has sent out an email asking for bakers. She noted that bags of 6-12 cookies, cakes, bundt cakes were best sellers last year. She indicated she would need at least one other person to help at the booth that day.

Pat Mulligan passed around two sign-up sheets. One was for people willing to help out in her greenhouse from 10-12 on several different days, she will send out a reminder the night before. And the other for people willing to take trays of plants home to take care of till the day of sale. She doesn't have enough room in her greenhouse to accommodate all the plants. She has also asked for donations of 4" pots. If used, please wash and soak in bleach first.

Emma Glasser has offered to sell house plants the day of the sale. If anyone has any, please contact her and she will store them.

Kathy Popp is also collecting books for the used book table.

Looks like there will be six or more vendors, all of which have or will be contacted by Dona Beck and her committee.

Advertising is also in place, with brochures, signs and sandwich boards (placed around town 2 weeks before sale), face book, ad in advertiser, Town of Sand Lake and Discover Sand Lake website.

It was decided that we will not be collecting any garden décor. Stephanie Weiss will be donating some hummingbird feeders, that she will bring and have priced.

Jean Chenette has set up a diagram of where things should go the day of the sale, to make things run a little smoother knowing where everything will go ahead of time.

More info regarding the Faire and our picnic in July will be coming in the next few weeks, please watch for emails, texts etc.

No member meeting until September.

Sally thanked everyone for being here. Any questions do not hesitate to contact Sally or Rose. See you all at the Faire!!

Respectively submitted, Hollis McEvilly Co-Secretary