Annual Report LMCG 2019-2020 Vice President

Work with New Members:

- Reached out to new members by phone to introduce myself and let them know I would be looking for them at upcoming program meetings.
- Hosted casual lunch orientation for new members; Colleen Lockovich, Ellen Phelps, Kathy Kessler. Absent-Elizabeth Weiner but connected. Included Mimi Keating (President), Harriet Chute (Hort), Bobbie Dressen (Conservation), Katy Gillum (Flower Chair). Passed out New Member packets available to order for free on GCA website.
- Emailed important reminders.
- Had coffees with Kathy and Colleen on separate occasions.
- Horticulture chair, Betsy Massie, hosted seed saving event for all members to sort, package and label seeds. Seed Packets shared at Shirley Meneice. Super helpful and hope to be annual event.
- Due to Covid 19 the Annual Meeting is unique. Mimi (President) and I will hand out lunches and booklets at Woodhill with zoom business meeting to follow.

Nominating:

- Met with Nominating chair, Elizabeth Winton, Mimi, Betsy and Mimi Rae to go over positions for the new slate. Elizabeth made many calls.
- Determined a Flower Show needs to take place within two years. Kathy Murphy and Kathy Kessler accepted Flower Co-Chair positions. Looking at the location options and will meet soon to begin the plan.
- New position was added for Endowment Chair Bobbie D. will research and explore options/ideas for creating an Endowment Fund that can be utilized for future scholarship.

Ways&Means:

- Bulb Sale Chairs Kate Bryant, Barbara Bergum and Mimi K.decided to continue holiday bulb portion only and added photo gift card packets.
- Hosted meetings with Ways & Means chair, Melissa Johnson, with Kate Bryant, Holly Adams, Elizabeth Winton and Bobbie Dressen to brainstorm future fundraiser ideas. Working on several options for future with/without social distancing. This is where the idea of developing an Endowment was born.

Scholarship:

• Met with Scholarship Chair, Sara Piersen, Assistant Chair, Laura Inglis and Mimi K. to discuss candidates. Voted on one recipient.

Grants & Contributions:

Connected with Mimi Keating to determine club gifts for year ending June 2020.
"Donation Garden" in Long Lake \$750
"The Giving Garden" at St. Therese of Deephaven \$750
GCA Scholarship Fund \$250
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Knot Garden 250 (funds from Remembrance Fund)
MN State Horticultural Society \$250

Student Conservation Association \$100 Long Lake Waters Association \$100 GCA Second Century Campaign \$1,000 Gustavus Adolphus LMGC Scholarship recipient Sarah Anderson 2,500 Net Proceeds from Bulb/Note Card Sale and Ways & Means Workshop to LMGC Scholarship Fund. \$3145

Future Goals and ideas:

- Develop Depot Garden Advisory Committee in the process of being formed.
- Looking into ways to continue meeting and keep members engaged during Covid 19.
- Goals: To Engage, Educate and Establish.

Engage - have fun/connect/keep spirits up/opportunities for members to meet Educate - Membership -learn more about GCA's national effort/impact Educate - Myself -keep close ties with Zone reps, VP and past Pres. Establish - establish vision/outline for Depot Garden, create template for ongoing yearly event/Fundraiser, create outline for less intimidating flower show and develop Endowment

A massive **THANK YOU** to President, Mimi Keating, for her leadership, patience and friendship!

Respectfully submitted, Mitzi Magid