

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club

Annual Member Meeting

June 18, 2020

The LMGC Annual Meeting

President – Mimi Keating

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order by President Mimi Keating at 1:10 p.m. Mimi thanked Betsy Massie for being our AV professional and setting up our Zoom meeting today. She welcomed membership to our first, and hopefully only virtual annual meeting. Mimi noted how proud she is of what our club has accomplished, despite a worldwide pandemic. Some clubs basically shut down in March, but she is please to say that while we did have to cancel our April program, LMGC proceeded with a virtual flower show, our socially distant garlic mustard pull, our depot garden duty and our main meeting all in ways we had not considered when our year began. Mimi thanked the group for indulging her today. She realized that everyone is in a different place regarding going out in public and social distancing and she wanted to respect everyone's comfort level, however she did want to offer a touch of LMGC's hospitality with the drive by year book and lunch pick up at the Woodhill barn. The one thing she has heard repeatedly over the years is the need and importance of our social time in the club. Since March, the need to feel connected has garnered even more meaning. It was great fun to see so many friendly faces during the drive-by this morning. Mimi thanked our Program Chair, Dustin MacGregor and her assistant, Mary Meyer, for putting together a creative and fun way to kick off our meeting today. Mimi also

acknowledged our hastily organized annual meeting ad hoc committee of Dustin MacGregor, Mary Meyer, Mitzi Magid, Kate Bryant, Melissa Johnson, Betsy Massie and Mimi Rae.

Mimi recognized the board members and stated that it is important that the club hear what they have accomplished. The board member's full reports will be abbreviated for time, but full reports will be made available to membership through the member's only section of our website under the heading of "Reports & Treasurer's Corner". <https://lakeminnetonkagardenclub.com/members-home-page-login/>

Mimi pulled up the meeting agenda and invited members to submit questions or comments by clicking on the "chat" button at the bottom of our screens.



LMGC Annual
Meeting 2020 Agenda

Mimi held a moment of silence to honor those members of the club deceased this year:

- Mimi spoke about Sam Hoyt, an 18-year LMGc member, at our November meeting.
- Ronnie Winsor was a 43-year member and past president from 1988-1990. She was an integral part of organizing our archives. She spearheaded the Bee Fund, which raised \$60,000.00 for the pollinators at the Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center at the Landscape Arboretum.

Ronnie was awarded the GCA Zone 11 Director's Award. Certainly, Ronnie was most proud of her daughter, our fellow member Kitty Petit.

- Mimi also acknowledged the passing of Murf Kingman, who before her resignation for health reasons a few years ago had been a member of our club for 45 years. She was mother to Sally Hornig and grandmother to Maddie Frecon.

These wonderful ladies will be sorely missed and not forgotten.

Recording Secretary – Larey Anne Swanson

Mimi thanked Larey Anne for her work this year and called for an approval of the minutes from the May 21 Member Meeting Minutes. Larey Anne thanked Mimi, Mitzi, Betsy and everyone on the board for pulling things together for a wonderful meeting today. A motion was made by Betsy Massie and seconded by Mitzi Magid to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Member Meeting. **Motion Passed**

Awards – Tori Gagne

Mimi thanked Tori for improvising the awards this year with the GCA headquarters being shut down.

Tori announced the 2020 LMGC Awards recipients:

Club Horticulture Award - Mary Meyer In recognition of her unique and outstanding achievements at the national and international level in horticultural research, education and writing.

Club Conservation Commendation - Long Lake Waters Association - Samantha Capen Muldoon and Cassy Ordway In deep

appreciation for their mission to improve and protect the quality of Long Lake and its watershed for future generations.

Samantha Muldoon accepted the award for LLWA and gave a brief description of the Association as follows:

As a grassroots group, Long Lake Waters Association works collaboratively to understand the relationship between the lake and the surrounding landscape and develop effective strategies to improve the water quality of Long Lake and its 7,619 acre watershed. Everything in the watershed passes through the seven various lakes into the streams, wetlands and underlying aquifer, and into Tanager Lake, where the water eventually ends up in Lake Minnetonka.

Long Lake Waters initiatives include hosting educational programs in the local [Orono Schools](#), radio tagging and carp tracking, AIS plant ID training, and an annual “Water Summit,” that brings in speakers and experts to engage the community in conservation issues that impact the water quality.

Recent data acquired via our water and carp monitoring efforts provided the catalyst for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) to apply for and obtain a \$112,000 grant from the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BSWR) to assess water quality issues and guide the implementation of water quality improvement projects in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed. The subwatershed assessment will provide the partners with an implementation roadmap to begin addressing issues in the five impaired lakes. The identified projects will provide local partners with actionable projects to address poor water quality in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed. Ultimately, this effort will improve water quality and ecological health across the subwatershed, creating value and enjoyment for residents and visitors.

Years or Service Awards –

With deep appreciation for their many years of service to the club:

- GCA Club Certificate for 55 Years of Service - Marnie Hartfiel

- GCA Club Certificate for 30 Years of Service - Mary Aamoth, Jean Krogness
- GCA Club Certificate for 25 Years of Service - Bonnibel Byers, Lynn Headrick, Ellen Wells

Since the GCA office in NYC is not open due to the Coronavirus, Tori obtained the awards as pdf files and printed and framed them. They will be delivered to awardees homes or will be available to be picked up at the annual meeting. Service award recipients will also receive a potted rosemary plant.

Tori will pass off her notes to Meredith Howell before July.

Sarah Lindahl has received Tori's expenses and reminded the board to submit expenses before June 30.

Tori thanked Mimi for doing a great job this year. Mimi thanked Tori for the same.

Membership, Nominating & Bylaws – Elizabeth Winton (absent)

Mimi presented the proposed slate on behalf of Elizabeth who is out of town.



LMGC Slate
2020-2021.pdf

A motion was made by Anne Bassen to accept the slate as proposed. The motion was seconded by Betsy Massie. A vote was taken and the **Motion Passed**. Mimi thanked Elizabeth for all of her hard work.

The club has 60 Active Members with a maximum number of 70. There are 54 Associate members with the maximum number being 60. Eight members moved to Associate status. Five members resigned (two Active and three Associate). There were two member deaths. There are 2 Secondary club members and 3 Honorary members. No work was needed this year regarding the Bylaws.

We have three new members to our club this year. They are as follows:

- Anne Kaufman - Sponsor: Nancy Guldberg Seconder: Mary Raymond
- Cheryl Kelsey - Sponsor: Samantha Muldoon Seconder: Elizabeth Winton
- Debbie Vorpahl - Sponsor: Mary Upjohn Seconder: Kathy Doerr

Mimi welcomed our new members to the club.

Vice President – Mitzi Magid

Mitzi reported that she accomplished the following items last year:

- She reached out to new members, hosted a casual lunch orientation and supplied the New Member packets.
- She worked with the Nominating committee to put together the new slate.
- Mitzi met with Ways & Means chair and additional members on ideas for future fundraising. The group is working on several options for the future with or without social distancing.
- She met with Scholarship Chair, Sara Pierson, Assistant Chair, Laura Inglis and Mimi Keating to discuss and vote on scholarship candidates.

- Club gifts for the year ending 2020 are:
 - "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 the 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. \$3,145

Mitzi imparted a huge **THANK YOU** to our President, Mimi Keating, for her leadership, patience and friendship! She noted that it has been a pleasure learning from Mimi, and she looks forward to carrying the torch for the next two years!

Treasurer – Sarah Lindahl

Sarah thanked Mimi Keating for being our bookkeeper this year. She noted that the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club is in sound financial condition. She noted that the following results are PRELIMINARY as we do not “close” our books until the end of our fiscal year- June 30, 2020.

- As of June 14, 2020, we have \$20,386.00 in our checking account and \$24,000.00 in our savings account.

- Total income, which is mostly dues, is \$32,647.19. We made \$3,184.19 from the Bulb Sale and \$948.00 from the Ways & Means Workshop.
- Money is earmarked for the depot garden, the scholarship fund, the knot garden and the flower show.

Sarah thanked Mimi Keating, who amongst her many other duties, stepped in as our Bookkeeper this year. And she has also agreed to be our Bookkeeper again next year. Sarah noted it has been a pleasure to serve as our treasurer this year.

Corresponding Secretary & Club Administrator – Mimi Rae

Mimi reported that we have 60 active members, 54 associate members, 2 secondary club members and 3 honorary members.

Mimi thanked Mimi Keating and Mitzi for their help proofreading the new directory. She also thanked Mimi for the great job she has done as president of our club.

Mimi thanked Mimi Rae for all of her great work this year.

Communications – Heather Haeg

Heather has submitted articles for publishing. She is in process of obtaining the remaining photo release forms. The new members will receive their forms via email. Heather will also email forms to those 5 or 6 members who have not yet turned theirs in. Once signed, the photo release forms do not expire.

Heather thanked Mimi for a job well done and Mimi thanked Heather for all of her work.

Conservation & National Affairs Legislation – Bobbie Dressen

Conservation at the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club (LMGC) is a clear passion for many club members, as exhibited by continued interest and sharing of information as it pertains to topics like... Watershed, run off , the use of pesticides, sustainable farming and advocacy of native plants.

September 2019 was the Conservation Program @ French Park Regional Center featuring Beth Dooley, chef, author, featured MPR and Kare 11 guest and contributor to the Minneapolis/St Paul Star Tribune taste section. Beth's topic was Farm to Table sustainable growing and eating. Ms. Dooley's presentation aligned with the National GCA Conservation Paper on Agriculture.

The week of February 23, 2020 the Conservation Vice Chair, Samantha Muldoon, LMGC President, Mimi Keating and delegates from the St Paul Garden Club attended with over 250 delegates the National Affairs and Legislation Meetings in Washington DC. A copy of the proceedings has been submitted by Samantha to the LMGC Secretary. Please see * at the end of this section for a copy of the proceedings. This time period marked the transition of our nation and the state of Minnesota into a high alert pertaining to the Corona virus impacting day to day lifestyles vertical and horizontal across the globe.

The LMGC /program announcement has a conservation section called Conservation Corner. The April Newsletter did contain a brief summary of the NAL meeting by Mrs. Muldoon.

For a summary of GCA position papers and publications including educational materials please visit the GCA website which is filled with numerous resources and interesting articles.

Traditionally the Partners for Plants Project has been held in May each year in collaboration with the Horticulture Committee. With the impact of Covid 19, members were encouraged to individually engage in the removal of garlic mustard from their neighborhoods. An organized mustard pull led by Emmie Hester and her husband Larry also occurred at a local golf course. A bit of a competition ensued with the sharing of postings and fun banter. 2021 will provide a fresh palate from which to build the program.

A careful watch continues to be kept on State and Federal activity and bills providing opportunity for GCA advocacy /education. Minnesota can be exceptionally proud of the sponsorship of a number of bills this year by our Congressional representatives across the State.

Bobbie thanked the club for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Conservation Committee the past four years. She noted that it has been an amazing learning opportunity and honor to be a part of a national organization steeped in education, advocacy and action.

*Representatives from the Conservation Committee traveled to Washington DC at the end of February to meet with our legislators, to ask for their support for issues the GCA is advocating.

There were 6 positions that we advocated for, including the **Land & Water Conservation Fund** (supports efforts to protect, enhance and expand public lands for the benefit of all citizens), the **Restore Our Parks and Public Lands** (supports the protection, repair and enhancement of our national parks and public lands, including funding for native plants) , the **American Transportation & Infrastructure Act** (includes important vehicle emissions-lowering provisions and requires transportation projects to use native plants and natural infrastructure) as well as other position papers supporting **native plants** and **pollinators**.

We met with both Congressman Dean Phillips (D-03) and Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-04), as well as with staff from Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith's offices. What were the results of our visit? We are very excited that

the **Great American Outdoors Act**, which contains many of the legislative priorities of the **Land & Water Conservation Fund**, was co-sponsored by BOTH our senators the week after we left, and was passed by the Senate on June 22 (it will move onto the House of Representatives next)! Even more significantly, S.47, the **John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act**, which encompasses key issues from the **Restore Our Parks and Public Lands**, was signed into law on 3/12/20!

The full PowerPoint has been posted on the Conservation/NAL page of the LMGC website.

<https://lakeminnetonkagardenclub.com/members-home-page-login/committees/conservation-nal/>

Community Projects & Depot Garden – Mary Morrison & Alison Humphrey

The Depot Garden matured and was well-tended by our enthusiastic members in 2019. We have such hardworking and experienced volunteers. Thank you!

Some of the pollinator and native plants in the garden have flourished, and others were evaluated and replaced. The committee added some bright annuals for color and re-planted our center urn several times to reflect the changing seasons. At the end of 2019, they evaluated the need for some longer-term tweaking and planning, which was started in early 2020 and will continue. Tree trimming was done in the winter.

With the advent of the coronavirus in early 2020, the scheduling of volunteers working in the garden needed to be revised for social distancing. Nancy Guldberg has managed this ably this spring, and our work in the garden will continue to be flexible and evolve during the summer of 2020 to reflect community health requirements and

the major construction on Lake Street, which affects access to the garden.

The committee thanked Mimi for her great leadership during this unusual time.

Floral Design – Kathy Gillum

Kathy noted that we were fortunate to be able to gather on March 12 at Len Busch roses for a tour of their numerous mechanized greenhouses. <https://www.lenbuschroses.com/> We watched their amazing tulip harvest as conveyor belts and machines separated bulbs from blooms and gathered bunches which were placed in plastic packaging. We saw how they can water entire greenhouses from a recycling wet floor system.

Sandy Schroeck, their customer education coordinator and floral designer guided us in composing our own lovely arrangements with the use of a specialized container system.

We participated in an In-Club Virtual Flower Show by my making May Day arrangements to be hung on the front door of a special friend on May 1. Our entries were offered by email for the club to appreciate and enjoy.

It is no doubt that floral design is an important activity that adds another dimension to our lives and those around us!

Mimi thanked Kathy for putting together our “winter” event. It was such a success that she recommended Kathy pass along the idea of an annual winter event to incoming Chair Wendy Lee.

Kathy thanked Mimi for all of her work and mentioned it was a pleasure to work with her.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens – Lisa Melamed

Lisa thanked Mimi for the amazing job she has done as president.

The mission of the Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens Committee is to educate members about trends in historical and contemporary landscape and garden design. Minnesota and our club in particular have not had many submissions to the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution. In 2019 Caroline Rather began the process of documenting Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Erickson's Marsh Restoration located in Woodland, MN. This year Caroline and Lisa continued to document the marsh through a photographic study gathering information from the marsh restoration company and input from the Ericksons. The procedures and submissions process follows very stringent guidelines, to which we are adhering. We are finishing the photography portion of the process at which time the file will be submitted to the Archives of American Gardens.

The committee successfully held four pop-up garden tours.

- In July 2019 we visited Heidi Heiland's garden. Heidi was onsite for a tour and to share her incredible horticultural knowledge.
- In August 2019 we visited B.J. Dahlberg's home and gardens. B.J. is a long-time member and emeritus horticulture judge with the GCA. It was a pleasure to see her and hear her stories of her gardens. We then walked to Barbara Burgum's beautiful gardens. Her gardeners were on site to guide us through the variety of different gardens surrounding Barbara's home.

- In May 2020 we had a drive by pop-up at Lisa Melamed's home to view her 50-year-old blooming crab apple trees and tulips.

Mimi thanked Lisa for the wonderful tours last year.

Historian – Angie Woodhouse

Given the tight space the Wayzata Historical Society <https://www.wayzatahistoricalsociety.org/> occupies at the Wayzata Library, we have not been able to be on site. At this time there are no plans to resume our duties. We are in touch with the WHS about future planning.

Angie thanked members for signing up for work shifts and being diligent with their responsibilities.

Angie thanked Mimi for her great leadership as president. Angie enjoyed Mimi's fun and articulate emails. Mimi thanked Angie for all of her work this year.

Horticulture – Betsy Massie & Harriet Chute (absent)

We started the year with a Seed Saving Workshop in August. Thanks to our members and other seed enthusiasts who collected seeds from the Depot Garden plants and packaged them for the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference.

Assistant Hort. Chair, Harriett Chute, shared the seeds at the conference in Denver in September and brought back great plant science information for our club.

In October we research a possible submission for the GCA Freeman Medal Award – the only GCA award given to a plant, not a person. In

consulting with past LMGC Hort Chairs we submitted *Liatris*, a great native Minnesota Plant for butterflies. Although our plant nomination was not selected, *drumroll please*, the 2020 GCA Plant of the Year is *Geum triflorum*, Prairie Smoke. Honorable mention was awarded to two species: *Asarum canadense* (Wild Ginger) and *Penstemon strictus* (Rocky Mountain Penstemon).

In the Spring, with everyone on the “Stay Safe at Home” ordinance, the Hort Committee helped to organize a virtual flower show that included three horticulture classes: Home Cooking Herbs, Victory Garden Vegetables, Growing Seeds and, Spring Bulb and Ephemeral Cuts. Mimi Keating deserves so much credit in this wonderful idea during such a difficult time.

Betsy thanked Program Chair Dustin Macgregor for organizing our May member meeting focused on horticulture. Luckily, we had scheduled Julie Weisenhorn, U of M Extension Educator, to speak as she is very tech-savvy and has experience in distance-learning platforms. Julie presented, “The Connection between Flowers, Pollinators and Food” via a Zoom Meeting where 35 members virtually attended. This research is directly related to our Founding the Future project which funding the Flowers for Pollinators Second Grade Curriculum. Members should know that the program was well on its way in reaching school age children in the Spring until the schools shut down. The program will resume next school year, either with MGs going to the schools or providing Zoom webinars for the classrooms.

The virus also impacted our Partners for Plants project. But, garlic mustard, beware! As we all were flattening the curve of the spread of COVID-19, we were not going to allow the spread of this invasive plant! Conservation Chair Bobbie Dressen and Betsy initiated, “The Great Garlic Mustard Pull” for the month of May! What an effort! More than 30 club members organized neighborhood “pulls,” taught children home from school about invasive plants, posted the project on Facebook community pages, and collected more than 200 yard-

bags of garlic mustard! Several members were able to get to Wolsfeld Woods too, so our P4P project continues with renewed interest in tackling this noxious weed throughout our community . . . from public trails and parks, to golf courses and backyards.

Betsy thanked Harriett Chute, Assistant Horticulture Committee Chair, for her support as well as her great additions to our monthly meeting notices. The Hort Hints found in the club's program notices were very educational this year. Harriett will make a wonderful Horticulture Committee Chair for the next two years.

Photography – Holly Adams

Nancy Guldberg reported for Holly who is preparing for her daughter's wedding on Saturday. She stated the goals of the photography committee included the following:

- To support the Ways & Means Photo Note Card Project
- To continue to educate, support and encourage members to participate in GCA photo competitions
- To give photography "challenges" to broaden knowledge and learn new "tricks of the trade."

Holly reported that the photography and bulb sale committees created a very successful note card project to benefit the Ways and Means fundraiser. The group selected 12 photos by 12 different LMGC photographers to create the beautiful note card sets. There were two sets of 6 cards each. The first set was classic floral, and the second set was artsy and edgy. Each photographer presented not only their photo, but also the location and horticulture notes for their picture.

The September Photography meeting was a 101 clinic on entering photography shows with Nancy Guldberg and Cindy Pratt. Members had lots of questions and our group learned a lot.

In October, Amateur photographer Nina Graves gave a presentation at the Ridgedale Public Library on photography featuring wildlife. It was fun and interesting to learn her tips and trick for capturing her images. In addition, Helen Waldron shared some of her beautiful photographs from her travels to Africa.

Unfortunately, our spring plans had to be cancelled. On a positive note, over 25 photographs were submitted from our club to the LMGC May Day virtual flower show.

Two of our members had great success in several GCA Photography competitions.

- Nancy Guldberg won First Place in Class and a Creativity Award in the Garden Club of Allegheny County “Riveria Holiday” Show. She also won a Second Place in Class in The Men’s and Women’s Garden Club of Minnesota 2019 Show.





- Cindy Pratt placed 3rd in the Flower Show for the Boston GC annual meeting. She also placed in the top 6 in the GCA of Allegheny juried show, top 6 in the Garden Club of St. Louis Show, 4th with an honorable mention for the GCA Winter Issue and 4th in the Garden Club of Michigan Show.
- Both ladies submitted and were accepted in several other shows (which means they were in the top SIX) that have been postponed due to the Corona Virus.

Holly has been in touch with our Zone XI rep, who shared some good ideas for online shows.

Holly will be handing things off to Andria Moldzio. She thanked Mimi and the board and stated that she really enjoyed the job. Mimi thanked Holly for a great job with the photography committee.

Scholarship – Sara Pierson (absent)

Mimi reported for Sara that has done a great job on this committee. In December, a meeting was held with Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid, Laura Inglis and Sara where they voted on our new scholarship recipient, Sarah Anderson. Sarah will speak at our November Member Meeting that is usually held at the Woodhill Barn.

As a reminder, Sarah is a 2020 graduate of Gustavus College, with a double major in Biology and Environmental Studies. As stated in her letter of intent (click on link below for the full letter), her “career goal is to restore the diminishing green spaces in urban areas by starting her own small business as a sustainable flower farmer.” Her goal “is inspired by strong desire to support the declining pollinator populations and to fix the fresh-cut flower industry overseas...In preparation to become a successful urban flower farmer, [she] is seeking to enroll in the Masters of Horticulture post-secondary program offered at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.” We are excited to support Sarah as our next LMGC scholarship recipient.



LMGC Letter of
Intent - Sarah Anders

Programs – Dustin MacGregor

Mimi thanked Dustin for her creativity and perseverance with programs this spring. Dustin thanked Mimi for all of her great work as well.

Dustin noted that she loved this program year as it highlighted the reason Dustin became interested in gardening in the first place. Her theme was **The Edible Garden: Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs**.

Dustin reminded us that we began our year with Director Lisa Philander sharing the plans of the wonderful soon to open College of Biological Sciences Conservatory. She was joined by Theresa Mieseler, founder of Shady Acres Herb Farm who shared her new book on herbs. She brought wonderful examples which she shared with members, ripping them open to share fragrances and tastes. We finished with an exploration of herbs that we can grow in our gardens, and their link to health. Kate Sammons, our scholarship winner, was so popular she was asked to host a workshop on using herbs in teas and tinctures.

With our increased interest in locally sourced food we then toured two hidden treasures, local community gardens tended by volunteers which, combined, grow almost 10,000 lbs. of organic vegetables and fruit. This bounty is then donated to local food shelves.

At the following meeting we were joined by noted author, chef and food writer, Beth Dooley who shared her knowledge of sustainable eating and the local Farm to Table movement, where notable restaurant chefs' pair with local farmers to source their fresh organic food.

Fall brought us to the Arboretum for a wonderful exploration of those spectacular, unusual and huge gourds grown by Jenny and John Thull. Members went home carrying armfuls of fun gourds to decorate their homes.

We ushered in the holiday season with an over the top floral workshop and program hosted by the wonderful designers of by Arts and Flowers.

The onset of the Pandemic imploded our Spring and we have had to adapt to very different circumstances. We lost our wonderful April program. We would have explored the changing world of small local organic farmers who are part of Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA'S) with Greg Reynolds, winner of the prestigious Upper Midwest Moses Award.

We wrapped up our program year with our first Zoom program in May with a wonderful webinar by Julie Weisenhorn, a U of M educator. Her research identifies flowers that are attractive to pollinators and explores whether an increase in bee activity has an impact on vegetable growth.

Associate Member Liaison – Sally Hornig

Sally thanked Mimi for her great leadership and for being ahead of the GCA when it came to moving to online formats with the onset of the pandemic.

Sally did a soft survey of associate members. In general, people seem very happy with their associate status. We have a strong group of associates who continue to contribute their knowledge, homes and ideas.

Sally had researched a wonderful trip to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur for an Associates Tour. That trip is now on hold for the future. She had also planned a May cocktail party for associate members which is also postponed.

Mimi noted that many GCA clubs' associates are not as involved in club activities as are ours. Mimi thanked Sally and all of our associate members for being an important part of our club.

Bulb Sale – Kate Bryant & Barbara Burgum

Kate and Barbara enjoyed a fun year with bulb and card sales. Kate thanked Mimi on their behalf for a wonderful job as president.

This is our 10th year of bulb sales for LMGC. In addition, in 2019 - 2020, the Bulb Sale team worked with the LMGC Photography Committee to develop LMGC Note Cards to sell as a fundraiser with the Holiday Bulb Kits. Kate thanked Holly Adams and Nancy Guldberg from the Photography Committee for their work on the cards. Two sets of notecards were developed featuring beautiful images by our Club photographers. The cards also featured a horticulture note about the plant imaged, the Latin name, the name of the photographer, and a charming description of the photograph. The note cards were well received by our LMG members, with three-times as many members purchasing the cards packs vs. the bulb kits.

Both the Holiday Bulb Kits and the LMGC Note Cards were offered to our members through the fall, using pre-orders or purchasing at LMGC member meetings. LMGC members increasingly used e-methods to purchase sale items, one-third of the sales this year were through Paypal or Square.

This year, the sales team emphasized that the proceeds from the Bulb and Note Card sale supported LMGC community projects, including our scholarship fund. For the first time, the order forms included a line for a donation to the LMGC scholarship fund and several members used this to donate solely to the fund.

The Bulb and Note Cards sales surpassed our goal of \$2000 profit! The 2019 Bulb and Note Card Sale profits totaled \$2,214.59.

Kate gave special thanks to Barbara Burgum for a fun two years on the committee together. She also gave special thanks to Mimi and noted it has been a delight to serve on her board.

Mimi thanked Kate and Barbara for a job very well done.

Ways & Means – Melissa Johnson (absent)

Mimi Keating reported for Melissa who is out of town.

This year the Ways and Means Committee was not given a specific goal as LMGC already had enough funds but decided to hold a workshop to help educate our membership and raise extra money for the Scholarship fund. The planning and execution of the event was done by Melissa and the very helpful Holly Adams.

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club held a Workshop with Kate Sammons at Heidi's Growhaus on October 2, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kate was one of LMGC scholarship recipients in 2019 and also won the Anne S Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany from GCA. Kate spoke at our July meeting. She is in the process of receiving her PhD from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Kate's research aims to describe the chemical complexity of medicinal plants.

Even though it was a terribly cold rainy day, the participants made and enjoyed Kate's warm tasty teas as we learned about growing and harvesting herbs and plant materials and their natural healing and medicinal effects. The attendees then participated in a hands-on workshop making tinctures and more tea mixtures. All in attendance left with informative material and took home the wonderful remedies that they created. Melissa attested that the tummy tincture works for an upset stomach.

The space was donated by Heidi Heiland at Heidi's GrowHaus, 7555 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN. There were 17 participants, with a \$65 fee for the workshop. The profit from participant fees and donations was \$898.00

Melissa looks forward to leading the Ways and Means Committee again in 2021 and is already brainstorming about items to sell.

Mimi thanked Melissa for her great work and for all of the money she raised for the scholarship fund.

Mimi Keating thanked the members and the board for the privilege of leading the LMGC the past two years and supporting her throughout her presidency. Mimi noted that it is the board and the members who make this club what it is. She acknowledged the hard work of this board during unprecedented times. She handed down the GCA 75th anniversary cachepot to Mitzi as incoming president. It has been handed down every term beginning in 1988 when Ronnie Winsor was president. Mimi was thrilled to pass the gavel to Mitzi. She noted that all 116 members of the club will be supporting Mitzi during this unusual time. Mimi stated that Mitzi's commitment to the club, her enthusiasm and her ability to embrace new ideas means great things for our club.

Mitzi thanked Mimi and the club for electing her. She stated how much she appreciates Mimi's wonderful leadership, mentorship and amazing attitude. Mitzi is proud to be our next president and is looking forward to the next two years.

Our next meeting will be at Noerenberg Gardens and Kelley and Kelley Nursery.

Yearbooks that were not picked up today will be mailed out.

The new board will meet the Monday before our July membership meeting.

Mitzi adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. with an attendance of 54 members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larey Anne Swanson

Recording Secretary