

Lincoln Garden Club
Annual Report of the President
2022-2023

It has been a busy year, making adjustments, trying to find our post-covid footing. We still love meeting in person but want zoom for convenience—so we begin to adjust, and learn new technology so we can offer hybrid services. Moving from the old to the new, expanding what we know and how we do things. We are gathering current information about native plants and the environment, and new ways of tending the garden.

We have become more inclusive and now our club holds 146 members - 30 new members since 2020. Through surveys, events and projects, we are getting to know each other better, expanding our knowledge, and leading each other into new experiences.

I would like to acknowledge the love and pride that is poured into this town by members of our garden club. Below is a brief summary of our accomplishments this year. Thank you to everyone.

Our Biennial May Plant Sale: Under the direction of Belinda Gingrich and all the volunteers: diggers, bird house builders, plant donators, organizers, truck drivers, set up, clean up, and money collectors, we successfully fundraised \$5,500.

Conservation & Environment led by Belinda Gingrich, this group has attracted the attention of 20 members who have been discussing native plants, leaves, bugs, oak trees, ticks, deer, insecticides, and light pollution.

Programs This year, Sue Seeley organized and implemented member programs: Foliage, Rare Plants & Invasives; Victorian Landscaping; Vegetarian Entrees; Bird Nests; Growing Vegetables in Containers;

Dahlias. Next year Debbie Dellanina-Alvarez will co-chair the program committee with Sue Seeley. Chiara Megighain-Zenati, & Elizabeth Brown will be on their team.

Field Trips and Workshops: Diane Climo & Barbara Weinstein planned and organized in person trips to Bransfield Farm to see our catalpa tree seedlings, a mushroom identification walk, wreath making workshop, flower arranging workshop, plant identification walk, & a private tour of Sedgwick Gardens.

Membership & Mentoring: Ann Parke, Lucy Sprayregen, Joyce DiToro are our membership team. They welcomed new members into our club, they learned about their interests and skills and found a mentor /buddy to help them assimilate and meet other members.

Station Park is a place our garden club calls home & the location of our plant sale. -This year we celebrated our 50th anniversary of of the garden club's design and maintenance of the park. Thank you Cathy Moritz, who has been director for 9yrs, as well as Janet Ganson Patti Hilpert, Ann Parke, Barbara Weinstein, who maintain the park's beauty and design. and Bill Stason, Collette Sizer, Chiara Megighian-Zenati who help with many tasks. Cathy has provided a history of Station Park on the LGC website.

Morningside Park, is lovingly weeded, mulched, & pruned by Project Chair Jane Herlacher with the help of Belinda Gingrich, Doug Harding, Jennifer Donaldson, and Lee Harrison.

Five Corners Watering Trough is designed and maintained by Maite Fay & David Jacobs and all the volunteers who pitch in every season.

Mission for Cheer, for 10yrs, each winter and spring, Therese Flynn has been gathering garden club members to create flower arrangements for seniors in our community who need cheering up.

Flowers for Senior Dining: Donna Rizzo schedules members to provide small vases of flowers for special holiday luncheons through the Council on Aging.

Lincoln Library Flowers & Art In Bloom Angela Kadlec schedules members to supply small arrangements of flowers to the library on a weekly basis. She also works with a different member assistant every year to represent us at the MFA Art In Bloom program.

Club Historian—Anne Sobol, a new member and returning Lincolnite is exploring the Garden Club's rich history. We have been around since 1928.

Membership Booklet: Linda McNeil who has recently moved to Maine continues to create and mail out our annual Member Booklet. Thank you Linda.

Internal Communications & Website Director: Sue Ludden keeps us informed, interested and participating in Club projects. Through the website, member alerts, garden talk, google forms, zoom, she is the technical glue that keeps our information organized & keeps us in communication with each other.

Hospitality: Nancy Henderson & Deborah Tremblay with the help of many member volunteers, graciously plan & host an elegant buffet of light refreshments during the year as well as our December holiday luncheon and June annual meeting luncheon. Thank you for feeding us and making us comfortable.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Bruno-Smith
LGC President 2022-2024