



REMINDER:
 The Holiday Party will take place at 6 pm on Thursday, December 14 at the Wadsworth Mansion.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone at our holiday party December 14 at the Wadsworth Mansion at 6 pm.

~ Maria



Minutes of the November 16, 2023, MGC Meeting

In a reversal of our usual process, the November meeting began at 1:15 pm at the CT Forest and Park headquarters with a presentation by John Lyman III, Executive Vice President of The Lyman Farm, Inc. Introduced by Ed Dzialo, John proceeded to share a brief history of his family's ownership of Lyman Orchards and Golf Courses. In the 282 years that the Lyman family has farmed in Middlefield, land ownership has grown from 37 acres to the present 1100.

Club members were fascinated to hear of John Lyman II's Guernsey dairy cows and a little-known hog operation. The vicissitudes of apple and peach

HOLIDAY PARTY:

When: Thursday, Dec. 14, 6 pm

Where: Wadsworth Mansion

What to Wear: Something festive!

PLEASE RSVP WITH YOUR CHECK BY DECEMBER 5!

production partly led to the family's expansion into golf, with their first course designed by Robert Trent Jones in the 1960s. Questions about the family's history (the 8th and 9th generations are currently in charge) and farming practices ensued and were followed by a delicious selection of apples, cider, and donuts from the Lyman Apple Barrel. This was in addition to the host- and hostess-provided fare.

President Holzberg thanked Ed and Mr. Lyman and called the regular business meeting to order at 2:20 pm. She thanked John Bell, Tisha Ferguson, and Amy Albert for their contributions as host and hostesses.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: Kathy has obtained a quote from a company that specializes in the scanning of documents; the quote so far is incomplete, but the price range likely will be between 8 and 12 cents per page scanned.

CHC Rooftop: Pat and Stephan announced that the rooftop garden is closed for the season. The total donated to the Amazing Grace Food Pantry was 325 pounds of tomatoes, beans, peas, cabbage, herbs, tomatillos, chard, okra, beets, turnips, and cucumbers.

Conservation: Sally announced that registration for NAL is now open. Potentially, we will have two attendees: new members Lynne Garden and Tisha Ferguson have expressed interest.

Hospitality: Melissa and Elaine told us that the holiday party will be at the

Wadsworth Mansion on Thursday, December 14th. The charge per attendee is \$50.00, due by December 5.

In new business, Judy mentioned that she has orchids available that were divided from some of Juanie's. Contact Judy if you are looking to adopt one.

The remainder of the meeting revolved around planning for the wreath workshop and the Holiday Bazaar on November 27 and December 3, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned by President Holzberg at 3 pm.

Attendance: A. Albert, S. Allison, L. Bank, J. Bell, E. Carella, K. Coley, S. Cornish, N. D'Oench, E. Dzialo, T. Ferguson, L. Garner, M. Giamei, K. Green, J. Harris, R. Higgins, L. Johnson, R. Kelley, M. Holzberg, A. McCloskey, O. McLaughlin, K. Meyering, P. Murawski, E. Ranganathan, R. Rickenback, M. Robert, J. Schoonmaker, D. Shapiro, C. Wasch, K. Wuestefeld, M. Xenelis.
Excused: M. Kalayjian, P. Mylchreest, B. Glista





FROM THE TREASURER:

A gentle reminder that checks for the Holiday Party are due on Dec. 5, 2023 and should be sent to me at
29 Culver Lane
Portland CT 06480

Also I make every effort to acknowledge receiving your checks; if you do not hear from me in a reasonable amount of time, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

~ Mary

GCA SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

Hans Friedl, GCA Scholar

Master's Student, Landscape Architecture
Illinois Institute of Technology

How do we care for aging and venerable trees? This was the central question for the research project of Hans Friedl while at the United States

National Arboretum in the spring of 2023. Working with Japanese master Gardener Kurato Fujimoto, Hans conserved two at-risk legacy cherry trees by implementing the Japanese horticultural practice of using 'hoozue.' This technique supports branches from below using wooden posts for limbs to rest upon. The technical horticultural work is an investigation in applying methods and practices from around the world in efforts to care responsibly for landscapes and the trees within them. This work was supported by The Garden Club of America's Hope Goddard Iselin Fellowship in Public Horticulture.



CONSERVATION NEWS:

The Fall issue of *Estuary Magazine* has an excellent article co-written by Markelle Smith, Marcia Kalayjian's niece. The article explains the goals and successes of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is part of the Biden administration's America the Beautiful 30 x 30 initiative.

The same issue of the magazine (published in Essex, CT) contains an extremely positive article about Middletown's Return to the Riverbend project.



Winter Trees

All the complicated details
of the attiring and
the disattiring are completed!

A liquid moon
moves gently among
the long branches.

Thus having prepared their buds
against a sure winter
the wise trees
stand sleeping in the cold.

~ William Carlos Williams

