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From Alicia

Thank you once again to all those wonderful helpers who facilitated the move of the FOT decorations from the Lane building to the new storage space, in the lower level of the Park Street School. Karen Vathe's photo's showed a terrific team of helpers that made quick work of the task, on a gloomy day in October.

As our personal garden year was winding down, our garden club year was winding up! November has been a busy month for many of us. Once the keys to 39 Main Street Woolson Block, in downtown Springfield were secured, the preparations for our **SGC Christmas Shop** began in earnest. A big shout out to Bonny Andrews and her husband Peter for making it possible for the club to utilize such a beautiful space. An additional thank you goes to Jessica Martin, Executive Director of **Springfield on the Move** for helping us with the logistics. The center storefront suited our purpose perfectly. A special thank you to Therese Burton for being our "doorkeeper" and just general space tender.

The FOT team of Lynn Likus, Cheryl Pierce and Jean Swanson were already in action behind the scenes working to advertise the shop, gather supplies for the work days in mid-November and organize schedules. Super decorator Deanna Dexter and her trusty team of helpers, that included her husband Buddy, Meredith Kelley, Susan Hernon and Linda Kelley, worked to spruce up the selling space with fun decorations for the windows. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 16th, 17th and 18th, we held our **Creative Workshops**, where the latent **"Santa's Elves"** in all of us were allowed to emerge. Club members used a blend of natural and whimsical articles to craft a collection of wreaths and table and mantle decorations in a range of affordable prices, for our winter fund-raiser. A quote from Rosann Sexton beautifully captures our time together. "The marathon was fun, exhausting, but oh so worth it! It was especially fun to be back to the camaraderie of the workshops and getting to know the new people, chatting with old friends we haven't seen, and getting our creative juices flowing again. Thank you to Lynn, Jean and Cheryl for planning and executing everything, it made our jobs easy."

A salute to Barb Riotte and Therese for putting together our special holiday "moneytree."

Our treasures were transferred to the shop and made ready for our opening on November 26th and 27th. On the morning of November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving, we had a flurry of activity and sold many of our items. Our customers were very positive about the shop, their purchases and the club. Overall the sales seem to be going very well. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have just a few items left for sale and a pared down schedule for next Friday when the town of Springfield has its holiday celebration downtown. A revised schedule has been posted for shop workers, please make note of it if you have been scheduled to work in the shop in the coming week.

There are not enough words of praise and thanks to go around to all those who gave generously of their time in this wonderful endeavor. Please know that whatever you have done to contribute to this effort, how great or how small, you have played a supporting role. You are part of a magnificent team of people that work together with a common purpose in mind. We all help make Springfield, Vermont a better community to visit and to live in. You are deeply appreciated by the Springfield Garden Club.

December

Thursday, Dec. 2 - We will NOT be open this day. The following people will NOT be working.

10:00-1:00 - Barb Lacey, Therese Burton, Margery Collins

1:00-4:00 - Deanna Dexter, Linda Kelley

Friday, Dec. 3 - Morning Shift will NOT be working.

10:00-1:00 - Therese Burton, Lee Soucy, Carol Eramo, Jocelyn Zezza

Friday, Dec. 3 - NEW Schedule

12:00 - 3:00 - Barb Riotte, Rosann Sexton, Cheryl Pierce

3:00 - 6:00 - Linda Jones, Karen Vatne, Therese Burton, Cheryl Pierce

Monday December 6th

Breakdown and Clean-Up/Tables will be picked up by owners. Display items returned to Park Street. Window Decorations will remain in place until January.

Wednesday December 8, 2021**Annual Holiday Luncheon****11:00 a.m. Social Hour****11:30 A.M. Club Update****12:00 p.m. Luncheon****Location: Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 VT 106-Perkinsville, Vermont****RSVP: Deadline December 1st Wednesday****Lee Soucy 885-5251 Itsoucy@vermontel.net****Cost: \$30.00 per person****Dues are due ! Active \$25 Supportive \$35****Please write separate checks for lunch and dues.****From Karen****Facebook Report**

Followers are up from 157 to 174!

Likes are up from 138 to 153!

(Karen sent me a second report just before this Newsletter was sent out which is below. Karen also sent copies of Face Book adds and responses on FB to her adds. I did not include that here but want to thank Karen for her tremendous photography and Face Book promotion which has informed Springfield of our Christmas Shop...Carol)

SGC page Followers are now 179, Likes are now 156.

The second SGC post about the Christmas Shop now has 17 likes, 1 comment and 3 shares.

The Grow/Spfld post now has 57 likes, 8 comments and 3 shares.

Happen/Spfld now has 63 likes, 4 comments and 5 shares!

What a difference a few days make!

From Deanna

Dear Springfield Garden Club members,

Thank you for your generous donations of gifts and cash to the Springfield Santa Claus Club. We were given 25 children's requests and all are spoken for. Thirteen of those gifts have been handed to me already. The due date for handing them in is Dec. 2nd. They can be dropped off at our store at #39 Main Street or at my house at 53 Cutler Drive. Please mark with my name and your child's family number etc. Please drop me an email if you drop off at my house or the store and I am not there. Gifts do not have to be wrapped or in a gift bag. I will also be sending

reminders to those on the list soon. If you weren't able to get a gift but would like to contribute to this wonderful Holiday effort please address your check to:

Springfield Santa Claus Club

365 Summer Street - Box 229

Springfield, VT 05156

Thanks so
much,
Deanna Dexter

From Barb Lacey

Dues for the coming year will be collected at the luncheon. **Two separate checks, one for the luncheon and one for the dues. Active 25.00 and supportive 35.00 Thanks**

From Carol

Happy December to all! It sure was a busy November and a very successful one. It will be fun to hear the financial report at our luncheon next week...thank you Barb Riette!

Karen's photos are attached.

Thank you to Barb Lacey for taking over the Secretary duties while I go to Florida to get warm.

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— DSC_0450 1000 boxwoods wreaths (3).JPG —



— DSC_0453 1000 Barb R Lynn Therese (2).JPG —



— DSC_0456 1000 wreaths (2).JPG —



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— DSC_0471 1000 sale corner, wreaths, tree (2).JPG —



— DSC_0477 1000 Barb R Cashier (2).JPG —



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— DSC_0517 1000 trees, customers (2).JPG —



— DSC_0521 1000 best customers (2).JPG —



— DSC_0532 1000 ex shop (2).JPG —



— DSC_0535 1000 raffle (2).JPG —

