

Annisquam Sewing Circle post Christmas Fair meeting  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Stevie and Suzanne said baskets were not missed this year.

Greens: Stevie suggested having a workshop 2 to 3 weeks prior to the fair. Although we did a good job, we still need quality control. Lida requested heavier wire for the big wreaths. Fake fruit shows up very well. Forget the bling and glitter. Lyn thinks we made too many boxwood trees. She too would like to have a workshop prior to the fair. She also would like to have stars for the tree tops. Lyn suggested we start collecting containers, cups, etc. for paper whites and amaryllis bulbs. The teacups were a good seller. Deb Bird would like to see more people cutting greens for the week leading up to the fair. The birdhouses sold for 14 dollars. Maybe we should consider making bigger ones next year. Gigs suggested we video tape the workshops.

Bows: It was a good idea to start making the bows way ahead of time, and we should do this again next year.

P.R. Deb Michel and Suzanne did a great job! Next year the fair will start at 8:00 and end at 12:00.

Crafts: Gig said the crafts did well. Connie's two doorstops, Jill's doll outfit, and Grace's hat all sold at the silent auction. Gigs suggested maybe adding more items for the silent auction. Gigs also mentioned that we had a great variety of crafts this year.

Gourmet table: Wendy Banks said the gourmet table did very well. Pam Saylor's cake flew off the table! It was suggested that we have some packaging supplies for those who do not bring anything to wrap their own. We should also label items containing nuts and if something needs to be refrigerated and used within 14 days.

Jewelry: The jewelry table was a great success. Mimi suggested maybe charging 4 dollars rather than 3 dollars for items.

Luncheon: Connie said don't tell anyone we sell casseroles because the board of health is very picky. All casseroles are made on Thursday. Connie also suggested we purchase (on line) new long red table cloths that do not need ironing. Connie would also like to see more of a variety of pies. She doesn't think pumpkin is a big seller. She would like to have people signing up to make pie to state what kind they are baking.

Connie also suggested we have a floor manager to make sure tables are set up properly on Thursday. Larry Cook helped this year.

Grabs: Jackie said we don't need anymore grabs for children, but we do need them for men, women and pets.

It was mentioned that we should think about a better method for paying, and better lighting for the greens.

Suzanne would like to start having workshops early for gift tags, firestarters, cat nip, etc.