Membership Annual Report 2023-2024 Bonnie Auchincloss

The kick off for the 2023-24 season was the annual Open House in September. It was a big success and we recruited several new members at that meeting. Altogether, we have received 25 new members for 2023-24 for a total roster of 253 members as of May 12, 2024. We have held many interesting Membership meetings throughout the year, thanks to the efforts of Kay Saderholm and Gail Sisti. We have also continued to write the Member Counts article for the Branch each month. Cyd Averill suggested that we start a new segment within that article called "New member Glimpses" where we would ask all new members to send us a short bio about themselves so that current members could learn something about them and welcome them as members. Many people responded and were published in the article. In November, we edited the data in the directories and mailed and delivered them in December. On May 1st, Margaret Nijhuis has sent out the renewal notices for all members who are due for renewal in June. The others will receive their notices closer to their due dates. Margaret has subsequently been sending out renewal reminders and the membership committee is currently processing all returns.