

**BFS "Programs" Report
for June 28, 2014 Board Meeting**

The first program of the 2014 season, a Lavender Workshop, was held on June 9 at Garland Farm. The presenter was Lorie Costigan of Glendarragh Lavender Farm in Appleton, Maine. She gave directives on growing lavender, and explained types of lavender that will grow well in Maine. Lively questions and answers followed. She donated lavender plants for a raffle, and brought plants to sell.

Twenty-six people attended the program, an increase of 2 over last year's first program.

The raffle brought in \$191, and people seemed to appreciate the chance to win a plant. Lorie also donated a book on growing lavender for the raffle. She sold many plants, which were of excellent quality.

Setting up for the presentation made it very apparent that Garland Farm needs to update its media equipment. There was a total misunderstanding on what Lorie was bringing for her presentation, and what she had was not compatible with the Garland Farm equipment. This was partly my fault, as I thought she would bring her own laptop, which she did not do. I need to confirm what each presenter has for future programs. But the problem remains that the GF equipment must be upgraded.

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