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OF THE
BEDFORD
GARDEN CLUB

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PREFACE

When Mrs. Richard W. Meade finished her excellent history of the Bedford Garden Club in 1955, the Club was 44 years old. Since then we have celebrated our 50th anniversary and are now entering our 62nd year, and your Executive Committee decided that our history should be brought up to date before Time had taken too great a toll and details were forgotten.

The Publications Committee has followed the format used by Mrs. Meade and has added several features which it believes are of value for reference, and help to complete the portrait of the Club. The photographs of our Presidents during 60 years constitute a fascinating commentary on our times (compare, for example, the pictures of our first and our 22nd presidents). The lists on pages 70-75 of members whose services have been recognized by the presentation of medals and awards, and of those who have served as officers of The Garden Club of America or as chairmen of national committees, bear witness to the quality of our membership and our long and close association with the organization of which our Club was one of the founders.

We record with sadness the death of many much loved members who through the years contributed their time, special knowledge and creative imagination to the work of the Club.

Two long-term projects, begun in the 1930s, have come of age. Responsibility for the Pound Ridge Nature Trail, the Trailside Museum and the Luquer-Marble Memorial Wild Flower Garden has been assumed by the Westchester County Parks Department, and the planting at the Northern Westchester Hospital has been taken over by the hospital (more detail is given in "A Summing Up," page 68). This is as it should be, for the Bedford Garden Club has always been an initiator of projects. Two new programs undertaken by the Club during the past 16 years—the Friendship Garden Club at the prison for women at Bedford Hills and the School Conservation Education program—recently celebrated their 13th and 10th birthdays.

Though the pace of social change has accelerated incredibly since 1955, one value remains constant: the quality of our members. We

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salute especially our younger members who, with little or no help, manage their homes with grace and still find time to give to community needs, and "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs."

We dedicate this volume to the members who made, are making, and will make the history of the Bedford Garden Club.

Dorothy Humphreys Hinitt, *Chairman*

Gate House
Bedford, New York
November 1971



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This second volume of our history could not have been written without the dedicated work and research of the members of the Publications Committee during many months, and the encouragement and enthusiasm of our President, Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr. We owe the six new chapters of *The Story of the Club* to Mrs. Merle Crowell, Mrs. Dennis Dix, Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy and Mrs. Paul Sturtevant. The lists were compiled by: Mrs. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, *Club Meetings*; Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr., *Exhibitions*; Mrs. J. Chandler Hill and Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham, *Gifts for Public Purposes*; Mrs. Donald W. Marshall, *Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees*; and Mrs. Lewis B. Harder, *Membership*. Mr. Donald W. Marshall gave generously of his professional expertise, and the Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. Hobart Lewis and Mrs. Peter Oliver, were truly indispensable. To all of them the Chairman is most grateful.

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OUR PRESIDENTS

DURING

SIXTY YEARS

1911-1971



Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter
organizer of the Bedford Garden Club and its President
1911-1916 and 1927-1929



Mrs. Arthur H. Scribner
1916-1917



Miss Delia Marble
1917-1919

Mrs. Charles S. Brown
1919



Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1920-1923 and 1939-1940



Mrs. Henry Marquand
1923-1925

In May 1913, Mrs. Marquand represented the Bedford Garden Club at the meeting held in the house of Mrs. Bayard Henry, Philadelphia, at which The Garden Club of America was founded.

Mrs. John Henry Towne
1925-1927



Mrs. Nelson B. Williams
1929-1931



Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt, Jr.
(Mrs. Henry V. Julier)
1931-1933



Miss Eloise Payne Luquer
1933-1935

Mrs. Alfred Roelker
1935-1939
*(Photographed about
25 years later)*



Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1940-1941
1951-1953



Mrs. Edwin DeT. Bechtel
1941-1943



Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill
1943-1947



Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor
1947-1949



Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
1949-1951



Mrs. George M. Schurman
1953-1955



Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson
1955-1959



Mrs. Peter Oliver
1959-1961

Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson
1961-1963



Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
1963-1965

*In Hawaii for the Annual
Meeting of The Garden Club
of America in 1961*



Mrs. Dennis Dix
1965-1967



Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr.
1967-1971

THE STORY OF THE CLUB

MRS. ARTHUR M. ANDERSON
1955-1959

Mrs. Anderson's varied interests and talents enriched the Bedford Garden Club in many ways during the four years of her presidency. She was not only a practical gardener and learned horticulturist, but a professional painter who exhibited in New York and London. Her executive ability, the warmth and simplicity of her character, stimulated the enthusiasm of members; the doors of her home, White Gates, famous for its gardens and for the Imperial Japanese wisteria given years ago to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marquand, the former owners, were always hospitably open.

Two of the Club's most important projects were initiated during these years: the Friendship Garden Club at the state prison for women at Bedford Hills, and the Garden Waiting Room at the Northern Westchester Hospital, now the Alice Sloane Anderson Memorial Terrace.

In the Spring of 1958, a member of the staff at the prison asked if the Bedford Garden Club would help to start a garden for the inmates similar to the state-supported gardens worked by men prisoners. Mrs. Anderson consulted the Chairman of the Horticulture Committee, Mrs. Merle Crowell, who by a fortunate chance had taught for a year at Westfield State Farm (as the prison was then called) and knew the need. In May, work was begun by her and five members of her Committee, who were first carefully screened by security officials. Every Wednesday, this Committee worked with a group of inmates and 27 gardens were laid out in unpromising land that had first to be cleared of stones. Tools, seeds and plants were donated by the Club and soon, at the suggestion of one of the prisoners, the group was given a name, "The Friendship Garden Club," a "sister-club" of the Bedford Garden Club.

Each gardener was permitted to cook her own vegetables on gas burners in the wards. One girl grew 17 kinds, including peanuts

and sweet potatoes! At a Harvest Show at the prison in September there were 125 entries in ten classes.

The show over, Mrs. Crowell's Committee thought their work was finished for the year, but the prisoners kept saying, "We'll see you next week," and "I look forward to seeing you as much as I do the mail-man"—so the Friendship Garden Club became a year-round project. That winter talks on flower arranging were given by Mrs. Paul Sturtevant and Miss Elizabeth Van Brunt spoke on herbs and horticulture. Cuttings were made. Just before Christmas a truckload of evergreens was delivered for a wreath-making meeting.

On May 15th, 1959, the first anniversary of the Friendship Garden Club, the prison staff gave a tea for the Bedford Garden Club at which the prisoners provided cake, music and poetry. The club started its second season with 121 members and in September exhibited at the Annual Harvest Show of the Northern Westchester Horticultural Society, where their display of vegetables and flowers created tremendous interest. The Superintendent of Education for New York Correctional Institutions visited the gardens and afterwards commented, "This is the best therapy in the world for prisoners."

Rosemary, whose essay, "A Time to Sow and a Time to Reap," won first prize in the Friendship Garden Club's Harvest Show contest, spoke for all the members when she wrote: "Through my garden God has shown that He is ever near and will not forsake us no matter what we have done. . . . Next year I plan to have a bigger and better garden, well planned with a good rotation of crops so that I do not take all the good from the earth but return some in thanks for the abundance it has given me. In my garden I will have a place for meditation and peace, with a prayer that it will prove my thanks and devotion to God for all that He has given me with the garden."

The basic pattern established during the first two years of the Friendship Garden Club has been followed ever since, and it has become the longest-lived volunteer project ever carried on at the prison.

The Garden Club of America was granted tax exempt status at this time, because of civic and educational work done by its member clubs, which were now urged to publicize all work of this kind. So, after shunning publicity all its life, the Bedford Garden Club appointed a Publicity Committee (now the Public Relations

Committee). In 1956 this Committee offered the two Northern Westchester newspaper chains a series of monthly columns devoted to various aspects of country life and its problems and to local places of historic interest. The columns, called "This Countryside" in *The Patent Trader* and "Country Living" in *The North Westchester Times*, were written by such authorities in their fields as Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood, Miss Elizabeth Van Brunt, Mrs. Harold C. Whitman, Miss Helen Whitman, Mrs. Thomas M. Waller and Mrs. Peter Oliver.

Along with such innovations, the Club's long-standing projects were carried forward. The Hospital Planting Committee continued its work and planting was done at the Bedford Village Library and in the Old Burying Ground on the green. The Pound Ridge Nature Trail and the Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary were aided and a scholarship to a Conservation Workshop was given.

An article by Mr. Bregy Van Cleve in *The Garden Club of America Bulletin*, "For the Land's Sake, Save Trees," inspired a campaign carried on in 1956 by the Conservation Committee. Members visited the Bedford Building Inspector's office at regular intervals and people who were given building permits received a persuasive and informative leaflet detailing how and why it was to their advantage to avoid cutting down trees unnecessarily. Copies of this leaflet were requested by many other clubs and were distributed at the G.C.A. Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs.

A third printing of *The Bedford Cook Book* was edited by Mrs. Richard Meade and Miss Moyca Newell and playing cards with a special 18th century design were made and sold for the Club. As Mrs. Anderson said in one of her annual reports in the G.C.A. *Bulletin*, "All this and gardening too, for we have increased our interest in dirt gardening and garden management, bringing them up to date, meeting the shortage of manpower and the vagaries of the weather with stout hearts."

A project very near Mrs. Anderson's heart was the creation of what she always called "a garden waiting room" at the Northern Westchester Hospital, where a new \$2,000,000 wing was being built. She worked out a plan with the architects and then organized a two-day benefit, which was held on May 23rd and 24th, 1958, with three other groups participating—Rusticus Club, Bedford Audubon Society and the Bedford Historical Society. Entitled "Country Living in Bedford Township," the exhibits varied from

displays of dry-fly casting and dressage, poodle obedience and ancient handicrafts, to the more usual tours of noted houses and gardens and Bedford's historic sites.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Whitman's house and garden were open and at Mr. Whitman's pool demonstrations of dry fly casting were given twice daily by Mrs. Daniel N. Brown and Mrs. B. Tappan Fairchild of the Woman Fly Fisher's Club. The lawn was the stage for displays of poodle obedience training by Miss Blanche Saunders of Bedford, who with Mrs. Whitehouse Walker brought obedience training to the United States in 1933.

At Penwood the Exhibitions Committee, with Mrs. James Edgar as Chairman, joined with Rusticus to stage a flower show, "The Way We Do Our Flowers," with four classes: a Line Arrangement, an Arrangement for a Living Room, an Arrangement Appropriate for a Bedside Table, and a class for florists, "Flowers Appropriate to Send to a Patient at the Hospital." In addition, a joint Exhibitions Committee was responsible for arrangements at all the houses and historic sites shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Clark's Baskerville Hall, with its formal and wild flower gardens and historic heirlooms, was shown, and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson's White Gates, where the Imperial Japanese wisteria was in full bloom. At Caramoor, where the new outdoor theatre was opened the following month, visitors could eat their picnic lunches and enjoy the gardens. Luncheon was available at two houses on Bedford Green, on the porch of Mrs. Lathrop Colgate's house and at the studio of Mr. and Mrs. John Renwick, Jr.

A "Little Horse Show" was staged at Sunnyfield Farm on the second day of the benefit, with a quadrille by the Pony Club and an exhibition of dressage by Miss Keren McIntosh. Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Taube's Spruce Brook Farm, formerly the farmhouse of the John Jay estate, was open to the public and children were given rides in the Jay coach. At Mr. and Mrs. William Denton's Ardencaple the Morgan horses and rare wild fowl were shown.

At the old Bedford Court House on the green, the Bedford Audubon Society showed three dioramas of local wild life made by a member, Mrs. Louis Owen, and exhibitions of quilting, weaving and book-binding were given by local experts, with examples for sale together with other items made for the occasion.

On the stage of Historical Hall, Mrs. Percy J. Ebbott's famous *papier maché* mannequins were arranged in a lively group showing

"Gardening Clothes of All Ages." Hostesses of the Bedford Historical Society served sandwiches and coffee. The Bedford Museum was open and the Bedford Library arranged an exhibit of rare herbals and garden books. There were hostesses at St. Matthew's Church and its old churchyard.

Four thousand five hundred invitations were mailed to a carefully selected list and the Publicity Committee sent stories to 52 newspapers within a 75-mile radius of Bedford. A net profit of \$5,582 was realized. The benefit was a huge success from every point of view, with the whole community working harmoniously for a common cause.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1956 Mrs. Bayard Litchfield (1929)
- 1957 Mrs. William Ewing (1935)
- 1958 Mrs. Joseph D. Ewing (1937) Recording Secretary
1939-1940
- 1958 Mrs. Herbert B. Howe (1946)
- 1958 Mrs. Frank Macomber (1922) 1st Vice-President 1939-
1940; 2nd Vice-President 1932-1933, 1952-1954; Cor-
responding Secretary 1924-1927, 1930-1931; Recording
Secretary 1940-1941.
- 1958 Mrs. John Henry Towne (1912) President 1925-1927;
Corresponding Secretary 1919-1921
- 1959 Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill (1913) President 1943-1947; 2nd
Vice-President 1942-1943; Corresponding Secretary 1914
- 1959 Mrs. Richard H. Springs (1949)
- 1959 Mrs. John Corbin (1912)



MRS. PETER OLIVER 1959-1961

The daughter of an early member, Mrs. M. Allen Starr, Mrs. Oliver enjoyed a long tradition of garden club activity, having become a member in 1940. From her own experience of the healing and revitalizing power from the simplest work with growing plants,

Mrs. Oliver particularly wanted to stress the original Garden Club of America objective, the love of gardening and the practical knowledge of horticulture. Gardening was a creative experience anyone might enjoy, life and growth being synonymous. She regarded research as another stimulus for the human spirit, and urged the pleasure in the knowledge of the history of plants. As president, she gave generously of her scholarship, imagination and gaiety, warmth and hospitality. She communicated her enthusiasm to committee chairmen and members alike, making us feel capable of undertaking any task assigned, especially dirt gardening.

While looking back through the Bedford Garden Club files of 49 years, Mrs. Oliver was impressed by the amount of practical gardening information they contained. She discussed with a committee the idea of publishing a gardening almanac that would be useful to neighboring gardeners as well as Club members. *The Bedford Gardener's Almanac* was published in 1961, under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothy Humphreys Hinitt, in time for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Club's founding, the highlight of Mrs. Oliver's regime. As she said in her annual report, "Our 50th Anniversary Party drew us together as a club, making us conscious of our past efforts in horticulture, conservation and civic work, and of our outstanding members who have made these efforts, accomplishments." (A description of this party follows later.)

A series of horticultural programs—"Try and See," "Enter Your Plants," and "Show What You Grow"—resulted in 41 plants grown in shade during a four-month period. Four were shown at the International Flower Show in the class, "Plants for the Shady Window," and won a blue ribbon. Visits to botanical gardens and greenhouses inspired 27 members to work regularly in the greenhouse of a member, Mrs. Edward Weidlein, Jr. Mrs. Russell E. Sard and Mrs. Robert G. Myhrum grew 2000 plants for sale at our Annual Flower Show. Hanging baskets, just becoming popular at that time, were grown with choice varieties of geraniums and begonias. A horticultural quiz testing the knowledge of members constituted the program at one Club meeting, and speakers were drawn mostly from our membership.

At the annual Harvest Show of the Northern Westchester Horticultural Society the Club won the newly established Ladies' Garden Club Trophy—a silver salver—with an exhibit of 17 varieties of *Hosta*. Also stressing plant knowledge were nature walks, "Know

Your Sanctuaries," in the Westmoreland and Butler Sanctuaries and at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

Flower arrangement classes were held in New York by Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds and in Bedford by Mrs. Frederic Legler. Greens Day, held in the Bedford Hills Community House, provided 90 feet of roping and 95 wreaths for the Northern Westchester Hospital at Christmas.

The hospital planting project, started by Rusticus and Bedford, expanded its committee to include nine cooperating garden clubs in the vicinity. Under the supervision of the landscape architect, the grounds were divided into units, which enabled an organization to estimate the cost of a given area. A united effort of all nine clubs to raise money was a theatre benefit in New York, "Under the Yum-Yum Tree," and a house and garden tour in this area. The Bedford Garden Club showed Bedford Honour, the house and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Whitman. Our Club's contribution in sales to these projects was \$1,921.80 and \$843.00 respectively. Construction of the Garden Waiting Room was begun.

A flower show, "The Four Seasons," staged in 1960 in Mrs. Ronald Lee's barn and garden, was combined with a house and garden tour. The four stalls in the barn had table arrangements for each season; the rest of the barn held exhibits and arrangements by neighboring clubs and by our own members. Mr. Yoshimura showed his fine collection of bonsai. The gardens of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Husted and Mrs. Hyde were shown. The result was \$3,081.85, which was added to the hospital planting fund.

The Friendship Garden Club now had 125 members, who made charts for 80 gardens 9 x 12 feet, with seed lists, costs and methods of planting. Seeds, plants and tools were given by the Bedford Garden Club, which also arranged demonstrations and informative talks. Albany congratulated the Bedford Garden Club for the work.

Mrs. R. Parker Kuhn, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, arranged for three scholarships to be awarded to students to attend Audubon camps in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Hog Island, Maine. Letters were written on pending conservation legislation, the hunting of deer with bow and arrow, the anti-litter campaign and the Wilderness Bill. A special evening meeting for members and their husbands was held at Mrs. Thomas M. Waller's, where Admiral and Mrs. Neill Phillips spoke on National Parks and Alaska.

Mrs. Laurence S. Kennedy and Mrs. Lewis B. Harder, co-chairmen

of the Town Planning Committee, kept members informed of community and state issues by attending Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

Clippings, our news sheets, proved very popular and the cook book continued to sell.

Something new in garden club circles was a short course in basic communication, through letters, reports, press and radio, which was conducted by Mr. Donald W. Marshall, a retired editor of the *New York Times*. Thirty members enrolled for the three sessions; a fourth session was a guided tour through the plant of *The Patent Trader*. The following pertinent points were made:

When writing news: Use short, familiar words, short sentences and paragraphs, vigorous language and, when possible, one idea to a sentence. Be specific. Be positive, not negative.

A straight news story has two parts: 1) a lead, or beginning, that quickly tells what happened. 2) a body that documents the lead.

The purpose of all news writing is to communicate information, opinions and ideas in an interesting and timely manner.

Copy preparation for reports, publicity releases, etc.: Type on regular typewriter size paper, on one side only. Double space to allow for editing.

Make certain copy is accurate, clean, and checked for spelling and proper names.

Bedford Garden Club contributed \$100 to The Garden Club of America International Fellowship in Horticulture, which gives an English student an academic year in this country and an American a similar year in Great Britain.

Miss Dorothy Hinitt, the Chairman of the Library Committee of the G.C.A., arranged part of an exhibit which The Garden Club of America was asked to send to the international *Floriade* in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, for which she was congratulated at the Annual Meeting at Palm Beach. Mrs. Paul Sturtevant was a member of the panel judging the 50th Anniversary Commemoration stamp design of The Garden Club of America, and Vice-Chairman of the G.C.A. Judging Committee.

A book compiled and edited by Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson from horticultural articles in *The Garden Club of America Bulletin*, "Our Garden Heritage," was published by Dodd, Mead in 1961, shortly

before Mrs. Anderson's death. It was a beautiful, useful and entertaining book, now out of print.

Mrs. Lathrop Colgate, one of the Club's earliest members, was made an Honorary member.

A new by-law was enacted whereby daughters and daughters-in-law of members, past and present, who reside on family property may be eligible for membership in the Club at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The following charming report of the 50th Anniversary Party by Mrs. Donald W. Marshall, the Chairman, was published in Clippings:

The Bedford Garden Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on July 12th, 1961, at Overlook Farm, the hilltop home of our President, Mrs. Peter Oliver. This charming old house, with its many reminders of the more spacious and gracious days of 1911, made a perfect setting for a nostalgic program in which humorous evocations of the past were mingled with serious reports of the Club's accomplishments and affectionate recognition of a half-dozen early members.

Each of us on arriving was required to present some horticultural specimen, so that by the time the meeting got under way the rambling porch had become a colorful flower show. Inside, the Exhibitions Committee had decorated the house with "then" and "now" bouquets, an interesting contrast between the casual and the studied modern styles of flower arrangement. On one wall an exhibition of pictures, medals and awards provided an informative record of the Club's achievements in many fields.

The meeting opened in the drawing room with a march of five past-presidents and Mrs. Oliver, wearing costumes dating from 1912 to the present. Another gay touch was provided by the amusing headdresses worn by the chairman and co-chairmen of the Club's standing committees to suggest their various responsibilities.

Mrs. Oliver presented rosettes of loyalty to four early members—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, 1911; Miss M. Moyca Newell, 1914; Mrs. Richard W. Meade, 1916; and Mrs. John A. Dix, 1916—and rosettes were sent to Mrs. C. Morton Whitman, 1912, and Lady Gabriel, 1912, who were unable to be present.

The past presidents (and representatives of others) then gave brief accounts covering the Club's history. Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor (1947-1949) told of the first ten years. Mrs. W. Gibson Carey described the regime of her mother, Mrs. John Henry Towne (1925-

1927). They were followed by Mrs. Henry V. Julier (1931-1933), Mrs. Alfred Roelker (1935-1939), Mrs. Paul Sturtevant (1940-1941 and 1951-1953), and Mrs. Edwin DeT. Bechtel (1941-1943). Mrs. Thomas M. Waller's report (1949-1951) was read by Mrs. Carey, and Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson's (1955-1959) by Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday.

At the close of the formal part of the meeting, Mrs. Oliver invited the members to tea (and champagne, the gift of the presidents) in the dining room, where the lace-covered table with old silver candelabra and yellow roses made another lovely period picture. On a sideboard was a big birthday cake with 50 candles. We asked Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish to blow them out and make a wish for 50 more years, a wish in which we all joined as we raised our glasses to the Bedford Garden Club.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1960 Mrs. Allan M. Pope (1937)
- 1961 Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson (1931) President (1955-1959); 2nd Vice-President (1940-1941)
- 1961 Mrs. Raymond Sheldon (1941)



MRS. THOMAS W. STEVENSON 1961-1963

The years of Mrs. Stevenson's presidency were notable for her vision and for her personal involvement with and support of each committee. Her patient encouragement to members welded the club into such a willing team that many were surprised to find unsuspected talents and resources in themselves. Her two years were highlighted by the initiation of what proved to be an important pioneering program in nature education in the schools; their climax was "A Day on the Village Green," a highly successful benefit held to raise monies for the Club's ever-increasing expenses for civic and educational work.

The School Conservation Education Program was conceived by

Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Charlotte West, principal of the Mount Kisco Elementary School, with the encouragement of Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, chairman of the Conservation Committee. Their idea was to educate children in appreciation of the world around them by using our local nature sanctuaries for field trips held in conjunction with classroom lessons in nature and conservation. There were no textbooks for such courses and the first school year, 1961-1962, was experimental, with classes at three elementary schools. The lessons were written by Mrs. Dennis Dix, organizer and Chairman of the Committee, and by Mrs. Richard Reid and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr. They were assisted by a group of sponsor-teachers, not necessarily club members, who were especially qualified.

By the Annual Meeting in October 1963, Mrs. Dix was able to report: "Most of our aims and desires are being realized. Last year we taught nine classes at the Bedford and Mount Kisco Elementary Schools. The 4th Grade had the Tree Program, the 5th Grade and one 6th Grade class the Soil and Water Program. . . . 230 children had monthly classes and a fall and spring walk in the Butler or the Westmoreland Sanctuary. . . . This fall we have a committee of 19 sponsor-teachers, which means we are able to teach all sections of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, approximately 475 children."

The Conservation Committee presented a very successful series of 22 five-minute talks, "Conservation Is Everybody's Business," broadcast over the local radio station WVIP. The program covered a wide variety of conservation and historic preservation problems and two of the talks were reprinted in magazines. The committee gave a scholarship to the Audubon Nature Camp in Greenwich to Mrs. Richard Reid in 1962 and to Mrs. Karl Touraine in 1963—training which proved most useful in writing, teaching and leading the School Conservation Education Program. In 1963 the Committee spearheaded, with Rusticus, an anti-litter week in the Town of Bedford, helped by Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, which collected rubbish from the roadsides. Prizes were given for the largest collection and for the best posters made by school children.

The Exhibitions Committee held classes in flower arranging, taught by its Chairman, Mrs. Paul Sturtevant, and Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds. A provocative touch was added to many meetings by the judging and criticism of three anonymous arrangements made by the Committee. In cooperation with the Horticulture and Program Committees, a Narcissus Show was staged with great success on

April 25th and May 1st (due to weather). Arrangements and horticultural specimens were shown at Historical Hall and the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Marshall and Mrs. Paul Sturtevant were visited. In 1963 the Exhibitions Committee concentrated its efforts on the flower show held as part of "A Day on the Village Green."

The Horticulture Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Edward Weidlein and Mrs. William Botzow, won a 3rd prize at the 1962 International Flower Show in the Standard Tree Class; in 1963, in a joint project with Rusticus, it again placed third in the International's class, "A Spring Perennial Garden." Three members retired the "Ladies Garden Club Trophy" at the Northern Westchester Horticultural Society's Harvest Show with an exhibit of tropical ferns as house plants. The Committee felt chagrined because it had had no competition for this trophy. In 1963 most of their efforts were directed to "A Day on the Village Green."

Mrs. Bernard Finn, the Custodian, did a tremendous job of organizing the Club's properties stored in Miss Moyca Newell's barn and making an inventory of them and the Club files.

The Friendship Garden Club continued to grow and by 1963 had 194 members and 127 garden plots. The regular parties were held at Thanksgiving, Christmas and the anniversary of the Club's founding in May. Its Harvest Shows continued to be huge successes and in 1962 its exhibit at the Northern Westchester Horticultural Show won a special award.

Greens Day activities continued but became somewhat less arduous because of fire laws at the hospital that prevented any living interior decorations.

The planting and furnishing of the Garden Waiting Room at the hospital was completed, and its perpetual maintenance was assured by an anonymous gift in memory of Alice Sloane Anderson (Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson).

Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy was instrumental in obtaining two other memorial gifts: Mr. Joseph Mullen presented in memory of his wife a handsome silver coffee urn and started a travel fund for use by club delegates to the Annual Meetings of The Garden Club of America.

Looseleaf handbooks were compiled for each Committee Chairman by Miss Dorothy Hinitt in an effort to assure continuity in committee work as regimes changed. The Executive Committee voted \$100 a

year for the president's expenses. As a memorial to Mrs. Anderson, the Club endowed the Medal of Honor, one of the national awards of The Garden Club of America. A beautiful small brochure to accompany the award of the medal was prepared by Mrs. Peter Oliver, assisted by Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, Miss Hinitt and Mrs. Thomas M. Waller and the G.C.A. asked permission to use it as a model for brochures for its other medals.

Our strong ties with The Garden Club of America grew even stronger as Mrs. Waller became a Vice-President and then a Director; Mrs. James Harrison was appointed Chairman of the Hospitality Committee and Miss Hinitt became Editor of *The Bulletin*.

The Club shone in reflected glory as two members were honored by national awards from The Garden Club of America. In 1962, Miss Elizabeth Van Brunt was presented with the Eloise Payne Luquer Medal at the Annual Meeting in Lenox, Massachusetts, and the following year Mrs. Paul Sturtevant received the Katherine Thomas Cary Medal at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

Members honored by awards from the Bedford Garden Club, with approval by The Garden Club of America, were: Mrs. Arthur W. Butler and Miss Helen Clay Frick, who received the Medal of Merit; and Mrs. William Botzow and Mrs. Edward Weidlein, Jr., who were presented with Horticultural Achievement Certificates. (For details of these awards see page 70.)

"A Day on the Village Green"—the Club's major effort for 1963—was the first benefit the Club had planned so that visitors could park their cars and walk to the exhibits, all of which were on the Green or within easy distances. Over 3000 invitations were sent out; 1022 tickets were sold and a net profit made of \$3,756.68.

Historical Hall was the setting for a flower and antique show, "Flowers in Art," and an exhibit by the School Conservation Education Committee. Mrs. Sturtevant, the benefit Chairman, and Mrs. Ronald C. Lee collected antiques from members to complement the flower arrangements for three classes: "Spring Gaiety," an invitation class with six other clubs entered; Class II, an arrangement as it might have been done 50 years ago; and a line arrangement class. Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr. was the coordinator and decorator for these classes. The stage was the setting for a sitting room exhibiting antique furniture and paintings.

The Court House featured a small scale model of Mr. Louis K. Hyde's garden-in-the-round, arranged as a Conservation Exhibit

by Mrs. Hyde and her committee to demonstrate an organic garden with companionate planting maintained without the use of pesticides. Handsome posters painted by Mrs. Henry V. Julier complemented this exhibit.

The Horticulture Committee's exhibit featuring fuchsia, browallia and lantana was in the greenhouse of Mr. and Mrs. W. Denning Harvey, with a plant sale outside.

On the Green, gaily decorated push-carts filled with items for sale—the club's Cook Book and Almanacs, a historic map, dish towels and hand-made articles—did a brisk business under the management of Mrs. Broaddus Johnson, Mrs. Richard Lawrence, Mrs. Robert Myhrum and Mrs. Walter Winans. There was also a childrens' section with pony rides, fish pond and throw games. Mrs. John G. W. Husted's Gourmet Table was soon sold out of its casseroles, garden ornaments and containers. The Bedford Museum was another attraction.

Luncheon was available *al fresco* on the porch of Mrs. Lathrop Colgate's house and in the studio of Mrs. John P. Renwick, Jr.

The houses of Mr. and Mrs. W. Denning Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Renwick, Jr., were open for the tour, and the vegetable garden of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Butler and the grounds of Mrs. John P. Beach. Visitors particularly enjoyed having everything within walking distance, a pleasure enhanced by beautiful weather on this 23rd day of May.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1962 Mrs. Charles D. Dickey (1924)
- 1963 Mrs. Joseph Mullen (1954)
- 1963 Mrs. Antonie Voislawsky (1929)
- 1963 Mrs. Julius F. Workum (1943)

MRS. EDWARD A. LEROY
1963-1965

Mrs. LeRoy's presidency might well serve as a model for the running of a club. She organized the work so well that an amazing amount was done and none of her predecessors' ventures was neglected; her leadership was always salted with good humor as well as efficiency. Thanks to her efforts and those of Mrs. Peter Oliver, the Club's civic and educational funds received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. Her term ended with a tremendous benefit, "History on the Village Green," sponsored jointly with the Bedford Historical Society.

Mrs. LeRoy added something uniquely her own to the Club's work and records because of her distinguished career as a professional photographer, whose work included a year with the Atomic Bomb Project at Oak Ridge, followed by a half-year with Military Intelligence. She has done medical photography with Dr. Rusk and is a member of the board of The Volunteer Service Photographers, a group which supervises rehabilitation photography in 60 hospitals. Mrs. LeRoy encouraged and enlarged the work of the Photography Committee, whose picture records now enrich the Club's archives.

The fight to preserve the beauties of the natural world was at that time becoming increasingly bitter and the Horticulture, Conservation and Town Planning Committees were very active. The Club helped obtain an improved Sand and Gravel Ordinance in the Town of Bedford, fought down-zoning in a specific case, protested the proposed Consolidated Edison plant on Storm King Mountain and supported the Wilderness Bill and the Fire Island National Seashore Bill. Mrs. Dennis Dix and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr. were given scholarships to Audubon camps.

Trees were planted and fed around Bedford Village Green. Dogwood trees, window-boxes and tubs were planted in Bedford Hills and Katonah. The Town Planning Committee did a superb job in furthering community betterment, especially in Bedford Hills, where the shop owners cooperated with Mrs. Donald W. Marshall's far-reaching plans for improving all aspects of the village.

The Horticulture Committee continued its monthly meetings at members' and friends' gardens, varied with trips to greenhouses

and nurseries. It was responsible for a program on Latin names and plant classification at a Club meeting and for a Botanical Bingo Game involving plant nomenclature at another. The Committee collected and sold plant divisions at the Annual Plant Sale of Kitchawan Field Station of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. It placed plants at the John Jay Homestead for the opening ceremonies and helped put on two Club flower shows. In 1965 much of its efforts were devoted to "History on the Village Green," where it sold individually potted herbs from one of the antique carriages on the Green, and provided decorative markers at all strategic spots.

The Friendship Garden Club celebrated its seventh birthday in May, 1964 and had very good gardens in spite of the drought, with a bountiful supply of the vegetables which the gardeners so enjoy eating, and of flowers for the Harvest Show. In 1965 Mrs. John Renwick, Jr., who succeeded Mrs. Robert FitzGibbon as Chairman, reported that the Club's best piece of land had been taken for construction of an addition to the prison dining room and that many would-be gardeners had been disappointed. Decorations for Thanksgiving, wreath-making for Christmas and the scrapbook contests were continued and in June there was a blessing of the gardens.

Eighteen members enrolled in the Exhibitions Committee's flower arranging classes, under Mrs. Paul Sturtevant's and Mrs. Elizabeth Legler's instruction. Hostesses were provided for the International Flower Show and classes entered. Mrs. William Botzow was hostess for the 1964 Club flower show, an outstanding success in both quality of exhibits and in membership participation. The Committee's major efforts for the following year concentrated on "History on the Village Green."

The School Conservation Education Committee's work continued to expand and prosper, with a new course, "The Fauna of Westchester," added, and over 500 pupils. The fall field trips had to be cancelled both years because of the drought. The Committee entertained four members of the Rumson Garden Club who wished to start a similar program at Sandy Hook, and Mrs. Dennis Dix and Mrs. Karl Touraine demonstrated the program for the Garden Club of East Hampton and at a meeting of The Garden Club of America in New York. The importance of this program was recognized at the Zone III Meeting in 1964 when the Zone Conservation Certificate was awarded to Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Richard Reid and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr. In 1965, Mrs. Dix resigned the chairmanship to be-

come President of the Bedford Garden Club, leaving the Committee in the capable hands of Mrs. Touraine, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Wainwright.

Clippings celebrated its 12th flourishing year and in 1964 the By-Laws were revised and reprinted. To make room for more young members, Affiliate Membership of The Garden Club of America was added, enabling members who have completed ten years of satisfactory service and who no longer desire or are able to participate in Club activities or have become non-resident, to attend meetings but not to vote or hold office; they retain G.C.A. privileges and receive *The Bulletin*. Dues were raised: \$20 for Active and Special Membership and \$30 for Associate.

On Saturday, May 8th, 1965, "History on the Village Green," under the joint sponsorship of the Club and the Bedford Historical Society, drew the largest crowd ever attracted by a local benefit, with one hostess counting more than 1400 visitors to her house and garden; at another, visitors were asked to tour the garden first, but found the house still packed on their return. The fair on the Green, organized by Mrs. Stevenson, with antique carriages used as shops and a marquee where books by local authors and gourmet foods were on sale, drew gay crowds all day. Boy Scout Indian dancers performed at intervals and there were various entertainments for children. Two houses near the Green were open—Mr. and Mrs. George Butler's and Captain and Mrs. Gerard Wood's; at the latter, demonstrations of spinning and weaving were given. The more distant houses and gardens on the tour were those of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chandler Hill, and Colonel and Mrs. Arvid Taube, formerly the John Jay farmhouse.

Historical Hall was the scene of a really distinguished exhibit of 18th and 19th century paintings and furniture, imaginatively displayed. On the stage was an authentic recreation of the dining room at Bedford Honour as it appeared around 1820, when Jotham Smith owned what is now the Harold C. Whitman estate. Present day descendants of the owner lent silver, furniture and paintings that had been in the room and Mrs. Peter Oliver's committee supplemented these with loans from Bedford residents. In the body of Historical Hall were shown paintings and engravings, which included a Gilbert Stuart and a Rembrandt Peale, together with furniture of the various periods—Queen Anne, a Chippendale table given by George Washington to Nellie Custis and other Chippendale,

Hepplewhite and Federal furniture, all lent by local owners. These were complemented by arrangements of flowers of each period in suitable containers—the Club's annual flower show, staged by Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr. and her Exhibitions Committee. Mrs. Mott B. Schmidt and Katonah Gallery members were responsible for the hanging of the paintings and engravings and their lighting, while Mrs. Donald W. Marshall and Mrs. Oliver planned and organized the entire exhibition.

In the old Court House, Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston and Mr. William Pahlmann arranged displays by leading antique dealers, with a private showing Friday night there and at Historical Hall.

Both churches on the Green cooperated, serving coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts and allowing use of their parking lots. The Bedford Fire Department not only cooked frankfurters and hamburgers in front of the Fire House but gave us their profits, with \$50 added. And at the end of the day the Boy Scouts did a superb litter cleanup.

Mrs. Winfield Taylor, general chairman of "History on the Village Green," reported total receipts of \$19,630.52 and a profit of \$11,269.61 for the two societies' civic and educational projects. Our Club's share was \$5,634.81.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1964 Mrs. John G. W. Husted (1957) Corresponding Secretary
(1963-1964)
- 1964 Mrs. C. Morton Whitman (1912) 2nd Vice-President
(1938-1939)



MRS. DENNIS DIX 1965-1967

Mrs. Dix's regime stands out as being conducted with quiet efficiency, tact and a sense of humor, while her desire to attract more young members led to organization of the Junior Workshop, one of the important developments of these years. Women under 35 years of age were made eligible, paying nominal dues of \$5, which included *The Garden Club of America Bulletin*. The steering committee for the project, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Richard

H. Lawrence, consisted of the Horticulture, Conservation, Exhibitions and School Conservation Education Committees. After two years, workshop members showing real interest could be invited to join the Club. The group started with ten members; there were workshops on flower arranging, taking cuttings, forcing bulbs, putting the garden to bed, and there was a talk on shrubs, trees and evergreen planting.

In the spring of 1966, another new form of membership was introduced, for husbands of members: gentlemen who had rendered outstanding service and whose interest would be maintained by club activities were invited to become Privileged Members. They would not pay dues or receive *The Bulletin*, but they could attend any Club meeting. The first members were Dr. Rufus Cole, Mr. Louis K. Hyde, Mr. Henry V. Julier, Mr. Edward A. LeRoy, Mr. Donald W. Marshall, Mr. J. Norrish Thorne and Mr. H. Bregy Van Cleve.

An award was established in memory of Mrs. Frank Macomber, a member of long standing who had brought honor to the Club at many flower shows and had been especially kind in passing on her knowledge and skill to younger members. A flower container, an ornament or book would be awarded by the Club to a member "for outstanding effort or achievement in the field of exhibitions (flower arrangement and/or garden design)." The first Winifred Macomber Award was presented to Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr. for her "outstanding effort and achievement in the field of exhibitions."

Out of a total of 231 inmates of the women's prison, 140 were members of the Friendship Garden Club in 1966, and the following year—its tenth anniversary—there were 156 members. The usual program was continued, and in addition the bags given to guests at the Zone III Meeting were sewn by inmates.

In 1966, Mrs. George Sharp, Chairman of the Committee for the Alice Sloane Anderson Memorial Terrace at the Northern Westchester Hospital, gave a tea at the Terrace on Mrs. Anderson's birthday, June 14th. The patients, doctors, nurses and other staff members so enjoyed the party that, at the request of the hospital, it was made an annual event and has greatly increased the use of the Terrace. It can now be told that the anonymous gift in 1963, endowing the maintenance of the Terrace, was made by the late Mr. Arthur M. Anderson. Since the Bedford Garden Club was not at that time tax exempt, Mr. Anderson gave \$12,500 to the hospital

on condition that the income be used, under supervision of the Club, for maintenance of this memorial to his wife. This summer (1971) the hospital offered to pay all expenses of the annual tea, which had been privately financed.

The School Conservation Education Program continued its growth under the chairmanship of Mrs. Karl Touraine and by 1967 was teaching some 600 children. Mr. Winfield Taylor took the place of Mr. Joseph Swan as sole male member of the group. The Junior League of Mount Kisco listed the Committee's program and provided several volunteers. The Rusticus Club, after a presentation of the program at one of its meetings, became a co-sponsor. At the Zone III Meeting in Irvington, Mrs. Touraine, Mrs. Wilmot B. Wheeler, Jr., Mrs. Richard Reid and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr., gave a demonstration and were the hit of the meeting. All this despite the loss of all the Committee's working equipment when the Wainwright house burned to the ground.

In 1965, for the first time in its history the Club could boast that one of its members was President of The Garden Club of America: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller was elected and served until 1968. Mrs. Waller was also the first woman to be appointed to the Advisory Committee of the New York State Conservation Commission, was a panelist on "Landscape Action" at the Governor's Conference, on Natural Beauty in 1966, and served on the National Advisory Committee on Highway Beautification to the United States Department of Commerce until 1968. She was one of the first members of the Soil and Water Conservation District for Westchester County, whose creation the Bedford Garden Club strongly supported, and is currently a member of the County Planning Board and Chairman of the National Affairs Committee of The Garden Club of America.

The Club's interest in the Pound Ridge Reservation Nature Trail and the Trailside Museum, which it had established some 30 years ago, was revitalized under the chairmanship of Mrs. Morgan Parker, after she received a report from Mrs. Waller about a visit she had paid to this long-standing Club project. Restoration and rehabilitation of the Luquer-Marble Wild Flower Garden and of the Museum was undertaken and carried out. (Please see "A Summing Up," on page 68.)

At the urgent request of Mrs. Dix, a new By-Law was passed: Article VIII was amended so that the Executive Committee appointed a Nominating Committee in February. The President could thus

be selected well ahead of the time she would take office and have ample opportunity to consider her committee appointments. The Nominating Committee Chairman would become a member of the Executive Committee for the calendar year and "this committee may also assist the president and the president-elect in appointments for all standing and special committees."

The Program Committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Walter Winans, prepared an excellent outline of the responsibilities of hostesses at the Club meetings. It is now incorporated in the annual Year Book.

Most committee work, from June 1966, concentrated on preparation for the meeting of the Northeastern Zone (III) in Bedford on September 26th, 27th and 28th, 1967, with our Club and the Rusticus Club as co-hostesses. Mrs. Donald W. Marshall and Mrs. Thomas McCance, co-chairmen, did a superb job of organizing a delightful meeting which ran like clock-work.

The Conservation and Horticulture Committees, working together, dug up spring beauties (*Claytonia virginica*) growing in the path of the bulldozers on I-87 (now I-684) and transplanted them to Mrs. Aertsen Keasbey's grounds, to be dug up eventually and packed in the bags given to guests, together with the current publications of the Westmoreland, Butler, and Mianus River Gorge Sanctuaries, the Pound Ridge Reservation and the Kitchawan Field Station of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, collected by the Conservation Committee.

The Horticulture Committee, having decided to use the flowers of the *Compositae* as the main theme of the meeting, worked hard growing standard and cascade chrysanthemums so that they would be at their peak the last week of September, 1967. Edible plants of the *Compositae* were collected by Mrs. Morgan Parker for an exhibit.

The Photography Committee was especially active. Members took pictures of various species of the *Compositae* which were made into a *montage* for Historical Hall, recorded the spring beauty salvage operation and the various stages of the complicated work in the greenhouses with the chysanthemums. During the meeting they photographed the principal events.

Several Club members painted pictures of wild flowers to be hung on the walls of Historical Hall. Plastic flower plaques for decorations were made by Mrs. Alvin Coburn and Mrs. Keasbey. A wild flower photography contest was arranged for members of the two hostess clubs.

The 77 guests attending the 1967 Annual Meeting of Zone III of The Garden Club of America enjoyed three perfect autumn days. On Tuesday, early and energetic arrivals walked through the Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary. The annual dinner was held that night in a marquee at the home of Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson. The Rusticus Club, concentrating on the products of New York State, had decorated it most effectively with clusters of grapes as mobiles hanging from the poles. On each table purple and green grapes and white roses were arranged on grape leaves, with a candle on a black base in the center.

On Wednesday, everyone assembled at the John Jay Homestead for the annual business meeting and afterward Mrs. Waller entertained the guests at luncheon at Tanrackin House. That afternoon there were tours of the houses and gardens of Mrs. Benjamin Clark, Mrs. John Lockwood, Mrs. Carl Tucker and Mrs. Harold Whitman, with a stop at St. Matthew's Church to see the John Jay communion silver. In the evening there were small dinners in members' houses.

The Horticulture and Conservation meetings were held on Thursday morning in Historical Hall on Bedford Green, where the superb display of cascade and other yellow and orange chrysanthemums was the hit of the meeting. After talks on wild flowers and on pollution of the environment, there was a luncheon at The Reader's Digest, preceded by a tour of the buildings and the collection of impressionist paintings. From there our guests went their separate ways.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1966 Dr. Rufus Cole (1966)
- 1966 Mrs. Norman W. Ward (1938)
- 1967 Mrs. Richard deW. Brixey (1941) 2nd Vice-President
1939-1940
- 1967 Mrs. Frederick M. Godwin (1949)
- 1967 Mrs. Charles Pinkerton (1931)
- 1967 Mrs. Alfred Roelker (1913) President 1935-1939,
Recording Secretary 1930-1934

MRS. FREDERICK V. AUSTIN, JR.
1967-1971

During her four years in office, Mrs. Austin made us all increasingly aware of our obligations to conservation and civic beautification. She was the initiating force in getting other organizations to cooperate to bring to the attention of the Bedford Town Board the need and advantages of appointing a Conservation Advisory Council and in establishing an Advisory Architectural Review Board for Mount Kisco and the Bedford Village Improvement Society.

Mrs. Austin's wartime experience in dealing with many kinds of people was an invaluable background for this work. After the fall of France, she served in England with the Women's Voluntary Services and in North Africa with American and French relief organizations. In 1943 she joined her father's Liaison Mission as a 1st Lieutenant in the newly reorganized French General Staff in North Africa and Paris. For this work, she was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Truman in 1948.

The campaign to create a Conservation Advisory Council for the Town of Bedford was sparked by the Bedford Garden Club, and the Road Review League headed by Mrs. James Lowe, one of our members. In February and May of 1968 the Club sponsored two open meetings, with speakers from communities where Advisory Councils had already been formed, meetings attended by the Town Board and Planning Board members and the Mayor of Mount Kisco. When the Council was appointed in December of that year, its membership included Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Dennis Dix and Mrs. Thomas M. Waller.

An open meeting on "Environmental Issues," sponsored by the Conservation Committee in September of 1968 and moderated by Mrs. Waller, was held in the evening at Fox Lane School and was well attended by the community. The observance of Earth Day was another major effort by the Conservation Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Todd. A poster contest sponsored in 14 schools had 170 entries, which were exhibited at the Katonah, Cisqua and Rippowan schools. Prizes were membership in the National Geographic, Audubon and Wilderness Societies; the four schools submitting the largest number of posters were presented with a tree (*Malus floribunda*). Literature on ecology was supplied to local libraries, and films were shown in all the schools.

Recycling of newspapers, glass and aluminum was stressed for Club members and the community. The League of Women Voters set up four newspaper collection boxes, one of which was financed by us and built by one of "our" husbands.

Following the lead of The Garden Club of America, the National Parks Committee was merged with the Conservation Committee. In another reorganization, representatives were appointed to the five major local sanctuaries, reporting to the Executive Committee or to the Club whenever necessary.

Important additions to our open spaces were 85 additional acres given to Westmoreland Sanctuary by Miss Helen Clay Frick and five acres given to the Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary by Captain Gerard Wood and Mrs. Wood. The Beaver Dam Sanctuary was organized by a private group, including Mrs. W. K. Simpson and Mrs. Parker Montgomery.

The School Conservation Education program expanded to include the Pound Ridge Elementary School. The two garden clubs in Bedford now teach elementary conservation and natural history in 47 sections of the third, fourth and fifth grades of the Bedford Village, Bedford Hills, Pound Ridge and Mount Kisco Elementary Schools, involving some 50 teachers and over 1100 students.

In 1968, this Committee's demonstration of its work at the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America in Greenwich was a resounding success, praised by Mrs. Lyndon Johnson in her speech there. Members of the Committee were also invited to speak to a meeting of the nine G.C.A. clubs in the Philadelphia area and to the Lenox Garden Club. They spoke twice in the Boston area and again in Greenwich and New Canaan. So many clubs which had seen the demonstrations of the program asked for copies of the lessons that the Committee decided to revamp and rewrite their lessons in the form of a teachers' manual. After two and a half years of arduous work by Mrs. Dix and Mrs. Richard F. Reid, the text book for teachers is completed and ready for publication. The Club has proposed this project for the 1972 Founder's Fund Award.

Under Mrs. Donald Marshall's skillful leadership, the Committee for Town Planning had at least one member present at all Bedford and Mount Kisco Planning and Zoning Board meetings to act as "watch dogs" over trends and problems. At the suggestion of its next chairman, Mrs. Robert Grosjean, its name was changed to Civic Affairs Committee, more appropriate as the Club does no

actual planning. One of the Committee's major undertakings was to gather together other organizations (Rusticus, the League of Women Voters of Mount Kisco, the Junior League of Northern Westchester, Mount Kisco Beautification Committee and Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce) in an effort to establish an Advisory Architectural Review Board in the village of Mount Kisco. An evening meeting featuring a panel of representatives from such boards in Rye and Pleasantville was held to inform civic representatives and town officials. Four months later an Advisory Architectural Review Board was created by the village trustees.

The Civic Affairs Committee actively supported Miss Laura Flewellyn, a retired teacher, in her struggle to prevent the village of Mount Kisco from taking part of her Hyatt Avenue property for a parking lot. There were many difficulties, but Mrs. Grosjean, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Waller worked in turn with Miss Flewellyn and Miss Charlotte West to see that her desire to leave her land for a vest pocket park became a reality. In 1970 she signed a will bequeathing the property to the village with the restriction that if it were not used as a park it would revert to The Nature Conservancy.

In 1968 a new committee, the Civic Planting Committee, was formed to answer requests for advice on landscaping from the Bedford Chamber of Commerce and the Bedford Historical Society, with Mrs. Louis K. Hyde as chairman. The Committee invited the Chamber of Commerce to join the Club in sponsoring a meeting in Historical Hall of two representatives from each of the 20 village organizations, a meeting which led to the founding of the Bedford Village Improvement Society. The Bedford Garden Club gave \$500 to engage a professional landscape architect, Mrs. Alice R. Ireys, to draw long-range plans for improvement around the village green.

In 1969, at the suggestion of Mrs. Austin, the Medals and Awards Committee decided to recognize and encourage good civic and commercial landscaping in each of the four villages of the Town of Bedford by awarding Certificates of Merit. The awards are made each summer at ceremonies attended by local officials. The recipients of this award are listed on page 74.

The Club's official involvement with the John Jay gardens began in 1969, but the idea dated back to Mrs. LeRoy's term of office, when Mrs. Robert O'Connor and Mrs. Peter Oliver were asked for advice by the New York State Historical Commission through Mrs. Waller. They suggested the creation of a series of historic gardens

at the John Jay Homestead, based on material in the Jay diaries, and had a complete survey of the grounds and an aerial photograph made for preliminary plans, but a reorganization by the State stopped all such work until 1968. Then Mrs. William Botzow revived the idea, and the following year 12 members of the Horticulture Committee, of which Mrs. Botzow was Chairman, planted annuals in the lower garden near the parking lot (the garden of the Judge William Jay era). The next year, in addition to maintaining the Victorian garden, a cutting garden was planted to provide flowers for arrangements in the house. Maintenance was difficult as watering had to be done with a 300-foot hose, but at last, in 1971, water was piped to the garden. Mrs. Botzow's landscape plan of these areas of the gardens won an Honorable Mention at the 1970 meeting of Zone III in Kingston.

The Horticulture and Exhibitions Committees combined forces for a most colorful Club show in July, 1968, at the home of Mrs. Hobart Lewis. In spite of extreme heat and humidity, members and flowers managed to hold up their heads in 22 horticulture classes with 280 entries and 70 entries in the seven flower arrangement classes. However, the Committees recommended that future shows be held in any other month than July!

At the flower show held in Historical Hall on May 20th, 1969, eight neighboring clubs participated. The main exhibit was a doll's house lent by Mrs. Hugh Coward, for which the Horticulture Committee made miniature gardens and Exhibitions made superb arrangements for each room, all in perfect scale. The doll's house was awarded Best in Show and Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds called it "of international calibre." The Exhibitions Committee also mounted in albums 288 photographs of International Flower Show prize-winning arrangements contributed by Mrs. Paul Sturtevant. The books, with pictures arranged according to line and mass, will be valuable reference tools for our flower arrangers.

The Friendship Garden Club continued its activities under the dedicated leadership of Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell. A new and popular project was the dressing of dolls, given at Christmas to children's homes. *Collage* replaced scrapbooks as an activity, after Mrs. Reginald Taylor of Rusticus gave a demonstration at the prison. Mrs. Newell's death in 1970 was a great loss to the Friendship Club and contributions given in her memory by Bedford Garden Club members were used to purchase altar vases for the prison chapel.

Mrs. Newell bequeathed \$6000 to the Bedford Garden Club, the interest of which is to be used for the Friendship Garden Club as long as we continue our concern with the prison. If the program is ever discontinued, the money is to go to the Civic and Educational Fund. She also left the Club a handsome silver tea set.

Mrs. John N. Thorne, Jr., who served so ably as Mrs. Newell's Vice-Chairman, has carried on with the Friendship Garden Club under great difficulties, caused mainly by the moving of the prison inmates from the hill buildings down to the valley. New and temporary gardens had to be started on poor, rocky soil and the inmates were allowed to work in them only after six p.m., when work on new buildings was over for the day. There is hope that conditions will have improved by next year.

At the request of the Junior Workshop, a new format was worked out and the name was changed to Junior Auxiliary. Members are required to join one of the main committees of the Club and to attend one town meeting. They may attend any Club meeting they choose and have as many activities of their own as they wish. This change gives them more freedom and responsibility. They have practically taken over Christmas wreath-making for the hospital and were much involved with "Old Bedford Days."

A committee for two special publications—a revised edition of *The Bedford Cook Book* and Volume II of *The Story of the Club, 1955-1971*—was appointed with Miss Dorothy Hinitt as Chairman and Mrs. Hobart Lewis and Mrs. Peter Oliver as Vice-Chairmen. The cook book (1000 copies) was published in 1969 and the Club history in 1971.

At the end of her term as President of The Garden Club of America, Mrs. Waller became a Director and Chairman of the National Affairs Committee. At the Annual Meeting in St. Louis in 1971, she was awarded the Frances K. Hutchinson Medal, The Garden Club of America's highest award for conservation, which she had presented three years earlier to Mrs. Lyndon Johnson in Greenwich. Miss Dorothy Hinitt retired as Editor of *The Garden Club of America Bulletin* in 1969. Mrs. Peter Oliver was Chairman of the G.C.A.'s Library Committee from 1965-1968, and Mrs. Hobart Lewis G.C.A. Chairman of Public Relations from 1968-1971.

During this period, three Bedford gardens were added to the G.C.A. Visiting Gardens Guide list: those of Mrs. Hugh Coward, Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt and Mrs. Eric Haight.

The Bedford Garden Club held two major fund-raising benefits during Mrs. Austin's presidency. Under the Ways and Means Committee, headed by Mrs. J. Chandler Hill and Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson, a Silent Auction was held on May 21st, 1969, in the home of Mrs. Carl Tucker, Jr. We quote from the Committee's report:

"The Auction turned out to be successful beyond our highest expectations. The Preview Cocktail Party, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Franklin Montross III, proved to be an evening of gaiety and inspired bidding. Mr. Charles Harrison, Mr. James McGovern and The Bedford Hills Improvement Association generously donated refreshments, and a profit of \$320 was realized. Mrs. Donald Marshall took charge of money contributed by members who did not have treasures to offer and she and Mrs. Everest Haight purchased many lovely things sold at the Garden Table; \$1205 was realized. Thanks to the efforts of a most effective committee, all but 22 members of the Club took part in the Silent Auction. The total result was \$7403 for the Civic and Educational Fund!"

For its next major effort the Club cooperated with the Bedford Historical Society to produce "Old Bedford Days" on May 8th, 1971, centered on Bedford Green. Mrs. Franklin Montross III, did a superb job as Chairman, with Mrs. Hugh Coward, Mr. William Pahlman and Mrs. Winfield Taylor as Vice-Chairmen. Many other groups assisted with Old Bedford Days: Rusticus, the Bedford League of Women Voters, Craftsmen Unlimited, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bedford Marching and Chowder Society, the Bedford Fire Department, the three Bedford Churches, the Hospital and the Boy Scouts. Wagner's Center Store lent their window to display prizes for the raffle. Tickets for the House and Garden Tour were available by invitation only, at \$10; houses of the following were shown: Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt Amory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coward, Mr. and Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis K. Hyde and Mrs. Harold Whitman. A two-day antique show, with a preview cocketail party, was held in Historical Hall. As to the day itself, we quote from *The Newtown Bee* (Conn.), which headlined its account, "Pink Geraniums and Spirits Shine Despite Rain on Old Bedford Days:"

"What started out in a blaze of sunlight and fine spring weather on Friday, May 7, for the opening of Old Bedford Days turned into the wettest Gala that ever was, but it astonishingly remained a gala of tremendous proportions on Saturday, May 8. The weather was

so bad it got to be plain funny, and that seemed to be everybody's reaction. The main attractions were so attractive that the miserable weather did not matter. For this visitor, even the place itself looked gay with hundreds of pink geraniums hiding all the mud oozing around hacking boots, riding boots, rubber boots and plastic boots. The great old buildings, the Court House, Historical Hall, the Library and Post Office and the Churches were all serene, and decorated with pink geraniums, wherever possible. The antique show in Historical Hall by superlative dealers was peerless. The old cars, shining and waxed till the water ran off them like the classic water off ducks, disdained the weather as though it did not exist, with only the trunk on a venerable Packard wearing its raincoat, properly fitted and fastened. The music, the band, the dances, all the crafts of long ago, truly good food and hot, hot coffee and tea, homemade buns and doughnuts and a thousand other goodies of all sorts were there to be enjoyed.

"Congratulations to the Historical Society and the Garden Club and a profound hope that the benefits were as rich and many for them as they were for *The Bee* reporter, who found it a 'lovely day to be caught in the rain.'"

The benefits *were* rich—\$10,830.72 or \$5,415.36 each to the Historical Society and the Bedford Garden Club. What would they have been if the weather had been good?

IN MEMORIAM

- 1968 Mrs. Carl Cnobloch (1953)
- 1968 Mrs. R. Stewart Kilborne (1948)
- 1968 Miss M. Moyca Newell (1914) Custodian 1934-1961
- 1969 Mrs. William A. Burden (1916)
- 1969 Mrs. Arthur W. Butler (1916) 1st Vice-President 1927, 1929-1931, 1937-1939, 1941-1943; 2nd Vice-President 1949-1950; Treasurer 1918-1919
- 1969 Mrs. Lathrop Colgate (1912) Honorary Member
- 1969 Mr. Henry V. Julier (1966) Privileged Member
- 1969 Mrs. R. Parker Kuhn (1931) Secretary 1948-1950
- 1969 Mrs. Warner D. Orvis (1954) Treasurer 1956-1962
- 1969 Mr. J. Norrish Thorne (1966) Privileged Member

- 1970 Mrs. William H. Boeckl (1933)
1970 Mrs. Robert L. Fowler (1919) Corresponding Secretary
1921-1923
1970 Mrs. Richard W. Meade (1916) Recording Secretary
1921-1923, 1942-1944
1970 Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell (1944) Corresponding Secretary
1947-1949
1970 Mrs. James M. Nicely (1944)
1971 Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne (1933) Treasurer 1941-1943
1971 Mrs. Oliver Capen (1932)
1971 Mrs. Wilmot F. Wheeler, Jr. (1954) 2nd Vice-President
1959-1962

CLUB MEETINGS

According to the By-Laws, "A minimum of seven regular meetings shall be held each year." The Program Committee shall arrange programs "covering and consistent with the work and interests of the Standing Committees, and other interests of the Club."



Mrs. Paul Sturtevant, *Chairman*

February 15th, Mrs. Thomas M. Waller spoke on "Swan Song of a Zone Chairman." Mrs. Oliver Capen, Hostess. 1956

March 21st, Mr. Richard H. Pough spoke on "Land Use Patterns for the Future." Meeting held at the Colony Club.

April 25th, Mrs. F. Leighton Meserve lectured on "Holly." Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne, Hostess.

May 16th, Tour of the house and garden of the Superintendent of West Point, lunch at the Officers' Club, organ recital in the chapel. Mrs. Blackshear M. Bryan, Hostess at West Point; Mrs. Allan M. Pope, Club Hostess.

June 14th, Club Flower Show. Mrs. Peter Oliver, Hostess.

Judges, Arrangements: Mrs. Frederic R. Colie of Short Hills, New Jersey, Mrs. Charles Hoffman of Scarsdale, New York, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds of Sharon, Conn.

Judges, Horticulture: Mrs. Fletcher Collins of Stamford, Connecticut, Mrs. Arthur J. Kerrigan, Salem Center.

July 18th, Madame Noneo Arai spoke on "Significance of Japanese Flower Arranging." Mrs. Julius F. Workum and Miss Clara Workum, Hostesses.

August — No meeting.

September 19th, Mrs. Hermann G. Place spoke on "The National Trust for Historic Preservation," illustrated by slides of pictures taken during a tour sponsored by the Scottish National Trust. Mrs. J. Ritchie Boyd, Hostess.

October 17th, Annual Meeting. Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday, Hostess. November—"The Christmas Legends," by Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds. Hostesses for nine luncheons given for guests from 29 neighboring clubs and officers of The Garden Club of America: Mrs. Brixey, Mrs. Boeckl, Miss Frick, Mrs. George Schurman, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mrs. Harold Whitman, Mrs. Waller. Hostess for tea: Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Peter Oliver, *Chairman*

- 1957 February—Mrs. Charles H. Mackall spoke on "Modern Garden Trends Affecting Horticultural Planning." Hostess: Mrs. Young.
- March—"The First International Flower Show." Mrs. W. Everett Rowley showed slides, "Herbs for Fragrance." Hostesses: Mrs. Kemble, Mrs. Meade, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Voislawsky, Mrs. Waller, at headquarters of National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York.
- April—Mrs. LeRoy Clark spoke on "National Parks and Monuments," with slides. Hostess: Mrs. Dix.
- May—Members' Meeting: a showing of Mrs. LeRoy's slides of members' gardens and a general discussion of Club interests. Hostess: Mrs. Robert L. Fowler.
- June—Club Flower Show, with a class for experienced arrangers and competition for similar arrangements by all other members. Hostess: Mrs. Anderson.
- July—Mr. Milton Arndt spoke on "The Culture of Geraniums." Mrs. Marshall, Hostess.
- August—No meeting.
- September—Mr. William Will spoke on "Refurbishing Your Lawn" and slides taken at the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America in Cincinnati were shown. Hostesses: Mrs. Workum and Miss Workum.
- October—Annual Meeting, held at the house of Mrs. Husted.
- November—Garden Club of America Exhibition Committee meeting at the Metropolitan Museum, Mrs. Sturtevant presiding; lunch at Cosmopolitan Club.
- 1958 January—Mrs. Anthony Anable spoke on "The Mianus River Gorge." Mrs. Nicely, Hostess.
- February—At Audubon House, meeting shared by the Herb Society and speaker supplied at last moment by the Audubon Society as Dr. John M. Fogg was delayed by storm.
- March—No meeting.
- April—Trip to Winterthur Museum and Gardens.
- May—"Country Days in Bedford Township," no regular meeting.
- June—Open meeting of the Executive Committee. Mrs. Brixey, Hostess.
- July 2nd—Special Open Meeting at Bedford Historical Hall to show pictures of "Country Days in Bedford Township" taken by Mrs. LeRoy and her committee.

July 16th—Mrs. Sturtevant told of her visit to the meeting of the Pacific Zone of the Garden Club of America. Mrs. Hollyday reported on the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America at York Harbor, Maine. Mrs. Sturtevant, Hostess.

August—No meeting.

September—Mrs. Waller spoke on "Conservation." Mrs. Oliver, Hostess.

October—Annual Meeting. Mrs. Carey, Hostess at Mrs. Towne's house.

Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, *Chairman*

November 12th—Dr. Biebel, Director of the Frick Collection, spoke on "The Painter's Arboretum." Miss Helen Frick, Hostess at the Frick Collection. 77 attended.

December 18th—Greens Day. Mrs. Foxhall Parker.

January 14th—Meeting held at the Audubon House with the New York Unit of the Herb Society. Dr. John M. Fogg, Director of the Morris Arboretum, spoke on "Exploring for Drug Plants in South Asia." Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Morgan Parker Co-hostesses. 63 attended.

February 18th—Miss Elizabeth Van Brunt spoke on "Herb Gardens—Their History and Design." Mrs. Morgan Parker—Zone Report. Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, Hostess. 40 attended.

March—No meeting.

April 15th—Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy showed colored slides of members' gardens. Mrs. John A. Dix, Hostess; Mrs. Julier and Mrs. Meade, Co-hostesses. 45 attended.

May 20th—Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Delafield. A visit to Fieldston Hall. Mrs. Van Cleve, Co-hostess. 36 attended.

June 24th—Mrs. Warner D. Orvis, Hostess for Members' Flower Show. Mrs. Edgar and Exhibitions Committee were Co-hostesses. 66 attended.

July 15th—Our National Parks. A program of slides from the Garden Club of America. Mrs. Charles F. Darlington, Hostess; Mrs. Sard and Mrs. Petrasch, Co-hostesses. 58 attended.

August—No meeting.

September 16th—Audubon Center, Greenwich. A walk and luncheon followed by a talk by Mr. Carl Buchheister on the Audubon Camps. Slides shown by Mr. Duryea Morton, Director. Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Oliver, Co-hostesses. 36 attended.

October 21st—Annual Meeting. Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson, Hostess; Mrs. Boeckl and Mrs. Sturtevant, Co-hostesses.

November—Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood spoke on "Bedford Before We Came." Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, Hostess. 53 attended.

December—Greens Day at the Community House. Mrs. Robert C. Vincent, Chairman.

1960 January—The National Society of Colonial Dames, courtesy of Mrs. Antonie P. Voislawsky. Mrs. Paul Sturtevant commented on "What the Judge Looks for in Flower Arrangements." 52 attended.

February—Meeting at The Garden Club of America. "Small Gardens and Terraces." Slides shown by Mrs. LeRoy and Mrs. Lawrence. 48 attended.

March—No meeting.

April—Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor spoke on "The Gay Days." Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne, Hostess. 50 attended.

May—A trip to the Hammond Museum. A visit to Mrs. Richard Gordon's garden followed by tea. 38 attended.

June—"The Four Seasons" Flower Show, Plant Sale and House and Garden Tour. Mrs. Ronald Lee, Hostess.

July—Mrs. A. W. Smith gave her talk on "American Gardens of the 17th and 18th Centuries." Mrs. William Kemble, Hostess. 62 attended.

August—No meeting.

September—We were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Kellogg for luncheon. Mrs. Edward LeRoy showed us "How to Photograph Gardens in Color." A demonstration of flower arrangements by Miss Workum, Mrs. Petrasch, Mrs. Van Rensselaer. 69 attended.

October—The Annual Meeting. Mrs. Joseph Mullen, Hostess. 68 attended.

November: At New York Botanical Garden. Guided tour on miniature train, lunch at Old Snuff Mill.

December: Greens Day at Community House—making wreaths and roping for the Northern Westchester Hospital.

1961 January: Mrs. LeRoy spoke on courses she had attended at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and New York Horticultural Society. Mrs. Alexander Pinnel spoke of growing miniature roses indoors and out. February meeting cancelled because of blizzard.

No March meeting because of involvement of 31 members in the International Flower Show.

April: Mrs. Laurence Kennedy was hostess and Horticultural Committee conducted Horticultural Quiz.

May: Drove by bus to Mrs. John W. Donaldson's wild flower garden in Millbrook and heard her lecture.

June: Mrs. John A. Dix hostess. Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy told of the Annual Meeting in Hawaii and Mrs. Harvey McChessley, Jr. spoke on "Color Harmonies with Dried Flowers."

July: 50th Anniversary of Club celebrated with champagne and birthday cake at Mrs. Oliver's house. Former Presidents in costumes spoke on Club History. Mrs. Donald W. Marshall, Chairman.

September: Evening meeting at Mrs. Thomas Waller's. Admiral and Mrs. Neil Phillips spoke on "Saving the Face of America" and showed pictures of Alaska's Mt. McKinley National Park.

October: Annual Meeting. Mrs. James A. Edgar Hostess.

Mrs. Donald W. Marshall, *Chairman*

November 15th: Joint meeting with Rusticus at Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. Mrs. Walt Thomas spoke on Christmas Decorations. 69 attended.

December 20th, 21st: Greens Day at Community House. Mrs. Van Rensselaer and Mrs. Julier, joint chairmen.

January 17th: Mrs. Arthur W. Butler hostess in New York. Mr. Charles W. Eliot spoke on "Planning and Action for Conservation." Mrs. Waller, chairman; Program arranged by Conservation Committee. 51 attended.

February 21st: Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy hostess in New York. Miss Barbara M. Capen spoke on "Design of the Small Property." 54 attended.

April 25th-May 2nd: Narcissus Show at Historical Hall, Bedford. Arranged by Special Projects Committee, Mrs. Wilmot F. Wheeler, Jr., Chairman; and Exhibitions Committee, Mrs. Paul Sturtevant, Chairman. Gardens of Mrs. Donald W. Marshall and Mrs. Paul Sturtevant were visited. Tea served at Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor. May 23rd: Hostess Mrs. Ann Creamer Shuttleworth; Horticultural Quiz arranged by Horticultural Committee, Mrs. Robert G. Myrhum and Mrs. Russell E. Sard. 58 attended.

June 20th: Hostess Mrs. Robert C. Vincent. Mrs. John T. Mayer spoke on "Hybrid Herbaceous and Tree Peonies." Mrs. J. Chandler Hill and Mrs. William H. W. Knipe were co-hostesses. 70 attended.

July: "It's a Picnic" at Brooklyn Botanic Garden Laboratory, Kitchawan. Conservation Committee and the Misses Van Brunt, hostesses.

Dr. William A. Ayers and Dr. Jerry T. Walker spoke. 58 attended.
 September 19th: Mrs. Lewis B. Harder, hostess. Mrs. Dennis Dix, Chairman School Committee, assisted by Mrs. Richard F. Reid, Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr., and Mr. Scott Dearolf, Resident Director of Westmoreland Sanctuary. Subject: "Introduction to Nature." 82 attended.

October 17th: Annual meeting at residence of Dr. Rufus Cole, hostesses Mrs. William Botzow, Mrs. Thomas R. Smidt, Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, and Mrs. Alfred Roelker. 90 attended.

November 14th: Hostess, Mrs. Thomas M. Waller. Mrs. J. Lloyd Benall spoke on "Flowers Through the Centuries." 90 attended. Rusticus Club invited.

December 19th: Greens Day at Community House. Mrs. Cortlandt S. Van Rensselaer, Chairman for Bedford Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Julier, and Mrs. deGref Jacobi, Chairmen for Community House.

1963 January 16th: Mrs. John M. Young hostess in New York. Mrs. David Ives Mackie spoke on "Gardening with Flowering Trees and Shrubs." 60 attended.

February 20th: Headquarters of National Colonial Dames in the State of New York, courtesy Mrs. William Kemble. Hostesses: Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. William FitzGibbon, Mrs. Kemble, Mrs. Meade, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Roper and Miss Newell. Mrs. Albert Palmer Loening lectured on "Bees from Two Points of View, Theirs and Ours." 50 attended.

March: No meeting.

April 17th: Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr., hostess. "Conservation and the Home Gardener," Mr. David Goodman, Town Manager of Mount Kisco, and Alice Harvey Hubbard. 54 attended.

May 23rd: "A Day on the Village Green."

June 16th: Visit to Boscobel, Garrison, New York. Arranged by Horticultural Committee. 39 attended.

July 17th: Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr., hostess. Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy showed slides of 50th Anniversary of Bedford Garden Club, Westfield State Farm, "A Day on the Village Green," and members' gardens. 57 attended.

September 18th: Mrs. Richard deW. Brixey, hostess. Royall W. Bemis, "Consider the Lilies, How They Grow." 74 attended.

October 16th: Annual Meeting. Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday, hostess. 80 attended.

Mrs. Cortlandt S. Van Rensselaer, *Chairman*

November 20th: Meeting at St. Matthew's House, Bedford. Mrs. Frederic Colie spoke on "Christmas Decorations."

December 17th and 18th: Greens Days at Community House, Bedford Hills. Mrs. Bernard Finn, Chairman.

January 15th: Hostess Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy in New York. Mrs. Alice R. Ireys spoke on "Planning the Small Garden." 1964

February 19th: Mrs. Langdon H. Roper was hostess at Cosmopolitan Club, New York. Mrs. James L. Harrison showed pictures of Longwood Gardens and Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of Garden Club of America at Philadelphia.

April 15th: Mrs. Ann Creamer Shuttleworth was hostess and Mr. Donald Archer advised on "Practical Pruning."

May 20th: Morning walk in woods of Brooklyn Botanic Field Station, Kitchawan. Miss Elizabeth Scholtz spoke on "Indigenous Wild Flowers."

June 24th: Annual Club Flower Show held at residence of Dr. Rufus Cole. Arranged by Exhibitions Committee, Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr., chairman.

July 15th: Meeting held in Miss Clara F. Workum's garden. Mrs. Henry H. Taylor—"Boots, Botany and Ballads."

September 23rd: Evening Meeting at Tanrackin Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Waller hosts, (husbands invited). Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKeon spoke on "Organic Gardening Is Good Conservation."

October 21st: Annual Meeting held at Indoor Tennis Court of Mrs. Carll Tucker.

November 18th: School Conservation Education Committee, represented by Mrs. Dennis Dix, Mrs. Richard F. Reid, Mrs. Karl M. Touraine and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr., spoke on "The Cultivation of the Young Naturalist." Held at the residence of Mrs. John A. Dix.

Mrs. Walter E. Winans, *Chairman*

January 20th: Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr., read G.C.A. commentary on "Conference on the Two Arts—Flower Arranging and Judging," accompanying slide program. Meeting at The Cosmopolitan Club, New York. 1965

February 17th: The Horticultural Committee arranged "An Afternoon of Botanical Games," at the apartment of Mrs. Lloyd K. Garrison in New York City.

April 21st: Mrs. Jean Hersey spoke on "Carefree Gardening." Mrs. Lewis B. Harder, hostess.

May 8th: "History on the Village Green."

June 15th: Mrs. Peter Oliver spoke on "Art and Architecture in Russia," at The Hammond Museum, North Salem. Tour of the Museum Gardens. Mrs. Richard Gordon gave the Club tea at her home in North Salem.

July 21st: Mrs. Archibald M. Richards lectured on "Water: From Babbling Brook to Salty Sea," at the residence of Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell.

September 15th: Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy, Jr., showed slides on "English Houses and Gardens Seen on The Garden Club of America Tour," at Historical Hall.

October 20th: Annual Meeting at the residence of Mrs. H. S. Winthrop Fowler.

November 17th: At the Frick Collection, New York. Mr. Harry M. Frier spoke on "The Frick Collection: Touchstone of Quality." Hostess: Miss Frick.

1966 January 19th: At Garden Club of America Headquarters. Mrs. Hermann G. Place lectured on "The Natural Trust for Historic Preservation." 59 present.

February 2nd: Herb luncheon. Miss Elizabeth R. Van Brunt spoke on "Gourmet Cooking with Herbs." Mrs. Albert W. Moss, hostess. 65 present.

April 20th: Mr. Robert Thompson described "Preserving Plants from Drought by Mulching," at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Conducted tour. 54 present.

May 25th: At residence of Mrs. Ronald C. Lee. Mr. Louis P. Politi spoke on "Pruning." 77 present.

June 22nd: Mrs. Alice R. Ireys gave a talk on "Color Throughout the Year." Mrs. Paul Sturtevant commented on challenge class flower arrangements. Hostess: Mrs. John A. Dix. 74 present.

July 20th: Tour of Lyndhurst. Box lunch. 42 present.

September 21st: Mr. Charles H. Callison—"From Washington, A Bird's Eye View of the National Conservation Outlook," at residence of Mrs. Thomas M. Waller. 71 present.

October 19th: Annual Meeting held at house of Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson.

November 15th: Miss Alys Sutcliffe spoke on "Chrysanthemums," at the home of Mrs. Dennis Dix. 64 presesnt.

January 18th: Mrs. Edward A. W. Hubbard spoke on "How You Can Make Your Community More Attractive," at the apartment of Mrs. John M. Young, New York. 62 present. 1967

February 15th: The Program Committee presented a "Tree-Flower" Quiz at the headquarters of The Garden Club of America, New York City. 45 present.

April 19th: The Photography Committee presented a program of its projects, at the residence of Mrs. W. Gibson Carey. 60 members and 3 guests present.

May 17th: Mrs. Carlton Vanderwalker spoke and gave demonstration on "Flowers for the Home," at Historical Hall, Bedford. 87 members and 3 guests present.

June 21st: Mr. Edward A. LeRoy, Jr.; Mr. Donald W. Marshall; Mr. H. Bregy Van Cleve spoke on "Gardening Specialties" at the home of Mrs. Carll Tucker, Jr. 101 members and 1 guest present.

July 19th: Mr. Paul S. Frese, Naturalist, the Meyer Arboretum; Mr. David Junkin, Curator, Pound Ridge Trailside Nature Museum, were the speakers at a meeting and picnic lunch held at The Pound Ridge Reservation. 64 present.

October 18th: Annual Meeting, at the residence of Mrs. Robert C. Vincent. 82 present.

Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy, *Chairman*

November 15th: Mr. Louis K. Hyde, Mrs. Henry V. Julier (representing Mr. Julier), and Mr. J. Norrish Thorne spoke on their "Garden Specialties," at the home of Mrs. Laurence S. Kennedy. 70 present.

January 17th: Mr. Campbell Norisgaard gave his film presentation, "Nature's Hidden World," at The Garden Club of America, New York. 1968

March 20th: Mrs. Frances Perry, guest speaker from England, spoke on "The Story Behind the Label," at Katonah Memorial House.

May 9th: Luncheon and plant sale at Mrs. William Botzow's; brief meeting. Informal tour of 15 member gardens.

June 19th: Mr. Dennis Brown spoke on "Cultivation of Roses," with slides; followed by tea at Mrs. Harold Whitman's and a view of her rose garden.

July 17th: "Flower Show for Every Member" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Lewis.

September 18th: Walk through Mianus River Gorge; picnic lunch and view of gardens and greenhouse of Mrs. John E. Lockwood. 70 present.

October 16th: Annual Meeting. Cocktails and luncheon at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. Meeting at 1:45.

1969 January 15th: At the Colony Club, New York, Mrs. Charles Banks Belt showed slides of "New York Botanical Garden Tour of Africa." 65 present.

February 13th: Mr. Harry D. M. Grier spoke on "Landscape in The Frick Collection," at the Frick Collection in New York City, courtesy of Miss Helen C. Frick. 39 members and 10 guests from The Garden Club of America present.

April 23rd: Mr. Daniel G. Foley spoke on "Garden Heritage," at John Jay Homestead. 60 present.

May 21st: "Silent Auction," held at the home of Mrs. Carll Tucker, Jr. Attendance—great!

June 18th: Informal tour of gardens in our northern section arranged by Visiting Gardens Committee. Gardens visited: Mrs. Hugh Coward, Mrs. Lloyd Garrison, Mrs. Richard Gordon, Mrs. Eric Haight, Mrs. Louis Hyde, Mrs. Ronald Lee, Mrs. Edwards O'Boyle, Mrs. Foxhall Parker, Mrs. Morgan Parker, Mrs. Thomas Purdy, Jr., Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Paul Sturtevant. 103 present.

July 16th: Mrs. W. L. Lyons Brown spoke on "Water Gardens," at the mill on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kellogg. 75 present.

September 19th: Open Meeting held at the Fox Lane Middle School by Conservation Committee. Mrs. Thomas M. Waller was Moderator. U.S. Representative Richard L. Ottinger, 25th District; Mr. Robert S. Jones, District Commissioner, U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation; and Mrs. Mary Ann Guitar, President of Land Trust, Inc., Reading, Connecticut, spoke on "Environmental Issues."

October 15th: Annual Meeting at Bedford Historical Hall. 70 present.

Mrs. Donald Atkin, *Chairman*

November 19th: Mr. Martin Viette spoke on "Herbaceous Perennials," at Caramoor. 90 present.

1970 January 22nd: Mrs. Diane Kostial McGuire lectured on "History of Garden Design," Part I, at The Garden Club of America Headquarters, New York.

February 19th: Mrs. Diane Kostial McGuire lectured on "History of Garden Design, Part II." Held at The Garden Club of America Headquarters, New York City. 30 present.

April 15th: Mr. Gustav A. L. Mehlquist spoke on "Development of New Flowers through Breeding," at the Greenwich Garden Center, Cos Cob, Conn. 55 present.

May 20th: Spring flower show at Historical Hall, Bedford. Attendance was Great!

June 24th: Tour of Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, Long Island, cancelled because not enough members signed up.

September 23rd: Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds spoke on "Design in Flower Arrangement," in the Fellowship Room, St. Matthew's, Bedford.

October 21st: Annual Meeting. Held at Caramoor, Katonah. 70 present.

November 18th: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller spoke on the current conservation problems and progress, in Historical Hall. An informal competition arranged by the Horticulture Committee, "Your Favorite House Plant," four classes—Blooming and Non-Blooming.

January 20th: Mrs. Gertrude Sill, "American Artists as Naturalists." Meeting at Garden Club of America headquarters. 1971

February 17th: Mrs. C. W. Smith discussed Colonial gardens at The Katonah Gallery.

March: No meeting.

April 21st: Mrs. Lois W. Poinier spoke on "Gardens for the Future" and the Horticulture Committee held an informal competition, "Spring Bloom," bulbs and branches—4 classes. Mrs. Carl Tucker, Jr. was hostess at a 10:15 meeting followed by a buffet lunch.

May 8th: "Old Bedford Days."

June 23rd: "Re-cap and Re-coop," ("Old Bedford Days"). Mrs. Paul Sturtevant was hostess at an informal picnic lunch and meeting.

July 21st: A 10:15 meeting at the home of Mrs. William Botzow, with an early buffet luncheon based on The Bedford Cook Book and followed by an informal horticultural talk by Mr. Louis P. Politi.

September 23rd: "Fun with Flowers," presented by the Exhibitions Committee at Caramoor.

October 20th: The Annual Meeting. Hostess: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller.

EXHIBITIONS
1955-1971

The Committee on Exhibitions shall "take entire charge of and responsibility for all exhibitions of the Club. . . . There shall be one or more exhibitions each year." (By-Laws, Article X, 3)



Mrs. Bernard Finn, *Chairman*

1956 Bedford was host club at the International Flower Show in New York in March. One member entered the modern flower arrangement class.

Classes in flower arranging were held by Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club in April.

There was a tulip show at Sharlach's store in Bedford Village May 3rd, 4th and 5th. Club members made 16 arrangements featuring tulips.

The Annual Flower Show took place in June at Mrs. Peter Oliver's house. There were six flower arrangement classes; judges were Mrs. Hoffman of Scarsdale, Mrs. Frederic Colie and Mrs. Reynolds. First prizes were won by Mrs. Edmonston, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Macomber and Mrs. Jacob Gould Schurman.

Mrs. Macomber won second prize at the Millbrook Garden Club Show; Mrs. Sturtevant was one of the judges.

In September the 52nd Annual Harvest Show took place at the Legion Hall in Mount Kisco. The Northern Westchester Horticultural Society and Rusticus Club joined our Club in setting up the show. We had 10 entries in the flower arrangement classes. Judges were Mrs. McKown from Rusticus, Mrs. Macomber, and Mrs. Hockstader from Scarsdale. Prize winners were Mrs. Jacob Gould Schurman, Miss Wylly, Mrs. Knipe, Miss Workum, Mrs. Edmonston and Mrs. Meade.

Mrs. Boeckl won second prize at the Annual Flower Show of the Westchester and Fairfield Horticultural Society in Greenwich in September.

Mrs. John O'Connor }
Mrs. Joseph Mullen } *Co-chairmen*

In March Mrs. Edmonston was awarded a second for her arrangement at the International Flower Show in New York. 1957

The Club participated again in the tulip show in Bedford Village.

During April classes in flower arranging were held at Memorial Hall in Katonah, with Mrs. Reynolds instructing 17 members at all-day sessions, on three successive days.

A flower show was held in June at Mrs. Anderson's house. There were two classes of arrangements, the first class being open to all members who had ever competed in the International Flower Show. Mrs. Boeckl won first prize. The second class was open to all those who qualified to compete in the first class—the winner was Mrs. Harrison.

The Harvest show was held in September in Mount Kisco. The Exhibitions Committee made up the Committee for the flower arrangement classes. The winners were Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Petrasch, Mrs. Sard, Mrs. John O'Connor and Miss Wyly.

Mrs. Sturtevant's activities for the year were outstanding. They included being a Fenwick Medal judge at the International Flower Show, judging three out-of-town shows, exhibiting at a show at the Museum of the City of New York, and being one of a committee of three responsible for the project "Conference on Flower Arrangement" held in November at the Metropolitan Museum. She judged the show as well. Most important of all, she was made Chairman of Exhibitions of The Garden Club of America.

Mrs. James Edgar, *Chairman*

Mrs. Edmonston won third prize at the International Flower Show. 1958

The Third Annual Tulip Show was held in Bedford Village in April. Four neighboring clubs took part in decorating store windows and participating in three classes of tulip arrangements.

In May, Rusticus Club joined us in three classes of flower arrangements, held at Mrs. Tucker's indoor tennis court. Five local florists were asked to participate.

In September Mrs. Reynolds conducted flower arranging classes at Mrs. Keasbey's house. Twelve members attended.

In order to stimulate interest in flower arranging, it was decided

to have three members make arrangements for each regular club meeting, members to be chosen by the chairman "beforehand."

Mrs. Boeckl and Mrs. Sturtevant were much in demand as judges in flower shows around the country.

1959 A flower arranging class was given by Mrs. Reynolds at Mrs. Edgar's apartment in New York in January and February. Eleven members attended.

Eight members participated in the flower arrangement classes at the International Flower Show in March. Three were awarded third prizes.

The Annual Flower Show was held the end of June at Mrs. Orvis's pool house. The show was informal in feeling and it was decided not to invite other clubs to exhibit, thus keeping it a "family affair." Judges were invited from Rusticus Club.

Miss Clara Workum, *Chairman*

1960 Mrs. Elizabeth Legler gave flower arranging classes in January and February. Ten members attended.

Four members entered the International Flower Show in March.

Our annual flower show, entitled "The Four Seasons," was held in June at Mrs. Ronald Lee's barn. This was a money raising project and a most successful affair. There was an invitation class, table arrangement class by our members, small arrangement class, roses predominating, and two classes for juniors. Four members' houses were open to the public.

It was suggested that Miss Workum and Mrs. Clee write a guide for future exhibition committees.

Members exhibited at Ridgefield and Darien Garden Club shows in the fall.

1961 Mrs. Legler conducted classes in flower arrangements at Miss Workum's apartment in New York.

One second and one third prize were won by club members at the International Flower Show.

Members accepted invitations to enter a variety of shows: the American Daffodil Society Show in Greenwich, the Fairfield and Westchester Horticultural Society Show, and New Canaan Flower Show.

Our annual flower show was part of the 50th Anniversary Party held at Mrs. Oliver's house in June, with 14 arrangements on the "Then and Now" theme shown but not judged.

Mrs. Paul Sturtevant, *Chairman*

There were four classes in flower arranging conducted by the Chairman in November and December. 1962

Two classes were held by Mrs. Reynolds in New York City in January.

Four members exhibited in the International Flower Show.

The Exhibitions Committee participated in Greens Day.

Mrs. Edmonston won second prize at the Rusticus Flower Show and Mrs. Boeckl won second prize at the New Canaan Garden Club Show.

Mrs. Sturtevant was a member of the panel to judge The Garden Club of America's 50th Anniversary Commemoration stamp.

This year a concerted effort was made by this Committee in planning and staging a flower show for a "Day on the Village Green," at Historical Hall in May. There were three classes of flower arrangements, six entries in each. Class I Invitation Class, "Spring Gayety," Class II and III for club members. Class II A Line Arrangement and Class III "An Arrangement as It Might Have Been Done 50 Years Ago." Mrs. Oliver Viotor, Mrs. Frederic Colie and Mrs. Reynolds judged the show. Fairfield, Green Fingers, Hortulus, Millbrook, New Canaan and Rusticus Clubs entered the invitation class. Hortulus won a first. Mrs. Edmonston won a first in Class II and Mrs. Harold Whitman won a first in Class III. There were four entries from Bedford at the International Flower Show. 1963

Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr., *Chairman*

In January a course in flower arranging by Mrs. Sturtevant. In February a course by Mrs. Legler; eleven members attended. Mrs. Edmonston exhibited in the International Flower Show. 1964

A large scale Flower Show was held in June at Mrs. Botzow's.

Mrs. Clee was Club Representative to the International Flower Show. In March three members entered the Flower Arrangement Classes. 1965

The highlight of the spring was making flower arrangements for the benefit, "History on the Village Green." A great deal of appreciation went to Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Oliver for gathering beautiful furniture and paintings for Historical Hall. First prize was won

by Mrs. Todd, second by Mrs. Botzow and Honorable Mention to Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Regan.

The Club joined Rusticus in making several arrangements in the Jay House the day of its dedication in September.

A Winifred Macomber Award was established in the Bedford Garden Club for outstanding effort or achievement in the field of exhibition (flower arrangement and/or garden design).

A rather small group from our Club and the community made sufficient roping and wreaths for decorating the hospital for Christmas.

1966 Workshops in flower arranging were held in February. Mrs. Sturtevant gave an illustrated talk stressing basic facts and elementary rules. Next, Mrs. Edmonston and Mrs. Boeckl demonstrated Flower Arrangements in mass in a bowl, and in line. Later, Mrs. Knipe gave a talk on the subject of line and mass line arrangements. In September Mrs. Marshall demonstrated how to dry flowers and leaves. Later, two workshops, which included the Horticultural Committee, were held at Mrs. Austin's house, where baskets were created using autumn leaves and dried materials. These were taken to the hospital benefit "Fan Fair," where they helped to raise the profit of the garden club section.

Two workshops, dealing with basic facts about flower arranging and Christmas decorations, took place November and December for the benefit of the Junior Workshop. The speakers were Mrs. Austin and Mrs. George Hill.

1967 Thereafter workshops for Club members were held in the winter, supervised by Mrs. Carlton Vanderwalker of the New Canaan Garden Club.

The summer was spent preparing for the Zone III Meeting in September. Exhibitions Committee's assignment was decorations and flower arrangement for the Jay House, the houses of Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Benjamin Clark, St. Matthew's Church and Rectory.

Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Coward participated in the International Flower Show.

Mrs. James Todd, *Chairman*

1968 During the winter and spring, workshops in flower arranging were held by Mrs. Legler.

Mrs. Coward won a blue, as well as Best in Show at the North Country Flower Show.

There were seventy entries in seven flower arrangement classes

at our Annual Flower Show held in July at Mrs. Hobart Lewis's house.

Mrs. Coward and Mrs. Regan created a dried flower arrangement which was tenderly transported to the Zone III Meeting in Rochester. It won a blue and was later exhibited at Garden Club of America headquarters in New York.

Exhibitions' first workshop was a fruit and flower class conducted by Mrs. Edmonston, assisted by Miss Wyly.

Wreaths were made for the hospital in December with Mrs. Knipe and Mrs. Van Rensselaer leading the way. Mrs. George Hill demonstrated the making of Christmas decorations and Mrs. Austin showed several of her holiday creations.

Mrs. Coward won at the Green Fingers Flower Show in March. Both she and Mrs. Regan took complete charge of the decorations for the Silent Auction, held at the house of Mrs. Carll Tucker, Jr. Mrs. Clee and Mrs. Knipe headed the committee who made arrangements. Mrs. Tucker supplied the beautiful flowers.

An informal flower show was held in June.

Mrs. Legler conducted four workshops stressing line arrangements. Two workshops were also held at Mrs. Coward's house where 50 baskets were filled to be sold at the Rippowam Fair for the benefit of their scholarship fund. Our share of the profits financed our participation in the Bryant Park Flower Show.

Mrs. George Hill was made an accredited Garden Club of America judge for flower arrangements.

Mrs. Hugh Coward }
Mrs. John Regan } *Co-Chairmen*

In March four members exhibited in Green Fingers Garden Club's Flower Show. Third place and an Honorable Mention were awarded our members.

Two members of Exhibitions Committee took part in the Irvington-on-Hudson Flower Show. Mrs. Coward won third prize.

The big effort of the year came on May 20th with a spring flower show in Historical Hall, put on with the help of the Horticulture Committee. The "Doll House Class" won great praise and also Best-in-Show. Members of the Exhibitions Committee won four first prizes, three second prizes and two third prizes. Other garden clubs participated.

Some of our Committee members gathered blooms in August and

1969

1970

helped make 60 dried bouquets, which were sold at Rippowam's "Affair in the Field" in September.

There were two entries in the Bryant Park Flower Show in New York in October. Bedford placed third in the Challenge Class.

Mrs. Hugh Coward	}	<i>Co-Chairmen</i>
Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.		
Mrs. John Regan		

1971 Mrs. Coward won third prize in the Invitation Class at the Rusticus show in April.

Members of the Exhibitions Committee arranged flowers in the houses of Mrs. Goldschmidt, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Coward, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Bradbury for the benefit, "Old Bedford Days," in May. Dining table arrangements were made at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club the day of the affair.

In September an informal flower show, stressing simple arrangements made with few flowers, was held at Caramoor. A film demonstrating the making of a flower arrangement by Mrs. Carlton Vanderwalker was shown as well.



Flower Show Judges Approved by the Judging Committee of The Garden Club of America

Flower Arrangement

Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.
Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
Mrs. Paul Sturtevant

Horticulture

Miss Elizabeth Remsen Van Brunt
Conservation
Mrs. Thomas M. Waller

ARTICLES BY MEMBERS IN
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA BULLETIN

Correspondent: Miss Dorothy H. Hinitt

- November: "For the Land's Sake, Save Trees," H. Bregy Van Cleve 1955
- November: "The Glastonbury Thorn," Mrs. Harold C. Whitman. 1956
- January: "Heritage Plants," Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood, Mrs. 1958
Robert O'Connor, Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson, Miss Elizabeth Van Brunt.
- May: "A Poet Gardener from Maine," Mrs. Louis K. Hyde. 1959
- September: "You Never Know Where Gardening Will Lead,"
Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson and Mrs. Merle Crowell.
- November: "The Hanging Gardens of Stamford," Mrs. Louis K.
Hyde.
- January: "Legislative Work of the Conservation Committee," 1960
Mrs. Thomas M. Waller.

November: "Notes From Persia," Mrs. Peter Oliver. 1961

Correspondent: Mrs. John O'Connor

- March: "Anyone Can Write," Donald W. Marshall. 1962
- March: "Double Your Pleasure," Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy. 1963
- March: "On the Cultivation of Young Naturalists," Mrs. Dennis 1964
Dix.
- September: "Dooryard Gardens," Mrs. Louis K. Hyde.
End Paper by Mrs. LeRoy.
- March: End Paper by Mrs. LeRoy. 1965

Correspondent: Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence

- 1966 March: "Vegetables," Mrs. Louis K. Hyde.
 May: "How To Win Without Knowing How," Mrs. Ronald Lee.
- 1967 March: "Maids' and Butlers' Flower Show," Mrs. Paul Sturtevant.
 "An Exhibition of Rare Books from Four Centuries from
 The Garden Club of America Library," Mrs. Peter Oliver.
 May: "Saponaria," Miss Helen Clay Frick.
 "Past Founder's Fund Awards Today: The Badianus Manu-
 script," Mrs. Peter Oliver.

Correspondent: Mrs. Cortlandt S. Van Rensselaer

- 1968 January: "Travel Books in the Garden Club of America Library,"
 Mrs. Peter Oliver.
 March: "The Quality of the Environment," Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
 May: "Forcing Cascade Chrysanthemums," Mrs. Thomas L. Purdy,
 Jr. and Mrs. Edward Weidlein, Jr.
 September: "Plant Heritage from the American Indian," Miss
 Elizabeth Van Brunt.
- 1969 March: "Blue Birds in Our Fields," Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy.
 May: "The Saga of *Claytonia virginica*," Mrs. Aertsen Keasbey, Jr.
- 1970 November: "Easy Maintenance," Mrs. Louis K. Hyde.
- 1971 May: "Persian Gardens," Mrs. Louis K. Hyde.

GIFTS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES
1955-1971

In 1965, the United States Internal Revenue Service granted the Bedford Garden Club tax exemption for its educational and civic funds. Volume I of our Club history lists gifts for public purposes, from the Club's founding in 1911 to 1955, which total \$57,246.87. Total to August 15, 1971: \$79,513.39.

1955-1956

Garden Center	\$ 165.00
Greens Day	172.00
Mianus River Gorge	100.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Fund	700.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Maintenance	208.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	95.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail building of stone wall	195.00
	\$1,635.00

February 1, 1956-October 15, 1956

Garden Center	\$ 40.00
Garden Club of America Tribute Garden of Horticultural Society of New York	25.00
Greens Day	92.00
Nature Conservancy	25.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Fund	700.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Maintenance	109.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	38.00
	\$1,029.00

1956-1957

Civic Planting — Kirby Plaza	\$ 100.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	125.00
Greens Day	77.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	53.00
	\$ 355.00

1957-1958

G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	\$ 75.00
Greens Day	75.00
Horticultural Scholarship	154.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	60.00
	\$ 364.00

1958-1959

Contribution—Crowninshield Room, G.C.A. Headquarters	25.00
Greens Day	72.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	108.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	51.00
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	\$ 256.00

1959-1960

Friendship Garden Club at Women's Prison	\$ 170.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	25.00
Greens Day	77.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	108.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	72.00
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	\$ 452.00

1960-1961

Friendship Garden Club	\$ 396.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	25.00
Greens Day	70.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	110.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Fencing	150.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	65.00
Northern Westchester Hospital — Garden Waiting Room	4,544.00
Northern Westchester Hospital — Garden Waiting Room upkeep	260.00
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	\$5,620.00

1961-1962

Friendship Garden Club	\$ 438.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	100.00
Greens Day	68.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	62.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	56.00
Northern Westchester Hospital—Garden Waiting Room	691.00
School Conservation Education	42.00
Zone III — G.C.A. Horticultural Interchange Fellowship Fund	100.00
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	\$1,557.00

1962-1963

Anti-litter Campaign	\$ 100.00
Friendship Garden Club	165.00

G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	196.00
Greens Day	31.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	115.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	69.00
Northern Westchester Hospital—Garden Waiting Room Furniture	651.00
Northern Westchester Hospital—Garden Waiting Room upkeep	397.00
School Conservation Education	103.00
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	\$1,827.00
1963-1964	
Brooklyn Botanic Garden	\$ 100.00
Civic Planting—Town House and Village Green	404.00
Friendship Garden Club	182.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	166.00
Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary	10.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	65.00
Northern Westchester Hospital — Garden Waiting Room upkeep	124.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	29.00
School Conservation Education	202.00
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	\$1,282.00
1964-1965	
Bedford Historical Society	\$ 25.00
Friendship Garden Club	199.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	150.00
G.C.A. Zone III Interchange Fellowship Fund	70.00
Greens Day	8.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Supplies	6.00
Northern Westchester Hospital — Garden Waiting Room	59.00
School Conservation Education	170.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	25.00
Wheeler Fund — Pound Ridge Reservation	200.00
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	\$ 912.00
1965-1966	
Bedford Historical Society — Landscaping	\$ 100.00
Friendship Garden Club	212.00

G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	50.00
Greens Day	7.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	70.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Maintenance	100.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail	14.00
Save The Redwoods League	25.00
School Conservation Education	153.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	25.00
	<u>\$ 756.00</u>
1966-1967	
Friendship Garden Club	\$ 258.00
G.C.A. Contribution to International Flower Show	50.00
The Nature Conservancy	250.00
Pound Ridge Nature Trail Maintenance	200.00
Save The Redwoods League	240.00
School Conservation Education	144.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	25.00
	<u>\$1,167.00</u>
1967-1968	
Friendship Garden Club	\$ 178.00
G.C.A. Endowment Fund	50.00
School Conservation Education	156.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	25.00
	<u>\$ 409.00</u>
1968-1969	
Bedford Audubon Society	\$ 25.00
Bedford Village Improvement Society	415.00
Bryant Park Flower Show	100.00
Friendship Garden Club	255.00
G.C.A. Endowment Fund	500.00
John Jay House	86.00
Katonah Library	36.00
Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary	25.00
School Conservation Education	173.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	25.00
Volunteer Photographers Association	50.00
	<u>\$1,690.00</u>
1969-1970	
Boy Scouts	\$ 25.00
Bryant Park Flower Show	82.40

Caramoor	50.00
Civic Planting, Bedford Hills	10.00
Friendship Garden Club	348.00
Greenwich Garden Center	39.00
Horticultural Society of New York	15.00
National Audubon Society Scholarship	80.00
School Conservation Education	277.00
G.C.A. Student Conservation Association	100.00
	<u>\$1,026.00</u>

October 15, 1970-August 15, 1971

Pound Ridge Nature Trail Fund	\$ 50.00
Arthur W. Butler Memorial Sanctuary	50.00
Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary	50.00
Horticultural Society of New York	15.00
Brooklyn Botanic Garden	10.00
Bartlett Arboretum	25.00
Friendship Garden Club	525.74
National Audubon Society Scholarship	90.00
John Jay House Garden	347.15
School Conservation Education	26.63
Bedford Village Improvement Society (Memorial Trees for Mrs. Colgate and Mr. John Kinkel)	215.00
The Big Sisters (Memorial to Mrs. Nicely)	50.00
Cancer Research (Memorial to Mrs. Boeckl)	50.00
Memorial for Mrs. Jean Newell at prison	323.00
Recycling:	
Salvation Army Boxes for used newspaper	\$ 36.00
"Do's and Don'ts for Gypsy Moths"	56.00
Ecology Day Ticket	10.00
	<u>102.00</u>
	<u>\$1,929.52</u>

October 15, 1955-August 15, 1971

Approximate amount spent on civic, local, national, charitable and conservation works in nearly sixteen years	\$22,266.52
Total for 60 years, 1911-1971	<u>\$79,513.39</u>

A SUMMING UP

Two projects initiated by the Bedford Garden Club forty years ago—landscaping of the grounds of the Northern Westchester Hospital and the Ward Pound Ridge Nature Trail and Museum—vanished a few years ago from the Treasurer's Reports. The reason, we are happy to report, is that they are firmly established and no longer need the Club's help.

Hospital Planting

Between 1930, when the first contribution made toward planting of the grounds is reported, and 1965, the date of the last report of the Hospital Planting Committee, the Club gave \$17,315.82—plus untold time and energy—to this project. All planting was done in consultation with the board of the Hospital and the architects, but successive additions have caused many transplantings of trees, shrubs and flower beds and, in some cases, their obliteration. Though we regret this, we remember that thousands of patients, during 41 years, have enjoyed and been cheered by the beauty created around the Hospital. The Alice Sloane Anderson Memorial Terrace, which represents \$6,726 of the total, continues to flourish undisturbed and give great pleasure to both staff and patients.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Nature Trail and Museum

In 1931, when the Westchester County Superintendent of Parks suggested to Mrs. Jacob Gould Schurman that the Bedford Garden Club establish a Nature Trail in the Reservation, such trails were new. The following year work was begun on the Trail under the leadership of the Club's first Conservation Chairman, Miss Delia Marble, and she said in her report: "I feel very strongly that we are doing something real, something that will grow and reward all our efforts."

The Club's efforts in terms of time and energy expended by members since then cannot be measured, but the Treasurer's Reports list gifts which total \$19,771.61 and this does not include many generous gifts by members individually, and by some non-members.

By 1937 there were three and one-half miles of trail; the Trail-side Museum had been built with the cooperation of the County

Parks Commission, and the Club engaged Mr. William Wheeler as a Nature Guide. The following year 10,000 people from 40 states visited the Trail and it was being used as a model for other such trails. In 1941 the Westchester County Parks Commission took over payment of Mr. Wheeler's salary, but the war and gas rationing soon closed the Reservation for the duration. Renovated and reopened at the end of the war, its use continued to increase and in 1954 a Wild Flower Garden and Bridge were given by the Bedford Garden Club and Rusticus in memory of Miss Eloise Luquer and Miss Marble. But by 1961 Mrs. Thomas M. Waller reported after a visit to the Trail and the Museum, that both needed a thorough renovation. Club members responded valiantly with both physical and financial help and the County Parks Commission not only cooperated but appointed a full-time curator.

A few years ago the Westchester County Park Commission assumed full responsibility for the Museum and the Trail. This summer (1971) Mrs. Morgan Parker, who has worked on this Club project since its beginning, paid it an inspection visit. She reports that we may be content with the way our work is being carried on by the Commission and the enthusiastic young curator. They emphasized their hope that the Club members' interest will continue and that they may count on our help and advice, especially with the Wild Flower Garden.

Mrs. Waller, who is a member of the County Planning Board, has just reported that in the County Budget for 1972 (not yet adopted) the Parks Commission requests \$50,000 for an addition to the Trailside Museum and that this is also given top priority by the Planning Board.

Miss Marble was a true prophet: all our efforts have been rewarded.

Footnote: It may interest members to know that \$14,764 of the \$37,087.43 given by the Club to the hospital planting and the Nature Trail and Museum was raised by the plant sales held annually from 1944 to 1956, when the profit no longer justified the work involved. In this work the Club was greatly assisted by members of the Northern Westchester Horticultural Society who priced all the plants. During the early days there were few plant nurseries and the public came to depend on our sales, for which members with large gardens supplied most of the plants. By the mid-1950s few large gardens were maintained and the Club was buying seedlings and plants from the nurseries, which had proliferated. No amount of hard work by the Horticulture Committee could fill the gap and meet the increasing demand for plants.

RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL MEDALS OF
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

- 1939 Miss Eloise Payne Luquer *The Achievement Medal, awarded to members and member clubs in recognition of outstanding achievement and of creative vision in furthering the aims of The Garden Club of America.*
- 1942 Miss Delia Marble *The Frances K. Hutchinson Medal, awarded to figures of national importance (members and non-members) for services to conservation.*
- 1962 Miss Elizabeth Remsen Van Brunt *The Eloise Payne Luquer Medal, awarded for special achievement in the field of botany, which may include medical research, the fine arts and education. (For members and non-members)*
- 1963 Mrs. Paul Sturtevant *The Katharine Thomas Cary Medal, awarded to a member or a member club for outstanding achievement in the field of flower arrangement education.*
- 1971 Mrs Thomas Mercer Waller *The Frances K. Hutchinson Medal.*

N.B. In 1962, The Bedford Garden Club endowed the Medal of Honor in memory of Alice Sloane Anderson (Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson)

THE ELOISE PAYNE LUQUER MEDAL

In 1949, the Club established and endowed the Eloise Payne Luquer Medal in memory of an early and much loved member, one of whose flower paintings suggested the design. It was completed by Chester Beach and presented to The Garden Club of America at its Annual Meeting. A list of recipients follows:

- 1950 Mrs. John Leach
- 1951 Rutherford Platt
- 1952 Dr. Margery Claire Carlson
- 1953 Mrs. J. Willis Slaughter
- 1954 Mrs. David R. Coker
- 1955 Elizabeth Hollister Frost (Mrs. Dabney Blair)
- 1957 Dr. William Jacob Robbins
- 1958 Mrs. George Russell Marriage
- 1960 Miss Caroline Dormon
- 1961 Thomas C. Desmond
- 1962 Miss Elizabeth Remsen Van Brunt

- 1963 John Nash Ott
 1965 Mrs. Allen L. Chickering, Jr.
 1966 Dr. E. Lucy Braun
 1967 Mrs. G. Laurence Schetky
 1969 Ellen Fenlon Tobin
 1970 Elsetta Gilchrist Barnes
 1971 Elizabeth T. Zimmerman



WAR SERVICE PINS, 1942

In 1942, War Service Pins of The Garden Club of America were given to three members of The Bedford Garden Club:

Mrs. George M. Schurman and Mrs. James L. Harrison "for their work of food conservation at the cannery," and Mrs. Edwin DeT. Bechtel "for working to develop co-operation and understanding among the various groups in the community."



ZONE III CONSERVATION CERTIFICATES

One certificate a year may be given in each Zone. Awarded to members only, for outstanding service to conservation within the Zone. Application should be made to the Zone Representative of the GCA Conservation Committee and must be approved by the Zone Chairman. Established 1961.

Mrs. Dennis Dix—"The School Conservation Program exists because of your imagination, leadership and ability to organize, write and teach, giving inspiration to all who work with you." 1964

Mrs. Richard F. Reid—"Fellow workers and pupils find inspiration in their School Conservation Program from your sharing with them your writing, teaching and extensive knowledge of the out-of-doors."

Mrs. Loudon Wainwright, Jr.—"All who work with you, school principal, teacher or sponsor are brought together in the School Conservation Program by your ability to coordinate and unite diverse personalities."

Mrs. James J. Lowe—"For her strong sense of civic responsibility and her good-humored perseverance on behalf of a better environment for Northern Westchester." 1969

THE MEDAL OF MERIT

Awarded by a member club (voted by its Executive Committee) to one of its own members upon application to and with the approval of the Medal Awards Committee of the GCA, for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of Horticulture, Conservation, or Civic Achievement within the area of a member's respective club. Only one Medal a year may be awarded by a club, unless exceptional circumstances warrant it. Established in 1948.

- 1962 Mrs. Arthur W. Butler—"For presenting Bedford with 260 acres of woodland to create the Arthur W. Butler Memorial Sanctuary."
Miss Helen Clay Frick—"For presenting 105 acres to form the Westmoreland Sanctuary. Both of these sanctuaries have greatly widened the pleasure and interest in the study of nature in the community."
- 1966 Mrs. Donald W. Marshall—"For leadership in redesigning and planting Bedford Hills. Her creative vision, perseverance and enthusiasm have resulted in a spirit of community cooperation and civic pride."
- 1969 Elizabeth Cole Botzow (Mrs. William Botzow)—"For her exceptional knowledge, influence and accomplishments in Horticulture, including her success in growing, exhibiting and helping in a great many community Horticultural projects."

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HORTICULTURAL MEDAL OF MERIT IN BRONZE (obsolete)

- 1923 Mrs. Moses Taylor.
- 1949 The Bedford Garden Club (Mrs. Robert A. Chambers, Chairman)—"Awarded for sheer beauty, perfection of plant material, realistic and perfect seasonal planting." (For a woodland planting in high shade staged at the International Flower Show in the G.C.A. Conservation Exhibit.)

HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE

Each Club may award one Horticultural Certificate a year to a member for Horticultural Achievement within the Club. Application for this certificate should be made to the Horticultural Committee of The Garden Club of America. Established 1956

Mrs. Louis K. Hyde—"For Horticulture Achievement within the Club." 1956

Mrs. Morgan Parker—"For Horticultural Achievement within the Club."

Mrs. Harold Whitman—"For her wide horticultural knowledge, for the beauty and excellence of her garden, and for her series of informal talks in her garden." 1957

Mrs. Neeley Reyburn Crowell—"For her work as Chairman of the Women's Prison Gardening Project." 1958

Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson—"For her class on greenhouse growing, pruning and grafting, her work with rare trees and shrubs for civic planting and gardening instructions for prison inmates." 1959

Mrs. Robert Myhrum and Mrs. Russell E. Sard, Jr.—"For putting into commission an unused greenhouse, for raising and preparing for sale some 2300 quality seedlings and tubers; proceeds were devoted to club projects." 1960

Mrs. William Botzow and Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.—"For their outstanding leadership as Chairmen of Horticulture, organizing greenhouse course, participation in the International Flower Show, starting monthly meetings for research and discussion of Horticultural topics." 1962



WINIFRED MACOMBER AWARD WITHIN THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Established in 1965 by The Bedford Garden Club in memory of a member who brought honor to the club in flower shows for many years. "Awarded for outstanding effort or achievement in the field"

of Exhibitions (flower arrangement and/or garden design). The interpretation to be elastic and imaginative. The Exhibitions Chairman should propose the candidate to the Medals Committee of the Bedford Garden Club."

- 1967 Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr.
 1968 Mrs. Hugh S. Coward and Mrs. John M. Regan, Jr.
 1969 Mrs. William W. H. Knipe.
 1970 Mrs. Edwards C. O'Boyle and Mrs. Thomas R. Smidt.
 1971 Miss Clara F. Workum.



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Awarded each year by the Medals and Awards Committee of the Bedford Garden Club in each of the four villages of the Town of Bedford in recognition of good civic and commercial landscaping. Established 1969.

Awards in 1969

Bedford Village Elementary School
 Harrison's Alley, Bedford Hills
 Katonah Medical Group
 American Telephone and Telegraph Headquarters, Mount Kisco

Awards in 1970

Bedford Village ESSO
 The Paint Box, Bedford Hills
 The Friendly Ice Cream Shop, Mount Kisco
 Mount Kisco Housing Project, Carpenter Avenue
 Special Award to Mrs. DeWitt Wallace "in recognition of all that she and her husband have done to serve and augment the natural beauty of this area, especially in creation of Wallace Pond and its Pagoda."

Awards in 1971

Katonah Chamber of Commerce
 National Bank of Westchester Crossroads Branch, Mount Kisco
 Mount Kisco Medical Group

MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELD OFFICE IN THE
GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

(Bedford was one of the twelve founding clubs in 1913 at a meeting held at Mrs. Bayard Henry's house in Philadelphia; Mrs. Henry Marquand represented The Bedford Garden Club.)

Miss Delia West Marble	<i>Chairman</i> , Wild Flower Preservation Committee 1916-1920; <i>Director</i> , 1920-1921; <i>Chairman</i> , Special Publications Committee (obs.) 1920-1924.
Mrs. James Metcalfe	<i>Chairman</i> , Budget Committee (obs.) 1919
Mrs. Joseph P. Cotton	<i>Director</i> , 1921-1922.
Mrs. Percy R. Turnure	<i>Chairman</i> , Fellowships in Rome, 1921.
Miss Eloise Payne Luquer	<i>Chairman</i> , Wild Flower Preservation Committee (which became the Conservation Committee in 1924) 1929-1932.
Mrs. Paul Sturtevant	<i>Chairman</i> , Program Committee, 1942-1944; <i>Director</i> , 1956-1961; <i>Director</i> serving on Executive Committee, 1957-1959, <i>Chairman</i> , Exhibitions Committee, 1959-1961.
Mrs. James L. Harrison	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> , 1950-1953; <i>Vice-President</i> , 1953-1956; <i>1st Vice-President</i> , 1956-1959; <i>Director</i> serving on Executive Committee, 1959-1962; <i>Chairman</i> , Hospitality Committee, 1962-1965, <i>Co-Chairman</i> , 1965-1971
Mrs. Thomas M. Waller	<i>Chairman</i> , Zone III, 1953-1956; <i>Chairman</i> , Conservation Committee, 1956-1959; <i>Chairman</i> , Medal Awards Committee, 1959-1962; <i>Vice-President</i> , 1962; <i>Director</i> , 1963-1965; <i>President</i> , 1965-1968; <i>Director</i> , 1968-1971; <i>Chairman</i> , National Affairs Committee, 1968-1974.
Miss Dorothy Humphreys Hinitt	<i>Chairman</i> , Library Committee, 1959-1962; <i>Editor</i> , Garden Club of America Bulletin, 1963-1969.
Mrs. Peter Oliver	<i>Chairman</i> , Library Committee, 1965-1968.
Mrs. Hobart Lewis	<i>Chairman</i> , Public Relations Committee, 1968-1971.

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

OFFICERS



Presidents

1955-59	Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson	1963-65	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
1959-61	Mrs. Peter Oliver	1965-67	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1961-63	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson	1967-71	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr.

First Vice-Presidents

1955-57	Mrs. John Wood Brooks	1963-65	Miss Clara F. Workum
1957-59	Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday	1965-67	Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston
1959-61	Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry	1967-69	Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean
1961-63	Miss Dorothy Hinit	1969-71	Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson, Jr.

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1955-56	Mrs. W. Gibson Carey	1964-66	Mrs. B. Haig Bossidy
1956-58	Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood	1966-67	Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean
1958-59	Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry	1967-68	Mrs. J. Chandler Hill
1959-62	Mrs. Wilmot F. Wheeler, Jr.	1968-70	Mrs. Walter E. Winans
1962-64	Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.	1970-72	Mrs. Thomas L. Purdy, Jr.

Treasurers

1954-56	Mrs. Laurence S. Kennedy	1966-70	Mrs. Winfield Taylor
1956-62	Mrs. Warner D. Orvis	1970-72	Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.
1962-66	Mrs. J. Chandler Hill		

Recording Secretaries

1954-56	Mrs. Samuel Cochran, Jr.	1964-66	Miss Helen G. Wylly
1956-58	Mrs. John M. Young	1966-68	Mrs. Benjamin C. Branch
1958-60	Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.	1968-69	Mrs. William FitzGibbon
1960-62	Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean	1969-72	Mrs. Gilbert H. Clee
1962-64	Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston		

Corresponding Secretaries

1955-57	Mrs. Russel H. Patterson	1964-65	Mrs. Arvid E. Taube
1957-59	Miss Helen G. Wylly	1965-67	Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.
1959-61	Mrs. Langdon H. Roper	1967-69	Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson, Jr.
1961-63	Mrs. Robert C. Vincent	1969-71	Mrs. Francis N. H. Bishop
1963-64	Mrs. John G. W. Husted		(Mrs. Barnaby John Howard)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee

1955	Miss M. Moyca Newell	1963	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1956	Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor	1964	Mrs. William H. W. Knipe
1957	Mrs. Richard W. Meade	1965	Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
1958	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant	1966	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
1959	Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor	1967	Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.
1660	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson	1968	Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry
1961	Mrs. James L. Harrison	1969	Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.
1962	Mrs. Cortlandt S. Van Rensselaer	1970	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
		1971	Mrs. Dennis Dix

Admissions

1955-63	Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne	1967-71	Mrs. Lewis B. Harder
1963-67	Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry		

Conservation

1955-56	Mrs. Otis A. Glazebrook III	1965-67	{ Mrs. James M. Nicely Mrs. Richard F. Reid Co-Chairmen
1956-57	Mrs. William Durcan		
1957-59	Mrs. Aertsen P. Keasbey, Jr.		
1959-61	Mrs. R. Parker Kuhn	1967-68	Mrs. Richard F. Reid
1961-62	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller	1968-70	{ Mrs. James M. Nicely Mrs. James Todd Co-Chairmen
1962-63	Miss Elizabeth R. Van Brunt		
1963-65	{ Mrs. James M. Nicely Mrs. Morgan Parker Co-Chairmen	1971	Mrs. James Todd

School Conservation Education

1966-70	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1965-66	Mrs. Karl M. Touraine
1966-71	Mrs. Dennis Dix

Exhibitions

1955-57	Mrs. Bernard L. Finn	1963-67	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin, Jr.
1957-59	Mrs. James A. Edgar	1967-69	Mrs. James Todd
1959-61	{ Miss Clara F. Workum Mrs. Gilbert H. Clee Co-Chairmen	1969-71	{ Mrs. Hugh S. Coward Mrs. John M. Regan, Jr. Co-Chairmen
1961-63	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant		

Horticulture

1955-57	Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, Jr.	1964-66	Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.
1957-58	Mrs. Merle Crowell		
1958-59	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson	1966-67	{ Mrs. Aertsen P. Keasbey, Jr. Mrs. Robert G. Myhrum Mrs. Russell E. Sard Co-Chairmen
1959-61	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy		
1961-63	Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.	1967-69	Mrs. William Botzow
1963-64	{ Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence Mrs. Walter E. Winans Co-Chairmen	1969-71	{ Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward Mrs. Russell E. Sard Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr. Co-Chairmen

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1958-59	Mrs. Merle Crowell
1959-62	Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday
1962-64	Mrs. Robert E. FitzGibbon
1964-66	Mrs. John P. Renwick, Jr.
1966-70	Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell
1970-71	Mrs. John N. Thorne, Jr.

Program

1955-57	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant		
1957-59	Mrs. Peter Oliver	1966-67	{ Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson, Jr. Mrs. Walter E. Winans Co-Chairmen
1959-61	Mrs. Louis K. Hyde, Jr.		
1961-63	Mrs. Donald W. Marshall	1967-68	{ Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson Co-Chairmen
1963-65	Mrs. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer	1969-71	Mrs. Donald R. Atkin
1965-66	{ Mrs. Walter E. Winans Mrs. Broadus Johnson, Jr. Co-Chairmen		

Town Planning—Civic Affairs

1955-56	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller	1963-64	Mrs. Douglas C. Orbison
1956-57	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson	1964-65	Mrs. Samuel Cochran, Jr.
1957-59	Mrs. Robert E. FitzGibbon	1965-66	Mrs. James W. Gall
1959-61	{ Mrs. Lewis B. Harder Mrs. Laurence S. Kennedy Co-Chairmen	1966-68	Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
1961-63	Mrs. Lewis B. Harder	1968-70	Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean
		1970-71	Mrs. Benjamin C. Branch

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1911 - 1971

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| # Mrs. Lathrop Colgate | Mrs. Edwin DeT. Bechtel |
| # Miss Delia West Marble | # Mrs. James S. Metcalfe |
| # Miss M. Moyca Newell | # Mrs. Joseph H. Spafford |

Members

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Deceased

(f.) Founding Members, 1911

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| # Mrs. F. Everett Abbott | Mrs. Edwin DeT. Bechtel |
| * Mrs. Paul S. Achilles | * Mrs. Gordon Knox Bell |
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| Mrs. Donald R. Atkin | * Mrs. Heber Reginald Bishop (f.) |
| * Mrs. John Turner Atterbury | * Mrs. Nathaniel R. Bishop |
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| * Mrs. Alexander T. Baldwin | (Mrs. William Belden) |
| * Mrs. Joseph C. Baldwin, Jr. | Mrs. Dudley B. Bonsal |
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| * Mrs. William Baylis | Mrs. B. Haig Bossidy |
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| Mrs. Alexander S. Bowers | * Mrs. Joseph W. Burden |
| * Mrs. George A. Bowmann, Jr. | # Mrs. William A. M. Burden |
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- * Mrs. L. H. Choate
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- * Mrs. Kenneth H. Clapp
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- * Mrs. William Clough
- Mrs. Gilbert H. Clee
- * Mrs. Robert Cluett, III
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- Mrs. Samuel Cochran, Jr.
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- * Mrs. John Coleman
- # Mrs. Lathrop Colgate
- * Mrs. Howard J. Collins
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- * Mrs. Richard S. Conover
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- * Mrs. Oliver H. Coolidge
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- Mrs. Joseph P. Cotton
- * Mrs. Raymond Coward
- Mrs. Hugh Coward
- * Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin (f.)
- * Mrs. R. L. Crawford
- Mrs. William Cross, Jr.
- Mrs. Merle Crowell
- (Mrs. Webb Hilbert)
- Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.
- Mrs. Holbrook B. Cushman
- * Mrs. Joseph Wood Cushman
- * Mrs. Charles F. Darlington
- * Mrs. Norman P. de Mauriac
- # Mrs. Charles D. Dickey
- Mrs. Dennis Dix
- # Mr. John A. Dix
- Mrs. John A. Dix
- # Mrs. Morgan Dix
- * Mrs. Murray Dodge
- # Mrs. William P. Draper
- * Mrs. E. Rush Duer
- * Mrs. Dudley Dupignac
- * Mrs. Isabel K. Durcan
- Mrs. Percy J. Ebbott
- # Mrs. James A. Edgar
- (nee Lucy Hunt)
- Mrs. James A. Edgar
- (nee Tatiana Gran)
- Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston
- * Mrs. J. Pierrepont Edwards
- * Mrs. Grenville T. Emmet
- * Mrs. Walter Evers
- (Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean)
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- # Mrs. William Ewing
- * Mrs. William Fahnstock
- * Mrs. H. J. Fairbanks
- # Mr. Benjamin T. Fairchild
- * Mrs. John I. H. Field
- * Mrs. Jonathan Field
- * Mrs. Reginald Fincke
- Mrs. Bernard L. Finn
- Mrs. Elizabeth Cushman Fish
- Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Jr.
- Mrs. Robert E. FitzGibbon
- Mrs. William FitzGibbon
- * Mrs. Douw H. Fonda
- Mrs. H. S. Winthrop Fowler
- * Mr. Robert L. Fowler
- # Mrs. Robert L. Fowler
- * Mrs. Rector K. Fox
- (Mrs. Arthur W. Lawrence)
- * Mrs. William B. Franklin (f.)
- Mrs. John French
- Miss Helen C. Frick
- * Lady Gabriel z
- (Mrs. Louis B. Preston)
- * Mrs. James W. Gall
- # Mrs. William G. Gallowhur
- Mrs. Lloyd K. Garrison
- * Mrs. Merrill E. Gates
- # Mrs. Frederick M. Godwin
- (nee Mildred Rives)
- # Mrs. Frederick M. Godwin
- (nee Dorothy Whitehouse)
- Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt

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- # Mrs. David M. Goodrich
(nee Beatrice Morgan)
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- * Mrs. Lawrence Gourlay
- * Miss Edith C. Gourlie
- * Mrs. Waldemar H. Grassi
- * Mrs. Ashbel Green
- * Mrs. George de B. Greene
- * Mrs. Jerome D. Greene
- Mrs. Henry E. Griffith
- * Mrs. Le Grand Griswold
- Mrs. Eric H. Haight
- Mrs. Everest D. Haight
- * Mrs. John Henry Hammond (f.)
- * Mrs. Learned Hand
- # Mrs. Thomas E. Hardenbergh
Mrs. Lewis B. Harder
- * Mrs. Ernest Harrah
- # Mrs. J. Borden Harriman (f.)
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Mrs. John F. Harvey
Mrs. W. Denning Harvey
Mrs. Oliver Hazard
- * Mrs. Ann E. Hennessy
(Mrs. Raymond Herrmann)
- * Mrs. Ambrose D. Henry
- Mrs. C. John Herkert
- * Mrs. J. E. Grote Higgins
- * Miss Celia C. Higgins
- Mrs. George W. Hill, Jr.
- Mrs. J. Chandler Hill
- Miss Dorothy H. Hinitt
- Mrs. Walter W. Hitesman, Jr.
- Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday
- * Mrs. Richard C. Hollyday, Jr.
- * Mrs. Edwin O. Holter
- * Mrs. Horace M. Hooper
- * Mrs. Henry Hopkins
- # Mrs. Hamilton L. Hoppin
Mrs. Gerald G. Hotchkiss
Mrs. Barnaby John Howard
(Mrs. Francis N. H. Bishop)
- * Mrs. Henry Marion Howe (f.)
- # Mrs. Herbert B. Howe
- * Mrs. James J. Hoyt
- * Mrs. Sherman R. Hoyt
- * Mrs. Otto V. Huffman
- * Mrs. Arthur W. Huguley
- * Mrs. R. Duane Humphreys
- * Mrs. John C. Hunt
- * Mrs. J. Ramsey Hunt
- * Mrs. J. Ramsey Hunt, Jr.
- * Mrs. Seth Bliss Hunt
- * Mrs. Frederick Huntington
- # Mrs. John G. W. Husted
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Mrs. Louis K. Hyde
- * Mrs. Arthur Iselin
- * Mrs. Pierre Jay
- * Mrs. Broaddus Johnson, Jr.
Mrs. Foxhall P. Jones
- * Mrs. Maitland Jones
Mrs. Henry V. Julier
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Jr., Mrs. Eugene E. Morton)
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Mrs. George B. Kelly
Mrs. William S. Kemble
Mrs. Laurence Kennedy
- * Mrs. Paul Kennedy
Mrs. Anthony G. Kerrigan
- # Mrs. R. Stewart Kilborne, Jr.
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Mrs. R. Stewart Kilborne
(nee Jane Lowes)
- # Mrs. Gustavus T. Kirby
Mrs. William H. Knipe
- * Mrs. Augustus F. Kountze
- * Mrs. Herman D. Kountze (f.)
- # Mrs. R. Parker Kuhn
- * Mrs. David Laidlaw
Mrs. John A. Lamb
- * Mrs. Arthur W. Lawrence
- * Mrs. William Van D. Lawrence
- # Mrs. James D. Layng
Mrs. Ronald C. Lee
- # Miss Evelyn Leonard (f.)
(Mrs. Theodore L. Van Norden)
- * Miss Martia Leonard
Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
Mrs. Hobart Lewis
- * Miss Hope Lewis

- # Mrs. Bayard S. Litchfield
Mrs. Crouse Litchfield
* Miss Marion Litchfield
Mrs. Winslow Little
Mrs. Franklin Lockwood
* Mrs. Seth Low
Mrs. James J. Lowe
Miss Eloise Payne Luguer (f.)
Mrs. Lea McI. Luquer
Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
Mrs. F. Sims McGrath
* Mrs. Robert McKim
Mrs. Michael McKone
* Mrs. John E. McLeran
Mrs. Frank G. Macomber
* Mrs. John Magee
Mrs. Walter B. Mahony, Jr.
* Mrs. H. E. Manville
Miss Delia West Marble (f.)
Mrs. Henry Marquand (f.)
* Mrs. James S. Marsh
* Mrs. Burke Marshall
Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
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Mrs. Albert H. Marckwald)
Mrs. Louis H. May
(nee Clara Britton)
* Mrs. Louis H. May
(nee Emily Wilson)
* Miss Katherine Mayo
Mrs. Richard W. Meade
Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill
* Mrs. E. K. Merrill
Mrs. James Metcalf (f.)
* Mrs. Charles F. Meyer
Mrs. Albert J. Milbank
* Mrs. Harold Minott
Mrs. Donald L. Mitchell
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Mrs. Parker G. Montgomery
* Mrs. William Montgomery
Mrs. Franklin Montross, III
* Mrs. William Fellowes Morgan,
Jr.
Mrs. Benj. Wistar Morris (f.)
Mrs. Albert W. Moss
Mrs. Joseph Mullen
* Mrs. Robert G. Myhrum
- # Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell
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Mrs. James M. Nicely
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Mrs. George L. Nichols (f.)
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Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor
Mrs. William O'Donaghue
Mrs. Peter Oliver
Mrs. Warner Orvis
* Mrs. Gosta Oscarsson
* Mrs. Louis C. Owens, Jr.
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Mrs. Morgan Parker
* Mrs. Elton Parks
Mrs. Charles W. Parsons
Mrs. James Russell Parsons
Mrs. Russel H. Patterson
* Mrs. John S. Penman
* Mrs. Donald B. Percy
Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry
Mrs. H. Pierrepont Perry (f.)
* Mrs. Carl S. Petrasch
* Mrs. Carl S. Petrasch, Jr.
Mrs. Peter Van N. Philip
* Mrs. Piavano
* Mrs. Palmer E. Pierce
* Mrs. Charles Pinkerton
(nee Ellen H. Arthur)
Mrs. Charles Pinkerton
(nee Sarah Harrison)
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 * Miss Jessie Righter
 * Miss Katherine Righter
 Mrs. George L. Rives
 # Mrs. Alfred Roelker
 * Mrs. Langdon H. Roper
 Mrs. Rudy L. Ruggles, Jr.
 * Mrs. Irving Ruland
 * Mrs. Daniel Runkle
 (Mrs. Frederick Palmer)
 * Miss Julia Ryle
 # Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
 Mrs. Russell E. Sard
 * Mrs. Mott B. Schmidt
 * Mrs. George M. Schurman
 * Mrs. George W. Schurman
 Mrs. Jacob G. Schurman, Jr.
 # Mrs. Arthur H. Scribner
 * Mrs. Lorenzo Semple
 * Mrs. Lorenzo Semple, Jr.
 Mrs. George C. Sharp
 # Mrs. John Sheppard Shedden
 # Mrs. Raymond Sheldon
 Mrs. Ann Creamer Shuttleworth
 * Mrs. Alden Sibley
 (Mrs. Edward F. Drake)
 # Mrs. C. Willard Simpkins
 * Mrs. William K. Simpson
 * Mr. Marshall P. Slade
 # Mrs. Marshall P. Slade (f.)
 (nee Jane Perry)
 * Mrs. Marshall P. Slade
 (nee Bertha Coolidge)
 * Mrs. William Sloane
 Mrs. Thomas R. Smidt
 Mrs. Bernard E. Smith
 Mrs. Joseph H. Spafford
 * Mrs. Duncan Spencer
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 * Mrs. Chester O. Swain
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 * Mrs. Davis C. Thomas
 ** Mrs. Melville W. Thompson
 # Mrs. J. Norrish Thorne
 Mrs. John N. Thorne, Jr.
 Mrs. James Todd
 Mrs. Karl M. Touraine
 # Mrs. John H. Towne
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 * Mrs. Allen Tucker
 Mrs. Carll Tucker
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 Miss Elizabeth R. Van Brunt
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 * Mrs. Adrian Van Sinderen
 * Miss Mary S. Van Winkle
 * Mrs. Edmund G. Vaughan
 Mrs. Robert C. Vincen t
 # Mrs. Antonie P. Voislawsky
 * Mrs. W. W. Walker
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 * Mrs. Metcalfe Walling
 # Mrs. Norman W. Ward
 # Mrs. Frank A. Waters
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 * Mrs. C. Gouveneur Weir (f.)
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 * Mrs. C. Minot Weld
 Mrs. J. Scott Welles
 * Mrs. Edward H. Wells
 * Mrs. Alfred Wendt
 * Mrs. Paul West
 # Mrs. Wilmot Wheeler, Jr.

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| * Mrs. Medley G. B. Whelpley | * Mrs. Van Rensselaer Wittman |
| * Mrs. Thomas W. Whitall | * Miss Carolena M. Wood |
| * Mrs. Henry J. Whitehouse | * Mrs. George E. Wood |
| # Mrs. C. Morton Whitman (f.) | Mrs. Gerard H. Wood |
| # Mrs. Harold C. Whitman | * Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood |
| (nee Georgia Squires) | (nee Helen Underhill) |
| Mrs. Harold C. Whitman | Mrs. L. Hollingsworth Wood |
| (nee Edna W. Jardine) | (nee Martha Speakman) |
| * Miss Georgia Mary Whitman | Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward |
| * Miss Helen M. Whitman | Miss Clara F. Workum |
| * Mrs. Max Williams | # Mrs. Julius F. Workum |
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| * Mrs. Harold L. Williamson | Miss Helen G. Wyly |
| (Mrs. John B. Cumings) | Mrs. John M. Young |

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| Mr. Edward A. LeRoy | Mr. Donald W. Marshall |
| Mr. Winfield Taylor | # Mr. J. Norrish Thorne |
| Mr. H. Bregy Van Cleve | |

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| Mrs. Thomas R. Crane, Jr. | Mrs. James C. Taylor |
| Mrs. O. Kemp Dozier | Mrs. William P. Thomason |
| Mrs. Laurence S. Kennedy, Jr. | Mrs. Rodman K. Tilt, Jr. |
| Mrs. Edwards C. O'Boyle, Jr. | Mrs. Robert C. Vincent, Jr. |



14th Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America, 1927

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Zone III Meetings in Bedford

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| 1950, June 12th-14th | <i>Chairman</i> , Mrs. W. Gibson Carey. |
| 1966, September 26th-28th | <i>Co-Chairman</i> , Mrs. Donald W. Marshall for Bedford. |
| | <i>Co-Chairman</i> , Mrs. Thomas McCance, for Rusticus. |

