

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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for
2004-2005

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- 1988 Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr. (Louise) Active
 1976-82 67 Mt. Holly Road
 Katonah, NY 10536 Tel: 914-232-5149
 e-mail: loutalb@aol.com Fax: 914-232-7309
- 1996 Mrs. Fenton R. Talbott (Judy) Active
 202 South Bedford Road
 Mt. Kisco, NY 10549 Tel: 914-242-0252
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- 1995 Mrs. Samuel M. V. Tatnall (Bitsy) Active
 Hoyt's Lane, P.O. Box 536
 Bedford, NY 10506 Tel: 914-234-7696
 e-mail: bfieldinteriors@msn.com Fax: 212-369-6575
- 1972 Mrs. Rodman K. Tilt Jr. (Marilen) Sustaining
 80 Upper Hook Road
 Katonah, NY 10536 Tel: 914-232-5586
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- 1983 Mrs. Harold L. Tiné (Louisa) Active
 97 Spring Street
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- 1989 Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr. (Susan) Associate
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- 1979 Mrs. C. McLoughlin VanWinkle (DD) GCA Affiliate
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- 1974 Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III (Betty) Active
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- 1983 Mrs. Walter C. Weissinger Jr. (June) Active
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- 1954 Mrs. Walter E. Winans (Polly) Associate
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BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. John Milnes Baker
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Mrs. Mark Swank
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Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson, Chairman

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting:

Washington, D.C.

April 25-27, 2004

Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Vice Chairman of Admissions Committee

Mrs. John Milnes Baker, President

Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson, Delegate

Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Vice-Chairman, Land Use, GCA Conservation Committee

Mrs. John Redmon, Zone III Representative to GCA Garden History & Design
Committee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2004

I have had a fun year and I hope you all have as well. I must tell you though that being treasurer for all those many years was no training for this job. I certainly knew how to categorize all our typical expenses, I knew what things cost typically and I could balance the various accounts. But I had no idea who did what when! Thank the good Lord for all of you! We have the most supportive members!

The programs for our club are so important – they are what we all gather for. Dee Edgar has been fantastic. So many of our chairmanships are shared positions but Dee has carried on solo. Our September meeting was a sell out! October really tested Dee. Not only did she have no power for dinner the night before but the day of our meeting, power had still not been restored. But Denise Santomero came to the rescue! With generator et al. The meeting went off beautifully and we even had a sumptuous lunch too. Kirk Ferguson set up a special trip to the Scholar's Garden in Staten Island and Mimi Lines with Ann Cathpole-Howell arranged a great work shop on pruning. Greensday is always good but Heather and Lela created the best shopping around. Our conservation meeting in January was excellent – this is one of those times when we really do obviously make a difference. There is talk from some of the towns of using hybrid technology. At the same time Varner Redmon and her hostesses treated us to environmentally good goodies – delicious! Betty Wamsley and Shirley Bianco represented us in Washington at the National Affairs and Conservation meeting. Susan McDowell and Annie Miller put together excellent workshops that inspired and educated us. Orchids, Flower Arranging and Planting Day took up the rest of our spring. Our plant exchange growers rose to an extremely difficult challenge for the GCA Annual Meeting and 10 days before the Zone Meeting when I discovered that we had to bring flower show entries! Bonnie Trotta stepped up and said she'd be happy to do a Gatsby-esk arrangement! Ann McDuffie volunteered herbs while Mimi Lines, Margie Pierce and I scoured Phoebe Perry's, Linda Wilson's, Nancy Vincent's and Mimi Mitchell's gardens for Horticulture entrants. Virginia Maybank and her committee staged the most perfect party/fundraiser at our most generous member Sarah Kowitz's house. Cathy Smith and Mimi Lines were the greatest horse and jockey auctioneers ever! Anne Polk hosted a tea for prospective members. And here we are today in Mary Ellen Weisser's house where we can carry on the tradition of Mrs. Waller's teas. And there are so many others of you too. Just check the membership list in the yearbook! Thank you Ann Paul for publishing that.

It just seems to me that the ongoing theme for us is that everyone comes forward and helps out. This wonderful support makes this an extremely happy job for me.

Liddy Baker

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
2004

This is my opportunity to thank someone who has been invaluable to me. As I said before I was not particularly well prepared for this job; but this individual was always there. Any question that I had was never too small or ridiculous. She checked through her files and showed me just what needed to be done. And she was so organized that she could actually find her files and go right to whatever it was that I was questioning. When you take on a new job, a mentor/advocate makes it work. Libby Mossman was that person for me. She turned over to me a well oiled machine (do you all like being called that?) that functioned beautifully. Thank you, Libby. Right up through yesterday – “Libby, exactly what is the procedure for electing the replacement officers at this meeting?” Right to her files – there it was. And the whole while that she is the president behind the president she is taking photos everywhere and publishing our newsletter! Libby, you are the best! Again, thank you for making my job so much easier.

Liddy Baker

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING
Capital Landscapes 2004

The morning of Saturday, April 24th Liddy Baker and I took the AMTRAC to Washington, D.C. for the 91st annual meeting of the Garden Club of America. We entered our nation's capital that day with throngs of people attending two planned protest marches and five other conventions of equal or greater size. Washington, like a gracious dowager, welcomed us all with wide avenues, courteous cab drivers and comfortable hotels. The moment Liddy and I entered the J.W. Marriott Hotel I sprinted to the Plant Exchange; our entries were the last to be passed that day. Our club owes special thanks to Lela Philip, Bonnie Trotta and Mimi Lines for the effort they put into providing us with entries. With 35 minutes left to catch the bus, Liddy and I dashed to our room, flung open our suitcases and threw on fresh clothes for the Zone Dinner at the Sulgrave Club. Some members from other Zones dined at the Metropolitan Club. It was a lovely evening in a beautiful setting; and once we had a glass of wine in our hands and spied some friendly faces, we began to relax and enjoy ourselves. As soon as people realized we came from Bedford, the compliments about last year's Annual Meeting at the Rye Town Hilton began pouring in. Yes, Nancy Vincent, your ears should have been burning. At dinner we sat with women from all over the United States, but no one else from Zone III.

The next morning, Sunday, we boarded a bus and headed for the National Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. This is our national church, an Episcopal cathedral, where interfaith and ecumenical services are celebrated every day. It is a unique cathedral, too, in that it is a completed structure. The "final finial" was placed in 1990, ninety seven years after Congress granted the charter. First we had a guided tour of the Bishop's Gardens; similar to a medieval walled garden. We entered through a 12th century Norman arch into a courtyard with a 15th century bas-relief showing the crucifixion, the Virgin Mary and St. John. From there we approached the Bishop's lawn with two huge Atlas Cedars brought from Palestine in 1901. Dogs were frolicking on the lawn, but alas, no peacocks. Our guide suggested we step into the "Shadow House" with its eight windows each giving a framed view of one aspect of the garden. We then went down into the Bishop's Garden, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. It is a garden of many rooms and was built as a private place for the Bishop. The lower perennial border was a burst of color with tulips, peonies and tree peonies in full bloom. Our attention was called to the Irish yews along the south walk, as well as to the Olmsted Woods, five acres of original landscape design with the Pilgrim Path that leads through it. After the tour we entered the cathedral for Sunday service, which was held in the crypt.

At 2:00p.m. that afternoon I attended the Delegates' Workshop while Liddy went to the Presidents' workshop in another conference room in the hotel. Margorie Greville, Zone I, lead our workshop and she began by explaining that GCA represented 17,000 members and that it was a powerful lobbying force in Washington. She pointed out that each club could plug into a "national force". This energy would come from our National Affairs and Legislation Committee. Margorie also made it clear that GCA guidelines were fairly loose pertaining to club committees, i.e. Exhibitions: GCA says have flower shows but does not suggest how many, how often or what kind.

After answering our questions about GCA, Margorie threw the meeting open to the eight of us to discuss concerns within our own clubs. Since we represented different clubs in different areas of the country the ideas were unique and plentiful. One club treasurer sent out solicitations to Associate Members before Christmas and raised \$3,000. Another club holds Exhibition workshops to make flower arrangements for the local hospital, nursing homes and libraries. Still another has "Sweeps" before every meeting and awards a prize at year's end to the member with the most points. Several clubs have male members. All the clubs in our group are facing the problem of venue. Meeting locations are getting more expensive to rent and harder to find forcing some clubs to buy their own space. Several areas hold Garden/House Tours. Beacon Hill makes \$35,000 a year this way. Last year one club took corporate wives, in town for the Ryder's Cup, to see five local gardens and made \$7,500 in one afternoon. Nashville throws a "Plant Collector's Auction" and gets \$30,000 worth of great plants donated by nurserymen. Ten thousand people are invited to attend; they dress in blue jeans and dine on barbeque. The volunteers for this event come from the community as well as from the garden club and the money that is raised goes toward the support of Cheekwood Gardens. It is one of Nashville's biggest community events. I also found out that our dues were the lowest at the table. Most clubs charge \$125 per year for Actives and Sustainers and \$150 for Associates. I was amazed to learn that other clubs don't do trips, but instead visit gardens within their club. We were encouraged by Margorie to check the GCA Website. A lot of effort is directed at keeping it current and interesting; an update of the Annual Meeting should be appearing soon.

During the Workshops the talented hands of many flower arrangers were busy making spectacular displays throughout the hallways of the hotel. Suddenly our environs were divided into three parts: the Plant Exchange with its displays and horticultural information, Conservation with pictures and descriptions of sites across the country and the third part, a glorious profusion of fabulous flower arrangements. Thankfully all three displays remained up for the duration of the meeting since Liddy and I had almost run out of time to change our clothes and catch the bus for the newly restored United States Botanic Garden situated right under the gaze of the Capital building. We were greeted by the Director, Holly Shimizu, treated to cocktails and encouraged to take a self-guided tour of the Conservatory. There was a special exhibition of early botanical books from Europe, beautifully illustrated, one even dating back to the 14th century. From there we went to The National Museum for Women in the Arts for a "Capital Evening by Candlelight". Here we enjoyed a delicious dinner arranged in the Great Hall of this excellent Renaissance Revival Building. Wilhemina Holladay and her husband, founders of the Museum welcomed us. The centerpieces on the tables were particularly clever I thought. Pink blankets were rolled and tied in tube shapes. Seven stood together, again tied, with Gerbera daisies and paper butterflies tucked loosely into the tops. (Were the butterflies to celebrate GCA's gift of a butterfly garden to the Smithsonian?) At the end of the evening each person was given one to take home. By then we were beginning to need our blankets. Monday morning GCA President Kitty Ferguson called the business meeting to order. Her first speaker was none other than George Washington, himself. Played by actor William Summerfield, Washington described his life as a patriot, a general and a president.

He reiterated the joy and comfort he derived from his gardens at Mt. Vernon along the “Po-to-mac River.” He similarly described his mother’s place, Ferry Farm, also along the Po-to-mac River and the peace and well being the land afforded them. The business meeting resumed; every item on a five page agenda was covered thoroughly and the meeting was finished in record time. At 12:30 we boarded buses headed for the U.S. National Arboretum. Again Liddy and I went in different directions. Her group saw private gardens. The next day our sites would be reversed. At the Arboretum lunch was served under a huge tent. It was raining which hardly dampened the enthusiasm of over three hundred women for this research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This 4000+ acre site is especially beautiful in springtime. We saw woodland wildflowers in bloom, thousands of azalea bushes in a blaze of color as well as the magnificent dogwood and crabapple trees. Before leaving each of us was invited to take a sample plant: either an experimental crepe myrtle recommended for zones 7 – 9 or an arborvitae which is supposed to be deer resistant. That evening we attended dinners at one of about six different embassies. Liddy went to the Finnish Embassy and I went to the Instituto de Mexico, a beautiful old home on 16th Street now used as a cultural center by the Mexican government. After dinner we were treated to “Moonlight and Monuments”, a bus tour by our well informed driver who showed us many of the famous landmarks of the city which are beautifully lit at night.

Tuesday, April 27th began with the Conservation and Horticulture Meetings. Carol Stoddard spoke first as GCA Chairman for the National Affairs and Legislation Committee She was followed by Marian Hill, GCA Chairman of Conservation. William Rogers, President of the Trust for Public Land, then gave a lecture on the need for land preservation and the need for funding to buy private lands for public use. After a fifteen minute break the Horticulture Chair spoke. Then the Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal was awarded to the ‘Ulmus Americana’, the Princeton American Elm, a blight resistant tree used extensively by Casey Trees, a GCA project to replant street trees in Washington, D.C. The Horticulture speakers were Scott Ogden of Ft. Collins, Colorado and Lauren Springer of Austin, Texas, Horticultural Consultants and Garden Designers who gave a talk with slides on “Partnering with Plants.” That afternoon I spent visiting four of the loveliest private gardens in the D.C. area. Three of these gardens were small and managed to show off the exquisite use of plant material and design. The fourth was several acres, also beautifully planted, but evergreen trees were the main feature here.

That evening the black-tie Awards Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel. The evening opened with trumpeters dressed as a colonial marching band and playing martial music as the awardees were seated. This year the GCA chose to honor ten men and women and one tree for helping to make this world a better place. The Medal Awards Program marked the close of the 91st Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America in Washington, D.C. It was an event the local clubs should long be proud of and one the participants will always remember. A Capital Annual Meeting, indeed. Next year Kansas City will be the host for this big event; they seem very excited about it.

Kirk Ferguson, Delegate

ZONE MEETING REPORT

Liddy Baker, President, Bedford Garden Club, invited Betty Wamsley, Conservation Chairman, to be her delegate at the North Country Club's Zone Meeting entitled "Return of the Native," Zone III Small flower show. Devoted to Long Island Literary Natives, the Literary Natives included William Cullen Bryant, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Walt Whitman and others. Approximately 100 delegates attended this meeting and stayed at the Roslyn Claremont, a small charming hotel which was the location for most of the meetings. All guests were urged to leave their cars in the Claremont parking garage for the duration of the meeting. Buses and NCGC drivers transported guests to their various locations. We arrived mid-afternoon with Bedford Garden Club members' plants and flower show arrangements to be passed and judged. We attended the Presidents' and Delegates' Meeting from 3:00 – 4:00. There was a moment of silence in memory for Mrs. Thomas Mercer Waller, GCA President 1965-1968. We departed at 6:30 for dinner parties in members' homes. Members of the club were responsible for driving us to and from dinner parties.

On June 2nd we boarded buses at 8:00am for Oold Westbury Gardens and after introductions and announcements were made, we attended the Conservation and Horticulture meetings. Our speakers included Dr. Allen M. Armitage who teaches at the University of Georgia and spoke about his garden filled with native plants and some non-natives.

He entertained us with his relaxed demeanor and great sense of humor and urged the use of cultivars of native plants in native plant gardens. One of his websites is www.uga.edu/ugatrial.

Our second speaker was Dr. Richards W. Lightey, founding director of Mt. Cuba, located in the hills of the Delaware Piedmont. Dr. Lightey, the first Director of Mt. Cuba Center (1983-1998) was inspired by Mr. and Mrs. Lammont du Pont Copeland who established their 630-acre estate to preserve the native forests and historic rural pastures and to promote an appreciation for plants native to the Piedmont. Today thanks to Dr. Lightey, efforts are still focused on plants that can be nursery propagated and distributed on a wide scale to the gardening public.

After a walking tour of Old Westbury Gardens and lunch beside the walled gardens, we enjoyed private garden tours of members' gardens. We returned to change clothes for the Past Presidents' Cocktail Party and the Awards Dinner at the Piping Rock Club.

On June 3rd after the final business meeting, we picked up box lunches, gift plants and gathered our plants and flower arrangements, many of which had won judges awards. Betty Wamsley, Conservation Chairman

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
Treasurer's Annual Report
June 1, 2003– May 31, 2004

I. OPERATING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand June 1, 2003		Regular	\$5,447.59
		C&E	\$861.83
		Oct. '02 Benefit	\$9,990.79
		Future C&E	\$4,388.81
		John Jay Special	\$1,801.97
			\$22,490.99
 <u>Receipts:</u>			
Dues			\$12,200.00
Projects			\$2,055.71
June 5 Benefit (partial)			\$6,869.74
Donations for Endowment Fund			\$2,077.50
Visiting Gardens			\$1,730.84
Transfer into Operating Reserve			\$2,000.00
Interest			\$30.56
GCA Seed Money Return			\$4,604.00
Total Receipts			\$31,568.35
 <u>Disbursements:</u>			
Transfer to Operating Reserve			\$2,000.00
Yearbook			\$640.41
Newsletter - "Clippings"			\$1,843.63
Programs			\$3,256.89
Custodian			\$35.00
Awards			\$18.27
Medal Funds			\$0.00
Founders Fund			\$0.00
Insurance			\$129.00
Discretion			\$92.48
President's Fund			\$423.23
Exhibitions			\$160.00
Horticulture Committee			\$693.97
Conservation/Civic Affairs			\$42.65
Hostess Fund			\$798.09
Publicity			\$38.36
Seedlings			\$0.00
Taxes			\$35.00
GCA Dues			\$4,525.00
			\$14,731.98
 <u>Contributions:</u>			
John Jay Homestead			\$404.50
Special John Jay Expenses			\$200.00
Tubs 2003			\$837.14
Project Review			\$4,000.00

Bedford Library		\$300.00
		<hr/> \$5,741.64
<u>Donations:</u>		
National Parks & Conservation		\$35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Garden		\$150.00
Beaver Dam		\$100.00
Bedford Audubon, Ramsey Hunt/Palmer Lewis		\$100.00
Westmoreland Sanctuary		\$150.00
Marsh Sanctuary		\$100.00
Mianus Gorge Preserve		\$100.00
The Nature Conservancy, Butler/Meyer		\$100.00
Teatown		\$100.00
Friends of Lasdon		\$100.00
St. Matthews		\$200.00
Caramoor Garden Guild		\$125.00
Wave Hill		\$100.00
Bedford Historical Society		\$150.00
NY Botanical		
GCA Interchange Fellowship		\$100.00
GCA Founders Fund		\$100.00
NY Committee of the GCA		\$250.00
Federated Conservationists		\$50.00
Student Conservation Association		\$250.00
Trailside Nature Museum		\$100.00
Bedford Coalition		\$250.00
Westchester Land Trust		\$100.00
Friends of Rocky Hill		\$100.00
		<hr/> \$2,910.00
Balance Plus Receipts		\$54,059.34
Total Disbursements		\$23,383.62
		<hr/> \$30,675.72
Balances on hand May 31, 2004	Regular	\$11,336.72
	Endowment	\$2,077.50
	Operating	
	Reserve	\$2,000.00
	C & E	\$799.00
	Oct. 02 Benefit	\$5,990.79
	June 04 Benefit	\$6,869.74
	John Jay Special	\$1,601.97
		<hr/> \$30,675.72
II. Endowment Fund - Balance on hand June 1, 2002		\$24,064.94
Interest		\$81.82
Contributions		\$0.00
Endowment Fund - Balance on hand May 31, 2004		<hr/> \$24,146.76

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III. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

1. Mullen Travel Fund (GCA Annual Meeting Travel Exp)

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$11,027.56

Receipts

Interest \$80.72

Disbursements

Expenses (2004 Annual Meeting) \$700.00

Balance on hand, May 31, 2004 \$10,408.28

2. Newell Memorial Account (C. & E. Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$17,237.08

Receipts

Interest \$126.36

Disbursements \$230.32

Balance on hand, May 31, 2004 \$17,133.12

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Acct. (Flower Arranging)

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$4,954.33

Receipts

Interest \$36.77

Disbursements

Balance on hand, May 31, 2004 \$4,991.10

4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$11,829.82

Alice Anderson Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$2,072.55

Interest \$15.38

Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$2,087.93

Eloise Luquer Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$3,403.17

Interest \$25.26

Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$3,428.43

Winifred Macomber Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$2,958.67

Interest \$21.96

Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$2,980.63

Horticulture Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2003 \$3,395.43

Interest \$25.21

Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$3,420.64

Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$11,917.63

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
Proposed Operating Budget
June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005

<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Dues (Full)	\$12,830.00
Projects	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$50.00
Total Estimated Income	<u>\$13,880.00</u>
<u>Estimated Expenses</u>	
Monthly Newsletter	\$2,000.00
Schedules (included in Newsletter)	\$0.00
Yearbook	\$900.00
Programs	\$2,800.00
Misc. Gifts (included in Discretionary)	\$0.00
Awards	\$300.00
Medal Funds	\$250.00
Discretionary	\$200.00
Insurance	\$130.00
Projects	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$500.00
Typing and Supplies (included in Discretionary)	\$0.00
Horticulture Committee	\$600.00
Exhibitions Committee	\$550.00
Conservation/Civic Affairs	\$750.00
Seedlings	\$250.00
Sweepstakes	\$50.00
Hostess Fund	\$600.00
Photography (included in Public Relations)	\$0.00
Zone III Annual Mtg	\$300.00
Public Relations	\$250.00
Custodian	\$50.00
Club History	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	\$3,365.00
Taxes	\$35.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$13,880.00</u>

RECORDING SECRETARY

Beginning in July 2003, the Bedford Garden Club held 8 Executive Committee Meetings and 8 Regular Committee Meetings, including the Annual Meeting. There were no Regular Meetings held in July, August and November of 2003. There were no Executive Committee meetings in August, November, and December of 2003 and March 2004.

Mary Finnegan

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

After assuming the Corresponding Secretary's job from Kim Morris, Libby Mossman and I established a schedule for communication with the members. We sent out a total of seven mailings, including "Clippings", response cards and various inserts to keep members informed of what was happening. The Corresponding Secretary is also responsible for contacting the Program chairperson, Membership co-chairs and Head Hostess prior to each meeting.

Lisa Hennessy

STANDING COMMITTEES

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CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

In an attempt to delegate some of the responsibilities of the Conservation Chairman, Mrs. John P. McGarry, Jr. (Gilda), agreed to be in charge of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard (Sally) will schedule recycling and town meetings and Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth (Nanny) will plan the sanctuary walks.

In 1992 the BGC signed an agreement with the State of New York to adopt the state highway - Route 22 between Route 172 and The Hook Road. The Adopt-A-Highway agreement committed our membership to picking up roadside litter four times a year from the Bedford Oak to the Shell Station. This agreement has been one that we have continued for 12 years.

As always the pace of development in Bedford has increased during the past year and each year it becomes more important for all of us to be aware of the impact this development has on our roads, schools, taxes and our quality of life in general. In addition to the pressures on our town officials caused by all that is occurring around us, there are concerns about the effects on the wildlife that are losing their habitats. These pressures are impacting the water, wetlands, steep slopes and trees that are part of our environment. We continue to monitor proposed changes through our attendance at all town meetings.

The Civic Affairs and Conservation Committee of over 35 members has had an active year in spite of a very severe winter which canceled many of our meetings and hikes in the local sanctuaries. However a small group did meet at the Mianus River Gorge Preserve and Executive Director Rod Christie led them on a wonderful tour. The weather did prevent scheduled meetings at the Audubon, Beaver Dam and Westmoreland Sanctuaries. We were invited back to "Merestead" on June 9th for a conservation meeting followed by a tour of the mansion led by Curator Gigi Carnes and a trail walk and lunch.

On January 21, 2004, the Bedford Garden Club hosted a meeting open to the public at the Historical Hall featuring Joanna D. Underwood, President of INFORM, a non-profit national environmental research organization that explores options for cleaner and ultimately pollution-free transportation for the U.S. In 1996 this organization launched its program hoping to address many environmental, health and economic threats caused by this nation's total reliance on highly polluting oil derived fuels. In addressing a number of environmental organizations including the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America she pointed out the need for a transition to vehicles that can run on much cleaner natural gas and hybrid electric cars. As a result of her dynamic address a number of those attending this meeting placed orders for forever renewable and pollution-free cars.

Shirley Bianco, our Treasurer, and I attended the Garden Club of America Legislative Meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 24, 25 and 26. This meeting provided an exciting opportunity for members to learn more about the workings of government, issues of interest to GCA and how to become more effective in influencing our legislators. There were many highlights including visits to federal agencies and an all-day briefing on Capital Hill where Congressmen and members of the Administration spoke on legislation and national environmental issues. Among the speakers were Michael O. Leavitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mary E. Peters, Federal Highway Administrator (FHA) and Keynote Speaker, Hillary Rodham Clinton (Democrat NY) and member of the Environment and Public Works Committee. Senator Clinton received a standing ovation from the GCA. Important congressional issues include water, energy and air quality. I urge each of you to attend this exciting and informative meeting next February.

The GCA clubs have been urged to ask their members to become familiar with the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Gardening Public which basically is an effort to educate our members and the public about the serious problems caused by invasive plants. In 1999 President Clinton recognized the enormous problems and called for increased national attention on this issue. At that time our government was spending \$128 billion annually. Five years later invasive species cost our country \$138 billion annually. The Bedford Garden Club has reviewed and discussed the Voluntary Codes of Conduct and has voted unanimously to endorse these codes. Our club organized a small study group and has distributed handouts about a number of the invasive plants in our area; we occasionally take samples of these plants to our meetings.

Betty Wamsley, Chairman

Adopt-a-Road

The Adopt-a-Road program has had two successful clean up days this year. The fall clean-up was on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 and a spring clean-up was held on Thursday, May 27, 2004. We had a turn out of ten members each time. The clean-up started at The Hook Road and worked south to the Shell Station on Route 172 – a total of 2.2 miles. We worked in teams of two and divided the roadway into five sections. In all everyone was finished in about one hour. The Department of Transportation provides us with all equipment including bright yellow hard hats, orange vests and large orange plastic bags which they pick up after we fill them with litter. We hope to have one or maybe two more clean-up days before the end of the year.

Gilda McGarry

Town Meetings

After many years of Tanya Lowe's fine leadership in organizing and monitoring the town meetings schedule, she decided to put the job into the very able hands of our member, Melissa Selby. The Garden Club members on this schedule have covered roughly 70 meetings of the Town's Boards; Planning, Wetlands, Zoning and Conservation. This is an important part of our Civic Affairs and Conservation program; our knowledge of the future plans could be crucial to the development of Bedford and its quality of life.

Sally Hazard

Recycling

In 1989 Celeste Johnson founded OBEX after two and a half years of researching plastics and attending engineering and recycling conferences. She opened a manufacturing plant in Stamford, CT to create products from recycled plastics named Nova Wood Products. A number of garden clubs, including ours, supported her efforts by collecting plastics from our members and buying her products such as compost bins, sand boxes, garden tiles, picnic furniture, etc. She was able to market her products to reputable companies such as Home Depot, Burpee Seed Catalog, etc. Sadly, in February, 2004, Celeste fell 20 feet onto a cement floor while repairing some equipment. Permanent injuries have forced her to close her doors. We have enjoyed being part of her adventure for these 15 years and wish her well. We continue to look for new ways to recycle the items that OBEX used. UPS in Mt. Kisco will take Styrofoam pellets and clean boxes.

Sally Hazard

National Affairs and Legislation

The GCA National Affairs and Legislation Committee (chaired by Carol Stoddard of Ridgefield, CT) tracks the US Government's activity on conservation issues, reports via e-mail to all zone chairs (Holly Galgano of Little GC of Rye chairs Zone III) who, in turn e-mails individual club committee chairs. This past year the NAL reports have documented the Bush Administration's persistent curtailing of conservation funds and enforcement and their "excessive" subsidies to energy companies, paired with little or no conservation initiatives. The overall course of events has been clear and damaging. As a result, the NAL's "suggested actions" have encouraged clubs to ask their US Representatives to pursue healthier and stronger legislation. This message was delivered to Representative Sue Kelly and to Senator Hilary Clinton in Washington during the February conservation meetings.

Past and current NAL reports and "suggested actions" may be read on the GCAmerica.org web site (see Committees/NAL) where individual club members may also sign up for regular e-mail notices.

Caroline Niemczyk

Audubon Sanctuaries

PALMER LEWIS SANCTUARY: 28 acres off Rte 121, a nice field with blueberries.

RAMSEY HUNT SANCTUARY: This Sanctuary is located on North Salem Road. Mrs. Parker's donation of land on Todd Road is contingent to the Hunt Sanctuary. The contiguous total area is 330 acres. There is a focus on projects and maintaining trails.

FRANKLIN FELLS: A lot of plans. Trails all posted, marked and mapped. Located in North Salem.

Nancy C. Wyeth, Representative

The Beaver Dam Sanctuary

A kiosk has been installed in the lower field on Beaver Dam Road. Members of our board of directors are working on a topographical map showing trail connections within the sanctuary, which connect the lower and upper fields and land along Beaver Dam River around Sally Sakin's, previously Jan Montgomery's land. When finished, this map will be posted on the kiosk. The north section of the lower field is closed for the foreseeable future and the bridge across the stream has been removed; too much off trail traffic there was very damaging. Damage was also evident in the field. A new fence on the road, new signage and the occasional presence of an off-duty policeman were helpful in encouraging walkers to keep their dogs on a leash. We are grateful to the dog owners for their sensitive and sensible response to our concerns, and congratulate them on their now non-profit progress towards establishing a dog park on land offered by the Town of Bedford, on the other side of the Beaver Dam Road, adjacent to town land used for composting leaves. Beth Herr, our board member and consulting naturalist, is working on a biodiversity study of the Sanctuary flora and fauna. A kiosk will be installed in the upper field on Jay Street and will include a map. The sanctuary will continue to be protected land in the community for the pleasures of riding, walking, bird watching and fishing and a refuge for wildlife.

Ann McDuffie, Representative

The Butler-Meyer Preserve of the Nature Conservancy

The Butler-Meyer Preserve continues to be one of the most beautiful and peaceful sanctuaries where birds, wildlife (including the flying squirrel) and wildflowers (including the lady slipper orchid) are plentiful. Visitors are welcome. Also, groups are welcome and a guided tour may be arranged by calling Matt Levy, Preserve Manager. Matt resides in the cottage at Butler.

The Hawk Watch continues to be the single largest attraction at the sanctuary. The number of hawks spotted seems to grow each year. If you have not been to the Hawk Watch, plan to go as it is indeed a special treat.

The Butler-Meyer Preserve wishes to express thanks to the Bedford Garden Club for its continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Joyce L. Espy, Representative

The Marsh Sanctuary

There have been some changes since my report last year. The sanctuary continues to be a 126 acre nature preserve located in the towns of Bedford, Mt. Kisco, and New Castle. The sanctuary's fresh water marsh is still the largest habitat of its kind in the area and serves as a corner stone of biodiversity in Westchester County. The developers who own Sarles Estates property had plans to build 24 units on 25 acres. The Mt. Kisco Planning Board put pressure on the application to change it from 24 to 16 units. This property has many steep slopes and rock outcrops all requiring blasting. The Department of Transportation (DOT) does not want the entrance on 172 and the Town of Bedford does not want the roadway coming onto Sarles Street because of the sight line and the dangerous intersection of Sarles Street and 172. The latest situation is a new agreement that the developer is trying to commit for 8 units, i.e., very large houses. Option I- Agree to the 8 house proposal which would give good things to the neighborhood, e.g. 10 acres of open land which would connect two parts of the Sanctuary and would continue to make a good wildlife corridor. The Mt. Kisco Planning Board would not allow 16 units and the 8 house plan was endorsed by that board. At this point that seems to be the best option.

Betty Wamsley, Representative

The Mianus River Gorge

Rod Christie continues as the executive director of this wonderful preserve of 760 acres. Believe it or not, this gorge is home to 873 species of wildlife and includes a pre-colonial forest with trees over 400 years old. You can find more interesting facts about the gorge at their new website at www.mianus.org.

There are many exciting research projects on the preserve and, as always, school groups and teachers continue to visit and learn about the forest, the river and the wildlife.

Come soon and enjoy the beauty of this valuable sanctuary.

Betsey Johnson, Representative

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation /Luquer-Marble Wildflower Garden

We had a good turn out for planting day this year and got many new plants in the ground and dispersed more may apples to our loyal members. Brenda Bates has purchased new permanent labels for the garden. The Boy Scouts have also been very active this year, cleaning up debris, dismantling the old boardwalk, and repairing the bridge. After their work was completed, an Eagle Scout constructed a new boardwalk. The garden has had a nice face lift. Come and enjoy this tranquil spot.

Louisa Rawle Tiné, Representative

Westmoreland Sanctuary

The Westmoreland Sanctuary continues to flourish under the expert guidance of Director Stephen Ricker. Land acquisition remains pending as development of adjacent properties is delayed by planning issues. Many groups especially youngsters visit the sanctuary for workshops that teach how to set up a sundial, build a bluebird or bat house; make paper, maple syrup or identify birds, pond creatures or flora.

Of particular note is Mr. Ricker's recent report which urges home dwellers to preferentially plant native trees, shrubs and flowers. These provide the right habitat, food and shelter required by our local birds and animals. Now that the deer are used to exotic diets they seem to shun the native plants. Another recommendation is to leave more of our property wild; i.e. not lawned. This provides hiding places to nurture creatures and wildflowers.

Bonnie Trotta, Representative

EXHIBITIONS

Our first workshop was in the fall. It was a challenge class entitled "How to Enter a Flower Show." Helen Parker and Martha Spofford did a wonderful job building up our confidence in the process of entering a Flower Show. We learned how to fill out the required paper work. We all worked with the materials provided and came up with unique arrangements. Helen and Martha gently critiqued our arrangements and showed us how the slightest change in background or flower placement could have a large impact. It was a successful morning for all that attended.

Greensday took place at Westmoreland Sanctuary. Maureen Lanning of the Bedford Florist got us into the holiday spirit by showing us how to make beautiful holiday topiaries. After Maureen's demonstration, everyone got down to work decorating wreaths for John Jay Homestead, the Northern Westchester Hospital, Historical Hall and Westmoreland Sanctuary. As always, Greensday is a festive way to start off the holiday season.

Mimi Lines ran our winter workshop. We worked in low rectangular containers with an Asian feel. Our members rose to the challenge and produced individual arrangements with great artistic flare. Mimi reviewed each arrangement and gave helpful advice. It was a fun morning; we all learned to think just a little further outside the box.

Our spring workshop took place in the evening, at the Enchanted Florist. We worked on a small scale in little containers with the expertise of their floral designer to guide us. We each made three adorable arrangements in our favorite mini-containers.

This spring The Rusticus Garden Club had a Small Flower Show. We were well represented at this lovely event. Louise Talbot, Gilda McGarry, Bonnie Trotta, Cindy Swank and Heather Langham (she and her partner were awarded a 2nd) represented us in the flower arranging classes. Thanks to these talented ladies, our club and committee were shown in a terrific light.

A special thank you goes out to one of our outstanding committee members, who came through in a pinch. Bonnie Trotta represented us in the flower show at the Annual Zone meeting. She accepted this endeavor with very little notice, and managed to produce a fabulous mass arrangement, which won an honorable mention.

Ann Miller and Susan McDowell

HORTICULTURE

We are more than pleased to report that this past year as a result of educational workshops and productive participation, great enthusiasm was generated among our members. Ann Catchpole-Howell and Mimi Lines as co-heads tried to inject our members with horticultural knowledge through hands-on, low key workshops that taught plant appreciation, propagation basics and pruning techniques. According to our mandate, we distributed printed materials and supplies and encouraged experimentation and communication. Our mission from the beginning of our tenure was to de-mystify horticultural practices by making them more fun and less intimidating.

The GCA Annual Meeting Plant Exchange or PX was a means to our end. It provided the objective to encourage club members to learn basic skills in propagation while broadening their horticultural knowledge and helping to perpetuate selected plant material. This year our focus was Trees and Shrubs for Public Places and we needed to produce six viable rooted cuttings. This particularly difficult task elicited two propagation workshops. The first was a hardwood/softwood cutting workshop on September 24 at the home of Mimi Lines. Pots, sterile soil, small knives, rooting powder, and plant material were provided. We shared our cuttings and demonstrated how to root, propagate, and over-winter them. The second workshop on January 22 at Linda Wilson's greenhouse concentrated on reviewing the progress of viable cuttings and determining the next step. We also approached propagation of trees and shrubs from seed. This process posed hidden challenges; many of the seeds for trees and shrubs needed acclimatizing and longer growth cycles than we had anticipated. At both workshops the assembled membership of twenty plus followed procedure faithfully and passionately.

In addition to workshops in preparation for the PX, there was a meeting on October 16 at the home of Mimi Lines highlighting the beauty of trees in the American landscape. This was centered around the distribution of twenty four 1 - 2 foot seedlings of *Ulmus Americana* (the Liberty Elm) shipped from New Hampshire and offered to our membership. Ann Catchpole-Howell used these seedlings as a point of departure for a brief talk about our daily awareness of viewing trees: their statuesque profiles, their glorious canopies in our woodlands, and their towering majesty. We discussed their transplanting and nurturing to maturity and their preferred placement in the landscape as to soil type and sun. Over half the trees were proudly donated and planted with historical propriety at the John Jay Homestead as part of our membership in the Elm Institute's nursery program.

Another inspirational workshop on November 13, again at the home of Mimi Lines, benefited more than twenty four in our membership who listened to an informative and practical lecture and slide show on pruning given by Carmine Serpe from the New York Botanical Garden. The assembled hardy multitude proceeded outside to view an actual demonstration of pruning techniques on a mature *Cornus kousa*.

On April 1, 2004, the third and last workshop before the PX was scheduled at the home of Mimi Lines. The fourteen attendees were briefly instructed on transitioning, fertilizing, pruning, transplanting and presenting of their hard and softwood cuttings and seedlings. Ultimately, the cuttings that accompanied Liddy Baker and Kirk Ferguson to the Plant Exchange were those propagated by Lela Phillip, Bonnie Trotta, and Linda Wilson. In addition, at this meeting we concerned ourselves with how to read and interpret a flower show schedule. We used for this purpose the schedule for the Rusticus Small Flower Show on May 6 and 7, titled "As You Like It", at the Mount Kisco Daycare Center. The awards that were received are as follows: a first for Phoebe Perry, a first for Bonnie Trotta, a first for Nancy Vincent and a third for a Bedford Garden Club entry.

We also participated in the Zone III Flower Show from June 1 to 3 hosted by the North Country Garden Club of Long Island. Here we received the following awards: a first for Linda Wilson, a first for Libby Mossman, a third for Phoebe Perry and an Honorable Mention for Ann McDuffie.

This year's successes were profoundly impacted by the zealous commitment of three people. Margie Pierce, my loyal terrier, rallied the ranks for each workshop and flower show. Nanny Wyeth, again, single-handedly delivered unparalleled service to the Bedford Village planters, thereby producing radiant beauty throughout the late spring and summer. And last, but certainly not least, Liddy Baker was my unflagging aide-de-camp and on countless occasions picked up much of the slack for the two Horticulture heads in times of crisis in balancing their positions in the Club and their businesses. We whole-heartedly thank you all for making us look good.

Please frequent the GCA website "the real dirt" by using the user name "gcamember" and password "compost".

We look forward to continuing our commitment to the Horticulture Committee with programs to stimulate the love and knowledge of horticulture through workshops and programs. The Zone III PX assignment for this year, 2004 -2005, is entitled "Right Plant, Right Place." We have to choose a growing condition that suits a USDA growing zone: high altitude, dry, moist, salt, or wind. In addition, we would like to instruct the membership on horticultural issues that impact them on a daily basis. In an effort to be at once practical, informative, and entertaining, our hope is to hold workshops and lectures at members' homes and provide hands-on instruction at those sites. These information sessions might include problems on design, installation, and maintenance.

Mimi Lines and Ann Catchpole-Howell

MEMBERSHIP

Membership had a busy year in 2003-2004. One new member was proposed and accepted. Four active members changed their status. There was one resignation. And, we regret to report, two members passed away. For our new member, our committee reviewed letters from the proposer and supporters and ushered our candidate through the process from application through acceptance. After all required information was reviewed the prospective member was presented for a vote at the Executive Committee meeting and enthusiastically accepted. We greatly appreciate the time and attention given to Membership by all of our committee members, namely:

Mrs. John Baker (Liddy);
Mrs. Edward Côté (Storrs);
Mrs. Robert Cushman (Wendy);
Mrs. Peter Ehrlich (Selby);
Mrs. Peter Hennessy (Lisa);
Mrs. Paul Kennedy (Mary Helen);
Mrs. Stuart Ross (Wendy).

Following are the changes that have occurred this year.

New Member.

The new member who joined the Bedford Garden Club is Mrs. Philip Bowers (Suzanne) proposed by Mrs. John Morris (Kim).

Changed Status.

Mrs. Clinton Kendricks (Mary) changed from Active to Associate.
Mrs. Charlton Reynders (Nonie) changed from Active to Associate.
Mrs. John J. Stockbridge (Anita) changed from Active to Sustaining.
Mrs. Richard H. Witmer (Jean) changed from Active to Affiliate.
Mrs. C. H. Mitchell (Mimi) changed from Active to Associate.

Resignation.

Mrs. William S. Cottingham (Sally) resigned as an Affiliate.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Thomas M. Waller (Willie).
Mrs. Michael McKone (Polly).

Janet Robinson and Dotty Harder

PROGRAMS
2003-2004

September 17, 2003

Glenn Arbor Golf Club

Our first meeting of 2003 was held at there beautiful, spacious, Glen Arbor Golf Club. Fifty-four members were presents. Grant Gregory, Chairman Emeritus of the National Forest Service in Washington, showed us a video, and shared with us his thoughts on protecting our forests, open lands and wild life habitats. We then went downstairs for an elegant and delicious lunch.

October 15, 2003

St. Matthew's Church

Fifty-four members were present for our October meeting at St. Matthew's Church. Dr. Steven Kress, Vice President for Bird Conservation of the National Audubon Society in Ithaca, New York showed us his spectacular slides, (despite a power-outage. . . overcome, only, by the Santomero gas generator!) and taught us how to create the habitat and environment that is beneficial both to us and our feathered friends. The meeting was followed by a lovely luncheon provided by our hostesses.

December 3, 2003

Westmoreland Sanctuary

Our traditional day for decorating Christmas wreaths was held at Westmoreland Sanctuary. The meeting was preceeded by a delicious "coffee" and exciting boutique sale of Christmas items collected and arranged for us by Heather Langham and Lela Philip. Then Maureen Lanning, who is the owner of The Bedford Florist; as well as a teacher at the New York Botanical Garden, demonstrated how to make festive holiday topiaries and seasonal decorations. Fifty-four members were present.

January 21, 2004

Historical Hall

Historical Hall was filled Forty-four members, plus guests (including our County Legislator, Ursala LaMotte, and Town Supervisors, Lee Roberts and Jim Nordgren) when Joanna Underwood, President of INFORM, spoke to us about the desperate need for the U.S. to develop and use alternative fuel sources for cars, truck and buses. She opened our eyes to the dangers of vehicle emissions which produce carcinogenic and toxic substances, polluting our air and damaging the health of a whole generation of children. Outside, on display, was a hybrid car; run on electricity and compressed natural gas (CNG).

February 25, 2004

John Jay Homestead

Glafkas Keramidas, the owner of Venemy Orchids, is a teacher, lecturer and expert on the history and cultivation of orchids. He brought to the John Jay Homestead beautiful living examples of many species of orchids and in addition, showed slides illustrating their various structures and cultural requirements. Thirty-two members were present.

April 12, 2004

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

Nancy O'Dench came with magnificent slides and shared with us her experiences as an arranger, writer and lecturer. She personally sets the standard for excellence in both showing and growing; and her creative talents have been rewarded by many domestic, international, and Garden Club of America awards. Fifty-two members were present.

May 19, 2004

John Jay Homestead Barn

We gathered at the Main Barn of the John Jay Homestead to share plans, coffee and plans for the future. We then divided into groups and proceeded to plant, weed, clip, and clean our assigned spots. Our responsibilities are the gardens at The Homestead, The Luquer-Marble Wildflower Garden, the Bedford Village tubs, The Bedford Hills Library, and the Shannon Triangle. In all we had Forty-four members working on beautifying our community.

June 16, 2004

At Mrs. John A. Weisser's House

On a beautiful and warm day we met in a very special location: Mary Ellen Weisser's lovely home on The Hook Road for our Annual Meeting and tea. The summation of a year, full of interesting and educational events! Fifty-three members and two guests were present.

Dee Edgar

HOSTESSES
2003 - 2004

September 17, 2003, 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Grant Gregory - forestry
Place: Glen Arbor Golf Club
Hostesses: Polly Winans - Head Hostess
Selby Ehrlich
Caroline Jones
Laura Lee Montross

October 15, 2003, 10:30 a.m. and luncheon

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Kess
Topic: "Gardening for Birds"
Place: St. Matthew's Fellowship Room
Hostesses: Denise Santomero - Head Hostess
Helen Parker
Phoebe Perry
Candy Borner
Lindsay Matthews
Bonnie MacDonald

November 2003

No meeting

December 3, 2003. 9:00 a.m.

Greensday
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary
Hostesses: Kim Morris - Head Hostess
Libby Mossman
Cassie Kernan
Sarah Kowitz

January 21, 2004, 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Joanna Underwood
Place: Historical Hall - open meeting
Topic: Constructive Solutions to Environmental Problems
Hostesses: Varner Redmon - Head Hostess
Mary Kendrick
Linn Jackson
Betsey Johnson
Sally Hazard

February 25, 2004, 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Glafkas Keramidas
Topic: Orchids
Place: John Jay Homestead
Hostesses: Kirk Ferguson - Head Hostess
Mary Finnegan
Storrs Côté
Emily Fowler
Melissa Selby

March 2003 - no meeting

April 21, 2004, 10:30 a.m. - Meeting and Luncheon

Place: Bedford Golf & Tennis Club
Hostesses: Ann Polk - Head Hostess
Daphne Root
June Weissinger
Ann Paul

Suzy Beatty

May 19, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - Planting Day

Place: John Jay Barn
Hostesses: Lisa Clymer - Head Hostess
Susan Burke
Susy Beatty
Joan Branch
Catherine O'Callaghan

June, 2004, 2:15 p.m. - Annual Meeting and Tea

Place: Mary Ellen Weisser, The Hook Road
Hostesses: Marilyn Tilt - Head Hostess
Betty Wamsley
Nancy Vincent

Bobbie Lounsbery

With sincere thanks to our gracious hostesses for our lovely meetings.

Selby Ehrlich

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AWARDS REPORT

The Awards Committee met this year in November, March, April and May. After much thought and deliberation we awarded the following awards to deserving members and non-members: the Winifred Macomber Award for Garden Design, The Oliver Bowl to honor commitment, achievement and excellence in club affairs, the Golden Trowel for excellence in horticulture, Bedford Garden Club Certificate of Appreciation to a non-member, GCA Zone III Creative Leadership Award and a GCA Certificate of Appreciation to a member. I am most grateful to my dedicated committee: Dee Edgar, Selby Ehrlich, Susan McDowell, Denise Santomero, Betty Wamsley, Nancy Vincent and Liddy Baker.

The Winifred Macomber Award

The Winifred Macomber Award is given for outstanding effort and achievement in the field of flower arrangement and/or garden design. It was established in 1965, in memory of Mrs. Frank Macomber, a long standing member of the club who excelled at flower arranging and exhibiting during the 1940's and 50's. More importantly, Winifred Macomber happily shared her abundant knowledge with the less experienced members. This year's recipient possesses those characteristics that the award exemplifies: talent, expertise and a willingness to share both with others. She has been a member of the club since 1995, and has been the John Jay Garden Co-Chair since 2001. She is a successful landscape designer, who has given freely of her time and knowledge in the field of gardening. Anyone who has weeded at John Jay, has walked away more knowledgeable than when she arrived, whether it was a staking demonstration or weeding question that this year's recipient happily answered. Her love and interest in the garden is truly contagious. John Jay's garden has benefited enormously from Ann Catchpole Howell's vision and hard work, as have we all.

**The Bedford Garden Club
presents
The Winifred Macomber Award
to
Ann Catchpole-Howell**

For her dedication to the John Jay Gardens and her willingness to share her expertise.

Golden Trowel Horticulture Award

The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award is Bedford Garden Club's horticultural award given to a member who has shown exceptional interest and participation in horticultural activities. This award is to be presented on the basis of overall club activity with particular emphasis on horticulture and consideration given to participation in club competitions and exhibits.

This year's recipient of the golden trowel joined the club in 1956. After making time to raise three children, to teach art at Rippowam School, and to work in real estate for 37 years, she rejoined the club in 1989. A member-at-large, a representative for the Audubon sanctuaries, and nominating chairman, are but a few of her responsibilities.

She has won many prizes for entries in flower shows, including a first and second prize in the Zone III Meeting Flower Show at John Jay Homestead. She won a Bedford Garden Club Special Citation in 1999 for her creative planting and maintenance of the Bedford Village tubs. For over five years, she has dealt with the village merchants with tact and fortitude, ordering all of the plants, being on hand at dawn to receive the plants, overseeing the planting and the ongoing care. When drought conditions prevailed and it looked as though we would not have any plantings at all, she came up with a show-stopping array of drought resistant plants.

Her orchid collection became so prolific that she happily gave divisions to club members. She is an active member of the Herb Society while maintaining her own exquisite garden. All of this she has accomplished quietly and modestly with never a complaint. It gives us great pleasure to award the Golden Trowel to Nancy Coffin Wyeth.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Present
The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award
To
Nancy Coffin Wyeth**

For her horticultural expertise that encompasses the culture of many varieties, from tropical orchids to garden perennials to xeriscape species for the planters, and for her artistic flair in combining and placing those plants.

The Oliver Memorial Bowl

The Oliver Bowl, "established in 1982, in memory of Katherine Starr Oliver, is an in-club award in the form of a silver bowl and citation." The Oliver Memorial award is the club's opportunity to honor commitment, achievement, and excellence. Past recipients have represented the very heart of our membership and are all women of great ability.

This year's recipient fits easily into that category of special women we are so lucky to have amongst us. A member since 1991, this woman has dedicated her time since the beginning to bringing joy to our lives in one way or another. Whether she is exemplifying the grand hostess for club meetings or planning yet another spectacular visiting garden trip, her thorough research and fine executive ability shine through. This woman is unflappable in her quest to share her exuberance and love of travel with us, sharing her sense of fun and adventure, bringing us along on exciting trips full of wonderful surprises and glorious scenes to fill our hearts with the joy of life. From Fishers Island to Staten Island, from Watch Hill to Nantucket, these aren't just garden trips, these are experiences to be remembered for life.

In appreciation for her willingness to dedicate her time to the enjoyment of others,

**The Bedford Garden Club
presents
The Oliver Memorial Bowl
to
Frances Deliesseline KirkPalmer Ferguson**

For the standard of excellence she sets and achieves for herself and for the club, for always putting the club in the best light publicly, and for bringing joy and fun to our lives by using her fine executive ability for our benefit.

A Special Citation

After a successful career on Wall Street, Celeste Johnson chose to focus her energies on helping the environment. Having spent two and a half years of researching plastics, she founded Obex, Inc. in 1989. She created all sorts of products using recycled material such as dry cleaning bags, shopping bags, plastic bottles and containers, plastic foam and toys. By creating an alternative to land fills or incinerators, she manufactured compost bins, planters, tiles for garden paths, outdoor furniture, sandboxes to name a few. Her factory supervisor trained employees to manufacture this line of Nova Wood products made from 100% mixed recycled plastics. Some of Obex's employees had been one-time criminal offenders.

Celeste was determined to overcome the many obstacles she experienced as a female entrepreneur in the male dominated world of manufacturing. Obex was a serious manufacturing business run by a woman. She knew how to operate each piece of equipment and managed the operations of the entire company. She was able to market her products to some of the nation's most reputable companies such as Home Depot, Burpee Seed Catalog and Green Culture Magazine. Her plant was in an industrial area surrounded by barbed wire in an old warehouse that was freezing in the winter and extremely hot in the summer. In spite of the incredible working conditions she never lost her vision or cheerful optimism.

Sadly, in February 2004 Celeste fell 20 feet onto a cement floor while repairing some equipment. Permanent injuries forced her to close Obex's doors. Those of us in nearby local garden clubs who supported her will miss her outstanding achievements.

**The Bedford Garden Club
presents
A Special Citation
to
Celeste Johnson**

For her dedication to and trailblazing for the recycling effort in this country, for her vision and untiring perseverance to educate all who might listen, and for her stellar efforts to maintain Obex.

Creative Leadership Award

The Bedford Garden Club is proud to honor Joanne Cowan with the Zone III Creative Leadership Award for outstanding and unusual talent in the field of leadership exemplifying continued judgment and initiative over a period of time. This award was given to Joann Cowan, a member of Syracuse, N.Y. Garden Club who co-chaired the Zone III Annual Meeting with Katherine Martucci and Nancy Vincent.

“For your imaginative ideas, enthusiasm, loyalty and pursuit of Garden Club of America ideals during more than a decade of charismatic leadership in Zone III.”

**The Bedford Garden Club
presents
The Zone III Creative Leadership Award
to
Joanne Cowan**

Certificate of Appreciation

Actively dedicated to the ideals of our club over a span involving seven decades and always gracious, you have been a friend and mentor to us all.

**The Garden Club of America
is proud to present
Dorothy Butler Harder
with the
Zone III Certificate of Appreciation**

Mary Helen Kennedy

CLIPPINGS

Clippings, our newsletter is sent out to our entire membership eight times a year, continues to inform us of all Standing Committee meetings and workshops, as well as Club Trips, Membership information and community events of horticultural and conservation interest. The basic format remains four pages, with individual “flyers” put in when necessary. We have added more and more photos which seem to be well received. This continues to save mailing time and money for all of the committees, and is a good concise document to refer to each month. We solicit any suggestions for change or improvement and will work on making this available by email in the coming year!

Libby Mossman

CORRESPONDENT TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA *BULLETIN*

Three articles about our club appeared in the *GCA Bulletin* this year. One had been submitted in 2003 by Connie Hamilton on our drought resistant tub planting in Bedford Village. An article I submitted in the fall on our elm tree project appeared in the April/May issue. Joanne Lenden wrote an article about our former president and GCA President, Mrs. Thomas M. Waller. I tabulated our members’ votes for the Founders Fund and award and reported to GCA headquarters. We chose the Garden Club of Honolulu project; it won the award.

Louise Talbot

CUSTODIAN

The archives and most of the Bedford Garden Club’s belongings are still available at all times in our barn. Everything is well labeled for easy access. Please make sure you return whatever you borrow.

Lynn Babcock

B.G.C. INVENTORY

A Garden Club files

B Garden Club histories - Vol's I, II, III

C Flower Show hardware

1. 9 silver clamp lamps -10" dia.
2. 3 small gray clamp lamps -2" dia.
3. 2 large halogen worklights
4. 9 clipboards
5. 15 legal pads
6. 2 steno pads
7. 15 black, wood modern blocks
8. 18 pieces var. shapes glass and lucite
9. 5 assorted flower pin holders for arrangements
10. 2 12" black plates
11. 7 trunk slices 1/4" x 12" ovals
12. one box small polished black stones
13. 2 niches, divided into 4 quarters, 1 ft. square each
14. 2 white niches, no backs -for small arrangements
15. 6 masonite round tables, 36" dia.
16. 1 oct large niche for 8 miniature arrangements - two sections (top-and bottom)
17. 6 large, gray niches with hinged backs
18. 3 partitioned basketweave screens
19. 4 landscape plot frames -5' x 3' x 10" deep
20. 12 stanchions
21. 7 flower show signs
22. 7 very large wooden signs, 10' tall
23. 7 wood, painted trees, 5' tall (1 not on pole)
24. 18 misc. stakes for signs
25. 10 white and green stakes for signs
26. 8 metal horns
27. 4 12" square tops for pedestals
28. 6 white finials for stanchions
29. 1 bag hardware for niches
30. 2 pkgs. repair links
31. 1 bag clear plastic card holders for exhibitions
32. 9 bricks
33. 1 watering can
34. 7 white pedestals
35. 6 pedestal tops (need 1 more)
36. 50 price tags
37. 1 spool green ribbon

D. Miscellaneous

1. 6 green tablecloths
2. 8 flesh color tablecloths
3. 5 white sheet liners for tables
4. blue membership binders
5. 41 packs of photo Kemble cards
6. 1 Bessler lantern
7. 16 cartons of cookbooks + 16 loose copies
8. 20 carafes
9. 18 pressed glass bud vases
10. 7 grape-motif bulb glasses
11. 6 chalk boards
12. 100 lunch baskets
13. 62 red basket liners
14. 9 blue basket liners
15. dark green aprons
16. 2 videos of 1986 Centennial Celebration -Borner
17. Silver Tea Service – Kendrick, to Mossman, to Baker
18. 1 copy current GCA Judging Manual
19. BGC Banner (2) -Rice
20. 20 needlepoint BGC hostess pins -Rice
21. 2 copies Gardens of Colony and State -Kendrick
22. 1 GCA framed plaque -Kendrick
23. Carton boxes of BGC historical slides of member gardens (need to be itemized and stored appropriately)

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

This year the Garden History & Design Committee had three gardens accepted by the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution.

- 1) *The Garden of Ideas* in Ridgefield, CT., a delightful nursery/private garden
- 2) *Duck Hill*, Page Dickey's garden in South Salem, New York
- 3) *Wardenia*, Phillis & John Warden's garden in Bedford was documented by a joint effort of Rusticus & the Bedford Garden Club.

All of these gardens, and thousands of others documented by Garden Club of America members from 1920 to 2004, can be seen on the Internet at the Smithsonian website (www.siris.si.edu).

The Garden Club of America continues to improve its website to make the work of the committees more accessible to all of the GCA members. The Garden History & Design Committee plans to expand its area on the GCA site with information about garden designers, reviews of books on garden design and links to some of the wonderful gardens in the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian. Please visit the GCA website at www.gcamerica.org (user name: gcamember, password: compost) to access our committees efforts and to find links to the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian.

Varner Redmon

HISTORIAN

At four meetings this past year reports reminded us of some of our history. In September we heard, from Mrs. Waller's reminiscences, about a young girl's summer activities eighty years ago. In October we looked at our club's concerns and activities twenty-five years ago. Greensday evolved over the life of our club, and our Yearbooks describe the different holiday activities our club has had. In April after a brief description of the different membership categories in our club, we heard about some of the talents and club participation of four of our members – Odette Austin, Joan Montross, Marion Woodward and Betsy Atkins.

Plastic containers have replaced the cardboard boxes used to store the Historian's stash of papers and Yearbooks, and all metal paperclips were removed.

Enormous appreciation goes to Dotty Harder (Dorothy, Mrs. Lewis B.) for donating her collection of original, bound Yearbooks for the years 1946-47 to 1976-77. Like her, they are a treasure.

Nancy Vincent

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN

After yet another long hard winter the John Jay Gardens seem to have come alive this spring with more determination than ever. Garden club members all rallied for a successful clean-up; a total of 17 new hellebores were planted in the north and south borders, countless leaves were raked and perennials were divided. The gardens were then maintained by our wonderful volunteers on the "Weeding Schedule". Many thanks to all the BGC volunteers and the Homestead staff for their time and effort.

Lindsey Mathews

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA

No Report

PHOTOGRAPHY

We had many photogenic moments this past year, captured by our faithful camera bugs. Many thanks to all of you who passed these along to Liddy for our Archives, Louise Talbot for the press, and to me for Clippings. Keep them coming!

Libby Mossman

POLICY

There were no policy changes made in 2003-2004.

Nancy Borner

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

This past year The Project Review Committee has awarded three grant requests. The Bedford Audubon Society received a donation of \$1000 to do major pruning of 80 year old shrubs at "Bylane Farm," Mrs. Morgan Parker's garden and farm. Mary Welsh Parker was a long time BGC member. In January 2004, the Bedford Garden Club granted the Brooklyn Botanic Garden \$2500 to preserve and inventory the paintings of Miss Eloise Payne Luquer. Miss Luquer, an accomplished artist, was a founding member of the BGC. In the spring, The Bedford Historical Society renovated the Bedford Courthouse garden design by our member, Mimi Lines. A grant of \$1000 was given to The Bedford Historical Society toward the project.

Anne Polk

PROJECTS

This past year we have had a lot of fun trying to think of creative ways to raise money for the Bedford Garden Club. In October Dr. Stephen Kess came to speak about "Gardening for Birds". We had a few varieties that attract birds for sale as well as Dr. Kess's book.

For Greensday in early December we forced paperwhites and amaryllis. There were also fresh garden baskets and terrariums and believe it or not some faux items as well. We tried to pedal 6 foot faux garlands to decorate stairs and mantles, but to our dismay the ladies at BGC prefer fresh! We tried our hand at topiaries, made with acorns and cloves. After working 5 hours on one we were "beat", but may try again next year. The nuts and fudge sauce were snapped up along with a few primitively created clay crèche scenes. Greensday was a huge success raising nearly \$1,800.00 by the end of the day.

In April Nancy O'Dench came to speak about "The Art of Flower Arranging" and we sold her book as well as a few forced daffodil baskets.

At Planting Day we raised \$263 selling used garden books donated by club members. In total for the year, we raised over \$2,055 thanks to all of you who helped us out by buying things we pedaled. We look forward to another year of creating.

Heather Langham and Lela Philip

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We are fortunate to have a local newspaper, *The Record-Review*, that generously covers all of our activities. Eleven articles appeared this year, including an editorial on our open Conservation Meeting. The John Jay Homestead newsletter had an article on our elm tree project. *The New York Times* published an obituary of our former President Mrs. Thomas M. Waller.

Louise Talbot

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year students are the beneficiaries of thirteen scholarships and numerous fellowships awarded by The Garden Club of America. The number given depends on the donations from the GCA members. All the scholarships and fellowships are described in the June/July GCA Bulletin.

This year 56 students were approved for GCA scholarships and fellowships made possible by donations totaling \$164,000. The Bedford Garden Club contributed to the GCA's Interchange Fellowship Fund. Susan Treadway, a past president of our club, is the Zone III Representative on the GCA Scholarship Committee.

The Bedford Garden Club also contributed to a separate organization that funds independent student learning experiences, the Student Conservation Association.

Mary Helen Kennedy, Chairman

SEEDLINGS

After the bumper crop of five seedlings during 2003, we welcomed only one new member 2004: Suzanne Bowers (Mrs. Philip C). Sponsored by Kim Morris.

It should be noted that last year's Seedlings have proven themselves over and over again, demonstrating great diligence, enthusiasm and support for the work our garden club.

Rosemary Mankiewicz , Polly Winans and Dotty Harder Co-Chairmen

TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS

Trip to Newport, Rhode Island, July 29 and 30, 2003

Seventeen women enjoyed two days of perfect weather visiting lovely sites in the Newport area. The first day we concentrated on the historic parts of the city and saw "secret gardens," one boasting a 1727 house that was perfectly furnished. After we strolled through "the point" looking at one after another of the old houses and their gardens, we went to lunch at the Clambake Club and enjoyed the view as well as a delicious meal. Later that afternoon we saw "The Elms," one of the famous Newport cottages along Bellevue Avenue and its newly renovated sunken gardens. Following that we strolled along the Cliff Walk, and that evening we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the New York Yacht Club.

The next day we headed for Portsmouth where we were charmed by the 100 year old topiary gardens at "Green Animals". Next we went to "Blithewold" in Bristol where we were given a tour of that fine home and its many acres of recently restored gardens. Here we had a tasty box lunch on the veranda overlooking Narragansett Bay. Our last stop was Sean Conway's rare plant nursery where we loaded up the bus with handsome, hardy plants and antique garden accessories to use in Bedford.

We had an enthusiastic cheerful group of women, including two members' mothers, Joan Wyer, Bitsy Tatnall's mother and Betty Jordan, Varner Redmon's mother, as well as Gilda McGarry's friend, Cheryl Montero. All three were a great addition to the group, and we were delighted they came along.

A Visit to Rumson, New Jersey, October 21st 2003

On Tuesday morning five happy ladies drove to Rumson, New Jersey to attend that garden club's October meeting. Thanks to Libby Mossman's good driving we arrived at Joan Wyer's home in under two hours. Joan is the mother of Bedford Garden Club member, Bitsy Tatnall, and it was at Joan's invitation that our garden club was invited to Rumson. Here we were joined by another Bedford Garden Club member, Cathy Smith, who had recently moved to Sea Bright, New Jersey. After coffee and a tour of Joan's beautiful home we went to the Rumson Country Club for lunch and a lecture by Caroline Seebohm, who's subject was "Great Gardens of England and America." We viewed "Memories of the Hunt", a flower show presented by the club, which does a flower show for every meeting! The Rumson Garden Club is also unique in that they boast two male members, one of whom is Chairman of the Conservation Committee.

That afternoon Joan took us on a guided tour of several gardens in the beautiful Rumson area. Our first stop was Leigh Sorenson's Victorian mill house. Yes, it's an actual windmill and Mrs. Sorenson is a painter, a fine gardener and a keeper of bees. She presented each of us with a jar of honey before we left. Next we went to Penn Brannin's garden surrounding a large grey house built along the Shrewsbury River. Our last garden belonged to the Courtney-Pratts perched high above the Navesink River in Locust, New Jersey. Our final stop was Mt. Mitchell Overlook, the highest point on the Atlantic Ocean. It affords magnificent views of Red Hook and Sandy Point and on a clear day the island of Manhattan. Thanks to Joan Wyer we had a perfectly wonderful day in Rumson, N.J. and we wish you had all been with us.

Trip to Staten Island, November 5, 2003

On a rainy Wednesday morning twenty-four women from both Bedford Garden Club and Rusticus Garden Club boarded a bus headed for the Staten Island Botanical Garden. Here we were given a guided tour of the fabulous Chinese Scholar's Garden built in China and transferred stone by stone to New York in 1999. It's the first authentic garden of its type in the United States. Designed by China's distinguished landscape garden architect, Gongwu, and in collaboration with the Landscape Architecture Company of China, this one acre walled garden is a superbly crafted example of Ming garden design. It contains many rare and unusual plants, both Asian and North American and lends itself to viewing in all four seasons of the year.

For lunch we went next door to a charming Victorian house which has become Café Botanica. The food was excellent and it was good to sit down and relax. Since we were at “Snug Harbor”, the historic old maritime center that now has a new life as a cultural center, we decided to view the current art exhibit, “The Invisible Thread” which explored the link between Buddhist perspective and contemporary art practice. The exhibits were often enormous, always dramatic and sometimes made use of unusual materials like telephone books. It was a fascinating day and one that we will long remember.

The New York Botanical Garden, April 30, 2004

Friday, April 30 was the second “Garden Club Day” at the N.Y. Botanical Garden. This is a big event; nine garden clubs in the region are invited to participate in a number of events planned especially for us throughout the day. When we arrived a guide was assigned to us and we were escorted through the displays of tulips, daffodils, magnolias and flowering sand cherries, then through the Rock Garden and into the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory where we not only got a tour of “Flowers and Fragrance”, a special show but of every room in the Conservatory. There was also a home gardening demonstration, planting in unusual containers given by Julie Fortier. We had a chance to visit the gift shop and pickup signed copies of the latest garden books and to yearn for the gorgeous pieces of antique garden furniture displayed at that show. After lunch many of us walked over to the library to see Margaret Mee’s watercolor drawings and field sketches in a rare exhibit entitled “The Flowering Amazon”. It was a glorious day; the weather was perfect and the garden was in full bloom. There was more to see and do but time did not permit. However, the garden is justly proud of its new gift shop and its new and welcoming Visitors Center.

This brings Visiting Gardens Committee to a close with four trips this year. In July we’ll be visiting six lovely gardens in our region; but more about that next year.

Kirk Ferguson

WAYS AND MEANS

On Saturday, June 5, 2004 the Bedford Garden Club held its bi-annual benefit at the beautiful home and gardens of Sarah and David Kowitz in Bedford Hills. The evening began at 6pm when the guests started to arrive and began to wander through the Kowitz’ extensive gardens. When everyone eventually made his way into the tent, they were presented with a sumptuous buffet table and delicious hors d’ouvres organized by Heather Langham and Libby Mossman. An affable gang of bartending husbands (organized by Betty Wamsley) served an assortment of drinks (organized by Liza Clymer) that included the signature drink of the evening, Pims. Beautiful flowers by Dee Edgar, Carole Rice and Mary Finnegan decorated the tables. The highlight of the evening was a live auction by Mimi Lines and Cathy Smith, who more than entertained us with their portrayal of Smarty Jones, the horse that lost his bid for the Triple Crown at the beginning of the evening. The live auction and accompanying silent auction netted over \$16,000 for the garden club, thanks to the hard work of Kim Morris and Cynthia Mas. The evening was a complete success, thanks to the efforts of all the members of the benefit committee and the fact that the rain, although threatening all day, stayed away.

Virginia Maybank

YEARBOOK

In the 2003-2004 year Libby Mossman expanded Section D. This lists information on people who have held prior positions in the Bedford Garden Club as well as GCA position information and Hostess information. The yearbook, again published on recycled paper, was distributed to our members in September. This year we have made greater progress in our transition to the computer.

Ann Paul

IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. Michael McKone (Polly)

A member of the Bedford Garden Club since 1960

1912 - 2004

IN MEMORIAM

Wilhelmine Kirby Waller

Mrs. Thomas Mercer Waller died on April 7, 2004 at the age of 90. Wilhelmine Waller, affectionately known as “Willie”, brought recognition and honor to the Bedford Garden Club as the President of The Garden Club of America from 1965-1968. She held numerous other GCA positions over the years, including that of Zone Chairman, Director (1968-71), National Conservation Chairman (1959-61) and Medal Award Chairman. After serving as GCA President, she became Chairman (1969-74) of the National Affairs and Legislation Committee, a committee that she formed to give The GCA a voice in the environmental legislative process.

Her strong convictions in the field of conservation mark her as a woman ahead of her time as she helped to steer the public’s attention toward environmental protection as early as the 1950’s. Five years before Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, Mrs. Waller was working with scientist and author Carson and was already campaigning against the use of DDT and chlorinated hydrocarbons. She testified forcibly before Congress on billboard legislation and served under Presidents Nixon, Ford and George H. W. Bush on the Conservation Advisory Committee. In addition she served on numerous state, county and local boards that focused on conservation issues. She and cohort Mr. Leland Brown were instrumental in the 1950’s in structuring the Bedford Planning Board toward preserving the quality of life in Bedford. In 1971 the Garden Club of America recognized her commitment and the example she set by presenting her with its highest conservation award, the Francis K. Hutchinson Medal.

Mrs. Waller’s “official” garden club career began when in 1944 she joined our club. Bedford had been her mother’s club as well. Mrs. Waller served as Second Vice-President (1945-49), President (1949-51), and later as Recording Secretary (1952-53). She never lost interest in the Bedford Garden Club and generously hosted the club’s Annual Meeting at Tanrackin House for many decades.

A newspaper reporter, after interviewing Mrs. Waller, decided on the article’s title, “National Garden Club President Likes Ponies Better Than Posies”. An accomplished horsewoman, who bred and showed thoroughbreds and ponies, she was a recognized hunter and equitation judge of the American Horse Show Association. Mrs. Waller and her beloved husband Tom ran Tanrackin as a farm for both raising horses and a milk herd of purebred Guernsey cows. Mrs. Waller’s renowned vegetable and cutting garden produced blue-ribbon winners at the Yorktown Grange Fair each year. In her mother’s era the farm was noted for its spectacular formal gardens. Club members photographed these gardens back in the 1930’s and the glass slides are now part of the Garden Club of America’s collection of Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution.

There was another more private side of her and there we find a hint of how she became such a strong conservationist. As a young girl, an only child, she spent much of her time using all of her senses to take in the natural world. She enjoyed and cherished the rhythm of the seasons and the experiences of farm life. These were her favorite times, and Bedford dominated her thoughts even when she was at the family home in New York City. She traveled with her parents, especially her father, but her heart was always at Tanrackin. She did not prefer ponies to posies but rather loved all of God's creatures. As an accomplished and widely respected adult, her formidable stature often hid the softness of her heart. She loved small children, fauna and flora. She loved the earth. That is why she fought so hard to save our environment.

In many ways Mrs. Waller was larger than life. She was a delightful raconteur, had quite a salty sense of humor and enjoyed a good laugh. Good prose came easily to her. She came from a privileged background, but she had an inner spirit that drove her to dedicate much of her life to preserving our natural world. She has passed us a legacy. It will now take each and every one of us to uphold the level of our club to her standard. She will be truly missed.

Nancy Vincent

POSITIONS, AWARD AND OTHER
(List not complete and excludes garden club positions)

Local Level

1968-70 Bedford Conservation Advisory Council
1953-57 member, Bedford Planning Board
member and Vice-president, Bedford Audubon Society
member, Farmer's Club
1955-2004, trustee, Mianus Gorge Preserve
1955-?, trustee, Arthur W. Butler Memorial Sanctuary
trustee, Cisqua School
Vice-president, Bedford Hills Community House, Board of Scenic Hudson

County Level

1967-70 Director, County Soil and Water Conservation District and Associate Director for many years afterwards
1969-72 Director of Westchester Council of Social Agencies
1970-77+ member, Westchester County Planning Board, member, Lyndhurst Council

State Level

1959-70, member, Advisory Committee of the New York State Conservation Commissioner
1968-70, advisor to Gov. Rockefeller's Temporary Study Commission on the future of the Adirondacks
1971-73 member, State Parks Advisory Committee for the Development of a Park and Recreation Plan for New York State

National Level

1965-68 member, National Advisory Committee on Highway Beautification to the U.S. Dept of Commerce

1972 member, Advisory Committee to the Secretary of State for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Sweden

1973-77 member, Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality (reports to the President and to The President's Council on Environmental Quality)

1970-77 served on the National Board of Governors of the Nature Conservancy

1964 recognized as a member of the Rachel Carson Council of the National Audubon Society

advisor to and coordinator of René Dubos Environmental Forum

Awards

1971 Francis K. Hutchinson Medal of GCA

1971 *Holiday* magazine for a Beautiful America

1975 American Motors Corporation Award, given in recognition of exceptional service to the cause of conservation

Recipient of the Nature Conservancy's Oak Leaf Award for exceptional volunteer service

Elected to the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame

Articles and Speeches

"The Large Place", *The GCA Bulletin* (September 1953)

"Poison on the Land", *Audubon Magazine* (March-April 1958)

"A Conservation Conscience", given before the Colony Club, NYC, (January 1963)

"The Quality of the Environment", given in Seattle, Washington as GCA President, 1967

"Don't Leave It to the Snake", given at the Virginia Garden Symposium in Williamsburg, March 1968; printed in the *GCA Bulletin*, 1968

"The Race Track and the Show Ring", given at the educational forum of the Professional Horseman's Association of America, NYC, March, 1967

"Pony Pot-pourri", given to a group of American Pony Clubs, 1971

Open Space Donations

1978-donated 20 acres of parkland on the summit of Guard Hill, named "Washington Lookout Point", to the Town of Bedford and in 1997 the land was rededicated to

Wilhelmine Waller

FYI

"Tanrackin" came from the Mohegan Indian name for great blue herons that frequented a nearby pond

NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

MEDALS

- 1929 Miss Eloise Payne Luquer, Achievement Medal
- 1942 Miss Delia West Marble, Francis K. Hutchinson Medal
- 1953 Mr. Edwin deT. Bechtel, Jane Righter Rose Medal
- 1962 Miss Elizabeth R. Van Brunt, Eloise Payne Luquer Medal
- 1963 Mrs. Paul Sturtevant, Katharine Thomas Cary Medal
- 1971 Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, Francis K. Hutchinson Medal
- 1993 Mrs. Anne H. French, Margaret Douglas Medal
- 1997 Mrs. Harold L. Tiné, Eloise Payne Luquer Medal

GCA FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

- 1923 Horticultural Medal of Merit in Bronze (now obsolete) to Mrs. Moses Taylor
- 1949 Horticultural Medal of Merit in Bronze – The Bedford Garden Club (Mrs. Robert A. Chamber, Conservation Chairman), for a woodland planting at the International Flower Show in the GCA Conservation Exhibit
- 1975 Certificate of Excellence for “R.S.V.P. Bedford”
- 1977 Certificate of Excellence for “Flowers in the Park”
- 1981 Certificate of Excellence for “Fete des Fleurs”
- 1985 Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award, Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
- 1985 Catherine Beattie Medal, Bedford Garden Club
- 1986 Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award, Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
- 1986 Catherine Beattie Medal, Bedford Garden Club
- 1990 Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal, Bedford Garden Club – Mesdames Reynders, Jr., Jackson, Wilson and Tiné
- 1993 Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award – Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence

GCA PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

- 2000 The Bedford Garden Club

GCA ZONE AWARDS

Zone III Conservation Award

One may be given a year in each zone for outstanding service to conservation within the zone.

- 1964 Mrs. Dennis Dix, Mrs. Richard F. Reid, and Mrs. Loudon Wainwright Jr.
- 1969 Mrs. James J. Lowe
- 1975 Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr.
- 1987 Mrs. James R. Pierce
- 1993 Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
- 1999 Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk

GCA ZONE AWARDS
Zone III Historic Preservation Award

1999 Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins

Zone III Creative Leadership Award

Awarded for outstanding and unusual talent in the field of leadership exemplifying continued judgment and initiative over a period of time.

1980 Mrs. Thomas M. Waller

2001 Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

Zone III Flower Arrangement Award
Barbara Spaulding Cramer Award

1985 Mrs. George W. Hill Jr.

1995 Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence

Zone III Corliss Knapp Engle Horticulture Sweepstakes Award

2001 Bedford Garden Club at Zone III Meeting

Zone III Horticultural Arts Awards

2000 Mrs. C. H. Mitchell

Zone III Ann Lyon Crommond Award

2001 Mrs. C. H. Mitchell at the Zone III Meeting

Zone III Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award

2001 Mrs. George D. Bianco, Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk,
Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero III, Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III

GCA AWARDS TO NON-MEMBERS

**GCA Certificate of Acknowledgement
To Non-Members for Conservation**

1988 Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell

1996 Mrs. Ralph Szur (Elizabeth Herr)

1998 Mr. Peter Zamlowski

2001 Mr. Samuel F. Pryor III

GCA AWARDS TO NON-MEMBERS
GCA Certificate of Acknowledgement
To Non-Members for Historic Preservation

1996 Mr. G. Palmer LeRoy

GCA Certificate of Acknowledgement
To Non-Members for Horticulture

1999 Mrs. Alice R. Ireys

GCA CLUB AWARDS

GCA Medal of Merit

Awarded by a member club to one of its own members, with the approval of the Garden Club of America Medal Awards Chairman, for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of horticulture, conservation or civic achievement, within the area of a member's respective club.

1962 Mrs. Arthur W. Butler
1962 Miss Helen Clay Frick
1966 Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
1969 Mrs. William Botzow
1972 Miss Dorothy H. Hinit
1973 Mrs. Dennis Dix
1979 Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1983 Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1989 Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1996 Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell
1998 Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
2000 Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

GCA Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to a club member for dedicated and sustained participation in activities within the recipient's own club upon application to the National Member Awards Chairman. Only one may be presented each year.

1997 Mrs. John M. Baker
1998 Mrs. William S. Miller
1999 Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.
2001 Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
2004 Mrs. Louis B. Harder

GCA CLUB AWARDS

GCA Historic Preservation Achievement Certificate

1996	Mrs. George C. Sharp
1997	Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1998	Mrs. Joan Oliver Montross
1999	Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.

GCA Horticultural Achievement Certificate

Awarded for excellence in the field of horticulture within the Club.

1956	Mrs. Louis K. Hyde and Mrs. Morgan Parker
1957	Mrs. Harold C. Whitman
1958	Mrs. Merle Crowell
1959	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson
1960	Mrs. Robert G. Myhrum and Mrs. Russell E. Sard Jr.
1962	Mrs. William Botzow and Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein Jr.
1976	Mrs. Jacques A. Mitchell III
1977	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1991	Mrs. G. Peter Reed
1993	Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz
1999	Mrs. Samuel S. Polk

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Winifred Macomber Awards

1967	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr.
1968	Mrs. Hugh S. Coward and Mrs. John M. Regan Jr.
1969	Mrs. William H. W. Knipe
1970	Mrs. Edwards C. O'Boyle and Mrs. Thomas R. Smidt
1971	Miss Clara F. Workum
1972	Mrs. Richard H. Gordon
1973	Mrs. George W. Hill Jr.
1974	Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
1975	Mrs. James Todd
1976	Mrs. Donald W. Marshall and Mrs. Morgan Parker
1977	Mrs. Hugh S. Coward, Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston and Mrs. Earl R. Stege
1978	Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson Jr.
1979	Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins and Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1980	Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt
1981	Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1982	Mrs. Franklin Montross 3rd
1984	Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1987	Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Winifred Macomber Awards (continued)

1992	Mrs. Stephen Lines
1994	Mrs. Thomas C. Israel
1995	Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson III
1996	Mrs. Winthrop B. Conrad
1998	Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta
2000	Mrs. Richard C. Coveny
2002	Mrs. Gordon Grand III
2003	Mrs. Robert C. Clymer
2004	Mrs. Ann Catchpole-Howell

Horticulture Award / Golden Trowel

1977	Mrs. Thomas L. Purdy Jr.
1978	Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein
1979	Mrs. William Botzow
1980	Mrs. Jacques A. Mitchell III
1981	Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1982	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
1983	Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz
1984	Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1985	Mrs. George R. Wallis
1990	Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1991	Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1992	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1993	Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.
1994	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1995	Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1996	Mrs. Hobart Lewis
1997	Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1998	Mrs. Charles P. Whitin
1999	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III
2000	Mrs. James A. Edgar
2001	Mrs. John A. Redmon
2002	Mrs. Joseph Maybank
2003	Mrs. R. Adams Perry III
2004	Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

The Oliver Memorial Award

1982	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1983	Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1984	Mrs. George Washington Hill Jr.
1985	Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
1986	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
1987	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
The Oliver Memorial Award (continued)

1988	Mrs. Hobart Lewis
1989	Mrs. Steven P. Borner
1990	Mrs. John P. McGarry Jr.
1991	Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.
1992	Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1993	Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson III
1994	Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley
1995	Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1996	Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1997	Mrs. Stephen Lines
1998	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III
1999	Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
2000	Mrs. John Milnes Baker
2001	Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
2002	Mrs. James J. Lowe
2003	Mrs. John Redmon
2004	Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson

Conservation Award

1986	Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1987	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
1990	Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley
1992	Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
1994	Mrs. Harold L. Tiné
1995	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1996	Mrs. James J. Lowe
1997	Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
1998	Mrs. Fenton R. Talbott
2000	Mrs. Stuart Ross
2002	Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero III
2003	Mrs. George D. Bianco

President's Award

1989	Mrs. John P. Renwick Jr.
1990	Mrs. Stephen Lines
1991	Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1991	Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
1992	Mrs. John Milnes Baker
1993	Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard
1993	Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta
1994	Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.
1995	Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton
1996	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III
1997	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
President's Award (continued)

1998	Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1999	Mrs. Richard H. Witmer Jr.
2000	Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson
2001	Mrs. Joseph Maybank
2002	Mrs. John Redmon
2003	Mrs. Richard C. Coveny
2004	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman

SPECIAL CITATIONS

1955	Mrs. Richard W. Meade, "Award for <u>The Study of the Club, 1911-1955.</u> '
1967	Mrs. Karl M. Touraine, "Award for School Education Program".
1968	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, "Tribute on the occasion of her retirement as President of the Garden Club of America".
1969	Mrs. Jean S. H. Newell, "A Special Commendation for service to the Friendship Garden Club".
1970	Mrs. DeWitt Wallace, "A Special Citation for Wallace Pond and its Pagoda".
1973	Mrs. Merle Crowell, "A Special Commendation for 'A One Woman Garden'".
1974	Mr. and Mrs. F. Victor Austin Jr., "Special Award for a Lovely Woodland Garden". Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Marshall, "A Special Award for continuous bloom in their garden". Mrs. Aertsen P. Keasbey, "A Special Award for her wild flower garden in a bit of woodland".
1975	Mrs. John N. Thorne Jr., "A Special Citation for her dedicated service to the Friendship Garden Club at the women's prison".
1975	Mrs. Charles W. Parsons, "A Special Commendation for her artistry in drying flowers and her beautiful arrangements". Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr., "A Special Commendation for her devotion as our Treasurer for six years". Mrs. George W. Hill Jr., "A Special Commendation for her exquisite miniature room, a reproduction of the front parlor of the John Jay House".

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)

- 1976 Miss Helen Clay Frick, "A Special Commendation for her enchanting rock garden, designed and worked in by herself".
Mrs. George W. Hill, "A Commendation for helping set up niches and displays and always being on hand to help".
- 1978 Mrs. Peter Oliver, "A Special Commendation for giving of herself and her talents for over 35 years".
- 1979 Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson, "A Special Commendation for her personal warmth, willingness, wisdom and leadership in many positions in our club".
- 1980 Perennial Gardens, "Certificate of Merit for Good Landscaping".
T. A. Byrne Chervrolet, "Certificate of Merit for Good Landscaping".
The Yellow Monkey Village, "Certificate of Merit for Good Landscaping".
Cross River Shell Service, "Certificate of Merit for Good Landscaping".
- 1982 Mrs. Merle Crowell, "Special Commendation in recognition of her work as Historian".
Mrs. Robert J. MacLean and Mrs. Dallas Corser, "Special Commendation for faithful maintenance of the Luquer-Marble Wildflower Gardens".
- 1983 Mrs. William O'Donoghue, "Special Commendation for her faithful and diligent attendance of town meetings and reporting local events and current problems".
Mrs. Steven P. Borner, "Special Commendation for heading the Exhibition Committee and being responsible for two successful flower shows at Caramoor".
- 1984 Mr. Peter Atkins, "Special Commendation for his enthusiastic support of our flower shows".
- 1985 Mr. Rigdon Boykin, "Special Commendation for sharing his knowledge of daylilies and gardening".
Mrs. George C. Sharp, "Special Commendation for her 'silent' leadership of the Alice Anderson Terrace Tea for 25 years".
- 1986 Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, "Special Commendation for her imaginative concept and perfect presentation of an enclosed poolside garden".
Mrs. Harold L. Tiné, "Special Commendation for her skillful art work in designing our posters and invitations and in designing her prize-winning miniature room".

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)

- 1987 Mrs. William R. Ziegler, "Special Commendation for her re-establishing and editing 'Clippings' since 1982".
Mrs. Bernard L. Finn, "Special Commendation for her tireless proofreading of 'Clippings' since 1982".
- 1988 Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy, "Special Citation in recognition and with deep appreciation for her sensitivity to the principles of The Bedford Garden Club, and for her steadfast guidance and clear direction in wisely setting the policies of this club over a period of many years".
Mrs. Morgan Parker, "Special Citation for her enthusiasm in sharing her special love for and interest in horticulture, and especially for her generosity in teaching all ages how to grow plants from seeds".
- 1989 Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson Jr., "Special Citation for her boundless energy and creative leadership in the cause of conservation. An environmental advocate, she has continually educated us in the protection of our previous natural resources, and helped to awaken public concern in worldwide conservation issues".
Mrs. Anne H. French, "Conservation Citation for her constant vigilance and wise stewardship of the unique treasure that is the Mianus River Gorge".
- 1990 Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence, "In recognition of her hard work, leadership and remarkable artistic talent as shown by the creation of her spectacular arrangements for the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America".
- 1991 Mrs. Steven H. Rice, "In recognition of her willingness to exhibit in flower shows, for her enthusiasm in the area of flower arranging, and her generosity in sharing her talents with other".
Mr. Gordon C. Hamilton, "In recognition of his help in creating the flower tubs for Bedford Village, thus adding to the beauty of the town and helping the Garden Club in one of its projects".
- 1992 Mrs. Cortland S. Van Rensselaer, "In recognition of her inspiration, loyal service, participation, enthusiasm, and contributions to the work of the Bedford Garden Club".
Bedford Village Chowder and Marching Club, "For outstanding service to Bedford Village in the area of conservation and education. Its members continually work for the improvement of the Village. It is with sincere gratitude we present this award".

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)

- 1994 Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick and Mrs. Richard H. Witmer, “For their creativity, perseverance and enthusiasm in planning and executing “A Garden Party: The 1993 benefit of the Bedford Garden Club”.
Mrs. Stephen J. Smith, “For her constant optimism, hard work and contributions to the 1993 benefit, ‘A Garden Party,’ and especially for her planning and presiding over the auction”.
- 1995 Mrs. John E. Lockwood, “For her remarkable horticultural ability and her generosity in sharing her knowledge and her plants”.
This award honors undoubtedly our area’s most outstanding horticulturist. Her gardens and greenhouses are perfection, an inspiration to all who see them. Because of her unflagging participation in The Garden Club of America’s Rare Plant Group, many of us are fortunate to have unique specimens in our gardens. Above all we are grateful to her for generously opening her house and gardens to us on so many occasions. With an artist’s eye she has painted her landscape with her plants. It is with profound admiration and deep affection that we present this special citation to Henrietta Sedgwick Lockwood.
- 1996 Mrs. Charles P. Whitin, “For her innovative ideas and her achievement in compiling the booklet, Fragrance in the Garden, which demanded a sound knowledge of horticulture and her quiet, tactful efficiency”.
- 1997 Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue III and Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson III, “For their hard work, good humor and endless patience in the planning and production of our flower show, ‘Nature’s Rhapsody’”.
Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III, “For her leadership in organizing a calendar or programs that have provided us all with fun and interesting meetings for the past six years”.
- 1998 Mrs. Mark Swank, “In recognition of her enthusiasm, her talent and her love of gardening and the traditions of our club”.
Mrs. Meredith H. Ewing, “For her generous hospitality in storing the Garden Club’s paraphernalia in her pool house basement for many years with generosity, patience, and humor”.

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS
SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)

- 1999 Mrs. Anne H. French, “Whose contagious enthusiasm for Bedford’s environment has been an inspiration to us all”.
Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, “For her thoughtful, generous spirit of friendship which she has shown over the years by donating her home-propagated heirloom tomato plants to her fellow Bedford Garden Club members”.
Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth, “With deep appreciation for faithfully planting and maintaining the Bedford Village tubs so beautifully for the past 8 years”.
Miss Anna Mitchell with sincere appreciation for the care, talent and time she has given over innumerable years in creating such special teas for our club”.
Mrs. Catchpole-Howell “for the generous and gracious sharing of her immense horticultural and design knowledge with her club”.
Mrs. William W. Eggleston “for her boundless exuberance and continuous zest that accompany her valuable contributions to her club”.
Mrs. John Morris “for her wholehearted enthusiasm, able assistance and welcome involvement in so many club activities”.
Mrs. Morgan Parker in acknowledgment of her generous and valuable gift of 110 acres to the James Hunt Sanctuary, a member of the Bedford Audubon Society, Inc.
- 2000 Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton “in appreciation for her hand that is always raised, her cheerful willingness to offer her time and her expertise in a broad array of her club’s activities”.
Mrs. W. Macy Johnson for “the pleasure of her company, the gift of her many skills and her totally reliable presence in so many of her club’s activities”.
- 2002 Mrs. Oren Root “for her sustained participation in all aspects of our club’s activities and her special assistance with the trip to the EcoTarium in October 2001”.
- 2003 Mrs. Francis Kernan Jr. “who inspired with her enthusiasm so that everyone wanted to help and work with her.”
Mrs. Stephen V. Lines and Mrs. Walter E. Winans “for their entertaining and endearing film binding us to our clubs heritage.”
Mrs. Samuel M.V. Tatnall “for her many triumphs of decoration.”
- 2004 Celeste Johnson “for her dedication to and trailblazing for the recycling effort in this country.”

**PAST PRESIDENTS
OF THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB**

Honorary President 1929-1937

Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter

1911-16	Mrs. Frank Hunter Porter
1916-17	Mrs. Arthur Scribner
1917-19	Miss Delia W. Marble
1919-20	Mrs. Charles S. Brown (through November)
1919-23	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1923-25	Mrs. Henry Marquand
1925-27	Mrs. John Henry Towne
1927-29	Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter
1929-31	Mrs. Nelson B. Williams
1931-33	Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt Jr.
1933-35	Miss Eloise P. Luquer
1935-39	Mrs. Alfred Roelker
1939-40	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1940-41	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1941-43	Mrs. Edwin deT. Bechtel
1943-47	Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill
1947-49	Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor
1949-51	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
1951-53	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1953-55	Mrs. George M. Schurman
1955-59	Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson
1959-61	Mrs. Peter Oliver
1961-63	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson
1963-65	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy Jr.
1965-67	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1967-71	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr.
1971-73	Mrs. Hobart Lewis
1973-75	Mrs. Franklin Montross 3 rd
1975-77	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1977-79	Mrs. Hugh S. Coward
1979-83	Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1983-85	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1985-88	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
1988-91	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
1991-93	Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1993-95	Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1995-97	Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy and Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
1997-99	Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1999-2001	Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
2001-2003	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman
2003-2005	Mrs. John Milnes Baker

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB, INC.**

Last Revised 1988

The BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB wrote its first By-laws in 1911. It is one of the twelve Founder Clubs which in 1913 founded The Garden Club of America.

Article I

Name

This Association shall be known as the
BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB, INC.

Article II

Object

The object of the Club shall be to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, to aid in the protection of native plants and birds, and to encourage civic planting and conservation.

Article III

Directors

1. The control and conduct of the property and business of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors comprised of six members. All directors shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members of the Club present, or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting of members, including any adjournment thereof, except that vacancies occurring during the year may be temporarily filled by the Board until the next Annual Meeting of members.
2. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet annually immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members and shall elect officers.* The Board of Directors shall meet at such other dates throughout the year as it may determine.

* Incorporation requires a Board of Directors. The membership elects the directors, who then elect the officers. However, the Nominating Committee, in proposing candidates for the Board, will recommend those whom they propose for specific office (to be shown in parentheses on the slate). It can be assumed that the recommendations of the membership will be followed by the Board.

The Board of Directors will consult with and work with the Executive Committee as described in our By-laws.

3. Quorum of Board of Directors. Fifty percent of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the directors.

Officers

The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Board of Directors to serve two years or until their successors are elected. Three officers, the President, First Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected on the odd year; the Second Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer on the even year. No President shall hold office for more than four years in succession.

Article IV

President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Chairmen of all Committees, shall arrange for the orientation of new members, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by action of the Club or the Executive Committee, and as pertain to the Office of President, including acting as a legal Trustee of all Club finances. The Vice-President, or in her absence the Second Vice-President, shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in case of her absence or disability.

Article V

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, shall disburse all money, shall collect all dues and receive donations and income from special projects. She shall also act as a legal Trustee of all Club finances. She shall present a report at all Regular Meetings, and a duly audited Annual Report at the Annual Meeting.

Article VI

Secretaries

The Corresponding Secretary shall give notice of all meetings, shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and notify the Garden Club of America of any changes in membership.

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, and act as a legal Trustee of all Club finances.

Article VII

Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers of the Club (the Board of Directors), the Chairmen of all Standing Committees, four members from the Club at large, and upon invitation of the Executive Committee, the Chairmen of Special Committees. In the absence of the Chairman of a Standing Committee or a Special Committee, the Committee's Vice-Chairman shall serve. Subject to these By-laws and to any action taken by the members of the Club at any Annual or Special Meeting, the affairs and business of the Club, the electing of its members and the disbursement of its funds shall be in charge of this Committee.
2. The four members from the Club at large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve for one year only, or until their successors are elected.
3. During the year, there must be a minimum of eight monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, and five days' written notice shall be given to each member. Seven of its members shall constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called by the President or any five members of the Committee.
4. The Executive Committee or the President shall submit at each regular meeting of the Club a short report of the affairs of the Club, or such report as the Club may direct.
5. The Board of Directors shall have power, in case of a vacancy in any office provided for under Article III or in the elected membership of the Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
6. Any member who has special business she may wish to present to the Executive Committee, is privileged to bring it before a meeting of the Executive Committee, after having notified the Corresponding Secretary of her intention.
7. The Executive Committee shall have power to deal with all infringements of the rules of the Club.
8. (a) An officer of the Club who shall be absent for three successive meetings without providing a report or explanation satisfactory to the Executive Committee shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) If a Standing Committee is not represented at three successive meetings by a Chairman or Vice-Chairman or by a report of the Committee presented by the Secretary, the Chairman of such Committee shall have deemed to have resigned.

(c) A member at large must present an explanation satisfactory to the Executive Committee for her absence from three successive meetings.

9. Order of business for the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- Minutes of the Committee.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Reports of both Secretaries.
- Reports of Standing Committees.
- Election of new members.
- Reports of Special Committees.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.

Article VIII

Nominating Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of five members. The Chairman shall be appointed in October by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Two members shall be appointed from the Executive Committee and three from the Club at large. The Chairman will become a member of the Executive Committee. She and her committee will serve for that calendar year.
2. The Committee shall nominate a ticket of candidates for the Board of Directors and four members at large and shall notify the Corresponding Secretary, who shall mail a list of candidates so nominated to each member of the Club at least ten days before the Annual Meeting. This committee may also assist the President or President-elect in appointments of all Standing and Special Committees.

Article IX

Custodian

There will be a Custodian, appointed by the President, whose duties it shall be to have the care and custody of all files, records and archives and all other properties of the Club (except funds and securities) when turned over to her by the Officers and Chairmen of Committees.

Article X

Standing Committees

The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President as soon as may be after the Annual Meeting and announced at the next regular meeting of the members. The members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of such Committee after consultation with the President.

There shall be the following Standing Committees:

1. Program – It shall be the duty of this Committee to arrange programs for all meetings covering and consistent with the work and interests of the Standing Committees, and other interests and projects of the Club, to arrange dates and places of meetings subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and to prepare notices of meetings for the Corresponding Secretary three weeks in advance.
2. Membership – It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive the names of candidates for membership, to pass on the eligibility of the candidates and to present their names to the Executive Committee, and to inform the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of any changes in membership.
3. Exhibitions – (Known as Flower Show by GCA). It shall be the duty of this Committee to be responsible for flower arranging and for providing workshops for the members. There shall be at least one exhibition each year.
4. Conservation and Civic Affairs – It shall be the duty of this Committee to encourage the wise use and sound management of our natural resources both locally and nationally; to encourage the setting aside and maintenance of natural areas; and to stimulate an interest in conservation in the community. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to have a representative present at meetings of the Town Board, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals, when the subject of its meeting is relative to the interests and objectives of the Club. It should acquaint itself with the local zoning ordinances, and keep the Club informed of pertinent pending changes or variances, promote interest in community betterment by such projects as roadside and other civic planting, control of litter, elimination of billboards, etc., and work to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of this area.
5. Horticulture – It shall be the duty of this Committee to stimulate the knowledge and love of horticulture among the members; to institute courses in horticulture for members, and to cooperate with local horticulture programs.

Article XI

Meetings

1. Annual Meeting – The Club shall hold on Annual Meeting of the members for the election of Directors and the four members of the Executive Committee from the Club at large and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. This meeting shall be held in June at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Order of business for the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
Treasurer's Report.
Reports of both secretaries.
Reports of Standing Committees.
Reports of such special Committees as may be designated by the President.
Unfinished business.
President's Report.
Report of the Nominating Committee.
Election of Board of Directors and Members at Large.

Nominations from the floor may precede the elections and a plurality of votes shall elect.

New business.

2. Regular Meetings – A minimum of seven Regular Meetings shall be held each year. The places and the dates proposed by the Program Committee shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Order of Business for Regular Meetings shall be as follows:

Minutes of last meeting.
Treasurer's Report.
Any reports at the direction of the President.

3. At least ten days' notice in writing shall be given each member of all meetings except Special Meetings.

4. Special Meetings – Special Meetings may be called by the President or at the written request of any five members, sent to the Corresponding Secretary, stating the object for which such meeting is called. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all members in writing of the date and object of such meeting, giving not less than three days' notice, and no other business than that stated in the notice shall be transacted at a Special Meeting.
5. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Club.
6. Members who shall fail to attend the meetings of the Club for three consecutive meetings without satisfactory explanation in writing to the Corresponding Secretary may be dropped from membership in the Club except as provided under Article VII, Section 7.

Article XII

Members

1. Admission to membership in the Club shall be limited to those owning property and residing in Northern Westchester County, or renting in this area for a minimum of two years, and exhibiting a strong interest in horticulture, flower arranging, or conservation and civic affairs.
2. The total membership excluding Honorary, Privileged and Affiliate Members shall not exceed our quota of 125 members of which the total of Associate Members shall not exceed 25 and the combined total of Active and Sustaining Members shall not exceed 100.
3. There shall be six classes of membership:
 - a. Honorary Members. Persons of Distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the Club over a period of years and so are eligible for this high honor.
 - b. Active Members. This category constitutes the working members of the Club. They shall attend meetings regularly, serve on committees, and take part in the projects of the Club.
 - c. Associate Members. Associate Members shall have full privileges of the Club, including the power of voting. Their attendance at the Regular Meetings and participation in any active work of the Club is optional. Associate Members shall not exceed 25 in number and shall be limited to those who have been Active Members of the Club for at least 10 years and have served with distinction.

- d. Sustaining Members. Members who have completed ten years of satisfactory service and who are no longer desirous or able to participate in our Club's activities, are eligible for this membership at the discretion of the Executive Committee. These members shall have the privilege of attending Garden Club of America lectures, open teas, obtaining Visiting Garden information and will receive the Bulletin. They may attend meetings of the Bedford Garden Club but may not vote, chair any of the five Standing Committees, or hold office.
- e. Affiliate Members. Affiliate Membership may be granted at the discretion of her Club's Board to any member in good standing who has moved to another area or who is no longer active because of a compelling reason.
 1. An Affiliate member may not represent her Club as a delegate of a Zone or Annual Meeting.
 2. The Bedford Garden Club Affiliate Member is an active member of The Garden Club of America. She may attend lectures, enjoy the use of the Headquarters, have Visiting Garden privileges and receive the Garden Club of America Bulletin. She may attend all Bedford Garden Club functions but may not vote, chair any committee or hold office.
- f. Privileged Membership shall be granted to any person, male or female, who has been helpful to and shown interest in the Bedford Garden Club, but is not eligible for regular membership. This membership shall not exceed seven in number at any one time. These members shall be proposed to the Membership Committee in the usual way and acted upon in conjunction with the Executive Committee. They may participate in Club activities and attend meetings, but they shall not hold office or be eligible to vote. They shall not be considered members of the Garden Club of America and shall not pay dues.

Article XIII

New Members

1. The first step in proposing a new member is to contact the Membership Committee Chairman who will explain the procedure.
2. A candidate of membership shall be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club. The letters of the proposer and seconder together with three letters from members by whom the candidate is well known shall be sent to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The six officers and those on the Membership Committee may not write these recommendations.

3. A member may propose only one and second only one candidate for membership and may write only three endorsing letters during a Club year. A member may not write for a relative for membership in the Club. A member may not propose, second or endorse names for membership until she herself has been a member for one year.
4. Candidates shall be considered by the Membership Committee in the order of the submission of their names together with the letters of their proposers, seconders and three endorsing letters as above provided, and no candidate shall be considered until all the requirements of this By-law shall have been complied with.
5. Former members and children of former or present members whose names are proposed for membership shall be considered prior to other candidates. Former members who desire to be reinstated need only be proposed and seconded in writing by members. The six Officers and those on the Membership Committee may not write these recommendations. Reinstated members shall have the original date of membership, resignation and reentry listed in the Yearbook.
6. Candidates duly proposed and presented as provided for above shall be voted on by the Executive Committee for admission to the Club. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Two adverse votes shall exclude.
7. Active Members are expected to serve on one of the following committees: Horticulture, Exhibitions, or Conservation and Civic Affairs unless excused by the Executive Committee for extenuating circumstances.
8. In conformity with the Garden Club of America policy regarding dual membership, incoming members of the Bedford Garden Club shall not hold membership in two Garden Club of America's Clubs situated in one locality.

Article XIV

Resignation

Resignation from membership shall be made to the Membership Chairman in writing.

Article XV

Annual Dues

Dues are subject to change at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the Garden Club of America.

All dues include the dues of the Garden Club of America. All members who shall have failed to pay these dues within a month of the second notice shall cease to be members of the Club, except as provided under Article VII, Section 7.

Article XVI

Guests

Members may bring their house guests to any meeting of the Club except Annual or Special Meetings. Persons living in the neighborhood who are not members of the Bedford Garden Club are not entitled to attend meetings except with the approval of the Membership Chairman and the President. The Hostess should be consulted when a meeting is held in a member's house.

Article XVII

Amendments

These By-laws may be amended at an Annual or Special Meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. No amendment shall be considered unless the Corresponding Secretary shall have mailed a copy thereof to each member of the Club at least ten days before the meeting.

Article XVIII

Disposition of Funds

No part of the assets of the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Club. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all remaining funds shall be turned over to the Garden Club of America.

Article XIX

Policy

Any service rendered to the Club by a member should be provided at cost with no profit to that member.

HOSTESSES AND PROGRAMS SCHEDULE 2004-2005

- September 22, 2004 10:30 AM
Speaker: Carlo Balisterieri
Topic: "These aren't your Grandmother's House Plants:
Unusual House Plants for the Indoor Gardener"
Meeting and luncheon
Place: Glen Arbor Golf Club
Hostesses: Susan Bostwick - Head Hostess
Linda Wilson
Anita Stockbridge
- October 20, 2004 10:30 AM
Speaker: Kathryn Gleason
Topic: "Excavating Ancient Roman Gardens:
The Classical Influences on the Gardens of Today"
Meeting and luncheon
Place: Caramoor
Hostesses: Betsy Atkins - Head Hostess
Anne Putnam
Sally Whitin
- November 2004 No meeting
- December 1, 2004 8:45 AM
Speaker:
Topic: Greensday: "Decorating for the Holidays"
Meeting and coffee
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary
Hostesses: Bonnie Trotta - Head Hostess
Abby Gosnell
Judy Talbott
Melissa Selby
Louisa Tine
- January 19, 2005 10:30 AM
Speaker: Dominique Browning
Topic: "Paths of Desire: The Passions of a Suburban Gardener"
Meeting and coffee
Place: John Jay Homestead
Hostesses: Lyn Goodhue - Head Hostess
Louise Talbot
Didi Woodhull
Suzanne Bowers

February 16, 2005

10:30 AM

Speaker: Denise Savageau
Topic: "Landscaping for Environmental Health and Conservation"
Meeting and luncheon – Open Conservation Meeting
Place: St. Matthew's Church
Hostesses: Joyce Espy - Head Hostess
Susan Burke
Storrs Coté
Odette Austin
Nanny Wyeth

March 2005

No Meeting

April 20, 2005

10:30 AM

Speaker: Sydney Eddison
Topic: "The Rainbow Contained, The Gardener's Palette"
Meeting and luncheon
Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club
Hostesses: Linn Jackson - Head Hostess
Caroline Niemczyk
Rosemary Mankiewicz
Susan West

May 18, 2005

8:45 AM

Topic: Planting Day
Meeting and coffee
Place: John Jay Barn
Hostesses: Jane Padwee - Head Hostess
Mary Helen Kennedy
Olivia Farr
Susie Ewing

June 15, 2005

2:00 PM

Topic: Annual Meeting
Meeting and tea
Place: To be announced
Hostesses: Marilyn Tilt - Head Hostess
Libby Mossman
Pat Boykin
Wendy Cushman

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTESSES

- (1) It is the responsibility of the Chairman of Hostesses to appoint a Head Hostess and four co-hostesses for each Garden Club meeting, in addition to the member in whose house the meeting is held.
 - (a) In the event that the appointed Head Hostess cannot fulfill her responsibilities, she is expected to get a replacement and report the change to the Chairman of Hostesses at least two months before her assigned meeting.
 - (b) The Head Hostess and her co-hostesses make and work out all details and arrangements involving hospitality for the meeting and tea.
 - (c) The Head Hostess should confer first with the member in whose house the meeting is being held to ascertain what will be needed in the way of chairs, coat racks, flowers, food, china, silver, direction signs, parking attendant and table for the President.
 - (d) The Head Hostess then makes arrangements with her co-hostesses to work out details and decide what will be provided for refreshments. She contacts the Treasurer for money from the Hostess Fund, which is provided through the dues, as an assessment of \$5 per member.
 - (e) The Head Hostess should contact the Corresponding Secretary a few days before the meeting to find out how many acceptances have been received. She should not purchase any plastic cups, napkins, plates, etc., until our supply is exhausted. The Custodian is in charge of these items as well as the large coffee and hot water (for tea) pots, which are needed upon occasions.
- (2) Co-hostesses may be asked to come the morning of the meeting to help set up chairs or to stay after the meeting to help the hostess put her house back in order.
 - (a) If a co-hostess is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, she is to get a substitute and report the change to her Head Hostess at least two months before her assigned meeting.
- (3) Flower arrangements are the responsibility of the hostesses. If the help of the Flower Arranging Committee is desired, it should be requested in plenty of time.
- (4) All members are asked to turn to be hostesses and it is hoped that all meeting and tea arrangements will be kept as simple as possible.
- (5) During their term of office, the President, two Secretaries, Treasurer and Chairmen of Civic Affairs and Conservation, Flower Arranging, Horticulture and Programs will be excluded from being asked to be hostesses.

HOW TO'S FOR WRITING YOUR LEGISLATORS

1. Your name and address should be on your stationery.
2. Try to personalize the message suggested by the Conservation Committee regarding environmental issues of concern to all of us, locally, or as described in the GCA Bulletin Action Alert and HOTLINE.
3. Identify the bill number: i.e. H.R.1 or S.1.
4. In most cases, unless otherwise specified, write to:

The Hon. Charles E. Schumer
313 Hart, Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3203
(202) 224-6542

Example:

Re: S. –
Dear Senator Schumer:

The Hon. Hilary R. Clinton
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4451

Example:

Re: S. –
Dear Senator Clinton:

19th District

The Hon. Sue W. Kelly
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3219
(202) 225-5441

116 Radio Circle
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
(914) 241-6340

Example:

Re: H.R. --
Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

For State Issues

37th Senatorial District

The Hon. Vincent L. Leibell
1441 Route 22
Brewster, NY 10509
(845) 279-3773

89th Assembly District

The Hon. Adam Bradley
4 New King Street
White Plains, NY 10549
(914) 686-7335

Example:

Dear Assemblyman Bradley:

For County Issues

The Hon. Ursula G. La Motte
Board of Legislators
148 Martine Avenue – 8th floor
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 995-2810

For Bedford Issues

Bedford Town Supervisor
Lee V.A. Roberts
Bedford Town House, 321 Bedford Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507
(914) 666-6530

Updated September, 2004

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING AND

ZONE III MEETING ATTENDANCE

G.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

1984: Nashville
Pres: Margie Pierce
Del: Starr Lawrence

1985: San Francisco
Pres: Margie Pierce
Del: Louise Cunningham

1986: Pittsburg
Pres: Louise Cunningham
Del: Candy Borner, Selby Ehrlich

1987: Somerset, N.J.
Pres: Louise Cunningham
Del: Louisa Tiné

1988: Detroit
Pres: Louise Cunningham
Del: Nancy Vincent

1989: Palm Beach

Pres: Nancy Vincent
Del: Anne Polk

1990: New York City
Pres: Nancy Vincent
Del: Cathy Smith

1991: New Orleans, April 1991
Pres: Ann McDuffie
Del: Nancy Vincent

1992: Baltimore
Pres: Ann McDuffie
Del: Linn Jackson

1993: Chicago (May 16-19)
Pres: Ann McDuffie
Del: Bonnie Trotta

1994: Hawaii (May 1 -4)
Pres: Louise Talbot
Del: Lynn Babcock

1995: Boston (May 13 -17)
Pres: Louise Talbot
Del: Had to cancel
Nancy Vincent attended both as Zone III Chair

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

Bedford
Pres: Margie Pierce
Del: Nancy Vincent

North Country
Pres: Margie Pierce
Del: Sandra Husted

GC of Ulster
Pres: Louise Cunningham
Del: Mary Helen Kennedy

Essex County Adirondack
Pres: Louise Cunningham
Del: Alice Wallis

Southampton GC (June 21-23)
Pres: Nancy Vincent
Del: Mimi Mitchell

GC Orange & Dutchess County
(May 30 -June 1)
Pres: Nancy Vincent
Del: Ann McDuffie

Fort Orange GC, Albany (Sept 25 -27)
Pres: Nancy Vincent
Del: Betty Wamsley

GC East Hampton
Pres: Ann McDuffie
Del: Mimi Lines

Millbrook GC (Sept 14- 16)
Pres: Ann McDuffie
Del: Linda Wilson

Philipstown (June 1 -3)
Del: Louise Talbot
Del: Joan Montross

Rye & Little GC Rye (Oct 11-13)
Pres: Louise Talbot
Del: Mary Helen Kennedy

Three Harbors GC, Cold Spring (Jun 7-9)
Pres: Louise Talbot -not there
Del: Betty Wamsley & Susan Treadway

GCA ANNUAL MEETING

- 1996: Newport, May 19-23
Co-Pres: Betty Wamsley
Del: Libby Mossman
Nancy Vincent attended both as Zone III Chair
- 1997: Philadelphia (April 27 -30)
Pres: Co-Pres: Mary Helen Kennedy
Del: Susan Treadway
- 1998: Williamsburg, Va. (April 26-30)
Pres: Susan Treadway
Del: Liddy Baker
- 1999: Parsippany, NJ (May 15 -18)
Pres: Susan Treadway
Del: Mary Kendrick
- 2000: Cleveland (May 13 -17)
Pres: Mary Kendrick
Del: Linda Coveny
- 2001: Orlando, FLA (May 6 -9)
Kendrick
Del: Libby Mossman
- 2002: Dallas, Texas (April 7-9)
Pres: Libby Mossman
Del: Wendy Ross
- 2003: Rye, New York (May 4-6)
Pres: Libby Mossman
Del: Liddy Baker
- 2004: Zone VI, Washington, DC (4/25-27)
Pres: Liddy Baker
Del: Kirk Ferguson
- 2005: Zone XI, Kansas City (Apr. 24-27)
- 2006: Zone XII, Denver (May 20-24)
- 2007: Zone I, Boston (May 13-17)
- 2008: Zone II
- 2009: Zone VII
- 2010: Zone X
- 2011:
- 2012:
- 2013:
- 2014:

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

- Syracuse GC (June 11 -13)
Co-Pres: Mary Helen Kennedy
Del: Liddy Baker
- Southside & North Suffolk GC's
(Sept. 16- 18)
Pres: Susan Treadway
Also: VincentlFrench/Mitchell/Wamsley
- Lake & Valley GC, Cooperstown
(May 26-28)
Pres: Susan Treadway
Del: Mary Kendrick
- Allyn's Creek GC & Rochester GC
(Sept 1999)
Pres: Susan Treadway
Del: Varner Redmon
- GC of Lawrence, LI (June 13-15)
Pres: Mary Kendrick
Del: Libby Mossman
- Bedford & Rusticus GC's (Sept. 25-27) Pres: Mary
Pres: Libby Mossman
Del: Betsey Johnson
- GC of Irvington-on-Hudson(June 11-13)
Pres: Libby Mossman
Del: Linda Coveny
- No Annual Zone Meeting for Zone III
- North Country GC (June 1-3)
Pres: Liddy Baker
Del: Betty Wamsley
- GC of Ulster (Sept. 20-22)
- Essex County Adirondack (Sept. 26-28)
- Southampton
- Orange & Dutchess
- Fort Orange
- East Hampton
- Millbrook
- Philipstown
- Rye & Little GC of Rye
- Three Harbors

TRIPS TAKEN and FLOWER SHOWS HOSTED

July	1985	Katonah: Visit Sturtevant & Reed Gardens
Sept.	1985	Tour of Old Westbury
July	1986	Tour Reed & Israel Gardens
July	1987	Trip to Constitution Island, Hudson River
Sept.	1987	Trip to "Boscobel"
Oct.	1987	Tour Pepsico Gardens
July	1988	Trip to Central Park: Conservancy & Zoo Gardens
Oct.	1988	Trip to Storm King Art Center
July	1989	Trip to John Saladino's "Robin Hill"
July	1990	In-House Flower Show: Connie Bennett's
April	1991	Trip to Washington, D.C.
July	1991	In-House Flower Show: Mary Kendrick's
June	1993	Benefit: Israel Garden Party, Flower Show
July	1993	Trip to "Stonecrop"
Sept.	1993	Clearwater Sail on Hudson River
April	1994	Trip to Millbrook
July	1994	Trip to "Kykuit"
May	1995	Trip to Philadelphia
July	1995	Trip to "Montgomery Place"
May	1996	Trip to Wilmington
July	1996	Trip to Eastern L.I. - Bob Dash, East Hampton
Oct.	1996	In-Club Flower Show, "Lasdon Park"
May	1997	Visit to Enid Haupt Conservatory at NYBG
June	1997	Small Flower Show "Nature's Rhapsody"-Village Green
July	1997	Trip to Millbrook: Lithgow, "Wethersfield", "Far-A-Field"
July	1998	Trip to Berkshires: Kellogg, Beinecke, McLennan, "Chesterwood", "Tanglewood", "Naumkeag", etc.
May	1999	Trip to Bob Baker's Tree Peony Garden, Redding
June	1999	Benefit: "Bedford Honour" the Dwyers
July	1999	Trip to Litchfield Hills: Bunny Williams, etc.
July	2000	Trip to Nantucket
April	2001	Benefit: Rick Darke, speaker
June	2001	Trip to Watch Hill, Pru Regan
Sept.	2001	Zone III Meeting, Bedford & Rusticus
Oct.	2001	Trip to Worcester, MA "EcoTarium"
July	2002	Trip to Fishers Island
Oct.	2002	Benefit: Tom Armstrong, speaker
Oct.	2002	Trip to Woodlawn Cemetery
Oct.	2002	Trip to Bruce Museum, Greenwich CT
June	2003	Trip to "Highstead" Arboretum
July	2003	Trip to Newport RI
Nov	2003	Trip to Staten Island Botanical Gardens
June	2004	Benefit, Mr. & Mrs. Kowitz
July	2004	Visits to Special Local Private Gardens
Aug	2004	Visit to Stone Barns Farm Center

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

RESIGNATIONS

DECEASED

2003-2004

Mrs. Philip Bowers

Mrs. Wm. S. Cottingham

Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
Mrs. Michael McKone

2002 - 2003

Mrs. Charles Snowden Jones
Mrs. David Kowitz
Mrs. Paul T. Matthews
Mrs. Timothy M. Paul
Mrs. Norman Selby

Mrs. Dallas Corser

Mrs. Meredith H. Ewing
Mrs. Aertsen P. Keasbey Jr.

2001-2002

Mrs. Harold A. O'Callaghan III

Mrs. Emil Henry

Mrs. William A. Belden
Mrs. Morgan Parker
Mrs. Scott H. Reiniger

2000 - 2001

Mrs. George D. Bianco
Mrs. John Gerard Finnegan
Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

Mrs. Michael Cady

1999 - 2000

Mrs. Sean C. McDowell
Mrs. Camillo Santomero III
Mrs. Anne E. Putnam

Mrs. John E. Pinckney

Mrs. W. A. Buckhout
Mrs. Mary D. Claus
Mrs. Bernard L. Finn
Mrs. T. R. Schmidt
Mrs. George C. Sharp

1998 - 1999

Mrs. Francis Kernan, Jr.
Mrs. R. Adams Perry III
Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

Mrs. Anne Hubbell French
Mrs. George Wallis

Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
Mrs. Seymour Preston

1997 - 1998

Mrs. James Bostwick, Jr.
Mrs. Edward Coté
Mrs. James A. Edgar, Jr.
Mrs. Peter Hennessy

Mrs. R. F. FitzGibbon
Mrs. W. D. Harvey
Mrs. R. A. Lawrence
Mrs. John T. Olds
Mrs. G. Peter Reed

Mrs. W. B. Hubbell
Mrs. Cortlandt S.
Van Rensselaer

NEW MEMBERS**RESIGNATIONS****DECEASED****1996 - 1997**

Mrs. John Morris
Mrs. John Redmon

Mrs. Eric Haight
Mrs. Robert MacLean

Mrs. Hobart Lewis
Mrs. Halstead Park, Jr.

1995 - 1996

Mrs. Michael Cady
Mrs. John H. Farr
Mrs. Frances A. Goodhue III
Mrs. Emil Henry
Mrs. W. Macy Johnson
Mrs. Joseph Maybank
Mrs. Fenton Talbott
Mrs. John A. Weisser

Mrs. Richard Wharton

1994 - 1995

Mrs. R. H. Clymer III
Mrs. Clinton Howell
Mrs. S. Howard Padwee
Mrs. Mark Swank
Mrs. Samuel N. V. Tatnall
Mrs. Timothy C. Woodhull

Mrs. P. Chapin Nolan
Mrs. Parker S. Wise

1993 - 1994

Mrs. Richard C. Coveny
Mrs. Geoffrey Flickinger
Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
Mrs. Paul J. Mas
Mrs. Thomas W. Philip
Mrs. Charles P. Whitin

Mrs. William R. Ziegler
Mrs. Barnaby Howard
Mrs. Thomas Stevenson

1992 - 1993

Mrs. Arthur Gosnell
Mrs. Harold A. O'Callaghan
Mrs. Bradford H. Purcell
Mrs. Thomas J. Schillerstrom
Mrs. John T. Stockbridge

Mrs. Samuel Cochran Jr.
Mrs. Edward L. Grund
Mrs. William Waterman

Mrs. R. C. Vincent Jr.

1991 - 1992

Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III
Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson
Mrs. Philip D. Miller

Mrs. Gerard H. Wood
Mrs. Anthony G. Kerrigan
Mrs. E.R. Wallingford Jr.
Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy
Mrs. Winfield Taylor

NEW MEMBERS**RESIGNATIONS****DECEASED****1990 - 1991**

Mrs. Edward L. Grund
Mrs. Franklin Montross IV
Mrs. Stuart Ross
Mrs. George P. West

Mrs. Sidney Davidson Jr.
Mrs. Peter J. M. deVries
Mrs. Frank E. Parkhurst

1989 - 1990

Mrs. William Cottingham
Mrs. Timothy Delaney
Mrs. Gordon Grand III
Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
Mrs. Piers MacDonald
Mrs. Richard H. Witmer

Mrs. B. Haig Bossidy
Mrs. Nicholas H. Witte
Mrs. Peter Raho
Mrs. Donald Marshall
Miss Clara F. Workum

1988 - 1989

Mrs. Winthrop B. Conrad Jr.
Mrs. Robert A. Falise
Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
Mrs. Parker S. Wise
Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

Mrs. Minturn Chase
Mrs. William Weld
Mrs. William B. Hubbell Jr.
Mrs. Allan McLeran
Mrs. C. Minot Dole

Mrs. James W. Husted

1987 - 1988

Mrs. Peter S. Raho
Mrs. Richard Kerst
Mrs. Samuel Holdsworth
Mrs. William L. Bennett
Mrs. Ross Jones
Mrs. Thomas C. Israel
Mrs. Harold R. Talbot (reinstated after travel)

Mrs. E. Ritzema Perry
Ms. Olwen Woodier

Mr. Edward A. LeRoy
Mrs. W. H. W. Knipe
Mrs. L. S. Kennedy
Mrs. H. C. Whitman
Mrs. G. W. Hill

COMMITTEES

CONSERVATION

Austin
Bianco
Borner
Bowers
Burke
Coveny
Dwyer
Ehrlich
Farr
Goodhue
Haight
Hazard
Johnson
Jones
Kennedy
Kernan
Lowe
MacDonald
Mas
Matthews
McDuffie
McGarry
Miller (Philip)
Niemczyk
Parker
Parsons
Paul
Pierce
Polk
Root
Selby
Stockbridge
Tatnall
Tiné
Vincent
Wamsley
Weisser
Weissinger
West
Winans
Wyeth

FLOWER

ARRANGING

Beatty
Bostwick
Bowers
Clymer
Cushman
Ehrlich
Espy
Hamilton
Hazard
Hennessy
Jones
Kernan
Kowitz
Langham
McDowell
McDuffie
McGarry
Matthews
Miller (Wm)
Montross (LL)
O'Callaghan
Parker
Rice
Root
Ross
Selby
Stockbridge
Talbot
Tatnall
Trotta
Vincent

HORTICULTURE

Austin
Babcock
Baker
Bowers
Catchpole-Howell
Conrad
Coté
Cushman
Dwyer
Edgar
Ehrlich
Ewing
Finnegan
Gosnell
Hazard
Jackson
Jones
Kendrick
Kennedy
Kernan
Lines
McDuffie
McGarry
Mankiewicz
Matthews
Maybank
Miller
Mitchell
Morris
Mossman
Niemczyk
Perry
Philip
Pierce
Putnam
Redmon
Reynders
Rice
Robinson
Santomero
Selby
Swank
Talbot
Talbot
Talbot
Tiné
Treadway
Trotta
Wamsley
Wilson
Witmer
Woodhull
Wyeth

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1985 - 2004

PRESIDENT

1985 - 1988: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.	1997 - 1999: Mrs. James Treadway
1988 - 1991: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent	1999 - 2001: Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman III
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot	2003 - 2005: Mrs. John Milnes Baker
1995 - 1997: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy & Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III	

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

1985 - 1988: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent	1997 - 1999: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer
1988 - 1991: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	1999 - 2001: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot, Jr.	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta
1993 - 1995: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy	2003 - 2005: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1995 - 1997: Mrs. John B. Babcock	

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (even years)

1985 - 1986: Mrs. Frank J. Pagliaro	1994 - 1996: Mrs. J. Oliver Montross
1986 - 1988: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	1996 - 1998: Mrs. Robert A. Falise
1988 - 1990: Mrs. William R. Ziegler	1998 - 2000: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1990 - 1992: Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward	2002 - 2004: Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz
1992 - 1993: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy	2004 - 2006: Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue
1993 - 1994: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk	

TREASURER (even years)

1984 - 1988: Mrs. Steven P. Borner	2003 - 2006: Mrs. George D. Bianco
1988 - 2003: Mrs. John Milnes Baker	

RECORDING SECRETARY (even years)

1985 - 1988: Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton	1996 - 1998: Mrs. Thomas W. Philip
1988 - 1990: Mrs. James R. Pierce	1998 - 2000: Mrs. John A. Weisser
1990 - 1992: Mrs. John T. Olds	2000 - 2002: Mrs. Christopher Espy; Mrs. Edward Coté
1992 - 1994: Mrs. Steven P. Borner	2002 - 2003: Mrs. Edward Coté
1994 - 1995: Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton	2003 - 2006: Mrs. John G. Finnegan Jr.
1995 - 1996: Mrs. William S. Miller	

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

1983 - 1987: Mrs. James W. Husted Jr. 1997 - 1999: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Rigdon H. Boykin 1999 - 2001: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
1989 - 1993: Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard 2001 - 2003: Mrs. John Morris
1993 - 1995: Mrs. John P. McGarry Jr. 2003 - 2005: Mrs. Peter Hennessy
1995 - 1997: Mrs. John J. Stockbridge

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Carl M. Claus, Mrs. Christopher B. Espy,
Mrs. Seymour Preston, Mrs. Harold L. Tiné
1987 - 1988: Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins, Mrs. Steven H. Rice,
Mrs. Wm. M. Waterman, Mrs. Wm. Nye Weld
1988 - 1989: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr., Mrs. John T. Olds,
Mrs. Frank E. Parkhurst, Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1989 - 1990: Mrs. William L. Bennett, Mrs. Robert A. Falise,
Mrs. Frank J. Pagliaro, Mrs. Rodman K. Tilt Jr.
1990 - 1991: Mrs. Lewis B. Harder, Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
Mrs. James Treadway, Jr., Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth
1991 - 1992: Mrs. William S. Cottingham, Mrs. Dennis Dix
Mrs. Edward L. Grund, Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz
1992 - 1993: Mrs. William Sanford Miller, Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.
Mrs. Stuart Ross, Mrs. Richard T. Wharton
1993 - 1994: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson, Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
Mrs. Franklin Montross, IV, Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.
1994 - 1995: Mrs. Arthur Gosnell, Mrs. Edward W. Kelly,
Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz, Mrs. John J. Stockbridge
1995 - 1996: Mrs. Thomas W. Philip, Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell,
Mrs. John P. McGarry, Mrs. Richard H. Witmer
1996 - 1997: Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr., Mrs. Robert H. Clymer,
Mrs. S. Howard Padwee, Mrs. Harold L. Tiné
1997 - 1998: Mrs. Benjamin C. Branch, Mrs. W. Macy Johnson,
Mrs. Joseph Maybank, Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1998 - 1999: Mrs. James J. Lowe, Mrs. John Morris,
Mrs. Steven H. Rice, Mrs. Timothy C. Woodhull
1999 - 2000: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr., Mrs. Peter Ehrlich,
Mrs. Frank Kernan, Mrs. Fenton R. Talbott
2000 - 2001: Mrs. Steven P. Borner, Mrs. Peter Hennessy,
Mrs. Donald P. Mossman, Mrs. J. Howland Robinson
2001 - 2002: Mrs. Edward Côté, Mrs. Lewis B. Harder,
Mrs. John A. Weisser Jr., Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth
2002 - 2003: Mrs. John Gerard Finnegan Jr., Mrs. Stephen V. Lines,
Mrs. Mark Swank, Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson III
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Harold A. O'Callaghan III, Mrs. John Redmon,
Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero, Mrs. Mark Swank

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1985-1986: Mrs. Jacques A. Mitchell III	1995-1996: Mrs. James R. Pierce
1986-1987: Mrs. J. Oliver Montross	1996-1997: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1987-1988: Mrs. Herbert H. Foster III	1997-1998: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
1988-1989: Mrs. Walter E. Winans	1998-1999: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer
1989-1990: Mrs. Walter E. Winans	1999-2000: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.
1990-1991: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	2000-2001: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1991-1992: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.	2001-2002: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth
1992-1993: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent	2002-2003: Mrs. James A. Edgar
1993-1994: Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.	2003-2004: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson
1994-1995: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham	

STANDING COMMITTEES

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

1985 - 1987: Mrs. James R. Pierce
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Sidney W. Davidson Jr.
1989 - 1991: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy, Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
1991 - 1993: Mrs. William L. Bennett, Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
1993 - 1995: Mrs. James R. Pierce, Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Arthur Gosnell, Mrs. Christopher B. Espy
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
1999 - 2001: Mrs. John H. Farr
2001 - 2003: Mrs. John J. Stockbridge, Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero III
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley, Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard, Mrs. John P. McGarry Jr.,
Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

SANCTUARIES

Audubon

1985-1989: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1989-2005: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

Beaver Dam

1985-1995: Mrs. Edward W. Kelly
1995-2001: Mrs. James R. Pierce
2001-2005: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

Butler-Meyer Preserve

1986-2005: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

Marsh Sanctuary

1986-1993: Mrs. Dennis Dix
1993-2001: Mrs. Bradford Purcell
2001-2005: Mrs. Alfred Wamsley III

Mianus River Gorge

1986-1989: Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1989-1991: Mrs. Samuel Holdsworth
1991-1993: Mrs. Edward L. Grund
1993-1997: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
1997-2005: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

1986-1991: Mrs. Nicholas H. Witte
1991-1993: Mrs. Clarence Woodward
1993-2005: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné

Westmoreland Sanctuary

1986-1989: Mrs. Minturn V. Chase
1989-2005: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta

NATIONAL PARKS/NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION

(First year: 1993)

1993-1995: Mrs. Edward W. Kelly
1995-1999: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1999-2005: Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk

FLOWER ARRANGING/EXHIBITIONS

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
1987 - 1988: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan, Mrs. Kendrick A. Wilson, III
1988 - 1989: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence, Mrs. Stephen V. Lines
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta, Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson, III
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Richard C. Coveny, Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Geoffrey R. Flickinger, Mrs. Mark Swank
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Richard C. Coveny, Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Robert H. Clymer
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Sean C. McDowell, Mrs. William S. Miller

HORTICULTURE

1986 - 1987: Mrs. George R. Wallis, Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie, Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1991 - 1993: Mrs. James R. Pierce, Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie, Mrs. Charles P. Whitin
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie, Mrs. James R. Pierce
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman, Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.
1999 - 2001: Mrs. John Redmon, Mrs. James A. Edgar
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Joseph Maybank, Mrs. R. Adams Perry
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Ann Catchpole-Howell, Mrs. Stephen V. Lines

MEMBERSHIP

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Franklin Montross III	1999-2001: Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr.
1987 - 1991: Mrs. Herbert H. Foster	2001-2003: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Mrs. Peter Hennessy
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith	2003-2004: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. Louis B. Harder
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer	2004-2005: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. Edward Côté, Jr.
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Stuart Ross	
1997 - 1999: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.	

PROGRAMS

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Edward W. Kelly, Mrs. P. Chapin Nolen
1987 - 1988: Mrs. George R. Wallis, Mrs. Stephen J. Smith
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Edward W. Kelly, Mrs. Stephen J. Smith
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Andrew T. Dwyer, Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Parker S. Wise, Mrs. Donald P. Mossman
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman, Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman, Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue III, Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Joseph Maybank, Mrs. James Bostwick, Mrs. Franklin Montross IV
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Richard C. Coveny, Mrs. Sean C. McDowell
2003 - 2005: Mrs. James A. Edgar

HOSTESSES

1985-1987: Mrs. Rodman K. Tilt Jr.	1997-1998: Mrs. Steven P. Borner
1987-1989: Mrs. Herbert H. Foster	1998-1999: Mrs. William S. Miller
1989-1991: Mrs. Robert J. MacLean	1999-2001: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy
1991-1995: Mrs. Charles W. Parsons	2001-2003: Mrs. Stuart Ross
1995-1997: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson	2003-2005: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ALICE ANDERSON MEMORIAL TERRACE

1986 - 2001: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta & Mrs. George C. Sharp
Committee discontinued in 2001

ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN GARDENS

GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN

(Begun in 1997)

1993 - 1997: Mrs. Hobart Lewis	1999 - 2001: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1997 - 1999: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
	2003 - 2005: Mrs. John Redmon

AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Robert C. Vincent Jr.	1993 - 1999: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Alfred Wamsley III	1999 - 2001: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Rigdon H. Boykin	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	2003 - 2005: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy

CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1987 - 1989: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1989 - 1995: Gap in Listings
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1997 - 2003: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
2003 - 2005: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Charles P. Whitin

EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER

1986 - 1987: Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1987 - 1989: Mrs. James W. Husted Jr.
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Katherine E. Putnam
1993 - 1997: Mrs. Steven P. Borner
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Mark Swank
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Andrew T. Dwyer, Mrs. Piers MacDonald
2001 - 2003: Mrs. John Redmon
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman

CORRESPONDENT TO THE GCA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1986 - 1989: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr. 1997 - 1999: Mrs. Katherine E. Putnam
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith 1999 - 2003: Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Rigdon H. Boykin 2003 - 2005: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1993 - 1997: Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton

CUSTODIAN

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith 1993 - 1999: Mrs. Piers McDonald
1987 - 1989: Mrs. William S. Miller 1999 - 2001: Mrs. Steven H. Rice
1989 - 1991: Mrs. William M. Jackson 2001 - 2005: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN CLUB

Not listed after 1986

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1987 - 2004: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller

HISTORIAN

1986 - 1989: Mrs. William O'Donoghue 1997 - 2001: Mrs. Walter E. Winans
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Clarence Woodward 2001 - 2003: Mrs. Lewis B. Harder
1991 - 1997: Mrs. Hobart Lewis 2003 - 2005: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

JOANNA MULLEN TRAVEL FUND

Not listed after 1986

JOHN JAY GARDENS

1985 - 1986: Mrs. William R. Ziegler
1986 - 1987: Mrs. Kendrick R. Wilson III
1987 - 1989: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy, Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1989 - 1995: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy, Mrs. P. Chapin Nolen
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk, Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Emil Henry, Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk, Mrs. Mark Swank
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Ann Catchpole-Howell, Mrs. Charles P. Whitin
2003 - 2004: Mrs. Clinton Kendrick, Mrs. Paul T. Matthews
2004 - 2005: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews, Mrs. Ann Catchpole-Howell

NY COMMITTEE OF GCA

1986 - 1987: Mrs. John M. Regan Jr.
1987 - 1997: Mrs. Walter C. Weissinger Jr.
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Walter C. Weissinger Jr.
2001 - 2005: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke, Mrs. Winthrop B. Conrad

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1986 - 1987: Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Stephen Lines
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné
1991 - 1993: Mrs. William M. Jackson
1993 - 1995: Mrs. William L. Bennett
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Kendrick Wilson III
1997 - 2001: Mrs. William M. Jackson
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Franklin Montross III
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman

POLICY

1985 - 1987: Mrs. George W. Hill Jr.
1987 - 1995: Mrs. C.H. Mitchell
1995 - 1997: Mrs. C.H. Mitchell, Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Stuart Ross, Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
2001 - 2003: Mrs. James A. Edgar
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Steven P. Borner

PROJECTS

1985 - 1987: Mrs. John P. Renwick Jr.
1987 - 1989: Mrs. William M. Jackson
1989 - 1991: Mrs. John E. Pinckney
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Stuart Ross
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Geoffrey Flickinger
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Charles P. Whitin
1999 - 2001: Mrs. John Morris,
Mrs. Edward Côté,
Mrs. Charles Whitin
2001 - 2003: Mrs. J. H. Robinson,
Mrs. Steven H. Rice
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham,
Mrs. Thomas W. Philip

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1985 - 1987: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan, Mrs. Eldon R. Wallingford Jr.
1987 - 1988: Mrs. James R. Pierce
1988 - 1991: Mrs. Steven P. Borner
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1993 - 1997: Mrs. William L. Bennett
1997 - 2003: Mrs. James R. Pierce
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(Begun in 1994)

1994 - 1995: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz
1997 - 1999: Ann Catchpole-Howell
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
2001 - 2005: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy

SCHOOL CONSERVATION LIASON

Not listed after 1986

SEEDLINGS/NEW MEMBERS

(Begun in 1999/2001)

1999-2001: Mrs. Stephen P. Borner

2001-2002: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Walter Winans

2002-2003: Mrs. Joseph L. Mankiewicz, Mrs. Walter Winans

2003-2004: Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz, Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. Lewis B. Harder

2004-2005: Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue, Mrs. Edward Côté, Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

SWEEPSTAKES

Only listed in 1999 - 2001: Mrs. Steven H. Rice, Ann Catchpole-Howell

TRIPS

1985 - 1986: Mrs. Carl M. Claus

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich

VISITING GARDENS

1985 - 1986: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Stephen Lines

TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS

Committees combined in 1987

1987 - 1991: Mrs. Stephen Lines

1993 - 1997: Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick

1991 - 1993: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk,

1997 - 1999: Mrs. Harold O'Callaghan

Mrs. John B. Babcock

1999 - 2005: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson

WAYS AND MEANS

1985 - 1989: Mrs. John P. McGarry Jr.

1989 - 1991: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot

1991 - 1993: Mrs. Clinton R. Kendrick, Mrs. Richard H. Witmer

1993 - 1995: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr., Mrs. Stephen J. Smith

1995 - 1997: Mrs. Paul J. Mas, Mrs. Samuel M.V. Tatnall

1997 - 1999: Mrs. John J. Stockbridge, Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III

1999 - 2001: Mrs. Paul J. Mas, Mrs. R. Adams Perry

2001 - 2003: Mrs. Francis Kernan

2003 - 2005: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

YEARBOOK

1985 - 1988: Mrs. John Milnes Baker, Mrs. Aertsen Keasbey Jr.

1988 - 1989: Mrs. James W. Husted Jr., Mrs. Aertsen Keasbey Jr.

1989 - 1990: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham, Mrs. John T. Olds

1990 - 1991: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham, Mrs. James Treadway

1991 - 1995: Mrs. Richard N. Kerst, Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham

1995 - 1997: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham, Mrs. John T. Olds

1997 - 2001: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham, Mrs. W. Macy Johnson

2001 - 2003: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson, Mrs. John Milnes Baker

2003 - 2005: Mrs. Timothy Paul

REPRESENTATIVES TO GCA

- 1965 - 1968: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, President of GCA
1985 - 1987: Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, National Affairs & Legislation Comm.
1985 - 1987: Mrs. Hobart Lewis, director of GCA, Liaison & Publications Comm.
1985 - 1989: Mrs. Jacques A. Mitchell, National Library Book Review Comm.
1985 - 1987: Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, Vice-Chairman National House & Gifts Comm.
1985 - 1987: Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward, Zones I, II, III Area Vice-Chairman
Judging Comm.
1985 - 1986: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr., Publications Comm.
1985 - 1987: Mrs. James R. Pierce, Conservation Comm.
1987 - 1988: Mrs. Thomas Waller, Advisor to National Affairs & Legislation Comm.
1988 - 1989: Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, Chairman, National House & Gifts Comm.
1989 - 1990: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Library Comm.
1990 - 1991: Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, Vice-Chairman National House & Gifts Comm.
1991 - 1992: Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, Vice-Chairman National House & Gifts Comm.
1991 - 1992: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Public Relations Comm.
1992 - 1993: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Public Relations Comm.
1992 - 1993: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Public Relations Comm.
1993 - 1994: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Zone III Chairman
1993 - 1994: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Public Relations Comm.
1994 - 1995: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Zone III Chairman
1994 - 1995: Mrs. Hobart Lewis, Archives Comm.
1995 - 1996: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Medal Comm.
1996 - 1997: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Medal Comm.
1997 - 1998: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Nominating Comm.
1997 - 1998: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
1998 - 1999: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent, Nominating Comm.
1998 - 1999: Mrs. James R. Pierce, Administration Publications Comm.
1998 - 1999: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
1999 - 2000: Mrs. James R. Pierce, Administration Publications Comm.
1999 - 2000: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Co-Chairman GCA Annual Meeting 2003
1999 - 2000: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
1999 - 2000: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Administration Publications Comm.
2000 - 2001: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Co-Chairman GCA Annual Meeting 2003
2000 - 2001: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
2000 - 2001: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr. and Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.,
Co-Chairmen, Zone III Annual Meeting 2001
2001 - 2002: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Co-Chairman GCA Annual Meeting 2003
2001 - 2002: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use

REPRESENTATIVES TO GCA (Continued)

2001 - 2002: Mrs. John Redmon, Garden History and Design Comm.
2002 - 2003: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Co-Chairman GCA Annual Meeting 2003
2002 - 2003: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
2002 - 2003: Mrs. John Redmon, Garden History and Design Comm.
2003 - 2005: Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III, Conservation Comm.
Vice-Chairman for Land Use
2003 - 2005: Mrs. John Redmon, Garden History and Design Comm.
2004 - 2005: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Vice Chairman Admissions Committee

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA JUDGES

Exhibitions

Mrs. Donald R. Marshall, Fenwick ('85-'87)
Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston ('85-'90)
Mrs. George W. Hill ('85-'87)
Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence, Plucket ('85-'97)
Mrs. John M. Regan Jr. ('85-'03)
Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, ('89-'03)

Horticulture

Mrs. William Botzow ('85-'90)
Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein Jr. ('85-'87)
Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward ('85-'03)
Mrs. George R. Wallis ('91-'98)
Mrs. William Botzow, Emeritus
Mrs. Charles E. McDuffie ('97-'03)
Mrs. George R. Wallis, Emeritus