

# THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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for  
2007-2008

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2006 – 2007

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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The Annual Meeting 2007:

Boston, Massachusetts

May 13-17, 2007

Mrs. Joseph Maybank, President

The Annual Meeting 2006:

Denver, Colorado

May 20-24, 2006

Mrs. Joseph Maybank, President

Mrs. Sean McDowell, Delegate

Mrs. John Redmon, Zone III Representative to Archive Committee

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007

This has been another great year for the Bedford Garden Club. We have had fabulous speakers brought to us courtesy of Liza Clymer, wonderful flower arranging workshops and road trips organized by Wendy Cushman, forcing bulb workshops, growing from seed and cuttings and many other horticultural skills from Bonnie Trotta. If everything goes smoothly, we will add Garden History and Design as a standing committee and Varner will have a team to lead on her quest to document some of Bedford's stunning gardens and to continue educating the club on the value of good design. Cassie Kernan has lead us on some exciting trips this year, always wildly popular and oversubscribed, and the year will be crowned off with our trip to Sarah Kowitz's home in England to tour the gardens of East Sussex. Kirk Ferguson has wrestled together this extraordinary visit and Sarah will fit all 17 travelers into her home.

This year we have added two new members to our club. If they are here today, I would like Taylor Taylor and Janet Conner to stand up so that we may all welcome them again. During the last year Susan McDowell, as Chairman of Membership has approved the requests of several members to change status and we now find ourselves with several membership slots available so please think of your friends and neighbors and let's continue the success of the last few years with another strong group of Seedlings.

We suffered a great loss this year with the death of Joan Branch, valued member and longtime Bedford resident. Bitsy Tatnall prepared a wonderful tribute which was read at the December meeting. This year also brought the sad news of the death of Jane Clark, a member since 1973 who had moved twenty years ago to Tucson, Arizona. Mina Edmonston wrote and read a tribute to Jane at the April meeting.

Thanks to the hard work of Lisa Hennessy, the Bedford Garden Club has made several substantial gifts to local projects this year. While last year it was Kirk's job to fill our project review coffers with the bounty from the *Under the Tuscan Sun* preview party and auction, this year we had the pleasure of distributing it. We funded a graduate student for a year of research with Rod Christie at the Mianus River Gorge Preserve studying the management and restoration of suburban forests. We also funded the planting of a courtyard garden at the Bedford Village Elementary School and contributed to a new vegetable garden at Bedford Hills Elementary School to be used as an educational tool by teachers and students. Although it is not quite around the corner, keep in mind that the Bedford Garden Club will celebrate it's centennial in 2011 and I want to challenge you all to start thinking about a gift that we can give our town in honor of this milestone.

Thank you for letting me serve as President for the last two years. It has been an incredible learning experience for me and a pleasure to get to know each of you better. I just want to point out that another great leader is stepping down today and I think it is appropriate for me to point out a few things that Tony Blair and I have in common. Tony followed in the steps of illustrious predecessors like Disraeli, Gladstone, Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher while I have tried to live up to the tenures of Nancy Vincent, Louise Talbot, Libby Mossman and Liddy Baker. Tony's first crisis in office was the death of Princess Diana, a cake walk compared to the preparations for *Under the Tuscan Sun*. And as Tony Blair hands over the reins to his friend and compatriot Gordon Brown, I hand over the reins of the Bedford Garden Club to a great friend, an infectious enthusiast and a great gardener, Ellen Conrad. Ellen, I hope that you enjoy your new role as much as I have.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
2007

Every member of the Garden Club has helped me in many, many ways over the last two years but one person stands out as the backbone and collective memory of our club. Somehow she has always known when I needed help, when I needed a gentle reminder and when I needed a little more forceful push. She has always been always available on the telephone or to sit down and really discuss a problem and is the most level headed person that I have ever met. Issues that send me into a panic she meets with rational detachment and insight.

Of course you all know that I am talking about Liddy Baker, our immediate past President and friend to us all. After serving as Treasurer of the garden club for what seems like the last fifty years, Liddy has been an indispensable aid to her successors, Shirley and Joyce and will no doubt continue in that role for another few decades. Sometimes I think that she has moved to South Kent to detach herself from us all but then I see her coming back, time after time to give her time, her talent and her quiet leadership to the Bedford Garden Club and to me.

I am proud to present the 2007 President's Award to Elizabeth Morrison Baker

for her gentle guidance and timely reminders, her encyclopedic memory of every detail and quirk, and for her uncanny ability to step in and help at the exact moment when needed. Thank you Liddy for your unwavering support and your steady hand.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2006

This has been a challenging and exciting year for the Bedford Garden Club, a year of change with most if not all of us new at our jobs, and a year of accomplishment as we prepared for and hosted our first flower show in eight years. Once we learned that we would be able to hold the show at Caramoor due to the enormous generosity and yearlong support of our own Betsy Atkins, *Under a Tuscan Sun* began to take shape under the keen eye and exacting leadership of Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers. The show provided the focus for most of our activities this year starting with our October meeting. Liza Clymer cleverly directed our programs around our theme and taught us about Italian Gardens, inspiring entries and a love of parterres. Bonnie Trotta encouraged us to start with the building blocks of our gardens to create wonderful plants, taught us to grow from seed and helped us to plant our own *Insalata Mista*. Wendy Cushman held workshops focused on each of the different types of flower arranging that were to be exhibited at *Under a Tuscan Sun* inspiring not only entries but also admiration for all who entered. The Conservation Committee spent the year researching and weaving together the information on our water system that became the award winning exhibit. How do we protect our Water Supply?" The overwhelmingly positive response to the exhibit has encouraged the committee to keep the exhibit together and consider taking it to our local schools to teach our children what they learned. I hope that that will come about.

This year we have added three new members to our club. They have all been introduced to you and have already begun to participate in the life of the club. We're in the position of being just about completely full and our challenge will be to get everyone, old and new alike, to be actively involved. We suffered a great loss this year with the death of Marion Woodward, longtime member and plantswoman extraordinaire. In her memory we have created the Marion Woodward Horticulture Award for Plant Propagation that will be awarded at future BGC flower shows and we will soon be installing a stone bench at Bylane Farm, home of the Bedford Audubon Society, also in her honor. The dedication will be held in the fall and everyone will be invited to attend.

Thanks to Kirk Ferguson, the Ways and Means Committee has turned the preview party for the flower show into a venue that not only funded the show and provided us and our friends with the one of the best parties of the spring, but also has more than fully funded our donations and special projects for the next two years. We have money in the bank and are looking for ideas for ways to give something concrete to our community so think about it and talk to Lisa Hennessey if you would like to submit a proposal. I also want to challenge you all to start thinking about a gift that the Bedford Garden Club can give our town in honor of our centennial in 2011, something that might still be around when our great-granddaughters prepare for our bicentennial.

Thank you for letting me serve as President for the last year. It has been an incredible learning experience for me and a pleasure to get to know all of you better. I hope that you will forgive the thousands of mistakes that I have made and I promise that my tenure will improve with age.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
2006

Every one of you helped me in so many ways during this past year that I wish I could give this award to the whole club. I was very nervous and green when the year began but every time I needed help, there was another smiling face offering advice and willingly taking another part of the load off of my shoulders. One member with very broad shoulders stands out of the crowd.

Dominique Buaron was a new member of the Bedford Garden Club last year but did not hesitate for a moment to make herself useful. She encouraged us all to use her expertise to navigate through the intricacies of the GCA Flower Show Committee and shepherded our schedule through the approval process while still the Zone III Flower Show Representative.

She was our second speaker of the year at the October meeting helping us all decipher the schedule into plain English and encouraging us all to enter. She worked hard behind the scenes with Heather and Suzanne anticipating potential problems and offering gentle words of guidance when she thought it necessary. While she has a very busy life and travels constantly, she was never too busy to talk out a problem or to volunteer to help on another project, and to top off a stellar year of service to our club, Dominique will host our July visiting gardens trip for tea at her home in Southampton.

I am delighted to present the 2006 President's Award to  
Dominique Buaron

for guiding us through the labyrinth of challenges we encountered every day while planning *Under the Tuscan Sun*, for always being available to talk through a problem and offer innovative ideas, and for wholeheartedly leaping into the life of the Bedford Garden Club.

A TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA MAYBANK

For the past two years, Virginia has led the Bedford Garden Club above and beyond the call of duty. She has tirelessly done all that needed to be done and then some. In her unassuming way, she has assumed the helm of our club and steered us in many interesting and exciting directions. We were treated to some of the best programs imaginable from Sylvia Earle's fascinating view on water and oceans, to Italian Garden Landscape architecture to Eleanor Weller Reade's perspective on the Golden Age of American Gardens, to Henry White's mastery of Landscape Architecture presentation with Rusticus. I could go on and on and I will. Who could ever forget the stellar success of *Under a Tuscan Sun*? With co-chairs Suzanne Bower and Heather Langham, the Preview Party not only raised a very significant amount of money, but it was so brilliantly executed – truly impressive, I thought. Despite the drenching rain, the tent at Caramoor seemed to glow with beauty and warmth. The arrangements of flowers, cut stems. plants and tables and the

Photography and Conservation Exhibitions just overflowed with creativity. We were all transported to another place (even without the Vespa) but of course, Virginia had prepared us very well through challenge classes and workshops and best of all, her constant encouragement to all of us to try it ourselves. As a result of this success, she put the Project Review committee to work to find worthwhile organizations to receive these funds to. A few that benefited are the Children's Garden at the BHCI, the Mianus River Gorge Preserve, and The Community Center, planter replacement in Bedford Village, Bedford Village Elementary School Improvement Society, and Bedford Hills Elementary Garden Development Program. As if this wasn't effort enough, Virginia decided that it was high time for an in-house flower show. In April, members of the BGC "rose" to the occasion and displayed their extraordinary talents in all aspects of flower show preparation and execution. Most recently, BGC members were fortunate enough to visit Martha Stewart's property and Phyllis Warden's stunning property, Seven Gables. In her spare time, Virginia created a new standing committee, Garden History and Design, revamped Seedlings, oh and just happened to win Best in Show for her entry in the Piccolo Giordino Class in the *Under a Tuscan Sun* Flower Show...still underway and soon to come to fruition in July, what promises to be a once in a lifetime Garden Trip to Sussex, England and environs arranged through Sarah Kowitz, a fellow garden member, and our own Captain Kirk,

Virginia, I'm sorry, if I've left anything out, it's just that I'm exhausted just speaking about all you've done and how you've made such an extraordinary contribution to this club and all of us.

Lisa Hennessy

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING  
Boston, Massachusetts  
May 13-17, 2007

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GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING  
National Parks, Natural Treasures  
Denver, Colorado  
May 20-24, 2006

Zone XII hosted the 93rd Garden Club of America Annual Meeting in Denver Colorado. This zone consists of seventeen clubs in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington. All of these states have at least one National park, thus providing the theme: National Parks - Natural Treasures. It proved to be a perfect title, as Virginia Maybank and I had a constant view of the Rocky Mountains throughout our stay in Denver. The Rockies were a beautiful backdrop to our Zone Dinner at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and again during Cocktails the following night at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The exhibits and architecture were interesting at

both venues, as were the many Garden Club Presidents and Delegates that we met. Our stay in Denver was a great mix of work and play starting with the delivery of our plants to the Plant Exchange. Thanks to Gilda McGarry and Virginia Maybank for providing wonderful entries that were well received and quickly snapped up. This was the last plant exchange to be held at an Annual Meeting. It will still take place on the zone level.

The annual meeting officially kicked off with the President and Delegate Workshops. While Virginia attended the President's Workshop on Leadership, I attended the Delegate's Workshop. At the workshop we addressed such questions as: "How can we use the GCA to convey the importance of the organization to club members?" It was very informative and eye opening.

President Alice Matthews called the business meeting to order Monday morning. We received a warm welcome from the Mayor of Denver and our gracious Annual Meeting Chairs. We heard reports from all of the committees. The keynote speaker was Mr. Panayoti Kelaidis, a Member at Large and Director of Outreach at the Denver Botanic Garden. He spoke about his Plant Select Program that has introduced hundreds of ornamental plants. We were also introduced to 3 new Members at Large: Mr. John Wheaton Trexler, Mr. George Hawkins, and Mr. George Briggs. The Founders Fund Award was given to the Native Plant Woodland at the Garden School Project in Los Angeles, California.

When the meeting was adjourned, the group split into two, half went on a walking tour of the South Platte River Greenway System, with the other half going to The Denver Botanic Garden. My group did the walking tour following a delicious lunch at the Pepsi Arena where the Colorado Avalanche and the Denver Nuggets play hockey and basketball. Our guest speaker was Bar Chadwick of the Mayor's office of Economic Development. She showed slides and spoke about reclaiming the river and parks, which were once a dumping ground. As we walked along the river, we heard from various people who were instrumental in turning this area into a wonderful place to boat, picnic, fish, and bike.

Tuesday morning the Conservation and Horticulture Meetings took place. Our first Conservation Speaker was Judy Sellers from the Broadmoor Garden Club (one of our host clubs). Her talk was entitled "This Land Is Your Land, This Land is My Land". Judy is the author of a beautiful book, *Colorado Wild, Preserving the Spirit*. She spoke of our discovery of the Rockies, man's consumption of the natural resources and the difference individuals can make in conservation. She stressed our role as caretakers of the land for future generations. We also heard from Tom Kiernan, President of the National Parks and Conservation Center, who said that the National parks are only receiving 2/3 of the money they need to do their jobs. There have been many cuts affecting law enforcement, park rangers, staffing and programs, as well as monitoring of air quality control. Our speaker for Horticulture was Gwen Kelaidis, who is a landscape designer and author. She spoke about "The High and the Dry" conditions and appropriate grading and plants for the Denver area.

After the meeting was adjourned, we split up again and went on the tour we missed the day before. I went off to the Denver Botanic Gardens while Virginia went off on the walking

tour. After lunch at the Botanic Gardens, we were able to meander around the beautiful grounds taking in 45 beautifully designed gardens with over 32,000 plants. The Rock Alpine, and water-smart gardens were especially interesting as they work with the native plants that thrive in "the high and dry" climate that Gwen Kelaidis had mentioned. Tuesday night was the black tie awards dinner at our hotel. There were many worthy recipients that evening. Frank Cabot received the Achievement Medal for creative vision and ability in the interpretation and aims of the Garden Club of America. Lady Bird Johnson received the Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor Medal for exemplary service and creative vision in a field related to the Garden Club of America's special interests. It was a nice ending to the Garden Club of America's Annual Meeting.

Thank you to the Bedford Garden Club for allowing me to represent you. I enjoyed meeting and learning from so many interesting people. I also reconnected with a college friend that I had not seen in 20 years. It was a wonderful experience.

Susan McDowell, Delegate

### ZONE MEETING REPORT 2007

The Zone III Meeting, "Beaches and Bays" took place in Southampton on June 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. As can be expected from The GCA, it was an elegant and interesting meeting. Virginia Maybank and I drove out Tuesday morning loaded with plants and flowers from our members, the most spectacular being Nannie Wyeth's ENORMOUS night blooming cereus.

Plant Exchanges are now held at Zone Meetings and this year's emphasis was on Geraniums/ Pelargoniums. We entered 6 Plants, had 5 different growers- 2 of which were novices and won 3 Merit Awards. The Flower Show was spectacular and our own Dominique Buaron won the prestigious Puckett Creativity Award for her stunning table arrangement of a Summer Clambake. .

We saw four very different gardens, all with exquisite plants and manicured hedges. Virginia's and my favorite was "Four Fountains", the former William and Babe Paley's estate, which was understated, refined and elegant. We also loved the St. Andrew's Dune Church with its charming seaside gardens and memorable Tiffany stained glass windows. The lectures, meetings and presentations were well done and informative, with a strong emphasis on conservation, both on the local and national levels. I was impressed with the easy and generous flow of ideas and information among members from all over NY State.

The final Awards dinner was held at the beautiful and famous Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. I was thrilled and honored (and totally surprised) to be given the Zone III Horticulture Arts Award. I was speechless, but now thank you to all of you that contributed to this award.

The ladies from Southampton did an amazing job and were impeccable and gracious at all times.

Louisa Rawle Tiné, Delegate

ZONE MEETING REPORT  
2006

Essex County, the Adirondacks, Sept. 26 – 28, 2006  
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ZONE MEETING REPORT  
2005

From September 20<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup> Virginia and I had the great pleasure to attend the Zone III meeting “Etched in Stone” hosted by the Ulster County Garden Club in historic Kingston, New York. Our days and evenings were so full that we constantly checked our schedules and almost sprinted from one event to the next. The highlights included a wonderful assortment of speakers, multiple Dutch stone house and garden tours and member hosted dinner parties. It was a wonderful way to meet new GCA friends and learn how other clubs operate. Virginia and I both had a blast and would team up to go to a zone meeting again.

Janet Robinson, Delegate

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report

June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007

OPERATING  
ACCOUNT

Balance on hand June 1, 2006

Regular	\$29,483.66
C&E 2005 - 2006	\$716.08
C&E 2006 - 2007	\$0.00
Operating Reserve	\$2,000.00
Project Review	\$6,008.36
Waller Gift	\$20,000.00
John Jay Special	\$1,601.97
CD – matures 10/7/10	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$69,810.07

Receipts

Interest	\$71.95
Dues	\$7,100.00
Projects	\$1,552.50
Bedford Oak Prints	\$4,700.00
Endowment Donations	\$1,165.00
Flower Show 2006	\$15,293.84
Visiting Gardens	<u>\$7,787.14</u>
	\$37,670.43

Disbursements

Bank Charges	\$30.00
Yearbook	\$0.00
Newsletter - "Clippings"	\$1,152.18
Programs	\$6,272.05
Custodian	\$0.00
Discretionary Fund	\$28.00



Insurance	\$266.00
Awards	\$134.69
Medal Funds	\$250.00
President's Fund	\$500.00
Exhibitions	\$553.93
Horticulture	\$507.99
Conservation	\$0.00
Garden History & Design	\$0.00
Hostesses	\$0.00
Public Relations & Photography	\$0.00
Seedlings	\$211.11
Zone III Meeting	\$300.00
Taxes	<u>\$35.00</u>
	\$10,240.95

#### Contributions

John Jay Gardens	\$223.47
Tubs in Bedford Village	<u>\$3,243.69</u>
	\$3,467.16

#### Donations

National Parks	\$35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens	\$150.00
Beaver Dam Sanctuary	\$100.00
Audubon - Ramsey Hunt / Palmer Lewis	\$100.00
Westmoreland Sanctuary	\$150.00
Marsh Sanctuary	\$100.00
Mianus Gorge Preserve	\$100.00
Butler / Meyer Preserve – TNC	\$100.00
Teatown Reservation	\$100.00
Lasdon Arboretum	\$100.00
Wave Hill	\$100.00
New York Botanical Gardens	\$300.00
Bedford Historical Society	\$250.00
GCA Dues	\$6,650.00

GCA Interchange Fellowship	\$100.00
GCA Founders Fund	\$100.00
NY committee of the GCA	\$250.00
Federated Conservationists	\$50.00
Student Conservation Assoc.	\$250.00
Trailside Nature Museum	\$100.00
Native Plant Center	\$30.00
Westchester Land Trust	\$100.00
Friends of Rocky Hill	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$9,415.00
Project Review	
Intern at Mianus	\$7,000.00
Bedford Hills Elementary	\$2,000.00
Prison & Woodward bench	\$3,304.30
Bedford Elementary School	<u>\$1,649.81</u>
	\$13,954.11
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	
Regular	\$24,021.31
C&E 2006 - 2007	\$0.00
C&E 2007 - 2008	\$11,615.00
Operating Reserve	\$2,000.00
Project Review	\$0.00
Waller Gift	\$20,000.00
John Jay Special	\$1,601.97
CD - matures 10/7/10	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$69,238.28
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$33,796.07
Contributions	\$1,165.00
Interest	\$1,310.92
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2007	\$36,271.99
Grand Total	\$105,510.27

notes: Dreyfus interest  
through March '07

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report  
June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$9,848.78
Receipts	
Interest	\$63.26
Balance plus receipts	\$9,912.04
Disbursements	
2006 Annual Meeting	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$9,912.04

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$17,374.63
Receipts	
Interest	\$111.63
Balance plus receipts	\$17,486.26
Disbursements	
Conservation Committee	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$17,486.26

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$5,061.44
Receipts	
Interest	\$32.50
Balance plus receipts	\$5,093.94
Disbursements	
Workshops	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$5,093.94

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007

4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Accounts	
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$11,668.55
Alice Anderson Medal Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$2,267.68
Interest	\$14.56
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$2,282.24
Eloise Luquer Medal Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$3,576.25
Interest	\$22.97
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$3,599.22
Winifred Macomber Award Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$3,021.60
Interest	\$19.41
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$3,041.01
Horticulture Award Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$2,803.02
Interest	\$18.00
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$2,821.02
Balance on hand May 31, 2007	\$11,743.49

note: Balances as of April 30th, 2007 for all savings accounts

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Proposed Operating Budget

June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008

Estimated Income

Dues	\$13,615.00
Projects	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$30.00
Total Estimated Income	<u>\$14,645.00</u>

Estimated

Expenses

Bank Charges	\$36.00
Newsletter	\$2,000.00
Yearbook	\$900.00
Programs/Hostesses	\$4,200.00
Awards	\$300.00
Medal Funds	\$250.00
Discretionary/Typing & Supplies	\$200.00
Insurance	\$266.00
Projects	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$500.00
Horticulture Committee	\$625.00
Exhibitions Committee	\$575.00
Conservation Committee	\$250.00
Garden History & Design	\$250.00
Seedlings	\$500.00
Zone III Annual Meeting	\$400.00
Public Relations/Photography	\$150.00
Custodian	\$100.00
Club History	\$1,000.00
Taxes & Tax Form Preparation	\$285.00
Contingency Fund	<u>\$1,894.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$14,645.00</u>

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Estimated Contributions

John Jay Gardens	\$700.00
Tub Planting & Triangles	\$1,500.00
	\$2,200.00

Estimated Donations

National Parks and Conservation Assoc.	\$35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Garden	\$150.00
Beaver Dam Sanctuary	\$100.00
Bedford Audubon (Palmer/Lewis & Ramsey/Hunt)	\$100.00
Westmoreland Sanctuary	\$150.00
Marsh Sanctuary	\$100.00
Mianus Gorge Preserve	\$100.00
TNC - Butler/Meyer	\$100.00
Teatown Reservation	\$100.00
Lasdon Arboretum	\$100.00
Wave Hill	\$100.00
N.Y. Botanical Gardens	\$300.00
Bedford Historical Society	\$250.00
GCA Dues	\$6,650.00
GCA Interchange Fellowship Fund	\$100.00
GCA Founders' Fund	\$100.00
N.Y. Committee of the GCA	\$250.00
Federated Conservationists of West. County	\$50.00
Student Conservation Association	\$250.00
Friends of the Trailside Nature Museum	\$100.00
Native Plant Center	\$30.00
Westchester Land Trust	\$100.00
Friends Of Rocky Hill	\$100.00
Total Contributions and Donations	\$11,615.00

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OPERATING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand June 1, 2005

Regular	\$4,709.27
C&E 2004 - 2005	\$362.21
C&E 2005 - 2006	\$8,500.00
Operating Reserve	\$2,000.00
Project Review	\$9,551.36
Waller Gift	\$20,000.00
John Jay Special	\$1,569.57
CD - matures 10/7/05	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$56,692.41

Receipts

Interest	\$39.39
Dues	\$12,690.00
Projects	\$143.69
Endowment Donations	\$3,415.79
Flower Show 2006	\$12,774.33
Exhibitions	\$480.00
Marion Woodward Memorial Fund	<u>\$1,595.00</u>
	\$31,138.20

Disbursements

Bank Charges	\$20.00
Yearbook	\$846.27
Newsletter - "Clippings"	\$1,456.47
Programs	\$3,198.03
Custodian	\$0.00
Discretionary Fund	\$97.99
Insurance	\$266.00

Awards	\$345.37
Medal Funds	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$0.00
Visiting Gardens	\$28.80
Horticulture	\$0.00
Conservation	\$0.00
Garden History & Design	\$0.00
Hostesses	\$0.00
Public Relations & Photography	\$0.00
Seedlings	\$54.88
Zone III Meeting	\$0.00
Taxes	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$6,363.81

#### Contributions

John Jay Gardens	\$142.10
Tubs in Bedford Village	<u>\$834.03</u>
	\$976.13

#### Donations

National Parks	\$35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens	\$150.00
Beaver Dam Sanctuary	\$100.00
Audubon - Ramsey Hunt / Palmer Lewis	\$100.00
Westmoreland Sanctuary	\$150.00
Marsh Sanctuary	\$100.00
Mianus Gorge Preserve	\$100.00
Butler / Meyer Preserve – TNC	\$100.00
Teatown Reservation	\$100.00
Lasdon Arboretum	\$100.00
St. Matthew's Church	\$200.00
Caramoor	\$250.00
Wave Hill	\$100.00
New York Botanical Gardens	\$250.00
Bedford Historical Society	\$250.00



GCA Dues	\$4,655.00
GCA Interchange Fellowship	\$0.00
GCA Founders Fund	\$0.00
NY committee of the GCA	\$0.00
Federated Conservationists	\$50.00
Student Conservation Assoc.	\$250.00
Trailside Nature Museum	\$100.00
Native Plant Center	<u>\$30.00</u>
	\$7,170.00
Project Review	
Prison Childrens' Garden	\$3,500.00
Photos for Ahome	<u>\$43.00</u>
	\$3,543.00
Balance on hand June 1, 2006	
Regular	\$29,483.66
C&E 2005 - 2006	\$716.08
C&E 2006 - 2007	\$0.00
Operating Reserve	\$2,000.00
Project Review	\$6,008.36
Waller Gift	\$20,000.00
John Jay Special	\$1,601.97
CD - matures 10/7/05	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$69,810.07
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$32,568.35
Interest	\$1,227.72
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$33,796.07
Grand Total	\$103,606.14

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$9,780.08
Receipts	
Interest	\$68.70
Balance plus receipts	\$9,848.78
Disbursements	
2006 Annual Meeting	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$9,848.78

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$17,253.45
Receipts	
Interest	\$121.18
Balance plus receipts	\$17,374.63
Disbursements	
Conservation Committee	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$17,374.63

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$5,026.15
Receipts	
Interest	\$35.29
Balance plus receipts	\$5,061.44
Disbursements	
Workshops	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$5,061.44

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Alice Anderson Medal Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$2,251.87
Interest	\$15.81
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$2,267.68
Eloise Luquer Medal Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$3,551.32
Interest	\$24.93
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$3,576.25
Winifred Macomber Award Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$3,000.53
Interest	\$21.07
Contributions	
Balance on hand May 31, 2006	\$3,021.60
Horticulture Award Account	
Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$2,783.48
Interest	\$19.54
Contributions	
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Insurance	\$266.00
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Exhibitions Committee	\$575.00
Conservation Committee	\$750.00
Garden History & Design	\$250.00
Seedlings	\$150.00
Zone III Annual Meeting	\$300.00
Public Relations/Photography	\$250.00
Custodian	\$600.00
Club History	\$1,000.00
Taxes & Tax Form Preparation	\$250.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,879.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$14,645.00</u>

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	<u>\$1,450.00</u>

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Total Donations	<u><u>\$9,865.00</u></u>

RECORDING SECRETARY

2006-2007

Beginning in July, 2006, the Bedford Garden Club held 9 Executive Committee Meetings and 8 Regular Committee Meetings, including the Annual Meeting. There were no Regular Meetings in July 2006, August, 2006, November 2006, and March 2007. There were no Executive Committee Meetings in August 2006, December 2006 and March 2007.

Mary Finnegan

RECORDING SECRETARY

2005-2006

Beginning in July, 2005, the Bedford Garden Club held 8 Executive Committee Meetings and 8 Regular Committee Meetings, including the Annual Meeting. There were no Regular Meetings in July 2005, August 2005, November 2005, and March 2006. There were no Executive Committee Meetings in August 2005, November 2005, December 2005, and March 2006.

Mary Finnegan

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2007

The past year was a busy one with a few glitches in the beginning, but everything was sorted out. We cut down on the number of Clippings mailed, so for some meetings only blue cards were sent out. Number of responses, yea and nay, were communicated to the head hostesses.

Meg Parsons

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2006

Seven issues of Clippings were sent out. This year 50 members received their Clippings via e-mail. The remaining members received theirs the old fashioned way. The last copy of Clippings included inserts and pictures of the spectacular flower show "Under a Tuscan Sun".

Meg Parsons

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2006-2007

The Conservation Committee continues to encourage our members to participate in civic activities, in land preservation, and in environmental education. A primary task has been attending and reporting on the Town of Bedford's many committees with oversight of land use: Planning, Zoning and Wetlands, as well as the Town Board. Attendance has yielded a heightened awareness of development pressures in town and of government and private initiatives which address or exacerbate land use trends. We are now very aware of the remedial action we may take as homeowners and citizens.

Following on news of town-wide activities, discussions ensued on land preservation topics. Especially helpful were interviews with the people who make use of conservation easements. Our report addressed what easements are, who initiates them and crafts them, how reliable they are as legal devices, and their prospect for each of us as landowners or as members of the Bedford community where many parcels of land are now being eased, with easements being maintained into the future by the Westchester Land Trust.

Other successful committee work has been the clean up of our section of Route 22 with much trash collected and properly discarded. We thank all who helped in keeping Bedford's main road handsome and neat. We have continued, as a club, to weed, plant and water gardens and tubs around town, enhancing the quality of life for everyone. And we gave a power point report, based on last year's conservation exhibit in the flower show on the topic of drinking water, to the Bedford Village Library. Arriving in time for the start of the school year, the information on our water supply was available for every library visitor, a very effective educational tool for which we thank the flower show committee

Caroline Niemczyk and Melissa Selby, Co-chairmen

### Adopt-a-Road

2005-2007

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 15 years. We were able to have two successful road clean-ups in 2005-2006 and an equal number in 2006-007. We had good groups of volunteers each time. We meet at The Hook Road, signed in, and picked up the DOT gear. Then we went off to assigned road sections in groups of two. It took about one hour to complete the tasks each time. We were lucky in our planning. All who helped with this project had a good feeling of doing something for the community to keep it beautiful but only with about one hour of volunteer time. The Conservation Committee appreciates all the members who participated in this Adopt-a-Road project.

Gilda McGarry

## Town Meetings

2006 – 2007

This year saw follow-up from last year's concentration on water. The theme was a constant in planning and zoning meetings, and on members' minds. Rather than just report on meetings and hearings, since we felt the big themes had all been identified, we tried instead to offer some tentative answers to the biggest questions. Of course, those just led to more and more questions.

Water testing: what is the first thing you do if you find a contaminant in your well? Test it again. It's very possible that the fault was in the test, not the water – and then you can get to the questions of how to remediate; how to filter; how to find clean water; how to notify your neighbors and potential purchasers. What is the town doing about its expensive stormwater-management obligations under the Clean Water Act? Banding together with the 11 other towns in the Croton Watershed as part of the Northern Westchester Watershed Committee, for a regional solution. Are the members of the coalition similar enough to be interested in a shared solution, other than in being overwhelmed by the new obligations?

What is an easement, really? Who holds all these easements that are being created, and will they manage them responsibly? This is a new area, of public interest (open space) being created by an owner and a town, and then held by a third party, a non-governmental body (the Land Trust, for example, or Nature Conservancy). While we applaud our permitting boards for their sincere attempts to be flexible and accommodating to owners, we'll want them to be realistic about the future staffing and enforcement need they're building up. Who is going to keep track of these interests, and for how long? Who is going to pay to enforce them when memories fade and circumstances change?

What about organics as an alternative to chemical herbicides and pesticides: Are there any jurisdictions that really use them systematically and with a full commitment? Are they effective? How expensive are they? Maybe we can learn from Canada's experiment, or Fairfield County's. Maybe we can produce our own. I know, I know – I said we offered tentative answers, and all I've given here are more questions. Sorry! Thanks to all the brilliant and committed members of the Bedford Garden Club who helped work through these most important issues. Lots more work for next year.

Melissa Vail Selby

## Town Meetings

2005 – 2006

This year saw the full range of planning and zoning issues, on ratios, setbacks, variances, permits.... Themes: how to balance competing needs, and how to be flexible without being a patsy. Sometimes solutions exist that make everyone happy – plantings can protect a vernal pond against a driveway; a schedule for dredging can protect those little spring-breeding frogs. Sometimes the board needed to be extra prescriptive, where owners have broken past promises (meadow maintenance). Sometimes the board takes on a big obligation for continuing oversight and enforcement (a rain garden in the woods at the bottom of a steep slope. Really??)



Sometimes the Board relies on whistle-blowers: we were given detailed instructions on how anonymously to rat out a neighbor who appears to be violating an ordinance – even presented in a way that made it feel helpful! And sometimes a board just has to punt: what about underground wiring in the historic district, and the damage to old trees from all that trenching? Don't decide yet – hold more hearings.

The members of the Bedford Garden Club are to be commended for their thoughtful and conscientious attendance at planning and zoning meetings this year! This was also the year of Water: the proposal to expand the wetlands buffer, the symposium at St. Matthew's, the Flower Show exhibit, and the town's continuing struggles (political, financial, mechanical) with drinking and waste in their water districts. Our conclusions, respectively? Defeated; interesting but inconclusive; powerful; and frustrating. Not to mention the beginning sounds of legal steps to cut back the scope of the Clean Water Act. Even if these issues were resolved locally this year, they're not solved. For how long will we be able to drink our own groundwater? What will be the technologies we'll need to depend on when we can't? How much will it cost?

What were our most important lessons from the Flower Show exhibit? First, and most important, we've got some smart, hard-working, talented and artistic members! Second, when it comes to testing your well water, you only find what you look for. And finally, this is a big issue: let's save all we've learned so we can build on it.

Melissa Vail Selby

### Recycling

No Report

### National Affairs & Legislation

GCA Legislative Update 2006-2007

Given the power shift in the House and the Senate, the environmental legislative agenda was more helpful and active than in recent years. Here are a few highlights:

#### Global Warming

After years of emphasizing the need for energy independence and more energy, never mind the impact on global warming, Congress is now reflecting a new enthusiasm for “doing something” about emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gases (GHGs). With leadership backing, the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress has launched a spate of initiatives which now are making their way through the legislative maze. These initiatives are:

- Senate ENR energy efficiency bill, S.1115 – addresses standards and funding for renewable fuels, biofuels and large scale sequestration of carbon emissions.
- Senate EPW biofuels bill, S.1297 – similar attempt to address standards for renewable fuels, establishing a green fuels labeling program and promotion of the most suitable lands for clean fuels development.
- CAFÉ Standards (Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency) – the Senate Commerce Committee reported a bill that would require the Dept. of Transportation to raise CAFÉ standards to an average of 35 mpg by 2020 for cars and light trucks

- with 4% improvement each year after.
- Carbon Emission Caps – in April, the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that the EPA has the authority under the Clean Air Act to limit carbon emissions. The ruling, however, neither forced EPA to limit emissions nor specified how such emissions limits must be structured.
- Senate Resolution, S.Res.30 – promotes U.S. participation in the international negotiations that are already under way to establish how the world should proceed after the current agreement expires in 2012. The U.S. is not participating in the current agreement and thus does not have a seat at the table where follow-on binding arrangements are being discussed.

#### Water

WRDA (Water Resources Development Act ) Authorization – HR 1495 – a fast track, pork laden bill was introduced in March that would weaken the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provisions for Corps of Engineers projects. Critical wetland loss is of concern as well as diversion of scarce surface water for agricultural use and for continuing commercial and residential development.

#### Oceans

HR 21 – is a comprehensive oceans reform bill sponsored by members of the House Oceans Caucus. It was first introduced in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress and has gone through several iterations. The current version, which has 29 cosponsors from both parties, draws heavily from reports issued by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the Pew Oceans Commission, and the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative. It fills in missing pieces in the current law governing our policies regarding protection of ocean ecosystems. Among its provisions are the following:

- It would establish a National Oceans Advisor to the president, a White House Committee on Oceans Policy, and a Council of Oceans Policy Advisors.
- It would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) administrator to set up a network of regional ocean ecosystem resource information systems for each ocean region and other bodies of water.
- It would designate certain ocean regions for ecosystem-based management and would establish a Regional Ocean Partnership for each region.
- It would establish a \$1.32 billion Ocean and Great Lakes Conservation Trust Fund, financed partly by a “healthy oceans” postage stamp. The fund would make payments to coastal states for development and implementation of regional ocean strategy plans.
- It would create an “organic law” for NOAA to bring together all of NOAA’s various authorities and responsibilities in a single coordinated statute. Right now NOAA’s authorities are found in a hodge-podge of various riders, acts, amendments and executive orders passed at different times.

Olivia Farr

Audubon Sanctuaries  
2005-2007

PALMER LEWIS SANCTUARY: Consists of 26 acres and is located off Rout 121. This is the smallest of Bedford Audubon's sanctuaries.

FRANKLIN FELS SANCTUARY, NORTH SALEM: This property has existed in an undeveloped state for many years while in Bedford Audubon's possession. Recently, work has begun to establish a marker trail system, foot bridges, parking area and signage for the property.

HUNT PARKER SANCTUARY: Without a doubt the crown jewel of Bedford Audubon's sanctuary system this 318 sanctuary boasts a well established marked trail system through a variety of habitats.

Nancy C. Wyeth, Representative

The Beaver Dam Sanctuary  
2005-2007

Beaver Dam Sanctuary, Inc. has a new trail map, created using GSI, which is accurate and very helpful. Any future acquisitions can be added. At the kiosk in the lower meadow there is an enlarged version of the map as well as Sanctuary rules. There are also new signs in the Sanctuary.

From the Marilyn Simpson Meadow on Route 22 down to the meadow on Beaver Dam Road and along the river, the area is beautiful. Come and walk, and be aware of our local beauty!

Ann Van N. McDuffie, Representative

The Butler-Meyer Preserve  
of the Eastern New York Chapter of the Nature Conservancy  
2005 and 2007

This is a busy and rewarding time for the Butler and Meyer Preserves which has taken on a new and exciting direction. The chapter hosted a "Books At Butler" series of highly successful author events. These gatherings allowed Conservancy members and guests access to well-known authors and inspired discussions on front-page issues facing the community at large. These events held at Butler and other venues across Westchester have been the catalyst for lively conversations on the natural and social history of the Hudson River Valley, global climate change, the challenges of creating wildlife corridors to protect threatened species and even oysters!

Authors highlighted this past year included the following: Mark Kurlansky, *The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell*, Elizabeth Kolbert, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe -- Man, Nature and Climate Change*, Jonathan Adams, *The Future of the Wild*. Tom Lewis, *The Hudson: A History*" Amy Stewart, *Flower Confidential - The Good, the Bad and the*

*Beautiful in the Business of Flowers*, and Patricia Schultz, author of *1,000 Places to See Before You Die*.

Numerous volunteer days were held at the preserves for "spiffing-up" our beautiful surroundings. Butler Sanctuary is no stranger to invasive plants, so one of the tasks assigned to volunteers was to remove these invasives by hand pulling garlic mustard, cutting back Japanese barberry and severing Asiatic bittersweet vines.

In 2006, the Butler Sanctuary was opened to pets on a trial basis and led several dog walks in a effort to combine recreation with an appreciation for a pristine natural habitat. I am told these events were well received, especially the bones! Also, a Vistors' Survey was created for feedback on our preserves.

Litigation continues with Seven Springs LLC to oppose any attempt to re-open an abandoned road that runs through the Meyer Preserve.

Finally, many exciting programs are planned for next year including the "Books At Butler" series. Plan to take advantage of the wonderful programs offered at our preserves or plan a visit to enjoy our special corner of the world!

Joyce L. Espy, Representative

#### The Marsh Sanctuary

No Report

#### The Mianus River Gorge Preserve 2005-2007

The Mianus River Gorge consists of over 750 acres of woodland and forest along the Mianus River. The Preserve is dedicated to protecting the Gorge and the quality of its watershed. There are always interesting programs sponsored by the MRGP - in the summer of 2007 they have been conducting a research project on coyotes. To learn more about this vital organization, check out their website at [www.mianus.org](http://www.mianus.org) or just take a hike down the trails on a beautiful day.

Betsey Johnson, Representative

#### Ward Pound Ridge Reservation /Luquer-Marble Wildflower Garden 2005 - 2007

In July 2006, Brenda Freeman-Bates was named Senior Curator at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Brenda had been the Curator at the Trailside Museum since 2002, when Beth Herr became the park superintendent (now called Senior Curator). The duty of Trailside Curator was passed to Michael Gambino, who had been both Beth and Brenda's assistant. Michael is a passionate and dedicated naturalist, as well as a gifted artist, writer and educator. Taro Letaka and Jack Cedarholm, also both very knowledgeable naturalists, now assist him.

In the spring of 2006, Taro purchased many wildflowers from The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College and numerous tree saplings from other sources, which we planted in the wildflower garden and around the Trailside Museum. In 2007 Planting Day again saw a stalwart group of our members weeding the garden, which is a unique and tranquil place.

Louisa Rawle Tiné, Representative

Westmoreland Sanctuary

No Report

Bonnie Trotta, Representative

EXHIBITIONS

2006-2007

The past two years have flown!!! When Virginia called me two years ago and asked if I would consider chairing exhibitions I was staggered. Not only did I know NOTHING about flower arranging, the thought of entering a flower show made me break out in hives. As I have never learned the no word, I found myself reluctantly agreeing as she said she was desperate...clearly she was!!!!

So I was launched into the mysterious world of arranging flowers following, the rules of color, form and design. It was then that God sent Dominique Bauron to me and it is to her that I give the credit for my enthusiasm.

The mission of exhibitions was to encourage novices to open themselves up to the experience of entering flower shows without the fear, the theory behind this approach being . . . Flower arranging can be FUN! ! ! I hope we all reached our goal.

Greens Day 2007 brought the very talented Maureen Lanning from Bedford Village Florist with her brilliant ideas for Christmas decor. Our wreaths were very well received as always and our boutique sold out almost immediately.

Our workshop originally scheduled for November was rescheduled for February when we trooped in to the flower market in New York, filled our cars with blooms and returned to my kitchen to have fun creating our own designs which Dominique gently critiqued for us. Our French inspired in house spring show "Jolie Printemps" was an enormous success with novices taking the day. Beth Stern won honorable mention with her first attempt at a miniature, Nonnie Reynders won the challenge class with her stunning arrangement, Shelly Flickenger, newly returned to Bedford and the Garden club took the blue with her magnificent mass arrangement; Dominique Bauron won Par with her amazing clivia. I, most amazingly, won the blue ribbon in the table setting class. It was a charming and well attended show. Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

I'd just like to thank everyone who supported me in this endeavor and who helped me to learn a new skill and work with new members of our club. I have always found this club to be a supportive and caring environment and felt enriched to have been able to participate. Let's keep up the good work and keep finding the joy and fun in flowers!!!!!!!

Wendy Cushman

EXHIBITIONS

2005- 2006

This year's exhibition committee prepared for our small flower show, "Under the Tuscan Sun" which was held in June. Our focus was to illustrate how flower arranging can be fun in hopes of encouraging participation in the show.

Dominique Bauron opened our series in November with her workshop, "The principles of floral design; conditioning, cleaning tools and containers, and design elements." Dominique provided all of the participants with containers and floral material, after she had demonstrated the principles of line arrangements, together with handouts. The women enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and plunged in to create their own line arrangements. These works were then critiqued by Dominique and everyone went home with her arrangement much the wiser.

Greensday was enhanced with the workshop held by designer Clare Stewart from Baltimore. Clare spent the better part of an hour and a half entertaining us with her wit and keen sense of flower arrangement and design while her nimble fingers created phantasmagoric decor for the holidays. The workshop could have been extended, but we had work to do making the wreaths for Northern Westchester Hospital, John Jay Homestead, Historical Hall, and The Westmorland Sanctuary.

February was brightened by M.J. Mercurio and Lisa Gerard as they educated us on small arrangements in a niche. M.J. provided containers, handouts, niche mock up, and oasis which were picked up by the participants before the workshop. The attendees were asked to create their own designs at home and then bring them to the workshop to be "judged" by Lisa and M.J. As we had only eight slots they were limited to women who were actually entering the class, but others joined to observe. M.J. and Lisa spent a great deal of time discussing all of the arrangements allowing us to integrate the work with the rules. Everyone agreed that they learned a great deal from this format. Our grand finale was a workshop held at Historical Hall led by the incredible Susan Detjens from Sheffield Mass. Susan created breathtaking mass arrangements and stunning table arrangements as we watched in awe.

I think we all agree that the workshops helped us have more fun through confidence and learning. We hope we can take this philosophy into the next year as we pursue our passion for flowers while "having fun" and perhaps, enticing others to join us.

Wendy Cushman

## HORTICULTURE

2006-2007

This year turned out to be a "getting ready for a major flower show" tutorial. Specifically we used the program for the upcoming March 2007 Greenfingers Garden Club schedule as our focus.

In October a group of about fifteen members met in my garage and discussed strategies for forcing bulbs. Available to all were the bulbs asked for in the Greenfingers schedule: specific varieties of narcissus, tulip, and hyacinth. We chose different mixtures of potting material, added fertilizer or not, gave spacious or cramped treatment and went home to put our experiments in various cold weather locations for personal choices of allotted time. More about this to follow!

In January we met again in the (envy of all gardeners) exquisite greenhouse of member Linda Wilson where ten or so members talked about planting seeds in winter. We were particularly interested in nasturtiums to fulfill another horticulture class in the Greenfingers schedule. We discussed various advantages and risks of heat, grow lights, transplanting, hardening off etc. We also potted up the amaryllis requested for a bulb forcing class.

Some of us began to pull our winterized bulbs out during January to force into bloom for the big day in March! From the reports I received, one member's bulbs were so successful that by the March show her blooms had already come and gone; some just chose to enjoy theirs at home and the few of us who brought our beauties to the show were very pleased but none were winners.

In May our president Virginia Maybank arranged a workshop at The Greenwich Garden Center for members to learn and practice propagation of plants by leaf cuttings. In preparation for The Zone III Garden Club of America horticulture entry, we were particularly interested in begonia cuttings, but also used African violets and Streptocarpus. Several of our members were able to successfully send their sprouted cuttings to the Zone III Flower Show in Southampton.

Congratulations to Dominique Barron who won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for her "Clivia" in our In-House Flower Show and also 1<sup>st</sup> Prize and Best in Show for her cut branch deutzia and Honorable Mention for her cutting of climbing rose "American Pillar" in the Zone III Flower Show.

In closing I am grateful to all the growers who came to the workshops and educated us all with their valuable insights and funny stories. Gardening workshops are wonderful!

Bonnie Trotta

## HORTICULTURE

2005-2006

This year I decided to concentrate on basic gardening knowledge that some of us have overlooked or may not really have the latest advice. I wanted to make the concept of gardening more a communal enterprise by getting together and sharing stories and tips on things that have worked for other Club member's growing adventures.

November 2nd, 2005 was our first meeting at my house. I had done a little research in Gardening Books and at the Cornell Cooperative Center in Valhalla about soil in our area. I had handouts describing what soil could possibly be composed of and what the optimum soil would be for different garden plants and trees. We discussed different commercial soil testing kits, gadgets and 'send away' analysis sites. Ultimately, we each tested soil from an area or two from our own gardens by putting a soil sample in a tall thin jar, adding a bit of detergent and filling with water. After thorough shaking and prolonged settling we could observe the rough percentages of sand, clay and loam as it settled in visible layers. We discussed the possible steps we could take to improve the loam content of our soils as that seemed to be needed by everyone. Next we tested our soils for Ph and again discussed the merits of slightly acidic soils which are prevalent in our area. Also we looked at what would be needed to raise the Ph of soils to allow for a

different flora. We discussed lots of products on the market and concluded that everybody likes lots of Hollytone and Sweet Peat and earthworms.

Our next meeting was in January and it was incumbent on us to study the process of starting seeds indoors in preparation for the June flower show "Under A Tuscan Sun". The seed had been obtained as was required from The Seed Savers Exchange, an organic collection of heirloom seeds harvested and protected by standardized practices. We looked at many different trays and pots, clay, plastic and pressed peat, potting soils and additives, covers, identifying labels, heat, lighting and timing. Everyone planted seeds or took them home to plant. Each of us chose slightly different growing conditions, and we had good fun comparing notes as our 'babies' emerged. Linda Wilson and I both tucked our favorite combination of grown seedlings-plants into containers to exhibit in the Insalata Mista Class at our flower show.

On February 8th a trip was organized to the NYC Flower Market for the purpose of purchasing topiaries to possibly exhibit in the Le Statue Verdi Class at the June flower show. Members also volunteered to put miniature Italian Gardens together for a Class called 'Un Piccolo Giardino'.

At the Planting Day meeting in May, members brought cut stems of flowers to The John Jay Homestead Barn for an entertaining and invaluable discussion of what judges are looking for in the upcoming Tutti I Fiori Class.'

Finally the day we had all been training for: June 1 and all assembled, arranged and awaited the judges' decisions. The evening party was a drenching success and many members and their progeny won hard earned ribbons. Everybody produced expert displays and learned a lot more about each other and the secrets of successful gardening.

At this time members of the BGC are trying to grow seeds and care for plants distributed to all Zone III clubs for exhibit at the Zone III meeting to be held September 26-28 hosted by The Essex County Garden Club.

The lengthy list of spectacular horticultural awards at our "Under A Tuscan Sun" Flower Show is listed below.

Bonnie Trotta

### MEMBERSHIP

2006-2007

Our committee reviewed many letters of support for our wonderful new members, as well as letters requesting category changes for existing members. A special thanks to the Membership Committee, namely:

Mrs. Edward Côté (Storrs), Mrs. Peter Ehrlich (Selby)

Mrs. Joseph Maybank (Virginia), Mrs. J. Howland Robinson (Janet)

### New Members



Mrs. Jonathon Conner (Janet)  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor (Taylor)

Resignations

	Active Status	
<u>Category Changes</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mrs. John Babcock (Lynn)	Active	Affiliate
Mrs. William Jackson (Linn)	Active	Sustaining
Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy (Mary Helen)	Active	Associate
Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz (Rosemary)	Active	Associate
Mrs. Donald Mossman (Libby)	Active	Affiliate
Mrs. Steven Niemczyk (Caroline)	Active	Associate
Mrs. S. Howard Padwee (Jane)	Active	Affiliate
Mrs. Harold Talbot (Louise)	Active	Associate
Mrs. Kendrick Wilson (Linda)	Active	Sustaining

In Memoriam

Mrs. Benjamin C. Branch (Joan)  
Mrs. Graham Clark (Jane)

MEMBERSHIP

2005-2006

Our committee reviewed many letters of support for our three new members, who were enthusiastically received by Membership and later voted on and accepted by the Executive committee. I greatly appreciate the time and effort given by the Membership Committee, namely:

Mrs. Edward Cote (Storrs), Mrs. Peter Ehrlich (Selby)  
Mrs. Joseph Maybank (Virginia), Mrs. J. Howland Robinson (Janet)

New Members

Mrs. Edwin C. Hoffman (Ann)  
Mrs. Steven Kroll (Sally)  
Mrs. Roger Stem (Beth)

Resignations

Mrs. Harold O'Callaghan (Catherine)	Active status
Mrs. Phillips Lounsbery (Bobbie)	Associate status
Mrs. William Eggleston (Pat)	Sustaining status

In Memoriam

Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward (Marion)

Susan McDowell

## PROGRAMS

2006-2007

My great thanks to all of our members and friends, who have made my job such a delight. It is certainly a collaborative effort and your ideas and suggestions are our best resource. It is an exciting challenge to discover speakers that expand our knowledge and understanding of a variety of topics. This year we received five wonderful speakers each one enthusing us with expert knowledge in the field of conservation, horticulture, flower arranging and garden design.

September 20, 2006

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

Speaker: Rod Christie, executive director, Mianus River Gorge.

Topic: The Ecology of our Eastern Forests.

October 11, 2006

St. Matthew's Church

Speaker: Henry M. White, Master Landscape Designer.

Topic: A variety of commercial, institutional and residential projects that exemplify his ambitions of transformation.

December 6, 2006

Westmoreland Sanctuary

Speaker: Maureen Laning of the Bedford Village Florist

Topic: Holiday Flower Arranging.

January 7, 2007

Bedford Historical Hall

Speaker: Eleanor Weller Reade

Topic: *The Golden Age of American Gardens*

February 24, 2007

Saint Matthew's Church

Speaker: Suzy Bales, author

Topic: The Down to Earth Gardener

April 18, 2007

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

In House Flower Show

May 17, 2007

John Jay Homestead Barns

Planting Day - brief meeting and coffee – off to clean-up, replant and beautify the triangles, tubs and public gardens of the three hamlets.

June 21, 2007

Shirley Bianco's house

The annual meeting complete with beautiful tea and memorable reports and awards.

With gratitude to all and wishes for lots of green in all our futures.

Liza Clymer

HOSTESSES

2006-2007

**September 20, 2006**

Speaker: Rod Christie  
Topic: The Ecology of Our Forests  
Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club  
Hostesses:

**October 11, 2006**

Speaker: Henry M. White  
Topic: Landscape Design  
Place: St. Matthew's Church  
Hostesses: Polly Winans - Head Hostess  
Ann Hoffman

**November 2006**

No meeting

**December 6, 2006**

Topic: Greensday  
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary  
Hostesses: Kim Morris – Head Hostess  
Joan Montross, Betty Wamsley  
Caroline Niemczyk

**January 17, 2007**

Speaker: Eleanor Walter Reade  
Topic: *The Golden Age of American Gardens*  
Place: Bedford Historical Hall  
Hostesses: Susan Mc Dowell - Head Hostess  
Betsy Atkins, Louisa Tine, Anne Putnam

**February 24, 2007**

Speaker: Suzy Bales  
Topic: The Down to Earth Gardener  
Place: St. Matthew's Church  
Hostesses: Varner Redmon - Head Hostess  
Bonnie MacDonald, Linda Wilson, Helen Parker

**March 2007**

**No Meeting**

**April 18, 2007**

**In House Flower Show**

**May 17, 2007**

Topic: Planting Day  
Place: John Jay Homestead Barn  
Hostesses: Libby Mossman - Head Hostess  
Storrs Côté, Laura Lee Montross, Mary Helen Kennedy

**June 21, 2007**

Topic: Annual Meeting  
Place: Shirley Bianco's House  
Hostesses: Louise Talbot - Head Hostess  
Lindsay Matthews, Bitsy Tatnall, Susan Bostwick, Mary Finnegan

Many thanks to the above mentioned members as well as the last minute wonders who stepped in when life happens.

Janet Robinson

PROGRAMS  
2005-2006

What a year! What a wonderful group of gifted, ingenious, brilliant, artistic, skillful, capable, competent, and vivacious members who provided and produced a resplendent Small Flower Show, titled "Under a Tuscan Sun". It was a gallant effort and success led by Susanne Bowers and Heather Langham, and they are the "stars".

The challenge was to provide interesting, informative, and exciting speakers who could educate, enthuse, and inform us about Italian gardens, which was our focus this year. The hope was not only to guide us through a very creative Flower Show, but also to lend ideas to our own gardens. We hope you enjoyed the Show!!

I extend my gratitude to the members who advised me about speakers, encouraged discussion and experimentation. Throughout the year, we remained spirited, committed, and elegant despite the improbable weather conditions!! It was a victory for all!!

September 12, 2005

White Planes Performing Arts Center

Dr. Sylvia Earle - "Sustainable Seas, the Vision and the Reality"

October 19, 2005

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

Dominique Bauron - "How to Enter a Flower Show with Success"

December 7, 2005

Westmoreland Sanctuary

Clare Stewart - "Christmas Decor Extravaganza"

January 18, 2006

Caramoor Music Room  
Judith Chatfield - "The Classic Italian Garden"

February 17, 2006  
St. Matthew's Church  
Keith Morgan - "Charles Platt's American Gardens and the Influence of Italy"

April 19, 2006  
Bedford Historical Hall  
Areta Warren - "Garden History and Design"

May 18, 2006  
John Jay Homestead Barn  
Discussion about Flower Show and "How to Prepare Cuttings"

June 21, 2006  
Olivia Farr's Home Annual Meeting

Liza Clymer

HOSTESSES  
2005-2006

**September 12, 2005**                      **10:30 AM - Coffee**  
Speaker:            Dr. Sylvia Earle  
Topic:                "Sustainable Seas, the Vision and the Reality"  
Place:                White Plains Performing Arts Center  
Hostesses:           None Needed

**October 19, 2005**                      **10:30 AM - Lunch**  
Speaker:            Dominique Buaron  
Topic:                "How to Enter a Flower Show with Success"  
Place:                Bedford Golf and Tennis Club  
Hostesses:           Phoebe Perry - Head Hostess  
                             Leslie Wortman, Nanny Wyeth

**November 2005**                      No meeting

**December 7, 2005**                      **8:45 AM - Coffee**                      **Topic:            Greensday**  
Place:                Westmoreland Sanctuary  
Hostesses:           Anne Catchpole-Howell – Head Hostess  
                             Kirtley Cameron, Shirley Bianco  
                             Lindsey Pinchot, Heather Langham

**January 18, 2006**                      **9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker: Judith Chatfield  
Topic: Italian Gardens  
Place: Caramoor Music Room  
Hostesses: Melissa Selby - Head Hostess  
Alicia Fox, Dominique Buaron, Candy Borner

**February 17, 2006**

**3:00 PM – Winter Tea**

Speaker: Keith Morgan  
Topic: “Charles Platt’s American Gardens and the Influence of Italy”  
Place: St. Matthew’s Church  
Child care will provided in the Nursery  
Hostesses: Mary Helen Kennedy - Head Hostess  
Denise Santomero, Allison Ryan, Wendy Ross, Gilda McGarry

**March 2006**

**No Meeting**

**April 19, 2006**

**9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker: Areta Warren  
Topic: Garden History and Design  
Place: Historical Hall  
Hostesses: Tina Foster - Head Hostess  
Lindsey Jones, Cindy Dwyer, Carole Rice

**May 17, 2006**

**8:45 AM - Coffee**

Topic: Planting Day  
Meeting and coffee  
Place: John Jay Homestead Barn  
Hostesses: Cindy Swank - Head Hostess  
Samatha O’Brien, Lynn Babcock, Ellen Conrad

**June 21, 2006**

**2:00 PM - Tea**

Topic: Annual Meeting  
Meeting and tea  
Place: To be announced  
Hostesses: Dee Edger - Head Hostess  
Cynthia Mas, Cassie Kernan, Mimi Lines  
Kirk Ferguson

With sincere thanks to our gracious hostesses for our lovely meetings

Janet Robinson

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### AWARDS

2006-2007

At the Zone III meeting and flower show held in Southampton, NY, where all 22 clubs in the zone were represented, two exciting awards were given to two of our members, one a GCA award and the other a Zone III award.

The Dorothy Vietor Munger Award may be awarded to members of Garden Club of America clubs only in competitive flower arranging classes at a Small Flower Show. It is offered in recognition of creative work of outstanding beauty using predominantly fresh plant material. The arrangement must have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Challenge classes are not eligible for this award. The award is not a substitute for Best in Show and will be given at the discretion of the judges.

The recipient's entry represented the Bedford Garden Club. She competed against 21 other garden clubs. This year the Dorothy Vietor award was given to Dominique Buaron by the GCA flower show committee for her arrangement in the Zone III flower show "for her creativity with fresh flowers."

The Zone III Horticulture Arts award, in honor of Elizabeth Platt Corning is awarded to Zone III GCA clubs or members as well as other organizations and individuals for special achievement in the field of Horticulture Arts which may include literature, the fine arts or education. The interpretation of this award is to be broad in scope and imaginative.

The recipient teaches botanical art and illustration at the NY Botanical Garden. She has done so for 20 years. Her work has been exhibited in over 200 shows throughout the US. She shares her talents willingly in an understated way. She designed and painted the certificate for this award for the GCA. Last week the Zone III Horticulture Committee awarded the Zone III Horticultural Arts Award in honor of Elizabeth Platt Corning to Louisa Tiné "for her distinguished accomplishments as a botanical painter and educator and for her selfless contributions to botanical presentation and preservation. She has with grace and modesty, shared with us her exceptional talents and imparted to us her depth of knowledge."

The Bedford Garden Club's Awards Committee met and after much thought and deliberation awarded the following to deserving members: the Winifred Macomber Award, The Oliver Bowl, the Golden Trowel, and the Conservation Award. We also awarded two special citations. I am most grateful to my dedicated committee.

Knowlton Reynders

**The Winifred Macomber Award**

The Winifred Macomber Award recognizes outstanding effort or achievement in the field of flower arranging and/or garden design. Mrs. Macomber was an inveterate and successful competitor in flower shows and, perhaps more important, mentored less experienced members.

Our candidate this year meets all the requirements of this award. She has given her time, her energy, abilities and great spirit to us all. Whether it be helping us to learn more about arranging, guiding us through the intricate path to producing a flower show or being available when asked and to answer the simplest of questions. She is creative, has boundless energy and a great flair.

It is with great pleasure that I present the Winifred Macomber Award to Dominique Buaron.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Winifred Macomber Award  
To  
Dominique Buaron**

For her talents so thoughtfully shared and her many achievements in flower arranging



### **Golden Trowel Horticulture Award**

The golden trowel is given to a member of the Bedford Garden Club to acknowledge and applaud outstanding contributions in the field of horticulture.

This year's recipient has worn many hats. She seems to be able to contribute and use her talents in any area. She has had many jobs within the club. She has been attentive to the needs and requirements of each job. She has co-chaired exhibitions, been a vice-president, co-chaired the Anderson Memorial Terrace, been the Westmoreland representative and a GCA delegate. She has received the Winifred Macomber Award and a President's award.

Our recipient enjoys exhibiting and competing in flower shows. She is good at it and will step up at the final hour to fill in to represent the club. She has concentrated her talents and leadership abilities in horticulture over the last few years giving copious workshops to prepare the horticulture membership for our shows as well as a full outside schedule. She is an avid gardener and often contributes plants for the exchange.

It is with great pleasure that I present the Golden Trowel Award to Barbara Hunter Trotta.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award  
to  
Barbara Hunter Trotta**

For her continuing support of the Bedford Garden Club by sharing her knowledge of horticulture and gardening and for her willingness to share her many talents.

### **The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

The Oliver Bowl, established in 1952, in memory of Katherine Starr Oliver, is an in-club award in the form of a silver bowl and a citation. The Oliver Memorial Award is the Bedford Garden Club's opportunity to honor commitment, achievement and excellence. Past recipients represent the very heart of our membership and are all women of great ability and dedication.

This year's recipient joined the club in 1956-57. She was reinstated in 1989 and has remained an "active" member since then. She was our Audubon Sanctuaries representative from 1989-2001, our nominating chair in 2000-2002. She received a Bedford Garden Club special citation and served as a member at large.

When we would all be off in the summers taking a vacation or visiting family, she was there organizing the list of waterers for the planters in Bedford. Year after year she would volunteer to take care of them. She was always willing to fill in, make calls and maintain the tubs. Her dedication brought a brightness to Bedford. Although I prayed for rain when my days would roll around, she made a job fun and not a chore. She is capable and kind.

### **The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

### **The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

**to**

**Nancy Coffin Wyeth**

For her commitment and dedication to the continuing beautification of Bedford.

### **The Conservation Award**

It takes a very special concerned and committed individual to do the job that our recipient has done over the last few years. Her insightful slant of town business and politics is always a good read. She has concisely given us the facts with wit and humor. She has organized the coverage among members as well as attended many evenings herself.

### **The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

### **The Conservation Award**

**to**

**Melissa Vail Selby**

For her vigilance and detailed accounts that keep us current and aware of the many conservation issues affecting the Bedford community.

**A Special Citation**

A special citation is awarded to Leslie Wortmann for her many contributions to the Bedford Garden Club above and beyond the call of duty since joining the club in 2005. Leslie has served for the past two years as a member-at-large and contributed wisdom, humor and enthusiasm at every executive meeting. She has become a talented flower arranger and was awarded best in show for her demi-tasse arrangement at our April in-house show. For the sake of the garden club, Leslie has made the leap into the twenty-first century, gotten a computer and an e-mail account and volunteered to write a schedule for our April show. She learned how to use the word processing program, to send e-mails and enclosures and even to cut and paste (which reminds me of the old tidbit of wisdom that everything worth knowing we learned in kindergarten.) It has been a delight to get to know and work with you, Leslie. You have been a treasure of a new member and we have great expectations for your future.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
to  
Leslie Wortmann**

for her enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any job asked of her, her creative eye and her growing skills in flower arranging.

**A Special Citation**

As another relatively new member of the Bedford Garden Club, the recipient of this special citation joined in 2001 in time for our Zone meeting and has been involved in every project and participated on just about every committee since then. She was a member-at-large in 2002 and took over the job of recording secretary in 2003. For those of you who do not know the duties of the recording secretary, she takes copious notes at every meeting – executive and regular- types them up and distributes them. She somehow makes sense of the many voices with different opinions and agendas and turns the jumble of discussion into a coherent proceeding that goes into the permanent records and makes us all appear thoughtful, diligent and well-spoken

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
to  
Mary Finnegan**

For her dedication and enthusiasm for every job asked of her and particularly for graciously keeping the records of the workings of the Bedford Garden Club and enabling the cogs of progress to keep moving forward.

AWARDS  
2005-2006

The Bedford Garden Club's Awards Committee met and after much thought and deliberation we awarded the following awards to deserving members: the Winifred Macomber Award, The Oliver Bowl and the Conservation award. We also awarded four special citations. I am most grateful to my dedicated committee.

Mary Helen Kennedy

**The Winifred Macomber Award**

The Winifred Macomber Award recognizes outstanding effort or achievement in the field of flower arranging and/or garden design. This year's award is given to two members whose creative vision culminated in the Small Flower Show "Under a Tuscan Sun." Under their leadership, creativity and good humor the site chosen for the production of the flower show at Caramoor Center for the Performing Arts under the white tent transported all, who exhibited or attended, to Tuscany.

From the beginning this dynamic duo was involved with all of the details in creating the aura of Tuscany. Classes in Conservation, Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Photography, miniature garden in a wine crate, a children's class, were open to the public after a festive opening night preview fund raising party. The participation of the Bedford Garden Club members as well as members of other clubs belonging to the Garden Club of America is a tribute to their dedication in producing an outstanding event.

It is with great pleasure that we present the Winifred Macomber Award to Suzanne Bowers and Heather Langham

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Winifred Macomber Award  
To  
Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers**

For their extraordinary planning, leadership and staging of our most successful flower show "Under a Tuscan Sun".

**The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

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**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

**to**

**Mimi Mitchell**

**The Conservation Award**

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**The Conservation Award**

**to**

**the committee that is producing the Conservation Project for the Flower Show -  
Melissa Selby, Caroline Niemczyk, Shirley Bianco, Mimi Lines, Ann Putnam, Denise  
Santomero, Lyn Goodhue and Mimi Mitchell**

### **A Special Citation**

A special citation is awarded to Anne Putnam for her work above and beyond the call of duty in public relations. While initially reluctant to take on the role of public relations chairman, Anne quickly warmed to the job and began to explore her talent. Not only has she kept the public abreast of the numerous civic contributions of the Bedford Garden Club, but Anne researched and published an extensive Guest Column in the Record Review on protecting our streams and waterways.

Anne spent weeks during the winter contacting local elected representatives as well as representatives of local and national conservation organizations in order to understand the sources of our drinking water, how it is affected by our activities, and what we do to make it cleaner. Her article educated the public on this vital issue and encouraged her readers to learn even more by visiting the Conservation Exhibit at “Under a Tuscan Sun”.

### **The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

### **A Special Citation**

**to**

**Anne E. Putnam**

for her exceptional public relations work for the Conservation Exhibit at our flower show, Under a Tuscan Sun”

### **A Special Citation**

During her twelve years as a member of the Bedford Garden Club, the individual receiving this special citation has consistently tackled every new project thrown at her with enthusiasm, flair and a willingness to go far beyond the call of what is asked or expected of her. Her skills as an artist have meant that she has been constantly called to duty to produce beautiful, original graphics for invitations, brochures and any kind of printed material that we have dreamed up for her. This year though, she has outdone herself as the art director of “Under a Tuscan Sun”.

Lela Philip created a single, unified artistic theme for the flower show and applied it to every aspect of the show. She created the cover of the schedule and invitations, painted panels to be hung over classes that needed a visual boost, created aprons for the flower show volunteers and even had rubber stamps made of her designs to be used in every way imaginable. Lela was always thinking ahead, met endlessly with Heather and Suzanne and was an integral part of the flower show team from the beginning.

### **The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

### **A Special Citation**

**to**

**Lela Schaus Philip**

For her tireless work and creative leadership as artistic director of “Under a Tuscan Sun”

**A Special Citation**

We have the pleasure of awarding a special citation to Wendy Cushman for her cheerful and creative leadership and the untiring enthusiasm she brought to her committee. While most of us started our jobs with trepidation and anxiety, Wendy leapt right into her role as Chairman of Flower Arranging with energy and panache. She brought in fabulous designers to lead workshops showing us the intricacies of the many different kinds of flower arranging, prodded and praised our efforts and made every step of the way educational and enjoyable.

This year we have had an aligning of the stars: Wendy showing us all how much fun all styles of flower arranging can be and then Heather and Suzanne giving us the opportunity to try our new skills competitively. How fitting that Wendy won the first prize in the challenge class after professing herself a novice in the fall. Wendy, the only thing that we regret this year is that you didn't manage to win the Vespa at Mimi's live auction. We were all looking forward to seeing you zipping back and forth to the village with your vegetables and fresh flowers in the basket. Then we would truly have been living Under a Tuscan Sun.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Wendy Morrison Cushman**

For her cheerful leadership and infectious enthusiasm in teaching us all about flower arranging.

**A Special Citation**

**To a Non-Member of the Bedford Garden Club**

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Mr. James Edgar**

For his inspired advice, creativity and technical support in the preparation of the Conservation Committee's Power Point presentation of "Gulp – Bedford's Drinking Water" and the narrated slide show "History of the Bedford Garden Club." This recognition comes with our club's great appreciation for his unfailing patience, good humor and professionalism.

## CLIPPINGS

2006-2007

This year we sent out only six issues of Clippings. The entire membership received the newsletter either by mail or as an e-mail attachment but we skipped the January issue and the May issue. We found that our members really do count on the blue cards that we used to send out as notices of the next meeting with the appropriate reply card attached. The membership seems to be better at responding if they get the reminder card. This in turn helps our hostesses plan for the meeting. So with that in mind we sent out "Blue Cards" for the January meeting and the May meeting instead of trying to prepare another issue of Clippings.

Liddy Baker and Allison Ryan

## CLIPPINGS

2005-2006

*Clippings*, our newsletter is sent out to our entire membership eight times a year. We have polled the membership to see which members would like to receive it by e-mail. Fifty of our 136 members have elected to receive it by e-mail. These members benefit by receiving the newsletter in color. The remaining eighty-six members still receive the black and white printed version in the mail. It continues to inform us of all Regular Meetings, 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.

Liddy Baker & Allison Ryan

## CORRESPONDENT TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA "BULLETIN"

This committee has been combined with that of Public Relations

## CUSTODIAN

All items in the Bedford Garden Club's inventory have been moved to Virginia Maybank's barn.

Virginia Maybank

## B.G.C. INVENTORY

1. Garden Club files
2. Garden Club histories - Vol's I, II, III
3. 120 Blue Yearbook binders



#### 4. Flower Show hardware

- a. 9 silver clamp lamps -10" dia.
- b. 3 small gray clamp lamps -2" dia.
- c. 2 large halogen worklights
- d. 9 clipboards
- e. 15 legal pads
- f. 2 steno pads
- g. 15 black, wood modern blocks
- h. 18 pieces var. shapes glass and Lucite
- i. 5 assorted flower pin holders for arrangements
- j. 2 12" black plates
- k. 7 trunk slices 1/4" x 12" ovals
- l. one box small polished black stones
- m. 2 niches, divided into 4 quarters, 1 ft. square each
- n. 2 white niches, no backs -for small arrangements
- o. 6 masonite round tables, 36" dia.
- p. 1 oct large niche for 8 miniature arrangements - two sections (top & bottom) q. 6 large, gray niches with hinged backs
- r. 3 partitioned basketweave screens
- s. 4 landscape plot frames -5' x 3' x 10" deep
- t. 12 stanchions
- u. 7 flower show signs
- v. 7 very large wooden signs, 10' tall
- w. 7 wood, painted trees, 5' tall (1 not on pole)
- x. 18 misc. stakes for signs
- y. 10 white and green stakes for signs
- z. 8 metal horns
- aa. 4 12" square tops for pedestals
- bb. 6 white finials for stanchions
- cc. 1 bag hardware for niches
- dd. 2 pkgs. Repair links
- ee. 1 bag clear plastic card holders for exhibitions
- ff. 9 bricks
- gg. 1 watering can
- hh. 7 white pedestals
- ii. 6 pedestal tops (need 1 more)
- jj. 50 price tags
- kk. 1 spool green ribbon

#### 5. Miscellaneous

- a. 6 green tablecloths
- b. 8 flesh color tablecloths
- c. 5 white sheet liners for tables
- d. blue membership binders
- e. 41 packs of photo Kemble cards
- f. 1 Bessler lantern
- g. 16 cartons of cookbooks + 16 loose copies

- h. 20 carafes
- i. 18 pressed glass bud vases
- j. 7 grape-motif bulb glasses
- k. 6 chalk boards
- l. 100 lunch baskets
- m. 62 red basket liners
- n. 9 blue basket liners
- o. dark green aprons
- p. 2 videos of 1986 Centennial Celebration -Borner
- q. Silver Tea Service – Kendrick, to Mossman, to Baker
- r. 1 copy current GCA Judging Manual
- s. BGC Banner (2) -Rice
- t. 20 needlepoint BGC hostess pins -Rice
- u. 2 copies *Gardens of Colony and State* -Kendrick
- v. 1 GCA framed plaque -Kendrick
- w. Carton boxes of BGC historical slides of member gardens (need to be itemized and stored appropriately)

### GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2006-2007

The purpose of the Garden History and Design Committee of The Garden Club of America is fourfold:

- To educate GCA members about trends in contemporary American landscape and garden design;
- To demonstrate at the club and regional levels how American garden history is and has always been an integral part of the cultural and social life of the communities where these gardens exist;
- To interact with all committees of The Garden Club of America about garden design and garden history, i.e. Visiting Gardens, Programs, Conservation, Medals and Awards, Scholarship just to name a few; and,
- To continue to add to the GCA Collection at the Archives of American Gardens by researching, documenting and photographing important American gardens-past and present, large and small, simple or complex, classical or vernacular. Form the Garden History & Design Handbook, 2005

The Bedford Garden Club's committee has worked with the Programs & Policy Committees to increase awareness of the purpose of the Garden History & Design Committee. Eleanor Weller, our January speaker, one of the founders of the committee and the co-author of *The Golden Age of American Gardens*, enchanted us with a wonderful presentation that included images from the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens. This Open Meeting drew a large crowd: standing room only at Historical Hall!

After careful consideration the Policy Committee of the BGC recommended to the membership that the by-laws be changed to make GH&D a standing committee. This recommendation was adopted by the membership at the Annual Meeting in June.

Varner Redmon

## GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2005-2006

The committee has worked with Programs & Flower Show committees to understand Italian garden design, learn about the history of Italian garden design in America, discuss the importance of preserving and documenting gardens, introduce club members to the Bedford Garden Club slides held at the Smithsonian, include a class on Italian garden design in our flower show (miniature Italian gardens.) We have also asked the policy committee of the BGC to consider making GH&D a standing committee of the BGC.

Varner Redmon

## HISTORIAN

2006-2007

As stated in my 2006 report the term of 2005-2007 is being used to compose the *Story of Our Club, Volume IV* which will cover the twenty year period of 1986-2006. The goal was to publish it in December 2006 for our club's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will now be published as a belated 95<sup>th</sup> celebration – hopefully, but not promised, in September 2007!

Louise Talbot, Libby Mossman and Liddy Baker graciously summarized their own years as president for Volume IV, Mimi Mitchell has continued to proofread and Bonnie MacDonald has conscientiously assembled both the list of programs and the membership list. I sincerely appreciate their help.

Volume IV will employ a somewhat different approach from the previous volumes. Much of the information is in chart form and serves as an index to our annual Yearbooks. The key here is that we always must preserve a set of Yearbooks in our archives.

I hope my successor might take on the job of assembling a notebook of all club policies voted on by the Executive Committee over the years. This would be a useful tool for the presiding president and keep us from reinventing the wheel. That would be well worth the effort.

Nancy Vincent

## HISTORIAN

2005-2006

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Summaries of the outstanding activities during each president's tenures of this period are almost complete. Mimi Mitchell has done a yeoman's job of editing these pieces. During her presidential term Libby Mossman compiled many of the lists that are generally included in the *Story of Our Club*. Still to be done are summaries and/or lists of the programs for regular membership meetings as well as workshops conducted by Exhibitions, Horticulture and Conservation committees.

Some of our records have been lost which may make some of these facts unattainable, but we will do the best we can. For the future we should make it a priority that the minutes taken at both the Executive and Regular Membership meetings are properly stored. If they are ever taken from the BGC archives, we must have a fool-proof method to guarantee that they are returned. In addition each standing committee should compile up-to-date notebooks holding the topics of all workshops and meetings. What seems ordinary now may seem fascinating and extraordinary in fifty years.

Nancy Vincent

#### JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN

2006-2007

The gardens at John Jay Homestead have had another banner year. As usual, planting day was the kick off for our bi- weekly weeding. We had a terrific turn out for the event and were able to clean the gardens up with ease. The plantings are in wonderful shape, so in the coming seasons we will focus on the condition of the paths and the edging of the sundial garden. The gates on the southern on western entrances were fixed up and painted this season. Thank you to Anne Polk for helping to keep the area looking great.

Lindsay Matthews

#### JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN

2005-2006

With the help of yet another wet spring, the John Jay Homestead gardens had a wonderful season. We started off in the spring with our annual planting day and clean up, which was a wonderful success, with a terrific turn out. It was a great way to start off the season as the gardens were in need of a little TLC after a very long winter. Bi-weekly weeding Teams were then set in place and there was a wonderful effort to keep our gardens weed free throughout the season. In the fall the boxwoods on the western pathway leading to the sundial garden were uprooted and moved outwards to allow for easier entrance to the area. Thank you to Anne Polk for her efforts in completing that task. Many thanks, as well to all the Bedford Garden Club members who help keep this historic garden in great shape.

Lindsey Mathews

#### NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA

2005-2007

No Report for 2005-2006 or 2006-2007

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

2005-2007

Now that so many members use digital cameras and have access to e-mail we have been fortunate to have many members contributing photographs both for the newsletter and for the clubs archives.

Denise Santomero

POLICY  
2006-2007

Garden History and Design Committee

From 1920-1935 GCA had over 2000 glass slides of gardens. GCA Members continued to record Gardens photographically, and these results were handed over to the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens. In 1992 the GCA Collection officially became part of the Horticulture Services of the Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens. In 1996 Garden History and Design became an official Standing Committee for the Garden Club of America. The Bedford Garden Club is one of the few GCA clubs that does not have a Standing Committee for Garden History and Design. Now seems an opportune time for our Club to add this Standing Committee.

Purpose of the Garden History and Design Committee.

- To Educate GCA members about trends in contemporary landscape and garden design.
- To interact with committees of The Garden Club of America about garden design and garden history through: Visiting Gardens, Workshops, Programs, and Conservation
- To add to the GCA Collection at the Archives of American Gardens through photography and other media.

Therefore it is proposed that the By-Laws of the Bedford Garden Club be amended as follows:

A new Section 6 shall be added to article X to read as follows:

6. Garden History and Design - it shall be the duty of this Committee to educate the Members about American landscape and garden design, to demonstrate how American Garden history is and has always been an integral part of the cultural and social life of the communities in which these gardens exist, and to continue to add to the GCA Collection at the Archives of American Gardens by researching, documenting and photographing important American gardens, past and present, large and small, simple or complex, classical or vernacular.

Section I of Article XII shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Admissions 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, conservation and civic affairs or garden history and design.

Section 7 of Article XIII shall be amended to read as follows:

7. Active Members are expected to serve on a least one of the following Committees: Horticulture, Exhibitions, Conservation and Civic Affairs, or Garden History and Design unless excused by the Executive Committee or extenuating circumstances.

Rosemary Mankiewicz

POLICY  
2005-2006.

There were no policy changes made in 2005-2006.

Rosemary Mankiewicz

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

First Vice President's Report  
2006-07

A master calendar was prepared in the early fall and updated continually through the year to keep track of the Bedford Garden Club's happenings as well as other major events which might influence garden club planning.

In terms of Project Review, it was a busy year. Several projects were considered and many were approved. A research assistant program at the Mianus River Gorge Preserve was approved. A \$7,000.00 contribution was made to pay for the RA salary/stipend. We gave a donation of \$1,500.00 to Bedford Hill Correctional Institute's Children Garden to pay for some trees and other plantings. The Community Center received two teak benches for placement outside the center for people waiting for transportation. Two local schools received money for garden related improvements. The Bedford Village Elementary School received a grant of \$1,649.00 to spruce up a courtyard on the premises with plants and bushes and the Bedford Hills Elementary School received \$2,000.00 to help create a garden infrastructure which will provide the basis for growing and learning about healthy foods. On a smaller scale, we replaced several of the planting containers in the Village. Serious consideration was given to developing a trail off of Guard Hill Rd in memory of Mrs. Waller. Instead, a decision was made to contribute travel expenses in the amount of \$1,500.00 annually to underwrite travel related costs for 2 delegates to the NATIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION meeting in Washington. The funds will come from Mrs. Waller's gift of \$20,000.00 to the Bedford Garden Club.

In conclusion, it was a very productive and gratifying year for the Project Review Committee and I am very grateful to all the members who assisted with this task, specifically, Kirk Ferguson, Louise Talbot, Melissa Selby, and Joyce Espy.

Lisa Hennessy

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

First Vice President's Report  
2005-2006

There are several projects pending regarding the Project Review Committee. They are (1) the restoration of Washington Lookout Park which is located at the summit of Mrs. Waller's property on Guard Hill Rd. in Bedford. The trail

is overgrown and needs to be cleaned up and cleared of brush and other debris. The town has designated it as a park but due to the overgrown condition, it's apparently not usable. With the town's permission, we would like to pay someone (or find a community service group to volunteer) to clean it and maintain it. Status: trying to schedule a site visit.

(2) Place a pair of benches at the Community Center in Katonah and add a pair of boxwoods to the front of the building... Bench would have a plaque. Status: Approved. Bench selection pending. (3) Gazebo Construction on the Bedford Green was proposed. Given the difficulty of getting approvals, hiring an architect and obtaining a contractor it was the committee's opinion that the request was out of our budget and area of expertise. Other ideas being considered are a contribution to the Caramoor Garden Guild. The head of the Garden Guild, Betsy Atkins, will be contacted ASAP. We have approximately \$9,551.00 in our C&E budget to donate and \$20,000.00 is the amount of Mrs. Waller's donation to the club. I encouraged all members who had candidates proposed and accepted for membership to attend the meetings with their new members.

Lisa Hennessy

#### PROJECTS

2006-2007

Greensday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 we sold wreaths, topiaries, paperwhites, mini trees and pinecone bird feeders. Everything sold. We made \$1,517.00 and had no expenses due to the generosity of several members. We hope that more members will make donations in the years to come. We had a fun time working together.

Cindy Dwyer, Sally Kroll and Lindsay Pinchot

#### PROJECTS

2005-2006

To complement Claire Stewart's presentation for Greensday on "Decorating for the Holidays", Projects provided instant holiday décor for our membership. Most of what we sold was "good to go" and ready to be placed in members' homes to add holiday cheer. Forced bulbs were popular as were the unusual wreaths and topiaries, live miniature trees, small garden tools and a few "do it yourself" containers rounded out our offerings. Thanks to the support of our club members, we made \$918.69, sold all our decorations and had a lot of fun.

Janet Robinson

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

2006-2007

We had very few public meetings this year, but got some wonderful press nonetheless. Particularly noteworthy coverage occurred with Eleanor Weller Reade's lecture at Historical Hall, which was packed, thanks to Varner Redmon's emailing far and wide and notices or articles in nine newspapers, including *The Record-Review's* "Talk of the Town!" Also noteworthy was a really nice piece in *The Lewisboro Ledger* on the virtually unknown Luquer Wildflower Garden, at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, that our Club

has always tended to on Planting Day, for the past 25 years under the direction of Louisa Rawle Tiné.

My sincere thanks to all who have helped me, especially this year to Varner for her generous aid with my computer, to Ann and Charles McDuffie and, again, to my PR predecessor Louise Talbot for her camera loans and wise and ready advice.

Anne Putnam

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

2005-2006

As my predecessor Louise Talbot noted last year, we are lucky to have a local newspaper, *The Record-Review*, that covers nearly all of our events and projects. Seven articles appeared this year. Among them were a "Talk of the Town" piece about our beautiful flower show, "Under a Tuscan Sun," a photograph of co-chairs Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers, and a guest column about the quality of our water, which also served as a preview of the conservation/education exhibit at the show.

*The Patent Trader* did a front-page story on the flower show and ran a nice notice the week before. *The Patent Trader* also gave some good play to the Garden Club of America. Notices about our flower show appeared in the *Journal News*, the *Lewisboro Ledger*, and the other seven Acorn-Press area newspapers.

The A-Home newsletter published a beautiful photograph of Mimi Lines and one of the gardens BGC created at Hamilton Cottage in Bedford Hills at the request of long-time A-Home supporter Selby Ehrlich. Last but not least, *Westchester Magazine* featured a great color photograph of Liddy Baker and Dee Edgar with Congresswoman Sue Kelly and Dr. Sylvia Earle at her lecture on "sustainable seas" last September.

My thanks to the Water Committee, and to Virginia Maybank and Suzanne Bowers, who generously typed and emailed the press releases for this still-not-computer-literate member, and to Louise Talbot for covering planting day.

Anne Putnam

### GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

2006-2007

Each year students are the beneficiaries of seventeen 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 August GCA Bulletin.

The Bedford Garden Club contributed to the Garden Club of America's Interchange Fellowship Fund as well as to a separate organization that funds independent student learning experiences, the Student Conservation Association. We contributed enough to cover the expenses for one student.

Nannie Wyeth



SEEDLINGS  
2005-2007

Our intention this year was to build on the work done by previous Seedling Committees and structure an orientation that can be passed along to successive chairs. The format includes an overview of how GCA is organized on a zone and national level and an overview of the Bedford Garden Club covering our annual calendar, standing committee options and responsibilities, and the many opportunities for becoming involved. The two orientations held this year (November 30, 2006 and May 23, 2007) took place at a small luncheon at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. In addition to the new members (Sally Kroll, Beth Stern, Ann Hoffman, Janet Connor, and Taylor Taylor, other members present were President Virginia Maybank, Membership Chair Susan McDowell, and the new members' respective proposers.

In addition to this orientation, the Seedling Chair will notify new members of local flower shows and encourage them to attend. Seedlings will have a busy year attending monthly meetings, workshops, and other BGC commitments and it was decided this orientation would work well with an already full calendar.

Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers

VISITING GARDENS  
2005-2007

As out-going Visiting Gardens Chairman , I would love to thank all the enthusiastic ladies who went on our trips --starting with our 2005 fall trip to Greenwood Gardens, an Italianate Garden in New Jersey ( at the suggestion of Daphne Root) that was in the process of being restored – a timely visit that tied into our Under The Tuscan Sun flower show.

The summer of 2006, 45 of us went to the wonderful “At Home” flower show in Southampton, Long Island followed by a sumptuous dinner hosted by Dominique Buaron in her divine house. We also visited the Southampton Museum while there.

This past fall we visited Frank Cabot’s spectacular garden, Stonecrop in Cold Spring, New York. We then went to a yummy scenic restaurant overlooking the Hudson River in New Hyde Park, N.Y. We finished the day by having a tour of Samuel Morse’s house on his 150 acre estate which was near by and then crossed over the Hudson and went to a wine tasting at Benmaryl Vineyard in Marlborough, N.Y. while some went on to the Raccoon Saloon also in Marlborough, N.Y. January 2007 we had a wonderful time going back up the Hudson and had a tour of the famous Culinary Institute followed by lunch at their Escoffier Restaurant .On June 8<sup>th</sup>, in our own back yard we had a fabulous visit to Martha Stewart’s garden to see her peonies, barn, fences, green-houses etc. etc. even combined with a chat with Martha and cookies and drinks!! We then had the good fortune to go to Phyllis Warden’s where had a delicious box lunch and viewing of her amazing place!! Spending more time in Florida every year, I loved being able to see all you wonderful Bedford Garden Club ladies on these trips. Thanks for being so supportive and for participating in these trips! I can’t wait to hear all about the England trip and know that Kirk and Sarah will make it so memorable!!

Cassie Kernan

## WAYS AND MEANS

2006-2007

There were no meetings of the Ways and Means Committee this year.

Kirk Ferguson

## WAYS AND MEANS

2005-2006

The planning of Under a Tuscan Sun began in March of 2005. After Betsy Atkins helped secure the Italian Pavilion and Reception Tent at Caramoor for our location, we focused on developing a theme that would compliment the Italian setting of Caramoor and lend itself to writing a creative and imaginative schedule. Once we settled on our theme, Under a Tuscan Sun, and the Flower Show Committee was formed, we began to tackle the job of writing the schedule. While it was a lengthy process, requiring the approval of a GCA panel of schedule reviewers, the creative component of schedule writing was a fun collaboration. Varner Redmon and Dee Edgar did a masterful job writing the Horticulture Division, creating challenging and imaginative classes that played to our Club's strengths. Didi Woodhull lent her creative hand and (photographer's) eye to writing the photography division and Dominique Buaron contributed her expertise and flair to the writing of the Flower Arranging classes. Melissa Vail and Caroline Niemczyk created our Education and Conservation exhibit, Protecting Our Water Supply; a theme that directly related to the GCA 2005 conservation theme - Water. The schedule received final GCA approval in September 2005 and an approved draft was distributed at the October meeting. The perfect Tuscan images used in our formal schedule and throughout the Show on everything from class signs, to preview Party invitations, to aprons were designed by our art director Lela Philip. Thank you, Lela for creating the Show's Tuscan look and feel. It was at this point in early January 2006 that the process of readying the Club and filling the classes began. Horticulture Class Consultants Dee Edgar, Varner Redmon, Anne Miller, Louisa Tiné, Gilda McGarry, and Anne McDuffie and Flower Arranging Class Consultants, Dominique Buaron, Carole Rice, Mimi Lines, Susan McDowell, and Louise Talbot took charge of answering questions and clarifying rules for the exhibitors. Horticulture and Flower Arranging workshops emphasizing a particular aspect of the Flower Show schedule were put together by Varner Redmon, Dee Edgar, Bonnie Trotta and Wendy Cushman. Liza Clymer, as Program Chair, lined up fascinating lecturers all of whom spoke on some aspect of Italian garden design and architecture. Photography chair Didi Woodhull organized a photography workshop giving both budding and seasoned photographers insights into successful garden photography. Those attending these workshops and lectures were undoubtedly enriched by the content and quality of the presentations.

In the months leading up to the Show we focused on staging: the placement of the classes and creating a Tuscan look under the tent. Lela Philip's and Liza Clymer's artistic eye, design sense and tireless support were a tremendous help in this process. For the entrance Lela painted two exquisite canvases of Italian settings and Liza Clymer created an evocative Tuscan vignette, complete with a red Vespa and an al fresco picnic for two. Their work really set the mood. The other important task of lining up judging panels and passers was expertly handled by Chairwomen, Ann McDuffie and Helen Parker respectively. Thank you Ann and Helen, you brought much needed wisdom and sage

advice to this task Along with these Flower Show details there was the Preview party, auction, judges' luncheon, publicity and signage to consider. Denise Santomero, Suzy Beatty and Kirk Ferguson threw a spectacular party, and Lindsay Matthews, Beth Stem and the auctioneers Mimi and Steve Lines orchestrated a wonderfully successful live and silent auction. Connie Hamilton was instrumental in our other fund raising effort, the sale and framing of the Georgia Whitman's Bedford Oak prints. Mary Finnegan and Mary Helen Kennedy hosted a lovely luncheon for the judges and provided delicious sustenance for everyone working and exhibiting on June 1st. Anne Putman did a brilliant job of handling our publicity, publishing several articles in The Record Review, one of which was a featured ,Guest Editor column. Allison Ryan and Leslie Wortmann created our handsome class signs, show schedules, and general signage.

The week had arrived. On Wednesday many dedicated and hard working members helped to set up and the Photography Division was judged at 4:00 that afternoon. It was an impressive group of 25 photographs, expertly mounted and presented by photography chair, Didi Woodhull. June first was here. To those of you on hand that day working as passers, runners, and helpers, thank you for pitching in. You all helped maintain the brimming scene of managed and lively chaos. Passing was completed by 11:00 am and judging began promptly at 1:00. We were delighted to see so many of our members exhibit and win so many awards. Leslie Wortmann received an honorable mention for her arrangement in Class I, Arte in Fiore and co-entrants Lela Philip and Carol Rice were awarded a third place in Class II, Baci. Lela and Carol, and Leslie are deserving of further applause as the classes they exhibited in received a Judges Commendation, given only when the entire class is of exceptional merit. For her table setting picnic for two in Class III, AI Fresco Nonie Reynders was awarded a second place and Dominique Buaron received a second place award for her entry in Class I, La Festa. In Class IV La Prima Volta, the novice challenge class beautifully organized by Susan McDowell, Wendy Cushman and Cindy Swank, were awarded first and second place respectively. Honorable mentions were awarded to our other emerging talents, Lindsay Pinchot and Daphne Root. It was an impressive showing for the Bedford Garden Club as the flower arranging entries from other Clubs were very competitive. Congratulations to all of you. In Division II Horticulture, the quality and variety of the well-groomed horticulture were excellent. There were 88 entries alone in the Class I Tutti I Fiori the cut specimen class and what a beautiful display of spring flowering vines, branches, shrubs and flowers it was. A Judge's commendation was given to this outstanding class as well as to a subdivision of clematis. In this class BGC received 26 awards comprised of 12 firsts, 4 seconds, 5 thirds, and 5 honorable mentions as follows: In Class II, Le Foglie, Bitsy Tatnall was awarded a second place and co-entrants Dominique Buaron and Heather Langham received an honorable mention. In Class V, Le Statue Verdi a first place was awarded to Suzanne Bowers. Second place was won by Varner Redmon, Suzanne Bowers, and Dee Edgar with two entries. Nancy Vincent, Lela Philip, and Heather Langham were awarded third place. In Class III, Insalata Mista, Bonnie Trotta was awarded second place and Linda Wison, along with co-entrants Nancy Vincent and Heather Langham were awarded third place. Class IV, Un Piccolo Giardino, was awarded a Judges Commendation for excellence of the entries and co-entrants Virginia Maybank and Anne Miller won the Horticulture Best In Show Award for their delightful and oh so Tuscan, Piccolo Giardino. Dee Edgar was awarded the second place and Lela Philip, along with co-entrants Dominique Buaron and Nonie Reynders, and

co-entrants Lynne Goodhue and Mimi Lines were awarded honorable mentions. It was an outstanding class of entries as recognized by the judges and captured in miniature the essence of our show's theme. Class VI, Perfezione, the par class, was yet another outstanding class for the quality and variety of entries. Dee Edgar, Nancy Vincent, Lela Philip, Libby Mossman, Joyce Espy, and Dee Edgar with two entries, won first place. Dominique Buaron was awarded a second place. Congratulations to Nanny Wyeth for winning first place and for being awarded the difficult to achieve Catherine Beattie Medal for her remarkable forty year old cactus. The medal is awarded for a horticultural entry distinguished by its vibrancy, prime condition, and perfection of grooming.

The education and conservation committee members Melissa Vail, Caroline Niemczyk, Lynne Goodhue, Mimi Lines, Shirley Bianco, Denise Santomero, Anne Putnam, and Mimi Mitchell are to be thanked and applauded for their outstanding exhibit, Protecting Our Water Supply. It was awarded the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Award given to an exhibit of exceptional educational and visual merit which increases the public's knowledge and awareness of our environment.

Perhaps one of the Show's most endearing and poignant exhibits was the children's class 'Cucina dei Bambini'. The children grew plants from seed, tubers, and cuttings. The display of their 21 plants captured the spirit and the budding interest of our young growers. If our Flower Show did nothing more than spark in our children an interest in horticulture and respect for our natural surroundings, we will have accomplished much. Our children are the future stewards of our environment; and for their stellar effort our children and grand children are to be complimented and congratulated. The children's class resonated with the judges. 'Cucina dei Bambini' was awarded a judges commendation.

It feels right to close on this note with our next generation in mind. To our President Virginia Maybank, our committee, and to our members, thank you for your time, your enthusiasm, and your expertise in helping mount Under a Tuscan Sun and we do believe mount is the operative word here. An event of this proportion, with many moving parts could not have been successful without the involvement of so many of our members and for this we are enormously grateful. Over the past year, we were continuously reminded of what an amazingly talented, smart, and fun group of women make up the Bedford Garden Club. Thank you for your help, vivaciousness, participation and energy; "Under a Tuscan Sun" shone because of you. With much gratitude,

Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers

YEARBOOK 2006-2007

*(This should be 2005-2006 report. Noted by archivist.)*

No Yearbook this year.

Ann Paul

YEARBOOK 2005-2006

*(This should be 2006-2007 report. Noted by archivist.)*

Yearbooks were produced though a bit late. They were distributed and mailed over the winter months.

Ann Paul

IN MEMORIUM

JOAN BRANCH  
(1901 – 2006)



On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, the Bedford Garden Club lost a valued member and long time Bedford resident. The picture in the paper did not do Joan justice. Her good friends do not need to be reminded of that tall (very tall) striking blonde in snappy clothes with the warm smile.

She reacted passionately to causes or subjects dear to her. Though she considered herself a Maine New Englander, Bedford was her beloved home. She welcomed new arrivals to Bedford but sometimes was disappointed by their lack of appreciation of country traditions. She watched with horror as the cottage across the road was burned down to make room for a McMansion. How lucky that she did not see yet another fence and electric gate installed at a neighbor's property. Recent changes in Bedford (traffic, subdivisions, etc.) were very distressing to her. Joan attended Town meetings to express her concerns, hoping to moderate the rapid change. She was very supportive of work the Garden Club was doing on this very subject.

As a young married woman the natural progression for a Rippowan graduate was to become a member of the Bedford Garden Club. Here she joined her mother's friends and was particularly influenced by Willie Waller who was a great champion of conservation. She liked the "people side" of things: events, lectures, house tours and flower shows. She worked on many committees relating to these activities.

Through the Garden Club, Joan met the landscape architect Alice Ireys. Mrs. Ireys helped Joan with the layout for her pool and terraces. Here Joan could be found, the chicest gardener one ever saw, in pink shorts with rolled brimmed straw hat, gloves and trowel in hand. She planted and divided while her husband Ben pruned the boxwood.

Although she referred to Hydrangeas as "Hyder-rangeas" and the occasional low flying helicopter as a "helia-copter", neither hindered her at crossword puzzles. She once announced that she'd had a colostomy – no, no she'd had a *colonoscopy*! A real character, Joan had great elegance and punctuated everything with that wonderful contagious laugh. A marvelous woman, a true friend.

Joan loved having friends drop in. She was often found in her "book room" where the shelves were filled with volumes on the colonial era, biographies, and histories of Maine, Massachusetts, and old New York. She loved to entertain friends at dinner parties,

cocktails, or over lunch at the Club. Joan was the undisputed queen of the tea sandwich and also a great cookie maker. Her gifts of Christmas cookies were always elegantly presented. For many years in the summertime she'd end her days sitting on the porch surrounded by pots of flowers in full bloom, enjoying the sunset for many years with Ben or with close friends and family.

These memories were compiled by Odette Austin, Tanya Lowe, Libby Mossman, Daphne Root, Bitsy Tatnall, Polly Finn, Liddy Baker, and Joan's daughter Cynthia Mas.

**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
2007	Dorothy Vietor Munger Award – Mrs. Roberto Buaron

**GCA PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD**

2000	The Bedford Garden Club
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**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 Elizabeth Platt Corning Award**

2001 Mrs. Harold Tiné

**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

2006 Mrs. George D. Bianco, Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue III, Mrs. Stephen V. Lines, Ms. Charlene Mitchell, Ms. Caroline Niemczyk, Ms. Anne Putnam, Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero III, Mrs. Norman Selby



**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
2005	Mrs. Richard Pearl

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

1996	Mr. G. Palmer LeRoy
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**GCA Certificate of Acknowledgement  
To Non-Members for Horticulture**

1999	Mrs. Alice R. Ireys
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**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

## **THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

### **Winifred Macomber Awards (continued)**

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
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
2005	Mrs. Sean McDowell
2006	Mrs. Philip Bowers & Mrs. Anthony Langham
2007	Mrs. Roberto Buaron

### **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

## **THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

### **Horticulture Award / Golden Trowel (continued)**

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
2005	Mrs. Stephen Lines
2007	Mrs. Thomas Trotta

### **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.
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
2005	Mrs. Foxhall Parker
2006	Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
2007	Mrs. Marion Wyeth

### **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

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

**Conservation Award (continued)**

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
2006	Conservation Project Committee: Melissa Selby, Caroline Niemczyk, Shirley Bianco, Mimi Lines, Anne Putnam, Denise Santomero & Lyn Goodhue
2007	Mrs. Norman Selby

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

**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.
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
2005	Mrs. James Edgar
2006	Mrs. Roberto Buaron
2007	Mrs. John Milnes Baker

**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".

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

- 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".
- 1974 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".
- 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".

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

- 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".
- 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".

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

- 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”.
- 1991 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”.
- 1992 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”.
- 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”.



**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

- 1995 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".
- 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".

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

- 1999 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.”
- 2005 Mrs. David Kowitz “for her generosity and hospitality in opening her expansive gardens for our June 2004 benefit.”  
Mrs. Thomas Trotta “for her dedication and enthusiasm in the field of flower arranging.”
- 2006 Mrs. Anne Putnam “for her excellent articles on our water project”  
Mrs. Thomas Philip “for her beautiful designs for our Flower Show this year and other years”  
Mrs. Robert Cushman “for her stewardship of the Exhibitions Committee and her exciting workshops”  
Mr. James Edgar (a non-member) ‘for his inspired advice, creativity and technical support in creating “Gulp-Bedford’s Drinking Water” and the narration of “History of the Bedford Garden Club”.’
- 2007 Mrs. John Gerard Finnegan “for her dedication and enthusiasm for every job asked of her and particularly for graciously keeping the records of the workings of the club enabling the wheels of progress to advance.”

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS (continued)**

2007 Mrs. Victor Wortmann “for her enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any task and for her creative eye and her growing skills in flower arranging.”

**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 <sup>rd</sup>
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
2005-2007	Mrs. Joseph Maybank

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

Last Revised 2007

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.

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\* 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.

6. Garden History and Design – it shall be the duty of this Committee to educate the Members about American landscape and garden design, to demonstrate how American Garden history is and has always been an integral part of the cultural and social life of the communities in which these gardens exist, and to continue to add to the GCA Collection at the Archives of American Gardens by researching, documenting and photographing important American gardens - past and present, large and small, simple or complex, classical or vernacular.

## Article XI

### Meetings

1. Annual Meeting – The Club shall hold an 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 or garden history and design.
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 or Garden History and Design 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  
2007-2008

**September 25, 2007**

**9:30 AM - Lunch**

Speaker:

Topic: Kick off Presentation by BGC leadership

Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

Hostesses:

**October 17, 2007**

**9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker:

Topic:

Place:

Hostesses:

**November 2007**

No General Meeting – workshops to be announced

**December 5, 2007**

**8:45 AM - Coffee**

Topic:

**Greensday**

Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary

Hostesses:

**January 16, 2008**

**9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker:

Topic:

Place:

Hostesses:

**February 20, 2008**

**3:00 PM – Winter Tea**

Speaker:

Topic:

Place:

Hostesses:

**March 2006**

**No Meeting**

**April 16, 2008**

**9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker:

Topic:

Place:

Hostesses:

**May 21, 2008**

**8:45 AM - Coffee**

Topic:

Planting Day

Meeting and coffee

Place:

John Jay Homestead Barn

Hostesses:

**June 18, 2008**

**2:00 PM - Tea**

Topic: Annual Meeting  
Meeting and tea  
Place: To be announced  
Hostesses:

## 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 in 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. To contact your senators and representatives they recommend that we use the Fax machine. Because of Security concerns in the post September 11<sup>th</sup> environment, US mail service is exceedingly slow to government offices in Washington.
2. Your name and address should be on your stationery.
3. 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.
4. Identify the bill number: i.e. H.R.1 or S.1.
5. In most cases, unless otherwise specified, write to:

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

Example:

Re: S. –  
Dear Senator Schumer:

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

Example:

Re: S. –  
Dear Senator Clinton:

19<sup>th</sup> District

The Hon. John Hall  
1217 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Tel: (202) 225-5441  
Fax: (202) 225-3289  
Website: [www.johnhall.house.gov](http://www.johnhall.house.gov)

Putnam County Office Building  
40 Gleneida Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Carmel, NY 10512  
Tel: (845) 225-3641 ext: 371

Example:

Re: H.R. --  
Dear Congressman Hall:

For State Issues

37<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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

89<sup>th</sup> 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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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: Candy Borner, Selby Ehrlich

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)  
Pres: Mary 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)  
Pres: Liddy Baker  
Del: Virginia Maybank
- 2006: Zone XII, Denver (May 20-24)  
Pres: Virginia Maybank  
Del: Susan McDowell
- 2007: Zone I, Boston (May 13-17)  
Pres: Virginia Maybank

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: Vincent/French/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: 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)  
Pres: Virginia Maybank  
Del: Janet Robinson
- Essex County Adirondack (Sept. 26-28)  
Pres: Virginia Maybank
- Southampton (June)  
Pres: Virginia Maybank  
Del: Louisa Tiné

GCA ANNUAL MEETING

2008: Zone II  
2009: Zone VII  
2010: Zone X  
2011:  
2012:  
2013:  
2014:

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

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

**TRIPS TAKEN and FLOWER SHOWS HOSTED**

Oct	2004	Visit to Tallix Foundry and DIA – Beacon Museum
Feb	2005	Visit to Central Park and Cristo Gates
Apr	2005	Visit to Chelsea Flower Dist.
Jul	2005	Visit to Battery Park Conservancy Gardens
Oct	2005	Greenwood Gardens
June	2006	A Small Flower Show – “Under a Tuscan Sun”
July	2006	Southampton – Dominique Buaron
Oct	2006	Stone Crop in Cold Spring, NY
Jan	2007	Culinary Institute of America
June	2007	Martha Stewart’s and Phyllis Warden’s gardens
July	2007	Sarah Kowitz’s house and many gardens in England

**BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**RESIGNATIONS**

**DECEASED**

**2006-2007**

Mrs. Jonathon Connor  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor

Mrs. Seth Cameron

Mrs. Benjamin Branch  
Mrs. Graham Clark  
Mrs. C. M. Van Winkle

**2005-2006**

Mrs. Edwin Hoffman  
Mrs. Steven Kroll  
Mrs. Roger Stern

Mrs. Harold O'Callaghan  
Mrs. Phillips Lounsbery  
Mrs. William Eggleston

Mrs. Clarence Woodward

**2004-2005**

Mrs. Roberto Buaron  
Mrs. Seth Cameron  
Mrs. Matt Fox  
Mrs. Frederick Jones  
Mrs. Bryce O'Brien  
Mrs. Jeremy Pinchot  
Mrs. John Ryan  
Mrs. Victor D. Wortman III

Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor

**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. Aertsen P. Keasbey Jr.

Mrs. Meredith H.Ewing

**2001-2002**

Mrs. Harold A. O'Callaghan III

Mrs. Emil Henry

Mrs. Morgan Parker

Mrs. Scott H. Reiniger

Mrs. William A. Belden

**2000 - 2001**

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

Mrs. Michael Cady

**NEW MEMBERS****RESIGNATIONS****DECEASED****1999 - 2000**

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

Mrs. John E. Pinckney  
Mrs. Mary D. Claus  
Mrs. Bernard L. Finn  
Mrs. T. R. Schmidt  
Mrs. George C. Sharp

Mrs. W. A. Buckhout

**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

**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

**NEW MEMBERS****RESIGNATIONS****DECEASED****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

**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

**NEW MEMBERS****RESIGNATIONS****DECEASED****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  
2007-2008**

<b><u>CONSERVATION</u></b>	<b><u>EXHIBITIONS</u></b>	<b><u>HORTICULTURE</u></b>	<b><u>GARDEN HISTORY</u></b>
Austin	Bowers	Atkins	Austin
Borner	Bauron	Austin	Baker
Bianco	Clymer	Baker	Buaron
Catchpole	Conrad	Bowers	Clymer
Conner	Cushman	Conrad	Conrad
Conrad	Espy,J	Coté	Dwyer
Finnegan	Ferguson	Edgar	Ferguson
Haight	Ferrall	Ehrlich	Ferrall
Hazard	Fox	Espy, J	Goodhue
Hoffman	Goodhue	Kroll	Hazard
Johnson	Hennessy	Mankiewicz	Hennessy
Kernan	Kernan	Maybank	Jackson
Lowe	Kroll	McDuffie	Langham
MacDonald	Langham	McGary	Lowe
McDuffie	McDowell	Miller, Anne	Mankiewicz
McGarry	McDuffie	Philip	Maybank
Niemczyk	McGarry	Redmon	McDuffie
Parsons	Montross, LL	Rice	Miller, Anne
Paul	Parker	Smith	Redmon
Pierce	Pinchot	Stern	Rice
Robinson	Rice	Talbot	Robinson
Root	Smith	Tatnall	Root
Tatnall	Stern	Tine	Santomero
Vincent	Talbot	Wilson	Talbot
Wamsley	Tatnall	Witmer	Tatnall
Weissinger	Trotta	Wyeth	Tine
West	Wilson		Vincent
	Wortman		Witmer
	Wyeth		

## **BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**1985 - 2009**

### **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
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot	2003 - 2005: Mrs. John Milnes Baker
1995 - 1997: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy	2005 - 2007: Mrs. Joseph Maybank
& Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III	2007 - 2009: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

### **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

1985 - 1988: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent	1999 - 2001: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer
1988 - 1991: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Harold R. Talbot, Jr.	2003 - 2005: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk
1993 - 1995: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy	2005 - 2007: Mrs. Peter Hennessy
1995 - 1997: Mrs. John B. Babcock	2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer	

### **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. Steven P. Borner
1990 - 1992: Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward	2002 - 2004: Mrs. C H Mitchell
1992 - 1993: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy	2004 - 2006: Mrs. Francis A. Goodhue
1993 - 1994: Mrs. Samuel S. Polk	2006 - 2008: Mrs. Philip Bowers & Mrs. Anthony Langham

### **TREASURER (even years)**

1984 - 1988: Mrs. Steven P. Borner	2006 - 2007: Mrs. Christopher Espy
1988 - 2003: Mrs. John Milnes Baker	2007 - 2008: Mrs. Joseph Maybank
2003 - 2006: Mrs. George D. Bianco	

### **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 - 2008: Mrs. John G. Finnegan Jr.
1995 - 1996: Mrs. William S. Miller	



## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

1983 - 1987: Mrs. James W. Husted Jr.	1999 - 2001: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Rigdon H. Boykin	2001 - 2003: Mrs. John Morris
1989 - 1993: Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard	2003 - 2005: Mrs. Peter Hennessy
1993 - 1995: Mrs. John P. McGarry Jr.	2005 - 2007: Mrs. Charles W. Parsons
1995 - 1997: Mrs. John J. Stockbridge	2007 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson
1997 - 1999: Mrs. Hugh C. McMillan	

## **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

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE** continued

- 2003 - 2005: Mrs. Harold A. O'Callaghan III, Mrs. John Redmon,  
Mrs. Camillo M. Santomero, Mrs. Mark Swank  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Roberto Buaron, Mrs. Victor Wortmann,  
Mrs. Seth Cameron, Mrs. John Ryan  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. George Bianco, Mrs. Aaron Taylor,  
To be determined

**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.   | 2003-2005: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson   |
| 1994-1995: Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham    | 2005-2007: Mrs. Samuel Polk          |

## **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. John McGarry, Mrs. Norman Selby, Mrs. Oliver Hazard,  
Mrs. Marion Wyeth, Mrs. John Farr  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall, Mrs. Thomas Trotta

### **SANCTUARIES**

#### **Audubon**

1985-1989: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich  
1989-2009: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

#### **Beaver Dam**

1985-1995: Mrs. Edward W. Kelly  
1995-2001: Mrs. James R. Pierce  
2001-2009: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

#### **Butler-Meyer Preserve**

1986-2009: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

#### **Marsh Sanctuary**

1986-1993: Mrs. Dennis Dix  
1993-2001: Mrs. Bradford Purcell  
2001-2007: Mrs. Alfred Wamsley III  
2007-2009: (to be determined)

#### **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  
1997-2009: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson

#### **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation**

1986-1991: Mrs. Nicholas H. Witte  
1991-1993: Mrs. Clarence Woodward  
1993-2009: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné

#### **Westmoreland Sanctuary**

1986-1989: Mrs. Minturn V. Chase  
1989-2009: 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  
2005-2007: Mrs. John Farr  
2007-2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

## **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Cushman  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

## **GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon

## **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Thomas Trotta  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Franklin Montross III	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich, Mrs. Peter Hennessy
1987 - 1991: Mrs. Herbert H. Foster	
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith	2003-2004: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. Louis B. Harder
1993 - 1995: Mrs. Richard H. Witmer	
1995 - 1997: Mrs. Stuart Ross	2004-2005: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. Edward Côté, Jr.
1997 - 1999: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.	
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Charlton Reynders Jr	2005-2009: Mrs. Sean McDowell

## **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

**PROGRAMS** continued

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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Clymer  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Cushman

**HOSTESSES**

1985-1987: Mrs. Rodman K. Tilt Jr.	1998-1999: Mrs. William S. Miller
1987-1989: Mrs. Herbert H. Foster	1999-2001: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy
1989-1991: Mrs. Robert J. MacLean	2001-2003: Mrs. Stuart Ross
1991-1995: Mrs. Charles W. Parsons	2003-2005: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
1995-1997: Mrs. Robert M. Ferguson	2005-2007: Mrs. Howland Robinson
1997-1998: Mrs. Steven P. Borner	2007-2009: Mrs. Jonathon Connor

## **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) (see Garden History and Design Committee starting in 2007)

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.	1999 - 2001: Mrs. Donald P. Mossman
1987 - 1989: Mrs. Alfred Wamsley III	2001 - 2003: Mrs. Steven J. Niemczyk
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Rigdon H. Boykin	2003 - 2007: Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders
1993 - 1999: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent	

#### **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 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell

#### **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. John Milnes Baker, Mrs. John Ryan  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. John McGarry

#### **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	2005 - 2009: Ms. Anne Putnam

### **CUSTODIAN**

1986 - 1987: Mrs. Stephen J. Smith  
1987 - 1989: Mrs. William S. Miller  
1989 - 1991: Mrs. William M. Jackson  
1991 - 1993: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

1993 - 1999: Mrs. Piers McDonald  
1999 - 2001: Mrs. Steven H. Rice  
2001 - 2007: Mrs. John B. Babcock Jr.  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

### **FRIENDSHIP GARDEN CLUB**

Not listed after 1986

### **GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN**

(became a Standing Committee in 2007)

2003 - 2007: Mrs. John Redmon

### **HISTORIAN**

1986 - 1989: Mrs. William O'Donoghue  
1989 - 1991: Mrs. Clarence Woodward  
1991 - 1997: Mrs. Hobart Lewis

1997 - 2001: Mrs. Walter E. Winans  
2001 - 2003: Mrs. Lewis B. Harder  
2003 - 2009: 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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Paul Matthews  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Samuel Polk

### **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 - 2007: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke, Mrs. Winthrop B. Conrad  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke

## **PHOTOGRAPHER**

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  
2005 - 2009: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

## **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  
2005 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz

## **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Howland Robinson  
2007 ; 2009: Mrs. John Stockbridge,

## **PROJECT REVIEW**

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Peter Hennessy  
2007 – 2009: Mrs. John Redmon

## **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  
2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam





### **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  
2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Ferguson  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Clymer

### **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 - 2007: Mrs. Timothy Paul  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Milnes Baker

## **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  
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2000 - 2001: Mrs. Roger B Vincent, Co-Chairman GCA Annual Meeting 2003  
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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  
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2005 - 2007: Mrs. Roberto Buaron, Awards Committee, Zone III Representative  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron, Awards Committee, Zone III Chairman  
2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon, Archive Committee, Zone III Representative  
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Mrs. George W. Hill ('85-'87)  
Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence, Pucket ('85-'97)  
Mrs. John M. Regan Jr. ('85-'03) Emeritus  
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