

# THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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ANNUAL REPORTS

2007 – 2008

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. John G. Finnegan
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Mrs. George Bianco  
Mrs. John McGarry  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Charlton Reynders, Chairman

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting 2008:

Norfolk, Virginia

May, 2008

Mrs. Winthrop Conrad, President

Mrs. Stephen Lines, Delegate

The Zone III Annual Meeting 2008:

New York, NY

Fall, 2008

Mrs. Winthrop Conrad, President

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008

Knowing today, the full extent of my ignorance at this time last year, I can only say a heartfelt thank you to every member of the club for your patience, gentleness and enormous tact during this year of transition.

It is an extraordinary testament to the depth of talent in our club when one considers this year's accomplishments. Our members are gifted in so many diverse ways and each one seems to contribute in a unique fashion. The year began with our once in a lifetime trip to England to visit the gardens of Sussex as the guests of Sarah Kowitz. At our Kick Off meeting in September, we rolled up our sleeves, and began the process of self-evaluation and planning for the demands of a garden club in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This year's focus has been in response to the three areas of interest expressed by our members in the September survey – to educate ourselves about gardening and horticulture, to develop programs that impact our community and to streamline operations so that our energy is well used.

To this end, we created a Planning Committee that was charged with developing new programs and refurbishing old programs. We also created an Operations Committee to examine and improve the ways we conduct our internal affairs. We have focused on partnering with other nonprofits in order to improve our own education and programs and to expand our reach into the community.

After many hours of discussion and deliberation, we redefined our relationship with John Jay Homestead and our goals for the John Jay Gardens. Our JJG team is alive and well and has created a wonderful “teaching garden”. Similarly, we have redefined our Bedford Village Planters Project and we continue to evaluate the best use of our time and talent in this beautification effort. We need to focus on the Shannon Triangle, Luquer Garden and other such civic projects next year.

The new projects proposed by our Planning Committee bring us partnerships that will greatly expand our impact. The Executive Committee approved the concept of a partnership between the Bedford Garden Club, Rusticus Garden Club and the Westchester Land Trust to restore a Lord and Burnham greenhouse in return for which we will have use of the greenhouse, cold frames and surrounding gardens for joint civic projects. Under Nonie Reynders' leadership, we are working on developing this project.

The Executive Committee also approved the concept of a partnership with the New York Botanical Garden consisting of a pilot program of courses provided exclusively to BGC members that, upon completion, will result in our members receiving a NYBG Certificate in Horticulture. We are working on the curriculum this summer and the courses will start this fall. We will be sending out more information about this program over the summer. Our expectation is that most of our members will take the courses and receive a certificate which will be noted in our directory. We are hoping that this partnership will become a national model for botanical gardens and garden clubs.



Our Conservation Committee has created a partnership with the Supervisor of the Town of Bedford and the Bedford Energy Advisory Panel to work together to educate the community about issues relating to the environment and conservation. Our Open Meeting on Avoiding Pesticides and Chemicals in Lawn Care was the first initiative. We followed up by sponsoring a Compost Give Away and a program to teach children and their parents how to plant vegetable and herb seeds. We are working with the Bedford Energy Advisory Panel to co-sponsor a full day Summit Meeting on environmental issues next year.

Thanks to Varner Redmon, we have a new communications system that has enabled us to communicate promptly and effectively through our new website. Her work with the newly created Garden History & Design Committee has introduced our members to the fascinating world of archived gardens. And at the same time our Horticulture and Exhibitions Committees continue to provide our members wonderful opportunities to learn together and to teach others about gardening and flower arranging.

With thanks to one and all, we have had a year full of challenges and achievements. Next year we hope to continue this work and start the process of planning for our centennial in 2011.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
2008

This award is presented to someone who has been a member of our club for 33 years. Now an Associate member, she has served in many positions of leadership, including a term as President. By all rights, she should be dividing her time between tending her magnificent garden and munching bonbons by the pool. Instead she continues to give back. She has helped out a new President on countless occasions, spearheading the Marion Woodward memorial bench, serving on our Planning Committee, and offering wise advice and exchange of ideas in many sensitive areas over the course of the year. She has raised our profile at the national level by her work with the GCA and has spent the last two years writing the fourth volume of our club's history, just in time for our centennial. It is with honor and admiration that I present the

2008 President's Award to  
Nancy Vincent

With deep appreciation for her wise counsel and accessibility, her steadfast support of all club activities from Club Historian to Planning Committee, and for her impressive work at the national level as GCA Historian.

## GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by Zone VII in Norfolk, Virginia “Wave of the Future” – the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
May 4-6, 2008

Ellen and I were GCA neophytes, neither of us ever having been to any major GCA event nor to Norfolk, Virginia. Nervous about the appropriate clothes, skeptical about meetings with 600+ women, apprehensive about the heat and the weather, and very curious about what we'd learn, we were, nonetheless, raring to go. And once we set foot on southern soil, we never looked back. We were on an adventure with a purpose. In the final analysis, we were not only shocked by the strict organization of the event itself and all the trips, dinners and meetings offered, but we were awed in hearing about GCA's history of service to this country, by the intellect and dedication of each and every one of this enormous band of highly efficient and talented women, and blown away by their creativity and commitment to achieving ever higher goals. It was anything but boring; it was totally fascinating, invigorating, and highly informative.

Among America's oldest cities, Norfolk has one of the world's deepest and largest natural harbors, playing a vital role in her history and development. She was the only city in the colonies completely burned down during the Revolutionary War. She holds the distinction of being home to the largest naval base in the world and is the third largest container port on the East Coast. Ellen and I did not arrive for any of the pre-meeting day trips on Friday and Saturday but on Sunday in time to attend the more important presidents' and delegates' workshops. Ellen was slated to go to 'A Few Good Women', a workshop concerning membership, probing methods of how to attract quality members, while I sat at a round table discussion titled 'Basic Training'. I had the good fortune to have as my moderator, Joanne Lenden, recent GCA historian, who was both humorous and thought-provoking. She asked each person at our table to comment on two questions: what was the favorite part of our club and what was the major interest of our club. I was chomping at the bit by the time my turn came up, eager to boast of my president's recent shake down, assessing our commitments and future goals, and setting us on a more focused trajectory on the environment and local partnerships. Many were left agape as to our ambitions. I was very proud to have many examples of our planned endeavors. Most other clubs were satisfied with their club's path and had no innovative plans.

Our table was unanimous in acknowledging our favorite part of membership was the relationships forged with women across the age spectrum. After the workshops, Ellen and I were anxious to walk through the flower show, 'From the Mountains...to the Sea', with a schedule showcasing the topographical diversity and uniqueness of these 12 GCA zones, from Kentucky and North Carolina to Virginia and West Virginia. It was splendid. One interesting joint initiative established in Zones VI and VIII, we discovered, is called Partners for Plants, an on-going association with state and federal land managers and city parks to study and monitor rare, endangered, medicinal or invasive native plant material, combined with eco-system management. Following a wine and cheese reception in the Marriott ballroom, we ambled over to the newly renovated waterfront "Half Moone" Cruise center on the Elizabeth River for our Zone dinners. This evening was a great opportunity for chatting with old and new friends. We had the unique and proud pleasure of having our own Dominique Buaron in attendance as GCA assistant awards chairman, as well as friends from Rusticus Garden Club.

Monday was a full day, with a business meeting and speaker in the morning and a luncheon tour in the afternoon. The meeting started off with a dignified presentation of the colors by the naval station in Norfolk. We then had a presentation by Patrick Noonan on the establishment in December 2006 of the first all-water national park. The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail traces the water and land routes of Smith and his crew, teaching travelers about the diverse Native American cultures of the region, and leading them to the English settlement of Jamestown. The route follows tributaries, bays, and marshes, secluded woodlands, historic towns and plantations. Eventually talking buoys are planned as guides to the area's history and ecology. This talk was followed by the president's report, which meshed nicely with our own mission statement for the next two years. Maryjo Garre spoke about the passion of our time, taking action for the greening of America, the green revolution. She reviewed GCA's proud history of legislative action for conservation, citing Sally Brown and Wilhemina Waller's as bastions for involvement, promoting a voice in congress. She encouraged educating our youth and creating new partnerships with environmental groups like the National Geographic Society, the National Park Service and GPS. Finally, the Founders Fund winner was announced. The buffer strip project in Cooperstown, NY won for its promotion of partnership and purpose and the GCA Centennial Founders Fund candidate for 2013 was the Dene Summerhouse landscape in Central Park. Then, we were off for a picnic lunch, where Ellen and I had the joyful and glorious experience of going to the Norfolk Botanical Garden, created during the Depression through a WPA program of over 200 African American men and women. Impressive gardens included their Azalea Garden, Bicentennial Rose Garden, the R.W. Cross Nature Trail with a boardwalk along Lake Whitehurst, through Virginia's Native Plant Garden and the endearing Children's 'World of Wonders' Adventure Garden. Needless to say, we were the last ones on the bus home. This evening's cocktail buffet was at the Nauticus, a maritime-themed science center, with access to the berthed Wisconsin, the largest battleship ever built by the US Navy.

Tuesday's meeting featured the Very Reverend William McMillan and concise reports given by the national chairmen of all the committees. It was a very informative overview of all GCA activities. (Our club's Nancy Vincent is the GCA historian.) They bestowed The 2007 Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship to Caroline Thorn Kissel and awarded The Freeman Plant Award. We were then totally mesmerized by Rev. McMillan, the Julia Child of flower arranging; he entertained the audience, erecting monumental flower arrangements before our eyes in minutes, accompanied by rather humorous anecdotal chatting. Following this morning's business, we again loaded onto buses, this time Ellen and I had the distinct pleasure of going to the Chrysler Museum of Art. The building itself was pleasant with a sunny courtyard and its collection is highlighted by an impressive survey of European and American painting and sculpture as well as a world-renowned glass collection. A slide presentation of the museum's signature series "Art and Flowers" documented interpretative flower arrangements done by local flower arrangers. The luncheon here was exceptional, with wonderful, orange and pink table settings and flowers. Upon our return to the hotel, we again ventured over the river on a paddleboat to roam the historic district of Portsmouth, a city filled with 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century houses. Our final evening featured 'A Gala for our Medalists, organized in part by Dominique Buaron. We were introduced to an impressive and mind-boggling list of winners: a Kentucky farmer/poet/environmental activist, Wendell E. Berry; Ruth Cox Crocker who twice edited

and revised the GCA flower show and judging guide; Dr. Kathryn Kennedy who was recognized for distinguished service to conservation and the protection of rare plants through her revitalization of the Center for Plant Conservation. I was particularly interested in the medal given to the Philadelphia Green Program, which sponsors the largest urban greening project in the nation. Their work not only improves the quality of life for the 6 million residents of the region, it also empowers citizens to integrate horticulture into communities. Their programs, public landscapes, community gardens, parks revitalization, management of abandoned land, and environmental initiatives prompted a PBS documentary series.

Pleasantly weary, overwhelmed with pride, and empowered by all that we absorbed, Ellen and I returned to Bedford invigorated by ideas and ready to implement The Bedford Garden Club's agenda for change and renewal. Our club has so very much potential; we measure up handily to the quality and production of other clubs. We need to continue our proud history of service to the community and strive to ride the wave of the future by contributing to the greening of our town and our planet.

Mary Adams Lines, delegate

ZONE MEETING REPORT  
Orange & Dutchess Counties  
Will be held in the September, 2008

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report

June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand June 1, 2007

Regular	\$16,221.31
C&E 2007-2008	\$11,315.00
C&E 2008 - 2009	\$0.00
Operating Reserve	\$2,000.00
Project Review	\$0.00
Waller Gift	\$20,000.00
John Jay Special	\$1,601.97
CD - matures 10/7/08	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$61,138.28

Receipts

Interest	\$876.85
Interest on CD	\$1,486.26
Dues	\$20,010.00
Projects	\$4,113.56
Conservation Projects	\$656.80
Visiting Gardens	\$1,051.98
Miscellaneous	\$441.00
Marion Woodward Memorial Fund	<u>\$700.00</u>
	\$29,336.45

Disbursements

Bank Charges	\$85.00
Yearbook	\$845.66
Newsletter - "Clippings"	\$946.23
Programs	\$3,368.24
Custodian	\$0.00
Discretionary Fund	\$212.73
Insurance	\$260.00

Awards	\$286.84
Club History	\$3681.25
Woodward Memorial Bench	\$1,410.00
Website	\$107.32
Horticulture	\$177.83
Conservation	\$0.00
Garden History & Design	\$312.18
Hostesses	\$0.00
Public Relations & Photography	\$283.50
Seedlings	\$740.24
Zone III Meeting	\$0.00
Taxes	<u>\$548.50</u>
	\$13,265.52

#### Contributions

John Jay Gardens	\$2,535.70
Tubs in Bedford Village	<u>\$1,108.78</u>
	\$3,644.48

#### 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
Westchester Land Trust	\$100.00
Friends of Rocky Hill	\$100.00
Wave Hill	\$100.00
New York Botanical Gardens	\$300.00
Bedford Historical Society	\$250.00

GCA Dues	\$6,525.00
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	<u>\$30.00</u>
	\$9,290.00
Balance on hand June 1, 2008	
Wachovia Checking	
Working Funds	\$9,936.23
Operating Reserve	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$11,936.23
Certificate of Deposit (matures 10/7/08)	
Waller Gift	\$20,935.40
Zone Meeting Reserve	\$10,467.70
Operating Surplus	<u>\$20,935.40</u>
	\$52,338.50
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2007	\$36,271.99
Interest and Contributions	\$3,197.45
Endowment (Dreyfus) - Balance on hand June 1, 2006	\$39,469.44
Grand Total	<u>\$103,744.17</u>

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2007	\$9,912.04
Receipts	
Interest	\$50.23
Balance plus receipts	\$9,962.27
Disbursements	
2008 Annual Meeting	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2008	\$9,962.27

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2007	\$17,486.26
Receipts	
Interest	\$88.63
Balance plus receipts	\$17,574.89
Disbursements	
Conservation Committee	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2008	\$17,574.89

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2007	\$5,093.94
Receipts	
Interest	\$25.77
Balance plus receipts	\$5,119.71
Disbursements	
Workshops	\$0.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2008	\$5,119.71



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4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Accounts

Balance on hand June 1, 2007 \$11,743.49

Alice Anderson Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2007 \$2,282.24

Interest \$60.33

Contributions

Balance on hand May 31, 2008 \$2,342.57

Eloise Luquer Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2007 \$3,599.22

Interest \$95.15

Contributions

Balance on hand May 31, 2008 \$3,694.37

Winifred Macomber Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2007 \$3,041.01

Interest \$80.39

Contributions

Balance on hand May 31, 2008 \$3,121.40

Horticulture Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2007 \$2,821.02

Interest \$74.58

Contributions

Balance on hand May 31, 2008 \$2,895.60

Balance on hand May 31, 2008 \$12,053.94

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Proposed Operating Budget

June 1, 2008-May 31, 2009

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest	\$ 1,000
Dues	18,000
Projects	2,000
Ways and Means	35,000
<u>Westchester Land Trust Donations</u>	<u>2,000</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$58,000**

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Operating

Bank Charges	\$ 30
GCA Dues	6,525
Yearbook	900
Communications	1,200
Programs	3,500
Custodian	100
Insurance	260
Awards	300
Medal Funds	250
President's Fund	500
Exhibitions	575
Horticulture Committee	625
Conservation and Civic Affairs	1,000
Garden History and Design	500
Zone III Meeting	300
Public Relations	500
Seedlings	800
Taxes	550
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>1,055</u>
Total Operating	\$19,470

Civic and Education

Special Projects:

John Jay Gardens (Phase 1)	\$ 2,500
WLT Greenhouse Restoration	10,000
Centennial Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Sub Total	\$17,500

Ongoing Projects:

Project Review	\$ 3,000
John Jay Gardens	1,000
Bedford Village Tubs	1,500
WLT Greenhouse	<u>1,500</u>
Sub Total	\$ 7,000

Civic Contributions:

National Parks	\$ 35
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens`	150
Beaver Dam Sanctuary	100
Audubon- Ramsey Hunt/Palmer	100
Westmoreland Sanctuary	150
Marsh Sanctuary	100
Mianus Gorge Preserve	100
Butler/Meyer Preserve	100
Teatown Reservation	100
Lasdon Arboretum	100
Wave Hill	100
NY Botanical Garden	300
Bedford Historical Society	250
GCA Interchange Fellowship	100
GCA Founders Fund	100
Federated Conservationists	50
Student Conservation Assoc.	250
Trailside Nature Museum	100
Native Plant Center	30
Westchester Land Trust	100
Friends of Rocky Hills	<u>100</u>
Sub Total	\$ 2,515

Total Civic and Education	\$27,015
Civic and Education 2009-10	\$11,515
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>

## RECORDING SECRETARY

2007-2008

Beginning in July 2007, the Bedford Garden Club held ten Executive Committee Meetings and eight Regular Committee Meetings including the Annual Meeting.

There were no Regular Meetings in July, August and November of 2007 and March, 2008. There were no Executive Committee Meetings in August and December of 2007.

Mary Finnegan

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2007-2008

The Corresponding Secretary produced and mailed blue cards and communicated projected meeting numbers to the Program Chair and Head Hostess. Attendance was tallied at each meeting to track member participation. This year, members were given the option to RSVP by email. Even with the new RSVP method, attendance always exceeded the number that responded by a significant margin.

Janet S. Robinson

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2007-2008

The aim of the Conservation & Civic Affairs Committee is to inform and involve our members as well as residents of the greater Bedford area in issues that are important to us all. This year we have chosen to highlight organic lawn care, composting, organic fertilizer and support of garden projects at local schools.

In February we hosted an open meeting at John Jay Homestead featuring Paul Tukey, an expert on Organic Lawn Care. The audience was made up of BGC members, members of other garden clubs, landscape professionals and the general public. All attended in spite of a severe winter storm. This was followed in late spring by a composted manure give away at Westchester County's Hanover Hilltop Farm. BGC member Shirley Bianco's sheep produced the excellent, well rotted manure that was bagged and carried away to gardens by an extremely diverse group. We have continued our support of the wonderful student's Vegetable Garden at Bedford Hills Elementary School started by Kate Branch. Kate, the school nurse was moved to start the garden by the obesity of many of her charges. She is the daughter-in-law of the late BGC member, Joan Branch. This summer we will give a garden shed for the safe keeping of garden equipment. We have continued to sell the very popular "BGC Green Bags" and we have designed and sold out of a new BGC T shirt.

In the coming year we plan to join with the Bedford Energy and Advisory Panel to hold an Environmental Summit. It is to be a day long event. There will be a keynote speaker, work shops, lunch and more work shops aimed at catalyzing community action. We will have an Open Meeting again in February with a speaker on an important Environmental issue.

Bitsy Tatnall & Bonnie Trotta, Co-chairmen

### Adopt-a-Road

2007-2008

In 1992 the BGC adopted two miles of the state highway on Route 22 between Route 172 and Clinton Road.. This year we will have had 2 or possibly 3 successful clean-ups. After the initial April clean-up, it appeared that the owners of the roadside properties or their maintenance men have kept the trash under control this summer. There will be another clean-up in October, and if weather permits, we will try a mid-winter clean-up. On clean-up day the steadfast volunteers meet at the Bedford Oak to don their DOT garb and get their assignments. Each volunteer goes off with a partner to a specific section of the road. Long pants, hardy shoes and work gloves are a must. The task is usually completed within an hour, and the DOT trucks come along later in the day to pick up the heavy laden orange bags.

The Conservation Committee would like to thank profusely the steadfast volunteers for their effort and time in this very worthwhile task.

Bonnie MacDonald

Town Meetings

2007 – 2008

The attendance at these meetings by a Bedford Garden Club member has been discontinued. The meetings are well covered on the town's web-site.

Recycling

No Report

National Affairs & Legislation

No Report

Virginia Maybank

Audubon Sanctuaries

2007-2008

**PALMER LEWIS SANCTUARY:** Consists of 24 acres and is located off Route 121. This is the smallest of Bedford Audubon's sanctuaries. The upland area consist of dry rocky hillside with mature mountain laurel, large oaks and hickories. Eastern coyote, barred owls, and wood thrush are present in the woodlands and Butterflies and bluebirds are found in the meadow.

**FRANKLIN FELS SANCTUARY, NORTH SALEM:** This sanctuary is located between Titicus Road and Hardscrabble Road on the north side of the Titicus Reservoir in 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. Improvements to the sanctuary will continue to be made over the next few years.

**HUNT PARKER SANCTUARY:** Without a doubt the crown jewel of Bedford Audubon's sanctuary system this 318 acre sanctuary boasts a well established marked trail system through a variety of habitats. An informative trail guide was recently developed as was a bird check-list. Mammal, butterfly, moth and plant check-lists are currently being developed.

Nancy C. Wyeth, Representative

The Beaver Dam Sanctuary

2007-2008

The Beaver Dam Sanctuary Board of Directors is reviewing the preliminary findings for a Master Plan study by students of the Conway School of Landscape Design. Plans that BDS are considering include: trail maintenance and location; controlling erosion at river crossings and along Beaver Dam Road; improving signage and perhaps including some interpretive signs about forest restoration; using deer exclosures in certain areas, which

would also include understory restoration, protection from erosion and protection of the river.

Water has been sampled at three areas: where the Stone Hill (Aspetong) River and Broad Brook River enter the Sanctuary and at the Sheep Dip. Westchester County Health Department tested and found the water within "normal limits" (!!!) for coliform and fecal coliform. That means you could safely wade from one side of the river to the other, but never drink the water!

The Sanctuary was founded in December, 1969. Next year we will celebrate our 40th anniversary. More on our history next year ! We are honored and grateful to be able to protect this beautiful land and the river flowing through it for our residents, hikers, snowshoers, cross-country skiers, horseback riders and fishermen.

Ann Van N. McDuffie, Representative

The Butler-Meyer Preserve  
of the Eastern New York Chapter of the Nature Conservancy  
2007-2008

The Butler and Meyer Preserves continue to expand their programs for the public to enjoy as well as the school children's programs. "Books at Butler" series continues to be a highly successful program as well.

Litigation continues with Seven Springs LLC to oppose the re-opening of an abandoned road in the Meyer Preserve.

Come enjoy the beauty of nature in these wonderful nature preserves.

Joyce L. Espy, Representative

The Marsh Sanctuary  
2007-2008

No Report

The Mianus River Gorge Preserve  
2007-2008

The Mianus River Gorge Preserve was established in 1953 and now protects over 750 acres of land and the water supply for over 150,000 people in New York and Connecticut. The Gorge is a private preserve with over 2.5 miles of trails which are open for hiking from 8:30 am to 5PM daily from April 1 to November 30. During the winter, the trails are "resting" and are closed to the public. Recent highlights for the Preserve include new conservation easements, GIS mapping of trails and resources in the lower portion of the watershed in Connecticut, and research projects on deer management and other vital topics. Their website at [www.mianus.org](http://www.mianus.org) is full of valuable information.

Betsey Johnson, Representative

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation /Luquer-Marble Wildflower Garden  
2007 - 2008

No Report.

Louisa Rawle Tiné, Representative

Westmoreland Sanctuary  
2007-2008

No Report

Bonnie Trotta, Representative

EXHIBITIONS  
2007-2008

This Committee's emphasis is on educating committee members on the elements of design of flower arranging for submission in a GCA flower show. Members will also learn about flower arranging mechanics and how to work with different types of plant material when composing an arrangement. This committee strongly encourages participation in flower shows.

Our first workshop was held on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Leslie Wortmann. Twelve committee members arrived with horizontal containers to be used in their arrangement. Our instructor Dominique Bauron supplied fresh flowers and dried material. Tips on preserving fruits and vegetables and spraying dried material were taught. Our beautiful centerpieces survived through Thanksgiving.

BGC's annual Greensday was held at Westmoreland Sanctuary on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Almost 60 members and their guests turned out for a memorable workshop. We shopped at a truly impressive boutique organized by Anita Stockbridge and Bitsy Tatnall. Our guest speaker, Cecily Grand, of Grand Designs, inspired us with her mantle display and taught us a few tricks of the trade for our holiday decorating. Wreaths were decorated and delivered to NWH, Bedford Historical Hall, John Jay Homestead and the Katonah Community Center.

In January, our Membership Meeting's featured speaker was Nancy Ladd, award -winning flower arranging judge and member of Rye Garden Club. Nancy educated us with her talk entitled " Everything You Wanted To Know About Flower Arranging But Were Afraid To Ask" Nancy took us step by step through the process of entering a flower show, reading a schedule and arranging techniques.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Exhibitions committee held their second workshop titled "Art as Inspiration". Members were sent copies of famous paintings and were instructed to do an arrangement inspired by the artwork. Finished arrangements were brought to the workshop and gently critiqued by Dominique Bauron. This proved to be a very educational exercise, as we learned about the color, form and shape of our designs.

Our In-House Flower Show "Growing Green" highlighted our year-end Membership Tea. The meeting was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Maplegrove, home of Mrs. George Bianco. Members were encouraged to enter one of two Flower Arranging Classes or one of our five horticulture classes. Maplegrove's beautiful wrap-around porches proved to be a perfect setting for a memorable show. Judge's Commendations went to Class III "Colored Foliage" for "Outstanding diversity of plant material" and Class I "Tap into Resources" for "Great teamwork that produced elegant results".

Leslie Wortmann



“Growing Green” In-House Flower Show Winners:

Horticulture

Class I Perennials

Mary Kendrick	Astrontia	1 <sup>st</sup>
Virginia Maybank	Ranunculaceae	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ellen Conrad	Campanulaceae	1 <sup>st</sup> – Best In Show
Mary Kendrick	Digitalis	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Heather Langham	Digitalis Grandaflora	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wendy Cushman	Asteraceae	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bonnie Trotta	Lilium	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Class II Roses

Selby Erlich	Rosa	1 <sup>st</sup>
Virginia Maybank	Other	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ellen Conrad	Florabunda	1 <sup>st</sup>
Heather Langham	Shrub	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	David Austin Shrub	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mary Kendrick	Shrub	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mary Kendrick	David Austin Shrub	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bitsy Tatnall	Other	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Cassie Kernan	Florabunda	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bitsy Tatnall	Shrub	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Varner Redmon	David Austin Shrub	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dominique Bauron	Shrub	Honorable Mention
Rachel Ocken	Other	Honorable Mention
Wendy Cushman	Florabunda	Honorable Mention

Class III Colored Foliage

Mary Kendrick	Athyrium Dryopteridaceae	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bitsy Tatnall	Acer Palmatury	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ellen Conrad	Barberidaceae	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ann McDuffie	Asteraceae Artemisia	1 <sup>st</sup>
Heather Langham	Athyium Niponicum	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	Liliaceae	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	Saxifraguceae	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	Smoke bush	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	Cohosh	1 <sup>st</sup>
Varner Redmon	Hosta	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Virginia Maybank	Cornus	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rachel Ocken	Geranium	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Class IV A Trough of Succulents

Nancy Vincent	1 <sup>stt</sup>
Ann McDuffie	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gilda McGarry	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dominique Bauron	Honorable Mention

Class V Par  
Sally Kroll Begonia 'Nebula' 2<sup>nd</sup>

Flower Arranging

Class I Tap Into Resources

Rachel Ocken & Bonnie Trotta 1<sup>st</sup> Best in Show  
Leslie Wortmann & Deirdre Glascott 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kate Ginnel & Kirk Ferguson 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Nanny Wyeth & Allison Bamford 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lela Philip & Adele Talty 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class II From the Ground Up

Cindy Swank 1<sup>st</sup>  
Suzanne Bowers 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lindsay Pinchot 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Shelly Ferrall Honorable Mention

## GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2007-2008

The Garden History and Design committee has had a wonderful inaugural year as a standing committee! During four meetings, two field trips and many hours of independent work, a large number of dedicated committee members have worked hard to fulfill “*The [fourfold] purpose of the Garden History and Design Committee of The Garden Club of America... (The Garden History & Design Handbook, 2005)*”

*1. To educate GCA members about trends in contemporary American landscape and garden design;*

We have individually visited many local gardens of note through the Garden Conservancy Open Days Program. On June 9, twenty committee members and guests had a tour of Hollister House, George Schoellkopf’s marvelous garden in Washington, CT.

*2. 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;*

Committee members are researching the gardens (and garden owners) documented in the 1920’s-1930’s for the GCA that are now in the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian. The sixty-plus garden owners in the archives from the Bedford area were important figures in every aspect of 20<sup>th</sup>-century American history. In the coming years, we hope to assemble the results of this fascinating research in a form that will be accessible to all members of our community.

*3. 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.*

We have worked with Programs, Visiting Gardens, and Conservation.

*4. 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.*

We are adding to the Archives of American Gardens by recording important contemporary gardens in our area for the Smithsonian. We have six gardens in various stages of documentation, there are many more on our list.

We look forward to a very productive (and fun) second year.

Varner Redmon

## HORTICULTURE

2007-2008

Since the fall, the Horticulture Committee has been quite busy. We spent the first few months reviewing some basics in growing and propagating plants in order to get ready for the Zone III Annual Meeting next September. We did some soft wood cuttings of Boxwood.

Our Horticulture meeting was held at the Historical Hall in Bedford where we listened with some good laughs to Kent Russell's comical presentation on Variegated Plants. He was amusing and at the same time very informative. He also brought some fabulous specimens of variegated plants that we all took home.

Our next event was our Member's Plant Exchange on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had more plants than members. The Chinese Auction allowed us to share and also to fight for the same plant! What a success! Every plant went to a new home.

Being the Horticulture Chairman I had the pleasure of attending the Zone III Horticulture Meeting. Our Zone III Horticulture Representative, Ellen Petersen took us on a garden tour at Wave Hill in the Bronx. I also represented the BGC at the Shirley Meneice's Horticulture Conference in Atlanta. That meeting was filled with lectures, workshops and a tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. It is definitely worth a visit as you can admire some unusual trees and shrubs, which are not grown in our Northeastern gardens.

Dominique Buaron

## MEMBERSHIP

2007-2008

Membership had an exciting year in 2007-2008. Our committee reviewed many letters of support for our wonderful new members. There were a number of category changes for existing members and a few resignations as well. A special thanks to the Membership Committee, Mrs. Winthrop Conrad (Ellen), Mrs. Edward Cote (Storrs) and Mrs. J. Howland Robinson (Janet)

### New Members

Mrs. Mark Bamford (Allison)  
Mrs. Dan Ginnel (Kate)  
Mrs. Jim Glascott (Dierdre)  
Matt Ocken (Rachel) Affiliate  
Mrs. John Talty (Adele)

### Resignations

Mrs. Dix (Phyllis) Associate  
Mrs. Philip Miller (Anne) Active  
Mrs. Thomas Schillerstrom (Marion) Mrs.  
Mrs. Earl Stege (Jinney) Affiliate

### Category Changes

Mrs. Peter Ehrlich (Selby)  
Mrs. Oliver Hazard (Sally)  
Mrs. David Kowitz (Sarah)  
Mrs. R. Adams Perry (Phoebe)  
Mrs. Norman Selby (Melissa)  
Mrs. John Weisser (Mary Ellen)

From:  
Active  
Active  
Active  
Active  
Active  
Active

To:  
Sustaining  
Sustaining  
Sustaining  
Affiliate  
Affiliate  
Affiliate

Susan McDowell

## PROGRAMS

2007-2008

When Ellen approached me to chair the programs committee some time last year, neither one of us had any idea of what it entailed. Well, thanks to her energy and efficiency, and the talents of each and every standing committee chair, I managed to muddle through. Todd Forrest, Vice President of Living Collections at the New York Botanical Gardens was our kick off speaker in October. Todd brought stunning slides from the Kiku exhibition at the gardens. His spellbinding lecture excited so many of us that we followed his lecture with a trip to the Gardens November 1<sup>st</sup> to see this amazing exhibition ourselves. Those of you who didn't take advantage of this opportunity last fall should definitely go this fall when they will re create Kiku. The mechanics employed to exhibit the Chrysanthemums are beyond belief.

The Greens day committee did a spectacular job of providing us with a lucrative and stunning boutique coupled with Cecily Grand's creative workshop.

By far our largest and most comprehensive program was our community lecture at the John Jay homestead featuring Mr. Paul Tukey author of "The Organic Lawn Manual. Mr. Tukey's slide presentation (the projector notwithstanding) and his depth of knowledge were well received by our stalwart guests who braved the elements to hear his lecture. Local landscapers, greens keepers, and citizens all gathered on this stormy February evening to learn about the dangers of the pesticides we have been using on our gardens and lawns. Paul continues to keep in touch with us and to offer advice and alert us to his podcasts concerning organic lawn care and related information. Our Grand Finale, the Exhibitions dazzling in-house flower show completes this year's programs.

Shortly we will complete the calendar for next year's programs. Each Committee chair will have a chance to present a program of their choice. I hope that all of you will attend these incredible workshops and lectures whether you serve on that committee or not. A lot of thought is going into our programs for next year as we follow our mission of a sustainable environment created through community education and communication. Be sure to read your correspondence; you won't want to miss one single program.

Wendy Cushman

## HOSTESSES

2007-2008

September 25, 2007 9:30 am - Lunch

Topic: Kick off Presentation by BGC leadership and plant auction

Place: Bedford Golf & Tennis Club

Hostesses: Janet Conner

October 17, 2007 9 am - Coffee

Topic: Todd Forrest, VP of Horticulture at the NY Botanical Garden

Place: Bedford Golf & Tennis Club

Hostesses: Sally Kroll, Lindsay Pinchot

November 2007 No meeting

December 5, 2007 8:45 am - Coffee

Topic: Greens Day

Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary

Hostesses: Kim Morris – Head Hostess  
Lela Philip, Lindsay Jones, Mary Helen Kennedy, Sam O'Brien

January 2008 9 am - Coffee

Place: Historical Hall

Hostesses: Bonnie MacDonald, Lyn Goodhue

February 13, 2008 7 pm – Cocktails and Nibbles

Topic: “Organic Lawn Care” by Paul Tukey

Place: John Jay Homestead

Hostesses: Lindsay Matthews, Bonnie MacDonald, Wendy Cushman, Mimi Lines,  
Beth Stern, Bitsy Tatnall

Bartenders: Camillo Santomero, Whit Conrad

Arrangements: Liza Clymer, Kirk Ferguson, Suzanne Bowers

March 2008 No meeting

April 16, 2008 9 am – Coffee

Topic: Variegated plants

Place: Historical Hall

Hostesses: Ann Hoffman

May 21, 2008 9 am - Coffee

Topic: Plant Exchange Day

Place: John Jay Homestead Barn

Hostesses: Cindy Swank, Denise Santomero, Mary Finnegan

June 18, 2008 2:00 pm - Tea

Topic: Annual meeting, Growing Green, In-Club Flower Show, tea

Place: Shirley Bianco's Home

Hostesses: Liza Clymer, Cindy Dwyer, Suzy Beatty, Ann Paul

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

Janet Conner

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### AWARDS 2007-2008

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. Our candidate this year has brought garden design to the fore. Having tirelessly campaigned for the creation of a Garden History and Design Standing Committee, she has launched her new committee vision and inspiration. She has stimulated interest and excitement amongst a devoted group of members who are committed to the archiving of Bedford's most historic gardens.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Winifred Macomber Award  
To  
Varner Redmon**

For her perseverance and vision in creating our new Garden History and Design Committee and for her design of an informative and creative website that has revolutionized the way we communicate

**Golden Trowel Horticulture Award**

We are pleased to honor a club member who embodies the Bedford Garden Club's mission "to stimulate and encourage the love of gardening" by acting on the principle that one learns to love gardening by "doing."

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award  
to  
Lindsay Matthews**

For her success in enhancing and revitalizing what many now refer to as "the teaching garden" at the John Jay Homestead and for her leadership of the workshop to teach children and parents how to plant vegetables and herbs.

**The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

The Oliver Bowl, established in 1982, in memory of Katherine Starr Oliver, is an in-club award in the form of a silver bowl and 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 33 years ago. Her dedication and commitment to club activities is a model for all of us. She is an associate member who chaired two committees this year, Awards and Nominating, and was an active participant on the Planning Committee. As Awards Chair, she is skilled in identifying and recommending local leaders for national attention through GCA awards. She spots the most talented prospects within the club and describes their attributes with impressive writing and editing skills. She has been an invaluable member of the Planning Committee providing sound advice that will energize the club for many years to come.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Oliver Memorial Bowl  
to  
Knowlton Ames Reynders**

For her dedication, energy and creative thinking that embodies the best of Bedford Garden Club leadership.



### **The Conservation Award**

This year's recipient of the Conservation Award exemplifies the best of Bedford Garden Club leadership. She brought her own significant talents to the job – business acumen, sense of design, understanding of public relations and impressive energy. She created a vision for Conservation and Civic Affairs that has touched all of our members. We have bought her green bags and foresworn the use of plastic grocery bags. With pride, we sport her BGC T-shirts. We load our cars with sheep manure; take home informative pamphlets on home composting and urge our husbands and landscapers to stop using chemicals and pesticides on our lawns. We have been introduced to the importance of local food production and taught school children how to grow their own vegetables and herbs. We have launched a partnership with the Town Supervisor of Bedford and the Bedford Advisory Panel to educate our community on reducing our carbon footprint. It is with great honor and appreciation that we present to Bitsy Tatnall the Bedford Garden Club Conservation Award.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Conservation Award  
to  
Joan Connelly Tatnall**

For her energy and talent in leading our Conservation and Civic Affairs Committee to new heights of achievement. Her inspired vision for the club's work in these areas has touched not only each among our members but the greater Bedford community as well.

**A Special Citation**

The recipient of this citation has been a member of the Bedford Garden Club since 1987. She is an accomplished gardener and is involved at a leadership level with a number of national gardening organizations. Quietly, behind the scenes, she served on our planning committee and was responsible for one of our major accomplishments this year, the creation of a partnership with the New York Botanical Garden. It was her idea to approach the New York Botanical Garden and it was her inspiration that led to the creation of a model program that will not only enable our members to be educated by the nation's best experts in all aspects of horticulture and garden design but will also provide a model of collaboration for botanical gardens and garden clubs over the entire country.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
to  
Susan Burke**

For her quiet behind the scenes leadership that has brought the Bedford Garden Club an exciting partnership with the New York Botanical Garden that will benefit our members and our community for many years to come.

**A Special Citation**

We are sad to say goodbye to this member who has been such a lovely addition to our club. Her leadership of the Membership Committee has been exemplary and much appreciated.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
to  
Susan McDowell**

For her caring and efficient leadership of the Membership Committee and her competence in producing a great class of 2007.

**A Special Citation**

This citation is awarded to a model “Associate” member who has used her business acumen to fill the coffers of the Bedford Garden Club.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Anita Stockbridge**

For her generous contribution of time and talent and for her energy and creativity that has taken “Greensday” to a new level.

**A Special Citation**

This citation goes to two members who have made a significant contribution to our future by creating an orientation program for Seedlings that immerses them into club life and ensures their continuous education and engagement in our club’s activities.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Suzanne Bowers and Heather Langham**

For their insight and energy in developing a model Seedling orientation program..

**A Special Citation**

This citation goes to our seedling class 2007. They have been shining stars, participating in compost give-aways, exhibition and horticulture workshops, gardening at John Jay, planting Bedford Village planters and showing their competitive nature at the Chinese auction.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Allison Bamford, Kate Ginnell, Deirdre Glascott, Rachel Ocken and Adele Talty**

For fulfilling our vision of an exemplary Seedling class.

**A Special Citation  
To a non-member of the Bedford Garden Club**

This citation goes to a non-member for his constant support of The Bedford Garden Club's Conservation and Civic Affairs projects including technical computer support of the Tukey Open Meeting, bartending at the same event and, after only a few weeks return from double knee replacement, his unwavering support for the Bedford Garden Club's Earth Day Compost give-away at Hilltop Farm where he manned the club's composting table from 8am to 4 pm.

With our appreciation and respect

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
to  
Samuel M. V. Tatnall**

For his unwavering support of our Conservation and Civic Affairs projects. From technical computer support to bar tending to ignoring recent knee replacement in order to man a compost table, he has shown us all that he cares..

## CLIPPINGS

2007-2008

Clippings for the activities of the Bedford Garden Club dating from 6/07 to 5/08 was a combined effort of the membership with newsworthy items and committee heads with meeting and show information. The reminder for submissions and deadlines was emailed to the club members by Gilda McGarry. All the news and items were sent along to Varner Redmon who did the rewriting and editing. The final version was then sent to Allison Ryan who does the magic of putting it all together in an attractive readable form. It then gets emailed and mailed out to the membership and GCA chairwomen who keep records for the organization. Varner & Gilda shared the responsibility of distributing Clippings. Respectfully Submitted.

Gilda McGarry

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

This committee has been combined with that of Public Relations

## CUSTODIAN

2007-2008

All items in the Bedford Garden Club's inventory are located in the basement of my barn, unless otherwise noted.

Virginia Maybank

## B.G.C. INVENTORY

1. Garden Club files
2. Garden Club histories - Vol's I, II, III and IV
3. 120 Blue Yearbook binders
4. Six boxes of Cookbooks
  
5. Flower Show Supplies
  - a. 2 large halogen worklights
  - b. 9 clipboards
  - c. 15 legal pads
  - d. 2 steno pads
  - e. 15 black, wood modern blocks
  - f. 18 pieces var. shapes glass and Lucite
  - g. 5 assorted flower pin holders for arrangements
  - h. 2 12" black plates
  - i. 7 trunk slices 1/4" x 12" ovals
  - j. one box small polished black stones
  - k. 2 niches, divided into 4 quarters, 8"x9" each
  - l. 2 white niches, no backs -for small arrangements

- m. 6 masonite round tables, 36" dia.
- n. 1 octagonal large niche for 8 miniature arrangements – two sections (top & bottom)
- o. 6 large, gray niches with hinged backs
- p. 3 partitioned basketweave screens
- q. 4 landscape plot frames -5' x 3' x 10" deep
- r. 18 misc. stakes for signs
- s. 4 12" square tops for pedestals
- t. 1 bag hardware for niches
- u. 2 pkgs. Repair links
- v. 1 bag clear plastic card holders for exhibitions
- w. 1 watering can
- x. 7 white pedestals
- y. 4 large pedestal tops
- z. 6 pedestal tops (need 1 more)

#### 6. Miscellaneous

- a. 8 green tablecloths
- b. 8 flesh color tablecloths
- c. 5 white sheet liners for tables
- d. 41 packs of photo Kemble cards
- e. 1 Bessler lantern
- f. 20 carafes
- g. 18 pressed glass bud vases
- h. 7 grape-motif bulb glasses
- i. 37 large green glass bottles
- j. 20 medium green glass bottles
- k. 22 small green glass bottles
- l. 10 extension cords
- m. 15 large clay pots (10 and 12" diameter)
- n.. 6 chalk boards
- o. 100 lunch baskets
- p. dark green aprons
- q. 2 videos of 1986 Centennial Celebration –Candy Borner
- r. Silver Tea Service –Baker, to Maybank, to Janet Conner
- s. 1 copy current GCA Judging Manual
- t. BGC Banner (2) –Carol Rice
- u. 20 needlepoint BGC hostess pins –Carol Rice
- v. 2 copies *Gardens of Colony and State* –Mary Kendrick
- w. 1 GCA framed plaque –Mary Kendrick
- x. Carton boxes of BGC historical slides of member gardens (need to be itemized and stored appropriately)

HISTORIAN  
2007-2008

Pregnancy and delivery were neither as prolonged nor as challenging for me as the production of Volume IV of The Story of Our Club. I missed the goal for completion of December 2006 by two human gestation periods, eighteen months! Gathering the facts, formatting and then struggling ad infinitum with Microsoft Publisher simply took longer than I estimated. But here it is! The cost of 250 books was \$2,567.50 or about \$12/book. It is not going to replace the novel on your bedside table, but the facts are there and some stories as well if you read it thoroughly. Ninety-five years from now just maybe our successors will be as fascinated with our accomplishments as we are in reading the story of those in the Bedford Garden Club's early history.

Nancy M. Vincent

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN  
2007-2008

The summer 2007 was one of status quo at the John Jay Gardens. We held our usual planting day in the spring, with many members helping to bring our garden back to life after a long winter. The garden enjoyed a wonderful growing season with plenty of rain and the garden took on a life of its own. We continued to have our bi-weekly weeding sessions in order to keep things looking tidy. We put the beds to sleep in the late fall and began to examine the future of our beloved garden. Over the winter we had several meetings to discuss various topics regarding the garden, its current status and our role in the garden going forward. A new John Jay garden committee was formed and under the leadership of Heather Langham we have begun to discuss formal renovations of the garden to coincide with the opening of the new welcome center. It was also decided that the Bedford Garden Club will be responsible solely for the sundial garden and the remainder of the walled area will be kept up by either the John Jay Homestead or the Friends. Short term plans for summer 2008 will be much the same as in the past and we will await the renovation to make any new decisions for the garden. There are many new and exciting ideas being discussed and the future of the garden looks sunny!

Lindsey Mathews

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA  
2007-2008

No Report

Susan Burke

## PHOTOGRAPHY

2007-2008

Photography continues to be one of the most fun areas for the club as we document speakers, flower shows, members enjoying meetings, and events of interest and impact to our membership. Fortunately, most anyone can enjoy the photography aspect of the club as the use of digital cameras and email make it an efficient way to document our workings. Photography is used not just for our archives, but also to communicate with outside publications such as the GCA bulletin, local newspapers and magazines, and other garden club newsletters.

Denise Santomero

## POLICY

2007-2008.

At the Annual Meeting of the Bedford Garden Club the following Amendments to the Bylaws were presented to and unanimously approved by the members.

### 1. Article VII Executive Committee

#### Paragraph 3.

During the year, there must be a minimum of *six* monthly meetings of the Executive Committee. Five days written *or electronic* 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

*(Previously there was a minimum requirement for eight monthly Executive Committee meetings, and no provision for electronic notice.)*

### 2. Article X Standing Committees

#### Paragraph 4

Conservation and Civic Affairs – It shall be the duty of this Committee to encourage the wise and sound management of our natural resources both locally and nationally; to encourage the setting aside and maintenance of natural areas; to stimulate an interest in conservation in the community; to promote interest in community improvement and to work to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of this area.

*(This eliminates the requirements for BGC Board representation and attendance at Town, Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. They are reported on the Town's internet site.)*

### 3. Article XI Meetings

#### Paragraph 3

At least ten days written *or electronic* notice shall be given to each member of all meetings except special meetings.

*(This adds electronic notice for meetings.)*



#### 4. Article XIII New Members

##### Paragraph 2

A candidate for 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. Those on the Membership Committee may not write these recommendations. *(This eliminates the prohibition for officers to write recommendations.)*

##### Paragraph 3

A member may not propose, second or endorse names for membership until she herself has been a member for six months.

*(This reduces the time period for barring new members from proposing, seconding or endorsing candidates for membership from one year to six months.)*

Rosemary Mankiewicz

### PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### First Vice President's Report

2007-2008

There were no funds in the Project Review budget for fiscal year '07-'08 so the Committee did not consider prospective projects.

Lisa Hennessy

### PROJECTS

2007-2008

The Greensday Holiday Boutique 2007 was a great success. There were many items for sale including paperwhites, jams and jellies donated by members, BGC tee shirts, books, floral supplies, mini Christmas trees and compost buckets. Our biggest seller and a resounding success was the logo "green bag", which members bought for themselves and for gift giving, to replace plastic shopping bags. We sold 250 bags and reordered them for future sales.

Cecily Grand also provided beautiful plant material for decorating and spectacular orchids and paperwhites for sale. Thanks to her.

Thank you to all the members who donated time and materials to make this the biggest money making boutique ever. We took in \$8390. Our expenses were \$3836 leaving us a net profit of \$4555.

Anita Stockbridge

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

2007-2008

It's been a good year for publicity for BGC. We received lots of mentions, and press coverage that contributed to fantastic turn-outs for the organic fertilizer pick-up day (twenty tons donated by Shirley Bianco's sheep!) at Hilltop Hanover Farm, an event cosponsored by BGC and the Town of Bedford's Energy Advisory Panel; and also for the mid-winter organic lawn lecture by Paul Tukey at John Jay Homestead. We hung posters for both, designed by Shirley and Varner Redmon, all over town and ran a large and

provocative ad in the Record-Review for the Paul Tukey event. A big thank you for the posters, to Denise Santomero for her photos and to Connie Hamilton for shepherding the ad through the Record-Review process. The Homestead told us it was remarkable that over 90 people showed up on a bad-weather night mid-week for Paul Tukey's lecture. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this very important event for BGC such a success. Our donation to the garden at the Bedford Hills Elementary School and Adopt-a-Road also received some nice coverage. My thanks, too, especially to Ellen Conrad and Bitsy Tatnall for their support, encouragement and editing advice along the way this year and to Ellen for her enthusiastic leadership and a most wonderful sum-up email to all of us after the event at John Jay.

Anne Putnam

### GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

2007-2008

This past year students were the beneficiaries of fifty-nine scholarships and fellowships awarded by The Garden Club of America for a total of \$197,000. The number given depends on donations from the GCA members. All the scholarships and fellowships are described on the GCA website.

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

2007-2008

In March the Bedford Garden Club welcomed five new Seedlings: Allison Bamford, Kate Ginnel, Rachel Ocken, Deidre Glascott, and Adele Talty. An orientation luncheon was held at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club in April; in addition to the five Seedlings and Seedling Chairs also present were Ellen Conrad (President) and the standing committee heads. This year the Seedlings partnered with an experienced flower arranger and entered an exhibition class in our in-house Flower Show, *Growing Green*.

The Seedling chairs Suzanne Bowers and Heather Langham produced two documents for the Seedling Program: (1) outlines each of the BGC committees and their respective functions, and responsibilities of new members (2) defines the responsibilities of the Proposer, Seedling, and Seedling Chairs. While there are no formal provisional responsibilities for the Seedlings it was decided by this Committee and the Executive Committee that there should be a renewed emphasis on meeting attendance and the responsibilities of the proposer to ensure Seedling involvement.

Heather Langham and Suzanne Bowers

## VISITING GARDENS

2007-2008

It was very hard to say no to our president, Ellen Conrad when she asked me once again to be involved with our visiting gardens program, PARTICULARLY when she asked me to co-chair with Lisa Hennessy! Lisa and I have had a great time cooking up trips that would allow our busy members to join us.

In November our first trip was quite spontaneous and was on the heels of a great program where Todd Forest from the N.Y. Botanical Garden spoke to our garden club about their incredible up-coming KiKu exhibit. Thanks to Todd and Ellen Conrad we had the good fortune to see this amazing exhibit.

Also in the fall, we went to the Rockefeller estate, Kykuit, in Tarrytown, N.Y. where we had a very engaging tour guide who was able to show areas of the Rockefeller house inside and out that were closed to the public! That same day we had a delicious lunch and we were able to visit the near-by family church that had extraordinary stain glass windows.

In April, we had a wonderful visit to Nanny Wyeth's house where we were able to view her zillions of beautiful daffodils which was followed by our sipping yummy limeade.

In May, we had a great time going to the New York Metropolitan Museum where we were entertained and delighted by Remco Van Vliet and Cas Trap, floral and event designers , who gave a demonstration , THE LIVING ART OF FLOWER ARRANGING. Before we departed we went to the roof of the met and not only saw the incredible view of the city but also saw the amazing Koons exhibit.

In July we have organized a great trip to the Woodbury, Sharon, Litchfield Hills Ct. area - details to be announced June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at our annual meeting.

Thanks to all of you who have been on our trips this year! We love making it possible to gather so many wonderful Bedford Garden Club members to do something where we can all learn and more important be together for fun filled days!!

Cassie Kernan and Lisa Hennessy

## WAYS AND MEANS

2007-2008

No Report

Liza Clymer

## YEARBOOK

2007-2008

Yearbooks were produced this year. Since we had not had one the previous year, we produced a double issue this time with reports from both 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

About half were distributed to members at meetings and the rest were mailed.

Liddy Baker

## IN MEMORIUM

Elisabeth Cole Botzow  
August 4, 1912 -- May 5, 2008



Betsy joined Bedford Garden Club in 1960. For years, as learning and interested gardeners, we loved knowing Betsy, and we were warmed by her enthusiasm and her love of friendships and her delight in sharing. We benefited as she shared plants, cuttings and information. Betsy taught us to label plant tags with Latin and common names, and especially with dates of sowing, rooting, re-potting. We learned how to clean pots, mix soil, and prune plants to encourage growth and appearance. We appreciated Betsy's fondness for scented geraniums (Pelargoniums). We learned from her shared expertise.

In 1962, Betsy and Mary Weidlein (Mrs. Edward R. Weidlein, Jr.) together won the GCA Horticulture Achievement Certificate which was granted "for excellence in the field of horticulture within the club" "For their outstanding leadership as Chairmen of Horticulture, organizing greenhouse courses, participation in the International Flower Show, starting monthly meetings for research and discussion of horticultural topics."

In 1969, as Horticulture Chairman, she organized planting of annuals at John Jay Homestead, and in 1970, Betsy won Honorable Mention at the Zone III meeting at Kingston for her landscape plans, which were based on material in the Jay diaries. In addition to maintaining the Victorian garden, there was a cutting garden to supply flowers for the house. Volunteers were members of Betsy's Horticulture Committee.

In 1969 the GCA Medal of Merit: awarded by a member club, with approval of the Medal Awards Committee of GCA "for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of Horticulture ... within the area of a member's respective club" was awarded to "Elisabeth Cole Botzow (Mrs. William Botzow) for her exceptional knowledge, influence and accomplishments in Horticulture, including her success in growing, exhibiting and helping in a great many community Horticultural projects."

In 1979, Betsy won the Bedford Garden Club's Golden Trowel "for her Horticultural skills and also for her interest in all activities of our club and for participation in many projects over the years."

Betsy joined the GCA Judging Program in 1973 and became an approved Horticulture Judge in 1975. She was a popular judge and judged often at Philadelphia, where she was known for her great knowledge of plants and growing. In her judging comments, while she always made a point of encouraging, she was known and respected for her straightforward, fair and accurate opinions.

As years progressed, when Betsy was not with her beloved family, and/ or at the cabin that her husband, Bill, and she had built at Mad River (Betsy was an accomplished skier; she learned when young in the days before lifts), she spent many devoted hours working in the Kitchawan (field station of Brooklyn Botanic Garden) greenhouses where she raised plants for sale and helped many volunteers to learn. The first yellow Magnolia was developed at Kitchawan, and BBG patented it as "Elizabeth". It was named for Betsy Botzow, Elizabeth Van Brunt and Betty Scholtz. In 1978, Betsy received the BBG Merit Award for her work at Kitchawan.

Betsy will always be remembered for her enthusiasm, encouragement and warm friendship.

Ann Van N. McDuffie

IN MEMORIUM

Marion Wolff Young  
A member of the Bedford Garden Club since 1945  
1907-2008

**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**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

2006	Mrs. Philip Bowers & Mrs. Anthony Langham
2007	Mrs. Roberto Buaron
2008	Mrs. John Redmon

#### **Horticulture Award / Golden Trowel**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

2007	Mrs. Thomas Trotta
2008	Mrs. Paul Matthews

**The Oliver Memorial Award**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

- 2006 Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
- 2007 Mrs. Marion Wyeth
- 2008 Mrs. Charlton Reynders

**Conservation Award**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

- 2006 Conservation Project Committee: Melissa Selby, Caroline Niemczyk, Shirley Bianco, Mimi Lines, Anne Putnam, Denise Santomero & Lyn Goodhue
- 2007 Mrs. Norman Selby
- 2008 Mrs. Samuel Tatnall

**President's Award**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

- 2006 Mrs. Roberto Buaron
- 2007 Mrs. John Milnes Baker
- 2008 Mrs. Roger Vincent

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**  
**SPECIAL CITATIONS**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Volume IV)

- 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.”  
Mrs. Victor Wortmann “for her enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any task and for her creative eye and her growing skills in flower arranging.”
- 2008 Susan Burke “for her quiet behind the scenes leadership that has brought the Bedford Garden Club an exciting partnership with the New York Botanical Garden.”  
Susan McDowell “for her caring and efficient leadership of the Membership Committee and her competence in producing the great class of 2007.”  
Anita Stockbridge “for her generous contribution of time and talent and for her energy and creativity that has taken Greesday to a new level.”  
Suzanne Bowers and Heather Langham “for their insight and energy in developing a model Seedlings orientation program.”  
Allison Bamford, Kate Ginnel, Dierdre Glascott, Rachel Ocken and Adele Talty “for fulfilling our vision of an exemplary Seedling class.”  
Samuel M. V. Tatnall “for his unwavering support of our Conservation and Civic Affairs projects.”

**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 2008

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 six monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, and five days' written or electronic 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 and sound management of our natural resources both locally and nationally; to encourage the setting aside and maintenance of natural areas; to stimulate an interest in conservation in the community; to promote interest in community improvement and to 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' written or electronic notice 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. 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 six months.
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 at least 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  
2008-2009

**September 24, 2008**

**9:00 AM - Lunch**

Speaker: Jessica Arcate, "The Joys of Gardening" – optional lunch  
Topic: Kick off Presentation by BGC leadership  
Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club  
Hostesses:

**October 15, 2008**

**9:30 AM - Coffee**

Speaker: Judith Tankard  
Topic: "The Gardens of Ellen Shipman"  
Place: to be announced  
Hostesses:

**November 12, 2008**

Joint meeting with New Canaan, morning - optional lunch \$30

Speaker: Bunny Williams  
Topic: "Point of View"  
Place: to be announced  
Hostesses:

**December 3, 2008**

**9:00 AM - Coffee**

Speaker: to be announced  
Topic: Greensday  
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary  
Hostesses:

**January 31, 2009**

**An All day event**

Speaker:  
Topic: Green Summit, A Full Day of Lectures and Workshops  
On Issues of Environment and Global Warming  
Place: Fox Lane High School  
Hostesses:

**February 18, 2009**

Speaker:  
Topic: "Flower Arranging Challenge"  
Place: to be announced  
Hostesses:

**March 2009**

**No Meeting**

**April 15, 2009**

**to be announced**

Speaker:  
Topic:  
Place:  
Hostesses:

**May 20, 2009**

**9:00 AM - Coffee**

Topic: Plant Exchange  
Meeting and coffee  
Place: John Jay Homestead Barn  
Hostesses:

**June 17, 2009**

**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  
Fax: (202) 228-3027  
TDD: (202) 224-0420

Example:

Re: S. –  
Dear Senator Schumer:

The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
476 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Tel: (202) 224-4451  
General Fax: (202) 228-0282  
TTY/TDD: (202) 224-6821

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)

Carmel Office  
40 Gleneida Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Carmel, NY 10512  
Tel: (845) 225-3641 ext: 371  
Fax: (845) 228-1480

Example:

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

For State Issues

40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

The Hon. Vincent L. Leibell  
1974 Commerce Street, Room 113  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
Tel: (845) 245-6230  
Fax: (914) 245-8803

Room 609, Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12247  
Tel: (518) 455-3111  
Fax: (518) 426-6977

Example:

Dear Senator Leibell

89<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

The Hon. Adam Bradley  
4 New King Street  
White Plains, NY 10604

Room 656, Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248  
Tel: (518) 455-5397

Example:

Dear Assemblyman Bradley:

For Westchester County Issues

The Hon. Peter Harckham  
Westchester County Board of Legislators  
800 Michaelian Office Building  
148 Martine Avenue – 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
White Plains, NY 10601  
Tel: (914) 995-2810

For Town of Bedford Issues

Bedford Town Supervisor  
Lee V.A. Roberts  
Bedford Town House, 321 Bedford Road  
Bedford Hills, NY 10507  
Tel: (914) 666-6530  
e-mail: [supervisor@bedfordny.com](mailto:supervisor@bedfordny.com)

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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, Norfolk, VA (May 4-6)

Pres: Ellen Conrad

Del: Mimi Lines

2009: Zone VII

2010: Zone X

2011:

2012:

2013:

2014:

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

Orange & Dutchess (Sept. 16-18)

Pres: Ellen Conrad

Del: Bitsy Tatnall

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
Nov	2007	NYBG KiKu exhibit
Nov	2007	Kikuit Rockefeller estate
Apr	2008	Nanny Wyeth’s daffodil garden
May	2008	New York Metropolitan Museum of Art – Floral designers
July	2008	Woodbury, Sharon and the Litchfield Hills – private gardens

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

**NEW MEMBERS**

**RESIGNATIONS**

**DECEASED**

**2007-2008**

Mrs. Mark Bamford  
Mrs. Daniel Ginnel  
Mrs. James Glascott  
Mrs. Matthew Ocken  
Mrs. Adele Talty

Mrs. Dennis Dix  
Mrs. Philip D. Miller  
Mrs. Thomas Schillerstrom  
Mrs. Earl R. Stege

Mrs. John M. Young

**2006-2007**

Mrs. Jonathon Connor  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor

Mrs. Seth Cameron

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

For earlier years see “**The Story of the Club – Volume IV**”

**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-Howell	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**

**2007 - 2009**

**PRESIDENT**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (even years)**

2006 - 2007: Mrs. Philip Bowers & Mrs. Anthony Langham

2007 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

**TREASURER (even years)**

2007 - 2010: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

**RECORDING SECRETARY (even years)**

2003 - 2007: Mrs. John G. Finnegan Jr.

2007 - 2010: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Charles W. Parsons

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Aaron Taylor

2007 - 2008: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Roberto Buaron, Mrs. Victor Wortmann,  
Mrs. Seth Cameron, Mrs. John Ryan

2007 - 2008: Mrs. George Bianco, Mrs. Aaron Taylor,  
Mrs. John McGarry

2008 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson, Mrs. John Morris  
Mrs. John Talty, Mrs. James Glascott

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

2005-2007: Mrs. Samuel Polk

2007-2009: Mrs. A. Knowlton Reynders

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall, Mrs. Thomas Trotta

**SANCTUARIES**

**Audubon**

1989-2009: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

**Beaver Dam**

2001-2009: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

**Butler-Meyer Preserve**

1986-2009: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

**Ward Pound Ridge Reservation**

1993-2009: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné

**Marsh Sanctuary**

2007-2009: Mrs. Walter Weissinger

**Westmoreland Sanctuary**

1989-2009: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta

**Mianus River Gorge**

1997-2009: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson

**NATIONAL PARKS/NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

**FLOWER ARRANGING/EXHIBITIONS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

**GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon

**HORTICULTURE**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron

**MEMBERSHIP**

2005 - 2008: Mrs. Sean McDowell

2008 - 2009: Mrs. Philip Bowers

**PROGRAMS**

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Clymer

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Cushman

**HOSTESSES**

2007-2009: Mrs. Jonathon Connor

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders

**CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell

**EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. John McGarry

**CORRESPONDENT TO THE GCA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

2005 - 2009: Ms. Anne Putnam



**CUSTODIAN/ARCHIVES**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

**HISTORIAN**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

**JOHN JAY GARDENS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

**NY COMMITTEE OF GCA**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

**POLICY**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz

**PROJECTS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Stockbridge,

**PROJECT REVIEW (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)**

2007 - 2008: Mrs. John Redmon

2008 - 2009: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Marion Wyeth

**SEEDLINGS/NEW MEMBERS (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)**

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Philip Bowers, Mrs. Anthony Langham

2008 - 2009: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

**TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Frank Kernan & Mrs. Peter Hennessy

**WAYS AND MEANS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Clymer

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2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Milnes Baker

**REPRESENTATIVES TO GCA**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron, Awards Committee, Zone III Chairman

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon, Archive Committee, Zone III Representative

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roger Vincent, GCA Historian

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**Exhibitions**

Mrs. John M. Regan Jr. Emeritus

Mrs. Charles H. Edmonston, Emeritus

Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, ('89-'08)

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Mrs. Charles E. McDuffie ('97-'08)