

# THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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Mrs. John Redmon, Chairman  
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Mrs. Steven Kroll  
Mrs. Stephen Lines  
Mrs. Paul Matthews

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MEETINGS  
The Annual Meeting 2009:  
Providence, RI  
May, 2009

Mrs. Winthrop Conrad, President

The Zone III Annual Meeting 2009:  
Albany, NY  
June, 2009

Mrs. Winthrop Conrad, President  
Mrs. Robert Cushman, Delegate

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

Only our illustrious group of "Past Presidents" can fully appreciate the sense of how fast two years can fly by! I am so very grateful to the members of the Executive Committee for their wisdom and their support. No President could have been blessed with more capable and enthusiastic leadership.

This year has brought many wonderful new initiatives, and the promise of many more to come. Over 20 Bedford Garden Club members attended the New York Botanical Garden's "Fundamentals of Horticulture for Garden Club members" certificate course. This was a pilot program created by our club and NYBG that covered such topics as soil and composting; propagation; pruning; garden design; trees and shrubs; right plant, right place; and an inspiring workshop in the Nolen greenhouses learning how to transplant orchids. Courses will be offered next year for both novice as well as more advanced club members.

Our Exhibition Committee created a magical, general meeting in February where novice and expert arrangers were paired off to enter challenge classes with our own Dominique Buaron to instruct and gently critique each arrangement. In May, the long awaited redesign of John Jay Gardens was announced with an opportunity for all to take home plant material from the old garden. The new garden design is intended to allow for continuous "hands on" horticultural and garden design workshops including such topics as bulb planting, dividing, propagating and blending perennials with annuals for extended bloom. We have started planning for the Centennial with the launch of the Bedford Tree Project. Working in partnership with other organizations, we will survey existing trees and plan for the planting and long term care of many additional trees throughout Bedford.

Sadly, the WLT greenhouse project ran afoul of rising prices as oil prices skyrocketed over the summer, forcing both Rusticus and BGC to abandon the project. However, the foundations for a new partnership with Rusticus emerged from this exercise.

The Bedford Environmental Summit, held January 31, 2009, was the highlight of our Conservation and Civic Affairs activities. Held at the Fox Lane High School, we had approximately 1000 participants who came to hear 89 speakers address 28 lectures or workshops. There were 78 Expo tables. We served both breakfast and lunch with food grown or produced locally. Most important, we engaged the participation of 128 local organizations as partners in the planning and implementation of the Summit. Our mission was to educate our town about the most pressing environmental issues of the day and to present them with concrete actions to address these problems on a local level.

Based on our work producing the Summit, The Bedford Garden Club was awarded the Westchester County Sustainability Award and was the recipient of a \$5750 grant from the Open Space Institute to continue our work coming out of the Summit and to assist other communities in replicating the Summit. We are working with the Rusticus Garden Club to produce a "Summit in a Box", a package of materials to assist other

communities who want to hold an environmental summit. We were asked to address the Civic Projects Workshop at the GCA Annual Meeting, May 2009 to share our experience in creating the Summit.

In the Preface to the first Volume of our history, the editors described the members of the BGC as women with “vision, imagination, a strong sense of public responsibility and a love for their Town.” Well, nothing has changed! As we look forward to the planning of our Centennial, I welcome our incoming President, Mimi Lines, whose energy, creativity and vision is so well suited to the task ahead.

### PRESIDENT’S AWARD 2009

This year's President's award is being presented to the Club's MVP for the past two years. Behind the scenes, she has been an invaluable source of wisdom and perspective on decisions that impact the club. In a more public capacity, she has been a constant leader from her input at Executive Committee meetings to her assistance with innumerable Horticultural activities, from seed workshops to our Plant Exchange and the Zone III Flower Show. As Treasurer, she has tackled the job of financial reporting and made our reports comprehensible and clear. Above and beyond her assigned duties, she has taken on the leadership of two of our most important projects -- the New York Botanical Garden program and our new Centennial Tree Project. Whenever a job needed to be done, she was there, ready willing and able.

The Bedford Garden Club Presents the president’s award to Virginia Maybank.

With deep appreciation for her steadfast support of a wide range of club activities, her leadership, her wise counsel, and her constant availability for matters large and small.

### A TRIBUTE TO ELLEN CONRAD

Twenty-five years from now, the Bedford Garden club historian will start to work on a new history of the club. Reading through annual reports, clippings, minutes, etc, she will be thinking how quaint, how cute those ladies were; talking on cell phones, driving in cars, wearing pantyhose, eating meat...Then she will begin to read about 2007-009. What happened to the Bedford Garden Club? Why were there so many new programs, new activities, why was there so much participation, so much community outreach, what was going on...??

Everyone in this room (except the brand-new members) knows the answer to those questions...Ellen Conrad was our president!

It started in September, 2007, when the KICKOFF lunch elicited lots of opinions & ideas. Ellen encouraged us to look at our club commitments with fresh eyes, and to re-evaluate each and its importance to the club and to the community. In October, the



Bedford Garden Club had eight trips or meetings on its calendar. November, usually a quiet month, had seven. And so it went...our January Open Meeting, discussing the advantages of organic lawn care, drew a huge crowd in the middle of a snowstorm! We sold reusable grocery bags, gave away sheep manure, visited members' gardens, took a trip to the Met, all in addition to the regular meetings and committee meetings and a fantastic plant exchange and exhibitions workshop and all in the spring of 2007. I think I counted 45 meetings the first year Ellen was president!

By the fall of 2008, the wonderful, wonderful horticulture course at the NYBG, had begun. The care and thought and time that Ellen put into what we hope will be a pilot program for other clubs was evident to the lucky BGC members who participated. The BGC joined forces with other garden clubs to hear Bunny Williams; we also had learned about an early 20th-century equivalent, Ellen Shipman. We had a very successful club-wide Flower Arranging Challenge Class. We took fun trips, to the High Line in Manhattan and to beautiful gardens in Sharon, CT; we cleaned up the roadsides and we had a great plant exchange, and all of these activities were beautifully planned, and the planners were supported by our president, and were well-attended.

So... "What a nice garden club," the historian will say, "and what a good garden club president!" But what's this? In the middle of all of this activity, horticulture and garden history & flower arranging and visiting gardens, the Bedford Garden Club presented an enormous all-day symposium, with lectures and workshops and vendors and breakfast and lunch, that dealt with serious subjects and was attended by almost 1,000 people. And this amazing day was conceived of by Ellen Conrad, planned by Ellen Conrad, organized by Ellen Conrad...Wow!

But what the historians can't know, but we do, is that it was not only Ellen's intelligence and vision that gave us such a stunningly successful, and enjoyable, two years. It was her enormous enthusiasm, her unflagging good cheer, and her genuine interest and concern that was evident to everyone in every meeting, every workshop, every trip, every phone call and every email.

Despite Ellen's repeated disclaimers that she knew nothing of the GCA or the Bedford Garden Club before she became president, her tenure perfectly achieved the stated purpose of the GCA:

*...to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.*

Varner Redmon

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING  
Hosted by Zone II in Providence, Rhode Island “Celebrating the Urban Landscape”  
May 1-4, 2009

The Garden Club of America’s Annual Meeting was held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in the heart of Providence. Unfortunately, a delegate from Bedford Garden Club was not available to attend.

The speakers all focused on the overall theme of urban landscapes and sustainability. Fred Kent, from Projects for Public Spaces, spoke about the elements that are necessary for a livable public space. His presentation was brought home to many of us who attended his workshop where we did our own fieldwork by visiting a designated site near the convention center and brainstorming on how it could be improved as a public space.

Douglas Foy, the founder of the Conservation Law Foundation, addressed the issues of climate change and the many practical steps we could take to reduce our carbon footprint. Lisa Switkin, a recipient of the GCA Rome Prize in Landscape Architecture and a manager of the Highline, Manhattan’s landmark urban elevated park, spoke of her work on the Highline project.

A highlight of the meeting was the bus and walking tours of downtown Providence to showcase the impressive renovation and revitalization that has transformed Providence into a very livable urban community.

The national committee reports were impressive, as always. I was honored to be invited to make a presentation to the Presidents’ Civic Projects Workshop on our club’s involvement with the Bedford Environmental Summit. The report was well received with many questions afterward about how other clubs might replicate our efforts.

Ellen Conrad, president

ZONE III MEETING REPORT  
Fort Orange Garden Club, Albany, New York  
June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

I was delighted to be asked to be a delegate to the G.C.A. Zone III meeting and flower show June 9 -11 2009, Albany, New York.. The meeting was appropriately titled “Capitol Review.”

We arrived, bright and early, at the Hampton Inn and Suites on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> with our precious cargo of cuttings. We cut, saran wrapped, clipped and coaxed our specimens before they were passed and placed in their class. We had one flower

arrangement submitted by Leslie Wortmann in Class 5 “The Future – Nanotechnology” and one photographic entry by Barbara Israel. Ellen Conrad noted the results of the flower show. We also contributed to the Cornus Conservations Education Exhibit, as well as to the Plant Exchange.

After finishing our entries we were treated to a delicious lunch at the Inn. We assembled for the Zone III meeting after lunch; where we were welcomed by the Fort Orange Garden Club, our hosts. An introduction to officers, committee chairs, vice chairs and guests was followed by a roll call. At 3:30 we were taken on a city tour of the parks and some historic homes which was followed by a ride on “the duck bus” with a grand finale splash into the river!

Back to the Inn and a rapid change of clothes for cocktails and dinner. The cocktails were served at the historic Pruyn House (1810) a delightful background for our first night. The barn was decorated with flowers and seasonal decorations surrounding delicious hors d’oeuvres. And the home was open for our appreciation. We were then split into small groups and graciously entertained in Fort Orange Garden Club Member’s homes. We all had a grand time.

Early breakfast Wednesday morning, a quick peek at the Flower Show and off on a trolley ride to The New York State Museum for a 9:00 am meeting. Carrie Watson, “the apple lady” discussed apple growing, propagation, and varieties. Pesticides and apple growing, fertilizers, and appearance were discussed. Carrie’s husband Eric educated us on the production side of apple farming. This was an interesting topic and we learned about the “other side” of apple growth and production. Peter Granis from, N.Y. State Department of Conservation then addressed the very important topic of water conservation and safe water, He was very informative and approachable.

We were afforded a brief break to tour the museum before lunch was served on the terrace of the museum. At the luncheon we were welcomed by the event chair and a meeting of Presidents and delegates followed the meal. We returned to the auditorium at 2:30 to hear Lisa Ott, Zone III Representative for Scholarship. I have always enjoyed Lisa and feel that we should be more involved in Scholarship. Ms Ott presented Ed Miles the recipient of the Martin McLaren Horticulture Scholarship – the G.C.A. Interchange Fellowship. Ed spoke of his life, education, background, and current endeavors. He was charming, but oh, how hard to stay awake after lunch. A good point to remember about post lunch speakers, light, light, light. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm after which we walked to the State Capitol for a very interesting tour. This was the infamous day when the Democrats kept vacillating between the Republican Party and the Democrats, political manipulation at its most devious.... some debacle. They (the Senators) were all in the hallway screaming and yelling at each other like school children. We left, amused.

We then hastened back to the Inn to change for cocktails and dinner. We met at 6:00pm, boarded our trolleys and met at the Albany Institute of History and Art for a cocktail party hosted by the past and present Presidents of the Fort Orange Garden Club. A wonderful museum filled with Hudson Valley art and history and memorabilia. We

walked down the street after cocktails to the Fort Orange Club for an elegant Awards dinner and presentations.

Thursday Morning came all too soon with an 8:30 business meeting. Many introductions, committee reports from Zone Representatives, the National Committees, New York Committees and Zone III Presidents were given.

The meeting concluded with an invitation from Pat Mercer to the 2010 zone meeting at the garden club of East Hampton. I, for one, would love to attend!!!!

It is so much fun to meet with women from so many different clubs, exchange ideas and see how they work. It was a privilege to attend.

Wendy Cushman, delegate

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report  
June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Working Funds	\$ 9,936.23
C&E 2008-2009	0
C&E 2009-2010	0
Operating Reserve	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Balance on hand June 1, 2008	\$11,936.23

Receipts

Interest	\$ 13.04
Dues	20,015.00
Projects	982.94
November Fundraiser	20,328.97
Visiting Gardens	<u>(997.74)</u>

Total Receipts \$40,342.21

Disbursements

Operating

GCA Dues	\$ 6,597.00
Programs	3,765.73
Horticulture	73.26
Exhibitions	,094.51
Conservation	305.00
Garden History and Design	0
Seedlings	156.56
Hostesses	0
Bank Charges	0
Yearbook	128.79
Communications	1,361.20
Custodian	0
Insurance	266.00
Medal Funds	200.00
Awards	50.00
Website	99.00
Public Relations	0
NAL Meeting	900.69

Zone III Meeting	833.96
Taxes	679.50
NYBG Classes	545.10
Discretionary Fund	<u>155.00</u>
	\$17,211.30
Civic Contributions	
Project Review	
Bedford Hills ES Garden	\$ 1,000.00
WLT Greenhouse	666.66
The Children's Center (Prison Garden)	500.00
John Jay Gardens	1,867.07
Bedford Village Tubs	<u>3,002.03</u>
	\$ 7,035.10
Donations	
National Parks	\$ 35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Garden	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
The Nature Conservancy – Butler/Meyer	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 Garden	300.00
Bedford Historical Society	250.00
GCA Interchange Fellowship	100.00
GCA Founders Fund	100.00
Federated Conservationists	50.00
Student Conservation Association	250.00
Trailside Museum	100.00
Native Plant Center	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 2,515.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 26,761.40

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Working Funds	\$ 13,517.04
C&E 2008-2009	0
C&E 2009-2010	10,000.00
Operating Reserve	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$ 25,517.04

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Wachovia (matures 10/7/09)

Balance as of June 1, 2008	\$52,338.50
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Waller Gift – NAL Delegate Funding

Balance as of June 1, 2008	\$20,935.40
Interest	394.46
NAL Annual Meeting 2009	<u>-900.69</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$20,429.17

Zone Meeting Reserve

Balance as of June 1, 2008	\$10,467.70
Interest	<u>197.23</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$10,664.93

Operating Surplus

Balance as of June 1, 2008	\$20,935.40
Interest	394.47
Transfer	<u>900.69</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$22,230.56

Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$53,324.66
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ENDOWMENT FUND – Dreyfus

Balance on hand June 1, 2008	\$39,469.44
Interest	931.72
Contributions	<u>1,150.00</u>
Balance on hand May 31, 2009	\$41,551.16

BEDFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT ACCOUNT – Chase Bank

Balance on hand as of May 31, 2009	\$37,238.83
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2008	\$9,962.27
Receipts	
Interest	\$12.45
Balance plus receipts	\$9,974.72
Disbursements	
2008 Annual Meeting	\$1,925.49
Balance on hand May 31, 2009	\$8,049.23

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2008	\$17,574.89
Receipts	
Interest	\$21.03
Balance plus receipts	\$17,595.92
Disbursements	
Sustainable Bedford	\$5,000.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2009	\$12,595.92

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2008	\$5,119.71
Receipts	
Interest	\$6.37
Balance plus receipts	\$5,126.08
Disbursements	
Workshops	\$400.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2009	\$4,726.08



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4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Accounts

Balance on hand June 1, 2008 \$12,053.94

Alice Anderson Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2008 \$2,342.57

Interest \$2.93

Contributions \$50.00

Balance on hand May 31, 2009 \$2,395.50

Eloise Luquer Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2008 \$3,694.37

Interest \$4.62

Contributions \$50.00

Balance on hand May 31, 2009 \$3,748.99

Winifred Macomber Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2008 \$3,121.40

Interest \$3.91

Contributions \$50.00

Balance on hand May 31, 2009 \$3,175.31

Horticulture Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2008 \$2,895.60

Interest \$3.62

Contributions \$50.00

Balance on hand May 31, 2009 \$2,949.22

Total Balance on hand May 31, 2009 \$12,269.02

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Proposed Operating Budget  
June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest	\$ 1,000
Dues	18,000
Projects	2,000
C&E 2009-2010	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,000

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Operating

Bank Charges	\$ 30
GCA Dues	6,650
Yearbook	900
Communications	1,200
Programs	4,000
Custodian	100
Insurance	266
Awards	300
Medal Funds	250
President's Fund	500
Exhibitions	750
Horticulture Committee	750
Conservation and Civic Affairs	750
Garden History and Design	750
GCA Annual Meeting	1,000
Zone III Meeting	800
Public Relations	50
Seedlings	900
Taxes	700
Contingency	<u>354</u>
Total Operating	\$21,000

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Proposed Operating Budget  
June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010

Civic and Education

Civic Projects:

John Jay Garden (Phase 2)	\$ 2,500
Project Review	\$ 2,235
John Jay Gardens	1,000
Bedford Village Tubs	<u>2,000</u>
Sub Total	\$ 7,735

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
Trailside Nature Museum	100
Native Plant Center	30
Westchester Land Trust	100
Friends of Rocky Hills	<u>100</u>
Sub Total	\$ 2,265

Total Civic and Education \$ 10,000

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 31,000

## RECORDING SECRETARY

2008-2009

Beginning in July 2008, the Bedford Garden Club held ten Executive Committee Meetings and eight Regular Committee Meetings. In addition the Bedford Garden Club co-sponsored the Bedford Environmental Summit in January of 2009 and held a fund raiser in November of 2008. There were no Regular Meetings in July, and August of 2008 and January and March of 2009. There were no Executive Committee Meetings in August of 2008 and March of 2009.

Heather Langham

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2008-2009

The Corresponding Secretary outsourced the printing, labeling, and mailing of the blue cards to an outside vendor. She communicated projected meeting numbers to the Program Chair and Head Hostess. Attendance was tallied at each meeting to track member participation. Attendance typically exceeded responses received by a significant margin.

Taylor T. Taylor

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2008-2009

The focus of Conservation & Civic Affairs this year was “Sustainable Bedford”. This environmental summit was organized by the BGC with the partnership of Rusticus GC and the Bedford Energy Advisory Panel. Planning began late last summer and ended with a bang on January 31, 2009. Our concerns for the environment were shared by the more than 1,000 people who registered to attend the event. The Summit stressed the issues which are the focus of Conservation & Civic Affairs: water, air, energy and food. These themes were discussed in lectures and workshops. We were able to feast on organic food, take home useful information and products as well as meet people who are making a big difference in our world.

Going forward, the Committee will work to guide our members in implementing what we learned from the Summit. We will explore further ways to help ourselves and our community make the changes necessary if we are to have a truly “Sustainable Bedford”.

Bitsy Tatnall & Bonnie Trotta, Co-chairmen

### Adopt-a-Road 2008-2009

For the last 17 years the Bedford Garden Club has maintained the roadside clean-up for the 2 miles of Rte 22 between Rte 172 and Clinton Rd. There is usually an April clean-up day and then another in October. If the area deems a clean-up in midwinter, the valiant ladies brave the weather to keep it tidy.

The gracious BGC ladies who volunteer for this job are committed. Clad in long pants, long sleeve shirts, hardy shoes, thick gloves and bright red vests, the volunteers scour the roadside for litter. They work in pairs and are assigned a section of the adopted road. With great efficiency the task is done in about an hour. In the afternoon the town trucks come and pick up the filled orange trash bags that were left on the side of the road.

Many thanks go to the ladies who volunteer for this physical job, and they should feel good because they are helping to keep Bedford beautiful.

Bonnie MacDonald

### National Affairs & Legislation Washington D.C. –February 2009

I was the only member of the Bedford Garden Club who was able to attend the NAL meeting this year. It was my first NAL meeting and I was so impressed by every aspect of the four day event. The meeting provides an exciting opportunity for GCA members to learn more about the workings of government, issues of interest to the GCA with particular focus on environmental and conservation legislation, and strategies for effectively influencing our legislators.

The event began with an optional afternoon tour of the National Museum of Natural History followed by a welcome dinner. The next day, the hard work began. It was a day of lectures by GCA Conservation/NAL committee members about the key issues we would be focusing on, in particular, legislation relating to climate change, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, oceans (ratification of the Law of the Sea Treaty) and renewable energy. I was stunned by the competence of the GCA speakers. After hearing from GCA experts, we were addressed by leaders of a variety of federal agencies and environmental organizations as well as members of Congress and the administration. The most inspiring address was from Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, who welcomed us with enthusiasm and a comment that “for the past eight years, the EPA was treated as an organization that was in a witness protection program”. As she assured the assembled group that the EPA was “back in business” she received a standing ovation!

After two days of briefings that were incredibly informative and enlightening, the third day was spent meeting with our New York State Congressmen or women and/or their staff to urge them to support pending legislation on the issues we had been discussing. It was an extraordinary experience in civics, in grassroots activism and in environmental issues. I urge all members to consider setting aside four days next February to participate in this extraordinary opportunity.

Ellen Conrad

Audubon Sanctuaries  
2008-2009

PALMER LEWIS SANCTUARY:

FRANKLIN FELS SANCTUARY, NORTH SALEM:

HUNT PARKER SANCTUARY:

BEAVER DAM SANCTUARY:

BUTLER\_MEYER PRESERVE of the Eastern NY Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

MARSH SANCTUARY

MIANUS RIVER GORGE PRESERVE

WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION/ LUQUER-MARBLE WILDFLOWER GARDEN

WESTMORELAND SANCTUARY

## EXHIBITIONS

2008-2009

The Exhibitions Committee had a busy year, highlighted by 2 events. Our annual Greensday at Westmoreland Sanctuary on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a big success. Over 50 members and guests were there to shop at our fundraising boutique, decorate wreaths for local community buildings and learn to make living wreaths. Our green wreaths were donated to Northern Westchester Hospital, Katonah Community Center, John Jay Homestead and Bedford Historical Hall. Our guest speaker, Dottie Kratt demonstrated how to make a wreath using live material – annuals or herbs - on a wire wreath with moss covering the base.

In February we hosted a flower-arranging workshop called “Flower Power”. Thirty-five members attended and were paired up by ability - novice with experienced. After a quick lesson by our own GCA Judge Dominique Bauron, the pairs got down to work and created some impressive arrangements. Vases and flowers were provided and organized on tables by type of arrangement – line, mass and horizontal designs. A wonderful group of arrangers, young and old, were there to share their expertise.

Leslie Wortmann

## GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2008-2009

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

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

Garden History & Design Handbook, 2005

We had a very quiet year. We hope to move forward next year by annotating our catalog of historic Bedford gardens in conjunction with the garden club centennial. A blog of historic Bedford gardens is in the works.

Varner Redmon

## HORTICULTURE

2008-2009

The highlight of the Horticulture Committee was the New York Botanical Garden Program, which was offered to all Club members. It covered the fundamentals of Horticulture from soil study to propagation. Once the 8 classes were completed, the member would get a certificate and would be recognized on the yearbook as having completed the course. The BGC is very thankful to Susan Burke and Ellen Conrad for organizing that program and for creating a pilot program, which could be offered to other garden clubs.

To celebrate the GCA Centennial, all clubs were asked to come up with a tree project. Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham took over that project and chose to work on a village tree project similar to the Casey Tree project in Washington D.C. The mission of the BGC Sustainable Bedford Tree Project is to restore, enhance, and protect trees lining the major thoroughfares of Bedford, NY and to educate the public about many environmental, commercial and social benefits of a healthy tree canopy.

The first phase is a detailed tree inventory and mapping of the designated area, which was done with the help of Rod Christie, Director of the Mianus River George Preserve. The project will start on Route 172, east to Long Ridge Road.

Another accomplishment was the participation to the Zone III Annual Meeting which took place in Albany on June 9. The Club won 7 points for their propagated Dogwood cuttings. In the Class of a collection of 3 cut specimens, Nancy Vincent, Nonie Reynders and Ellen Conrad got a second place. And in the single cut specimen class: Nancy Vincent won a blue ribbon with her Allium, Ellen Conrad, a blue ribbon with her Styra, Candy Borner got a second place with her Baptisia and a third place with her Cornus. Finally, Virginia Maybank had a second with her Digitalis. Congratulations to all these winners!

Dominique Buaron

## MEMBERSHIP

2008-2009

Membership had an exciting year in 2008-2009. 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.

Suzanne Bowers, chair  
Ellen Conrad  
Kirk Ferguson  
Mary Finnegan  
Kim Morris

### New Members

Mrs. Robert Bernard (Elizabeth)  
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos (Carol)  
Mrs. Lloyd B. Cox III (Tori)  
Mrs. William Gourd (Debbie)  
Mrs. Peter Hallock (Liz)  
Mrs. Todd Noonan (Stacy Albanese)  
Mrs. Christopher Pachios (Allyson)

### Resignations

Mrs. Charles Edmonston (Mina)  
Mrs. Sean MacDowell (Susan)  
Mrs. James Pierce (Margie)  
Mrs. John Regan (Prue)  
Mrs. Charles Whitin (Sally)



Category Changes

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Mrs. James Edgar (Dee)	Active	Affiliate
Mrs. Christopher Espy (Joyce)	Active	Sustaining
Mrs. Robert Falise (Kay)	Sustaining	Affiliate
Mrs. Betsey Johnson	Active	Sustaining
Mrs. John McGarry Jr. (Gilda)	Active	Sustaining
Mrs. Samuel Polk (Anne)	Sustaining	Active
Mrs. Stephen Smith (Cathy)	Active	Affiliate
Mrs. Judy Talbott	Active	Affiliate

In Memoriam:

Mrs. Hugh McMillan (Daphne)  
Mrs. Kendrick Wilson III (Linda)

PROGRAMS

2008-2009

Our kick off meeting was held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Bedford Golf and Tennis. Jessica Arcate, curator of woody plants at the New York Botanical gardens was our speaker. This meeting also counted toward our certificate program in conjunction with the garden. This is a pilot program offered to the members of our garden club designed to interest garden club members in furthering their knowledge in the field of horticulture and beyond. Jessica’s lecture was accompanied by slides.

October 15<sup>th</sup> brought Judith Tankard, noted author and lecturer, to St. Matthew’s Church to present an interesting slide show and lecture on The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman a Garden History and Design program.

In November we joined ranks with New Canaan Garden Club and Rusticus at the New Canaan Country Club for an enchanting lecture and slide show given by Bunny Williams, renowned designer and horticulturalist.

December third was Green’s Day at the Westmorland Sanctuary where Dottie Kratt taught us how to make “living wreaths”, before we tackled our traditional wreath making for John Jay Homestead, Bedford Historical Hall and the Northern Westchester Hospital.

January was our finest moment - The Environmental Summit, which was received with critical acclaim. Our club worked for over a year with the help of several other (Rusiticus co sponsored the event) organizations. An amazing accomplishment.

The February meeting, Flower Power was a wonderful exercise in flower arranging. Leslie Wortman paired a novice with an expert; each team chose a different vase and then decided on one of four different styles to use for their arrangement. Dominique Bauron gently critiqued....a great success!

May appeared as did our annual plant exchange at John Jay, followed by planting day at John Jay and Bedford Village.

Our annual meeting in June was held at the beautiful home of Liza Clymer, a fitting setting for our year end.

Wendy Cushman

HOSTESSES

2008-2009

No report

Janet Robinson

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### AWARDS 2008-2009

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 three 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. This year our candidate is a rising star in flower arranging. Her very first attempts at arrangement as a new member set her apart. In the past two years, she has been in charge of an In Club Flower Show, countless workshops and a general meeting on arrangements. She has inspired both Exhibition Committee members as well as the full membership to love and appreciate all aspects of flower arranging.

#### **The Bedford Garden Club**

#### **Presents**

#### **The Winifred Macomber Award**

#### **To**

#### **Leslie Wortmann**

For her individual talent, her inspiring vision and her gentle leadership in bringing the joys of flower arranging to the entire membership

#### **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**

#### **Susan Payson Burke**

For her vision and leadership in creating a partnership between the Bedford Garden Club and the New York Botanical Garden that will advance our members' knowledge of horticulture, gardening, and garden design for many years to come.

### **The Oliver Memorial Bowl**

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

This year's recipient joined the club in 1996. She was Chair of the Conservation and Civic Affairs Committee from 1999 to 2001. In September of 2009, she agreed to chair the Steering Committee of the Bedford Environmental Summit. For five months, she hosted weekly or bi-weekly meetings in her living room. The meetings lasted on average 3 to 4 hours, some as long as 8 hours. Throughout the planning process, she always sported an encouraging smile. Her advice was helpful. Her management of the entire team from the audiovisual people at Fox Lane High School to our most significant donors and our most illustrious speakers was admirable. Since the Summit, she has continued to be a leading voice for a sustainable Bedford.

### **The Bedford Garden Club Presents The Oliver Memorial Bowl to Olivia Hatch Farr**

For her commitment, leadership and achievement in planning and executing the Bedford Environmental Summit.

### **The Conservation Award**

This year the BGC ascended to a new height in a long tradition of commitment to conservation and civic affairs. The Bedford Environmental Summit focused our community's attention on the most pressing environmental issues of the day and presented local solutions to many of these issues.

Nine members of our club signed on for leadership positions on the Summit Steering Committee. They worked tirelessly for five months with impressive energy and commitment to make this project a success. They identified and assembled experts to speak on a wide range of topics; they designed an online registration system to handle 1000 participants and 28 lectures or workshops; they invited and organized 78 Expo participants and they raised funds to support the event as well as projects inspired by the Summit. They dealt with over 120 local partners and created an impressive working relationship with the Fox Lane High School - from administration to students. They prepared food for 1000, all from local sources. It is with great honor and appreciation that the Bedford Garden Club presents the Conservation award to Shirley Bianco, Olivia Farr, Kate Ginnel, Ann Hoffman, Mimi Lines, Kim Morris, Caroline Niemczyk, Anita Stockbridge and Bitsy Tatnall.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**The Conservation Award**

**to**

**Shirley Bianco, Olivia Farr, Kate Ginnel, Ann Hoffman, Mimi Lines, Kim Morris,  
Caroline Niemczyk, Anita Stockbridge and Bitsy Tatnall**

For your energy, commitment and leadership in planning and implementing the Bedford Environmental Summit. You took a modest vision and created a grassroots movement and a community of environmental advocates whose work will positively impact our town and our world for many years to come.

**A Special Citation**

This Citation is awarded to a member who has served the club as a member of the Board, a participant in several committees, and someone who has excelled as leader of two major projects that will benefit our club for many years. She worked behind the scenes with Varner Redmon, the staff of the John Jay Homestead, and the Friends of John Jay to design a garden plan for a revitalized sundial garden that is simply magnificent and will provide our club with many learning opportunities in the future. Not content to rest on her laurels, she also partnered with Virginia Maybank to launch the club's Centennial Tree Project, a modest version of the GCA Casey Tree Project which will focus in its first phase on Historic Bedford Village - to catalogue and classify existing trees along the corridor leading into and out of the village and to develop a plan to plant trees to replace the many that have been lost over the years. Already, the Town of Bedford's Tree Advisory Committee has asked for their advice and participation in an even broader tree project

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Heather Langham**

For her extraordinary contributions to the ongoing operations of the Bedford Garden Club, by developing the magnificent new plan for the John Jay Garden and by creating the first phase of the Bedford Garden Club's Centennial Tree Project.

**A Special Citation**

Any club President or Chair of a garden club committee knows in her heart that the very best member is the one who, on her own, thinks about her duty and is proactive in proposing how best to accomplish the job. The recipient of this special citation could teach us all how to be such a member. She has taken her job and expanded it to touch every one of us. She has initiated the past 12 seedlings; she was in charge of this year's recruitment process; and she is the one in charge of the care and feeding of all club members. She excels in every aspect of her job.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Suzanne Bowers**

For recruiting and initiating our newest members with competence and professionalism and for tending to the needs of our existing members with talent, kindness and consideration -- a model Chair of Membership.

**A Special Citation**

The recipient of this citation has won many awards from the Bedford Garden Club. This year, like all others, she has outdone herself. For the Bedford Environmental Summit, she created and managed the website which was absolutely critical to the success of the project. And during the same time period, she was using her skills perfected as Chair of our Garden History and Design Committee to work with Heather Langham, the staff at John Jay Homestead, and the Friends of John Jay to create a magnificent plan for an historic revitalization of the John Jay Sundial Garden using a robust list of plant materials she created after researching slides, diaries and the work of other designers of the 1930's time period.

**The Bedford Garden Club**

**Presents**

**A Special Citation**

**to**

**Varner Redmon**

For her extraordinary contributions to the Bedford Garden Club, above and beyond the call of duty, which will benefit club members for years to come - the website that created the Bedford Environmental Summit and the magnificent new plan for the John Jay Garden.

CLIPPINGS  
2008-2009

No report

Gilda McGarry

CORRESPONDENT TO  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA "BULLETIN"

This committee has been combined with that of Public Relations

CUSTODIAN  
2008-2009

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. Four boxes of Cookbooks
  
5. Flower Show Supplies
  - a. 2 large halogen worklights
  - b. 4 clip on lights
  - c. 9 clipboards
  - d. 15 black, wood modern blocks
  - e. 18 pieces var. shapes glass and Lucite
  - f. 5 assorted flower pin holders for arrangements
  - g. 2 12" black plates
  - h. 7 trunk slices 1/4" x 12" ovals
  - i. one box small polished black stones
  - j. 2 niches, divided into 4 quarters, 8"x9" each
  - k. 2 white niches, no backs -for small arrangements
  - l. 6 masonite round tables, 36" diameter.
  - m. 1 octagonal large niche for 8 miniature arrangements – two sections (top & bottom)
  - n. 6 large, gray niches with hinged backs
  - o. 3 partitioned basketweave screens
  - p. 4 landscape plot frames -5' x 3' x 10" deep
  - q. 18 misc. stakes for signs
  - r. 4 12" square tops for pedestals
  - s. 1 bag hardware for niches

- t. 2 pkgs. Repair links
- u. 1 bag clear plastic card holders for exhibitions
- v. 1 watering can
- x. 5 white pedestals
- w. 4 large black pedestal tops
- x. 6 pedestal tops (need 1 more)
- y. 8 spot lights
- z. 11 black burlap backdrops (approx 8")
- aa. étagère / 3 sections (two ends & one center)
- bb. 4 black frames
- cc. 15 Italian wine crates used for cut stem staging/Under a Tuscan Sun
- dd. 4 boards to put over wine crates for cut stem staging & 2 boards each 2' x 8'
- ee. 6 urns used for challenge class/Under a Tuscan Sun
- ff. 6 tubes - staging for par class/Under a Tuscan Sun -  
(3) 46" high tubes and (3) 23" ft tubes

#### 5. 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. 14 - 8.5" cylinder glass vases
- l. 13 - 10" cylinder glass vases
- m. small stem clear bottles-approx 25
- n. 14 - 7.5' bud vases
- o. 22 small green glass bottles
- p. 10 extension cords
- q. 15 large clay pots (10 and 12" diameter)
- r.. 6 chalk boards
- s. 100 lunch baskets
- t. dark green aprons
- u. 2 videos of 1986 Centennial Celebration -Borner
- v. Silver Tea Service – Kendrick, to Mossman, to Baker, to Maybank, to Conner
- w. 1 copy current GCA Judging Manual
- x. BGC Banner (2) -Rice
- y. 20 needlepoint BGC hostess pins -Rice
- z. 2 copies *Gardens of Colony and State* -Kendrick
- aa. 1 GCA framed plaque -Kendrick
- bb. Carton boxes of BGC historical slides of member gardens (need to be itemized and stored appropriately)

HISTORIAN  
2008-2009

*The Story of our Club, Volume IV* was distributed to all members except the Affiliates. A supply for many years to come is with the BGC Custodian. All who received this history have also received a most needed correction. Ann McDuffie's name was accidentally overlooked in creating the list of BGC Horticulture Judges. This was especially remiss since she has been the only active judge from our club for many years. Thank goodness we have Ann!

In compiling the complete list of BGC members, a question arose concerning one of our late members Miss Dorothy Hinitt. No indication could be found determining whether she had resigned from the club or died while still a member. Having contributed to our club on both the club level and the national level, she deserves recognition. Miss Hinitt was a great friend of Mrs. Waller's, and most likely would not have resigned. Marilen Tilt has written a touching and enlightening tribute to Miss Hinitt and plans to read it at the September 2009 meeting.

Nancy M. Vincent

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN  
2008-2009

This year John Jay Gardens committee boasted a membership of 36 of our Garden Club members. This summer we focused on learning in the garden as well as just weeding. We had 13 different workshops, where members would share their knowledge and love of gardening with all of the attendees. We learned, reviewed and enjoyed extra knowledge about such topics as, awakening a spring garden, planting and dividing(not so scary after all!), staking, pruning, and finally putting a garden to rest for the winter months. Fun was had by all and as a result the gardens were looking good. Over the winter months a new committee, with the help of the Homestead and the Friends , will review plans to revitalize out beloved gardens.

Lindsay Matthews

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA  
2008-2009

No Report

Susan Burke



## PHOTOGRAPHY

2008-2009

Photography continues to be one to the most enjoyable areas for the club as we document speakers, flower shows, committee meetings and events of interest that impact to our membership. Fortunately, most anyone can learn and contribute to the photography aspect of the club as the use of digital cameras and email make it an efficient way to document our efforts. 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. Importantly, photography has become increasingly popular as a flower show category. This gives access to new venues of creativity for those fully experienced in the traditional entries of flower shows, or for the newly initiated interested in learning the process of flower shows from a slightly different perspective.

Denise Santomero

## POLICY

2008-2009.

No changes to the bylaws

Rosemary Mankiewicz

## PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

First Vice President's Report

2008-2009

This year project review, with the help of the executive committee, approved two projects.

-The first project, proposed by Libba Claude, was a request for funds for the Children's Center. The Children's center is located at the Bedford Hills Correctional Center. The garden is a place created especially for children to visit their mothers. The committee felt that this was a very good use of funds and awarded the project \$500.00.

-The second project was proposed by the John Jay Homestead. They requested funds to go towards the purchase of a new compost bin to be located in the corner of the sundial garden. Given our longstanding ties with John Jay Homestead and our connection with the sundial garden, it was decided that the committee would donate \$500.00 to help build the compost bin.

Lindsay Matthews

## PROJECTS

2008-2009

No report

Anita Stockbridge

PUBLIC RELATIONS

2008-2009

No report

Anne Putnam

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

2008-2009

No report

Nannie Wyeth

SEEDLINGS

2008-2009

In March the Bedford Garden Club welcomed seven new Seedlings: Elizabeth Bernard, Carol Bouyoucos, Tori Cox, Debbie Gourd, Liz Hallock, Stacy Albanese Noonan and Allyson Pachios. An orientation luncheon was held at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club in April. Suzanne Bowers and Heather Langham hosted the group and presented them with an orientation packet consisting of the following: (1) Outlines of the BGC committees and their respective functions, and responsibilities of new members and (2) a definition of the responsibilities of the proposer, seedling and Seedling Chair. It is the goal of the Seedling Committee to emphasize to the seedlings the importance of attending monthly meetings. It is also equally important to the committee that the proposer maintain close contact with the seedling during her first year to ensure seedling involvement.

Lindsay Matthews

VISITING GARDENS

2008-2009

The Bedford Garden Club Visiting Gardens and trips Committee organized several very well received visits to some well known places. The underlying theme of the past two years has been "in Our Own Backyard." We discovered what beauty surrounds us and we took time to appreciate. We trekked to Boston in May for an annual Boston Event sponsored by the Beacon Hill Garden Club entitled The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill. There were a dozen or so gardens on the tour, all very accessible and showcasing interesting urban gardens from smallish spaces to grand multi level terraces and gardens. It seems so refreshing to find these many gardens hidden away in a city situation. A visit to the High Line in New York City was well received. A stunning example of retrofitting an urban wreck into something beautiful and useful also filled the bill of finding treasures in our own back yards. Again, finding inspiration from our surroundings, we were able to visit the Phillip Johnson Glass House in New Canaan, Ct. New Canaan is home to over 70 houses designed by modern architects. In addition, to visiting the Glass House, the Co-Chairman were able to secure a visit to a privately owned Philip Johnson designed home that was built in the late 50's early 60's. It was a perfect example of his renowned architectural style designed in four squares. The

landscaping was designed to complement the structure and was most attractive. This was a very popular trip! Lastly, we journeyed to Sharon, CT to visit a handful of outstanding private gardens. Nestled in the Berkshires and surrounding area, we were stunned by the creativity and thoughtfulness given to these homes and gardens. The first home or "gentleman's farm" required the trek up a long meadow to see the folly (a gothic 3 story building) with a winding staircase. From the top, one got to enjoy a sweeping view of the property which included meadows, a tennis court, swimming pool and pool house, grazing cattle and a tea house or meditation room. The main house was surrounded by gardens and containers filled with colorful annuals. Secondly, we visited a very serene feeling home of which the garden has become the life work of the owners. The landscape featured a meadow, which has been tended and nurtured to create a very natural, country look. The last stop on our agenda was a very formal home and gardens. The estate took 6 years to build and overlooks a stunning pond and about 200 acres, of which several are specifically devoted to meadows filled with native plants and planted with wildflowers. In addition to the formal gardens there was a massive greenhouse and a cutting and vegetable garden. All in all, we were truly enriched by what surrounds us, in our own backyard!

Lisa Hennessy, Cassie Kernan Co-Chairs

#### WAYS AND MEANS

2008-2009

Our club gathered for a Fabulous Fall Fundraiser on November 21, 2008. The evening was graciously hosted by Lisa and Peter Hennessy. Despite the gloomy economic climate we were able to raise much more money than was expected. My great thanks and gratitude to my committee because they created the success and glamour. The following is a list of the committee and notables that contributed to our fundraiser : Shelly Ferrall and Carol Rice - Decor and flowers, Suzy Beatty, Kirk Ferguson, Lynn Goodhue - Food and all the members that contributed delicious tasty treats and/or money, Virginia Maybank - invitations, Varner Redmon - web site communications, Rachael Ocken and Lindsey Jones for phenomenal silent auction and soooo many members who contributed items, Janet Robinson - Traffic Control, Ellen Conrad - Captain of the Ship, Mimi Lines and Cathy Smith - Extraordinary announcers for Live Auction. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Camillo Santomero III, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cushman Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. David Kowitz for their generous live auction items. My love and congratulations to all.

Liza Clymer

#### YEARBOOK

2008-2009

Yearbooks were produced this year. About half were distributed to members at meetings and the rest were mailed.

Liddy Baker

**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

**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. Hinitt
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
2009	Mrs. Victor Wortmann

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

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

- 2007 Mrs. Thomas Trotta
- 2008 Mrs. Paul Matthews
- 2009 Mrs. Coleman Burke

### **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
- 2009 Mrs. John Farr

### **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
- 2009 Mrs. George Bianco, Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Daniel Ginnel, Mrs. Edwin Hoffman, Mrs. Steven Lines, Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. Caroline Niemczyk, Mrs. John Stockbridge, 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
- 2009 Mrs. Joseph Maybank



**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.”
- 2009
- Varner Redmon “for her extraordinary contributions to the Bedford Garden Club: for the website that created the Bedford Environmental Summit and for the magnificent new plan for the John Jay Garden, contributions that will resound among our membership for years to come.”
  - Suzanne Bowers “for her competence and professionalism in recruiting and initiating our newest members and for her talent, kindness and consideration in tending to the needs of our existing members.”
  - Heather Langham “for her exceptional contributions to the Bedford Garden Club, for the magnificent new plan for the John Jay Garden and for the creation of the first phase of our centennial tree project.”

**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
2007-2009	Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

**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  
2009-2010**

**September 23, 2009**

**9:15 AM – Picnic Lunch**

Speaker: President and others  
Topic: Standing Committee Presentations – Summit Update  
Place: John Jay Homestead Ballroom  
Hostesses: Wendy Cushman, Shelley Ferrell

**October 21, 2009**

**9:15 AM - Lunch**

Speaker: Caterer Lucy Townsend - Lecture and Lunch  
Topic: “Halloween Flaming Florals”  
Place: Bedford Historical Hall  
Hostess: Wendy Cushman – Head  
Cost: \$20/ Lunch - Raffle Tickets for Arrangements

**November 12, 2009**

**9:30 A.M - 12:00 AM**

**(Thursday)**

Speaker: The Farmerettes  
Registration 9:30 AM  
Civic Meeting 10:00 AM  
Reception 11:00 AM  
Place: John Jay Homestead Ballroom  
Hostess:

**December 16, 2009**

**8:30 AM**

Speaker: to be announced  
Topic: Greens Day. Traditional Wreath Making/ Bow Making / Topiary  
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary  
Hostesses:

**January 20, 2010**

**To Be Announced**

Speaker:  
Topic:  
Place:  
Hostesses:

**February 17, 2010**

**9:30 A.M.-Coffee**

Speaker: Rosalind Creary – Vegetable Gardening and Beyond  
Topic: The Art of Vegetable Gardening  
Place: to be announced  
Hostesses

**March 2010**

**No Meeting**

**April 21, 2010**

**to be announced**

Speaker:  
Topic:  
Place:  
Hostesses:

**May 19, 2010**

**8:45 AM - Coffee**

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

**June 16, 2010**

**2:00 PM - Tea**

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

**July 2010**

**Fund Raiser**

Speaker:  
Topic: Vegetable Garden Tour& Public Fund Raiser



## 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 email. 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  
757 Third Avenue, Rm. 17-02  
New York, NY 10017  
Tel: (212) 486-4430  
Email: senator@schumer.senate.gov

Example:

Re: S. –  
Dear Senator Schumer:

The Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand  
531 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Tel: (202) 224-4451

Example:

Re: S. –  
Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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

Example:

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

For State Issues

40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

The Hon. Vincent L. Leibell  
Southeast Business Center, Suite 301  
Brewster, NY 10509  
Tel: (845) 279-3773  
Email: leibell@senate.state.ny.us

Example:

Dear Senator Leibell:

89<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

The Hon. Adam Bradley  
4 New King Street  
White Plains, NY 10604  
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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, Providence, RI (May 1-4)

Pres : Ellen Conrad

2010: Zone X

2011:

2012:

2013:

2014:

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

Orange & Dutchess (Sept. 16-18)

Pres: Ellen Conrad

Del: Bitsy Tatnall

Fort Orange (June 6-11)

Pres: Ellen Conrad

Del: Wendy Cushman

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
May	2009	Boston, MA “The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill”
June	2009	New York City - The High Line
July	2009	New Canaan, CT – Phillip Johnson’s Glass House
Aug	2009	Sharon, CT – 3 private gardens



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

**NEW MEMBERS**

**RESIGNATIONS**

**DECEASED**

**2008-2009**

Mrs. Robert Bernard  
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos  
Mrs. Lloyd B. Cox  
Mrs. William Gourd  
Mrs. Peter Hallock  
Mrs. Todd Noonan  
Mrs. Christopher Pachios

Mrs. Charles Edmonston  
Mrs. Sean MacDowell  
Mrs. James Pierce  
Mrs. John Regan  
Mrs. Charles Whitin

Mrs. Hugh McMillan  
Mrs. Kendrick Wilson

**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  
2008-2009**

<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**

**2009 - 2011**

**PRESIDENT**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stephen Lines

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Steven Kroll

**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

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Aaron Taylor

**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

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Bernhard, Mrs. John Ehrlich  
Mrs. Robert Finn, Mrs. Charlton Reynders

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

2005-2007: Mrs. Samuel Polk

2007-2009: Mrs. A. Knowlton Reynders

2009-2011: Mrs. John Redmon

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION**

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

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall, Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

## **SANCTUARIES**

### **Audubon**

1989-2009: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth  
2009-2011: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

### **Beaver Dam**

2001-2011: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

### **Butler-Meyer Preserve**

1986-2011: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

### **Marsh Sanctuary**

2007-2011: Mrs. Walter Weissinger

### **Mianus River Gorge**

1997-2009: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson  
2009-2011: Mrs. John Redmon,  
Mrs. Todd Noonan

### **Teatown Reservation**

2009-2011: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall

### **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation**

1993-2011: Mrs. Harold L. Tiné  
Mrs. Paul J. Mas

### **Westmoreland Sanctuary**

1989-2011: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta

## **NATIONAL PARKS/NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

## **FLOWER ARRANGING/EXHIBITIONS**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

## **GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. John Redmon

## **HORTICULTURE**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Matthew Ocken

## **MEMBERSHIP**

2005 - 2008: Mrs. Sean McDowell

2008 - 2011: Mrs. Philip Bowers

## **PROGRAMS**

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Clymer  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Francis Kernan, Mrs. Peter Hennessy, Mrs. John Stockbridge

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Cushman

## **HOSTESSES**

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Jonathon Connor  
2008 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Cushman

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stuart Ross

**CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

**EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. John Morris

**CORRESPONDENT TO THE GCA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

2005 - 2009: Ms. Anne Putnam

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Roger Vincent

**CUSTODIAN/ARCHIVES**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

**HISTORIAN**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Rodman Tilt

**JOHN JAY GARDENS**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

**NY COMMITTEE OF GCA**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos

**POLICY**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Gordon Hamilton

**PROJECTS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Stockbridge

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Shelly Ferrall, Mrs. Bryce O'Brien, Mrs. Jeremy Pinchot

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

2007 - 2008: Mrs. John Redmon

2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam

2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Morris

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Marion Wyeth

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Norman Selby

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

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

2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

**SUMMIT COORDINATOR**

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

**TREE PROJECT**

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Joseph Maybank

**TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS**

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

2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Paul Mas

**WAYS AND MEANS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Clymer

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Daniel Ginnel

**YEARBOOK**

2007 - 2011: 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

**GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA JUDGES**

**Exhibitions**

Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, ('89-'09)

**Horticulture**

Mrs. Charles E. McDuffie ('97-'09)

