

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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for
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2010-2011**

ACTIVE

Albanese, S
Baker, L
Bamford, A
Bernard, E
Bianco, S
Borner, C
Bostwick, S
Bouyoucos, C
Bowers, S
Burke, S
Catchpole-Howell
Clymer, L
Conner, J
Conrad, E
Cote, S
Coveny, L
Cox, T
Cushman, W
Dwyer, C
Ehrlich, S
Farr, O
Ferguson, K
Ferrall, S
Finnegan, M
Fox, A
Ginnel, K
Glascott, D
Goodhue, L
Gosnell, A
Gourd, D
Grand, C
Hallock, L
Hamilton, C
Hennessy, L
Hoffman, A
Jones, C

ACTIVE

Jones, L
Kernan
Kowitz
Kroll, S
Langham, H
Lines, M
MacDonald, B
Mas, C
Matthews, L
Maybank, V
Montross, L
Morris, K
O'Brien, S
Ocken, R
Pachios, A
Paul, A
Perry, P
Philip, L
Pinchot, L
Polk, A
Putnam, A
Redmon, V
Rice, C
Robinson, J
Root, D
Ross, W
Ryan, A
Santomero, D
Stern, B
Swank, C
Talty, A
Tatnall, B
Taylor, T
Tine, L
Trotta, B
Wamsley, B

ACTIVE

Weissinger, J
West, S
Woodhull, D
Wortmann, L
Wyeth, N

ASSOCIATE

Atkins, B
Austin, O
Cunningham, L
Finn, P
Fowler, E
Harder, D
Kendrick, M
Lowe, T
Mankiewicz, R
McDuffie, A
Mitchell, M
Montross, J
Niemczyk, C
Pagliaro, A
Parker, H
Reynders, N
Talbot, L
Treadway, S
Vincent, N

AFFILIATE

Babcock, L
Bennet, C
Buaron, D
Edgar, D
Espy, P
Falise, K
Israel, B
Jones, Cody
Miller, A
Mossman, L
O'Donoghue, R
Padwee, J
Purcell, R
Putnam, K
Selby, M
Smith, C
Talbot, J
Witmer, J

SUSTAINING

Beatty, S
Boykin, P
Espy, J
Ewing, S
Foster, T
Jackson, L
Johnson, B
Kelly, S
McGarry, G
Stockbridge, A
Tilt, M

ANNUAL REPORTS

2009 – 2010

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. Stephen V. Lines
1 st Vice-President.....	Mrs. Steven Kroll
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Aaron Taylor
2 nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Paul Matthews
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Anthony Langham
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Joseph Maybank

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Mrs. Robert Finn
Mrs. Peter Ehrlich
Mrs. Robert Bernhard
Mrs. Charlton Reynders

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Redmon, Chairman
Mrs. Roger Vincent

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MEETINGS
The Annual Meeting 2010:
East Brunswick, NJ
May, 2010

Mrs. Stephen Lines, President

The Zone III Annual Meeting 2010:
East Hampton, NY
June, 2010

Mrs. Stephen Lines, President
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos, Delegate

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2010

What a year! I get tired just thinking about it.

I spent time early in my first year developing an approach, a theme, for my 2 year term; I decided that I wanted to ride the wave of the Summit and carry forward its mission to inform the membership and our community about the most pressing environmental issues of the day and to encourage individual and collaborative actions and partnerships within the community to create a more sustainable Bedford. It is no coincidence that this mission coincides with our own club's "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". With an eye on our upcoming Centennial, I also wanted to celebrate our membership, past and present, highlighting our accomplishments and legacy in our history, while preparing our gifts for the future. So this is the path that was woven through this year's agenda and will carry through to our 2011 Centennial. This common thread gave my committees a focus for this first year, from planning workshops and speakers to developing VEGOUT! this July's fund raiser and community event.

Our standing and special committees continued to build on their specific concentrations, finding new and more robust ways to encourage participation and teach. We traveled, weeded and pruned. Our membership is vibrant and strong and we continue to attract awesome and talented women. We heard a wide range of speakers from learning about the Farmerettes Movement and seed propagation to planning an exhibit for the Chelsea Flower Show and learning about design while traipsing around the Homestead grounds. At our regular meetings, we were presented with homemade, locally grown food and we used compostable paper products for our coffee service. Leslie exhibited a challenge class at most meetings to inform our membership about that discipline and she held workshops to teach flower arranging design. Shelly Ferrall re-instituted the boutique and it is now featured at every meeting. Under Varner Redmon and Heather Langham's direction, we re-planted the John Jay Homestead Sundial Garden and let go of our 30 years of service doing the Bedford Village planters. Rachel Ocken was in the dirt and up in trees teaching and inspiring about anything horticulture. We had wonderful walks and talks in our sanctuaries and Cynthia Mas had us venturing to inspired gardens and galleries. We are blessed to be so rich and over-flowing with talent and expertise with all our standing and special committee chairman.

I also wanted to clean house a bit, concentrate on our public image, and go after some awards that the club and certain individuals rightly deserve for service to the club and our greater community. The Communications Committee was newly formed with members well qualified to write and design for articles in the GCA Bulletin and postings in local papers. In keeping with our environmental stewardship practices, Clippings now will come out virally 3 times a year to keep the membership informed and our 'blue cards' will be sent by email, with the exception of a few members who will received it by snail mail. Finally, Nancy Vincent and I revised and updated all the Bedford Garden

Club job descriptions and Sally Kroll designed a form to be used for Community Projects that are applying for funding.

Outside of this universe, we forged ahead at The New York Botanical Garden with a revamped and augmented horticultural course selection for a Fundamentals series and also a new Advanced series with more in-depth courses. Some of the classes were hands-on workshops. This program was also extended and offered to members in Zones 2,3,and 4. The successful intermingling with other GCA members was rewarding and stimulating. Each member who completed the eight class series was awarded a certificate by The NYBG.

Our Centennial is fast approaching. For that June event, we have lofty ideas, goals and gifts we want to give to our town and our club that integrate Summit environmental concepts with our BGC mission, as well as celebrate our membership. There are community projects that will benefit Bedford residents for generations. One of the Bedford Garden Club Centennial Projects promotes sustainability in schools with a vegetable garden at MK Elementary School. This garden and its science have been integrated into the school curriculum. We have also worked extensively on another project, promoting a land use initiative, with our Centennial Tree Project. This project establishes a tree planting plan for the Town and educates the club and the community in carrying out its program. This is the work we do so brilliantly as a club, when we are inspired by our conscience and ignite our own band of women. We can accomplish anything.

I have had a superlative team in creating projects, events and changes this past year. I encourage you to step up to the plate. You will find that our goals are worthy and our effort unsurpassed. Each of the women who do the work of this club has a vision, love of this town and the energy to accomplish change for the better. Please join us this next year and get involved in one or more of the standing committee programs or sign up to help on the Centennial and be a part of our next wave, our tidal wave.

Mimi Lines, President

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
2010

This year the President's Award is being presented to my buddy, my partner in crime, confident and mentor. Ellen Conrad, preceding president and catalyst of the Bedford Environmental Summit, was and continues to be an invaluable resource and voice of encouragement to me during this voyage into the depths of the GCA. She is always, always available, even via email at 2:30 in the morning, for wise and discerning consul concerning questions about policy, procedure, and issues. Brainstorm is her middle name. Now it's not like Ellen doesn't have anything better to do given she almost single handedly runs the Bedford 2020 Coalition, writes grants, develops Climate Action Plans and launches task forces. Ellen is a born teacher and problem solver. Her candy is ideas, which are borne out of thin air but are catapulted into brilliance as her mind races to the finish line. She cuts to the chase, and she's demanding, aggressive, and effective. She's

also overly generous, extremely humorous and inspires me to reach higher, to do more and to search for new challenges and solutions.

The Bedford Club presents the President's Award to Ellen Conrad.

For her unparalleled and unbridled commitment to sustainability, her limitless and considered consul and wisdom, and her thoughtfulness. It is with true awe and affection that the Bedford Garden Club bestows this award on my hero.

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by Zone IV in East Brunswick, New Jersey "State of the Garden"
May 2010

As part of my official duties as President of the BGC I have to attend the GCA Annual Meeting and the Zone 3 Annual Meeting. This year I went to the GCA Annual Meeting in East Brunswick NJ in May and to the June Zone Meeting in East Hampton NY with Carol Bouyoucos as my delegate. Carol will give a report about that meeting. As a general note, if you are ever asked to go to any GCA meeting don't hesitate. You will be pleasantly surprised at how thoroughly enjoyable they are and you will be immensely impressed at how well organized and informative they are. You also get to see another part of the country, talk to other clubs about their projects, and see gorgeous gardens and points of interest in the area.

At this year's Annual Meeting called State of the Garden, I discovered how beautiful our neighboring state of New Jersey truly is. The Franklin Parker Preserve and Pine Barrens Tour I went on illustrated the state's diverse landscape. It took me through the heart of the state, its fertile farmland, once ocean floor, and now rich in tomatoes and blueberries. We then experienced the Pine Barrens, a habitat all its own of scrub oak and sandy soil, cranberry bogs, wetlands, and swamps.

The first day of business meetings started with greetings and a report by Joan George GCA President, followed by a report on the state of NJ by Governor Chris Christie. The guest speaker was Joan Dye Gussow, Professor Emerita of Columbia University and writer. She spoke about how we needed to re-learn our dependence on the land, localize food production and eat locally. She cautioned that we were out-running sustainability and the planet was showing signs of distress. (I was pleased we were doing a Vegetable Garden Tour.) We had a report on the new GCA web site and all the Zone chairmen gave their reports. Then there were reports given by some of the National Committee Chairmen and the Founders Fund award winner was announced, but the highlight of the meeting was when they presented the Public Relations Award to The Bedford Garden Club for our defining work on the Environmental Summit. I was very proud. In the afternoon I attended a Presidents' Workshop on Civic Projects where I was able to participate ably given our club's accumulated work and achievements in this area. Afterwards I strolled through the impressive State of the Garden Flower Show and

perused the Boutique. That evening my Zone Dinner was at the Liberty House Restaurant over-looking the Manhattan skyline.

Saturday's meeting featured a speaker, Amy Freitag, US Program Director of the World Monuments Fund. She gave an often humorous and very informative history of the original 9? This speaker was followed by the remaining reports of the National Committee Chairmen, all very interesting and inspiring, as well as a promotional call to action by the Centennial Committee of the GCA and a talk by the GCA Interchange Fellowship Scholar, Edward James Miles. After the Nominating Committee Report and vote, the meeting was adjourned. This afternoon all the participants boarded buses for lovely tours of Princeton's great and distinguished gardens. The final evening was the Awards Cocktails and Dinner. The 2010 medalists were as follows:

Anita B. Gorman

Michael C. Houck

John A. Karel

Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association

Peter J. Olin

Nathaniel P. Reed

Deen Day Sanders

Lucinda Smith Seale

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center

I returned to Bedford exhausted but exhilarated. I continue to be impressed by all that the GCA and its member clubs accomplish. This network of women has a strong and vibrant history and continues to adapt to its environment by keeping itself current with exciting projects and goals.

Mimi Lines, President

ZONE III MEETING REPORT

Garden Club of East Hampton, East Hampton, New York

June 16th & 17th 2010

President Mimi Lines and delegate Carol Bouyoucos attended the 2010 Zone III meeting held in East Hampton, New York on June 16 and 17. This year's meeting was hosted by the Garden Club of East Hampton, at The Maidstone Club. Zone III presidents and their delegates attended.

The evening before the official event, we attended a lovely sunset dinner at the Devon Yacht Club. Linda James, our zone III Conservation chair, and chair of National Affairs and Legislation, hosted us at her beautiful home on Hook Pond.

The morning of the 16th began with the careful preparation and arranging of Bonnie Trotta's incredible, almost edible entry in the *Flower Arrangement Class 4, Home-baked Pies*. Bonnie's entry *Blueberry Pie* took 2nd place with the judges commending her on "Remarkable colors and choice of plant materials..." Carol Bouyoucos's photography entry *Seaweed, in Class 4, Highly Manipulative*, earned her a first place and the GCA Novice award. After the passing and judging of entries, the business at hand

commenced with an opening by Marcia Gowen, East Hampton's Club President, followed by reports from all the chairs. Our first speaker, Nancy Kelly from The Nature Conservancy, gave us an update on the process made in and around the Great South Bay with regard to the shellfish population. We were also enlightened by a lecture on "Boxwood" and its long history by Mac Griswold.

Presidents and delegates were treated to lunch at GCEH homes followed by a garden tour of some of East Hamptons most venerable gardens, from Ina Garten's new barn, to Grey Garden's haunting grounds and Martha Stewart's beautiful roses (soon to be transplanted to Bedford!)

The evening's activities began with a cocktail party hosted by The Past Presidents of the GCEH, followed by dinner and awards at The Maidstone Club.

The last morning wrapped up with reports from all the zone III presidents. Mimi Lines reported on our club's progress from the Environmental Summit to our Veg-out! vegetable garden tour this past July. It was a very proud moment for BGC.

The planning and dedication that went into this event was monumental in its scope, and The Garden Club of East Hampton were such gracious hosts! The scope of the work of all the zone III clubs is staggering from preservation of community gardens to reforestation!

Carol Bouyoucos, Delegate

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report
June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

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

Receipts

Interest	\$ 120.81
Dues	18,025.00
Projects	1,863.17
Ways and Means (Veg Tour)	(173.00)
Centennial Founders Fund	25.00
Transfer from Mullen Travel Fund	575.00
Visiting Gardens	<u>705.43</u>

Total Receipts \$ 21,141.41

Disbursements

Operating	GCA Dues	\$ 6,650.00
	Programs	3,201.60
	Horticulture	340.00
	Exhibitions	630.81
	Conservation	632.18
	Garden History and Design	955.26
	Seedlings	1,109.89
	Hostesses	344.92
	Bank Charges	33.04
	Yearbook	799.35
	Communications	1,303.91
	Custodian	0
	Insurance	266.00
	Medal Funds	200.00
	Awards	429.27

Publicity	567.00
Annual Meeting	575.00
NAL Meeting	1,069.60
Zone III Meeting	707.23
Taxes	633.50
Discretionary Fund	<u>818.10</u>
	\$ 21,266.66

Civic Contributions

Centennial Founders Fund	\$3,225.00
John Jay Phase II	4,831.26
Project Review	
Mianus Gorge (Tree Project)	\$ 2,000.00
John Jay Homestead (Composter)	500.00
John Jay Gardens	1,723.40
Bedford Village Tubs	<u>150.09</u>
	\$ 12,429.75

Donations

National Parks	\$ 35.00
Brooklyn Botanic Garden	150.00
Beaver Dam Sanctuary	50.00
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
Trailside Museum	100.00
Native Plant Center	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 2,215.00

	Total Disbursements	\$ 35,911.41
Checking Account	\$ 630.25	
Money Market (General)	<u>10,116.79</u>	
Balance on hand May 31, 2010		\$ 10,747.04
 <u>MONEY MARKET (Reserved Funds) transferred from CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT on 4/13/10</u>		
Balance as of June 1, 2009		\$ 53,324.66
Waller Gift – NAL Delegate Funding		
Balance as of June 1, 2009		\$ 20,429.17
Interest		89.89
NAL Annual Meeting 2009		<u>(1,069.60)</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2010		\$ 19,449.46
Zone Meeting Reserve		
Balance as of June 1, 2009		\$ 10,664.93
Interest		<u>46.93</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2010		\$ 10,711.86
Centennial Fund		
Balance as of June 1, 2008		\$ 22,230.56
Interest		97.81
Transfer from Waller Fund		<u>1,069.60</u>
Balance as of May 31, 2010		\$ 23,397.97
Balance as of May 31, 2010		\$ 53,559.29

ENDOWMENT FUND – Dreyfus

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$41,551.16
Interest	6.93
Contributions	<u>995.00</u>
Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$ 42,553.09

BEDFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT ACCOUNT – Chase Bank

Balance on hand June 1, 2009		\$37,543.83
Receipts		
Registration	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	150.00
Disbursements		
Printing	\$440.00	
Marketing	200.00	
Video Production	2,200.00	
DVD's (200)	434.89	
Website	106.30	
Fees	<u>68.00</u>	
		(3,449.19)
Transfer to Bedford 2020		(33,000.00)
Balance on hand as of May 31, 2010		\$ 1,244.64

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$8,049.23
Receipts	0
Interest	\$4.42
Balance plus receipts	\$8,053.65
 Disbursements	
2010 Annual Meeting	\$575.00
Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$7,478.65

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$12,595.92
Receipts	0
Interest	\$6.18
Balance plus receipts	\$12,602.10
 Disbursements	
	0
Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$12,602.10

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$4,726.08
Receipts	
Interest	\$2.38
Balance plus receipts	\$4,728.46
 Disbursements	
	0
Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$4,728.46

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4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Accounts

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$12,269.02
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Alice Anderson Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$2,395.50
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Interest	\$1.19
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$2,446.69
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Eloise Luquer Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$3,748.99
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Interest	\$1.77
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$3,800.76
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Winifred Macomber Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$3,175.31
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Interest	\$1.53
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$3,226.84
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Horticulture Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2009	\$2,949.22
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Interest	\$1.45
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$3,000.67
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Total Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$12,474.96
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Civic and Education

Centennial Projects	\$ 30,000
Civic Projects:	
Project Review	\$ 2,500
John Jay Gardens	1,250
Bedford Village Tubs	<u>0</u>
Sub Total	\$ 3,750
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
NY Committee of the GCA	250
Federated Conservationists	50
Trailside Nature Museum	100
Native Plant Center	30
Westchester Land Trust	100
Friends of Rocky Hills	<u>100</u>
Sub Total	\$ 2,515
C&E 2011-2012	\$ 10,000
Total Civic and Education	\$ 46,265
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$68,250

RECORDING SECRETARY

2009-2010

Beginning in September 2009, The Bedford Garden Club held eight executive committee meetings and seven Regular Committee Meetings. In addition, on July 14, 2010 The Bedford Garden Club held an open to the public, vegetable garden tour - VEG OUT. There were no regular meetings in July, August of 2009 and November, January, February 2010. There were no Executive Committee meetings in July, August, and November 2009 and in February 2010.

Heather Langham

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2009-2010

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. Meeting attendance typically exceeded responses received by a significant margin.

Taylor T. Taylor

STANDING COMMITTEES

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2009-2010

The club's work in the area of conservation this year was busy and comprehensive. This fall, Conservation Co-Chair, Bitsy Tatnall, directed her attention to land use issues and focused the club's attention on our many affiliations with local nature preserves. She led several outings to various locations throughout the year, including Mianus River Gorge and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

Conservation Co-Chair Ellen Conrad, worked with club members Olivia Farr, Shirley Bianco and Caroline Niemczyk and other community members who were actively involved with the Summit, to create the Bedford 2020 Coalition, a 501 c 3 nonprofit, whose mission is to "lead, organize and promote a community wide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20% by 2020 and to create a sustainable community that conserves its natural resources." The primary goal of Bedford 2020 Coalition is to assist in the implementation of the Town of Bedford's Climate Action Plan that was unanimously adopted in February, 2010, as a direct result of the success of the Bedford Environmental Summit. The B 2020 Coalition has created task force groups to address such issues as energy, waste/recycling, transportation, food/agriculture, transportation and water/land use. The Bedford Garden Club will take a major leadership role in water/land use through our Tree Project, modeled after the Casey Tree Project and headed up by Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham. We will also take a major role in food/agriculture through the initiative begun by Mimi Lines "to educate the public about the ease and affordability of home vegetable gardens."

Our club sponsored a lecture at John Jay Homestead about the activities of the Farmerettes during World War I, a land army of women who acted as farmers in the absence of men who were off at war.

VEG OUT! was the culmination of our yearlong focus on vegetable gardens. Headed up by Mimi Lines and Cynthia Mas, the day's event included an educational Expo and farmers' market at John Jay Homestead as well as a vegetarian lunch and comprehensive tours of several local vegetable gardens, both home gardens, community gardens and school gardens. At the Expo, the public was informed about seed propagation, composting and backyard agriculture (bees and chickens). Of course we couldn't resist a wonderful organic flower and vegetable arranging class as well! Kim Morris (PR), Kate Ginnel and Anita Stockbridge (EXPO), Shelly Ferrall (Boutique) Didi Woodhull and Cynthia Mas (tour), Lynn Goodhue (lunch), Leslie Wortmann (flower arrangements), Mary Finnegan (farmers' market) and Liz Hallock (volunteers) are all to be commended for a fabulous project!

At our Annual Meeting in June, the club membership voted to approve \$10,000 to support the Bedford Garden Club Tree Project and \$10,000 to fund the creation of a vegetable garden at the Mount Kisco Elementary School, a Title I school with over 500 students. Both projects will be part of our club's Centennial gifts to the community.

The Mt. Kisco Elementary School garden will be located on the site of an abandoned tennis court on the school property. It will be a significant element in the school

curriculum and will also serve as an important way of engaging the Hispanic parent body in school activities. Our leadership role in the project will give us many opportunities in the coming years to assist in educating faculty, parents and students about composting, vegetable gardening, and conservation. Some of the proceeds from VEG OUT! will be used to support the construction of the Mt. Kisco Elementary School Vegetable Garden.

Ellen Conrad & Bitsy Tatnall, Co-chairmen

Adopt-a-Road 2009-2010

Having started the commitment 18 years ago, the Bedford Garden Club continues its roadside clean-up along Rte.22 between Rte 172 and Clinton Road. There are usually 2 clean-up days a year, one in October and one in April. The schedule can change if the roadside needs to be spruced up.

Donning long pants, long sleeved shirts, gloves, and vests, the terrific BGC volunteers pick up all the trash along the roadside where they are assigned. The orange bags that the ladies have filled are picked up later that day by the DPW.

Many thanks again to the faithful ladies who continue to help keep Bedford beautiful.

Bonnie MacDonald

National Affairs & Legislation

Washington D.C. –February 22-25,2010

Ellen Conrad and Mimi Lines, along with Rusticus Garden Club members Cathy Biddle, Kathryn Hoening and Leslie Needham joined 300 Garden Club of America members for this four-day meeting focused on urgent environmental issues facing our country. Subjects included energy independence and climate change, mountain top coal mining, the ocean's rising acidity levels, and restoring funding for national parks and other public lands. The garden clubs were addressed by an impressive group of leaders on the front lines of environmental policy, including: Secretary of US Agriculture, Tom Vilsack; Senator Lamar Alexander; John Norris, Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and Larry Schweiger, President of the National Wildlife Federation.

Our local garden club members then met privately with Congresswoman Nita Lowey, district 18, to thank her for her strong support of federal environmental legislation and her unwavering support of local environmental efforts that are part of the Bedford 2020 Coalition initiative. Congresswoman Lowey has supported three separate grants applications submitted by the Town of Bedford seeking federal and state funding in connection with the home energy retrofit initiative described in the Town of Bedford's recently adopted Climate Action Plan.

The mood at the NAL Conference was distinctly less optimistic than last year's conference held several weeks after President Obama's inauguration. While last year's mood was full of hope, this year's mood was dominated by frustration over legislative inaction and the fear that there might be no improvement in the legislative gridlock.

Indeed many of us returned home convinced that the only way we can address the environmental issues facing our planet is by local action, much like the Bedford Environmental Summit and ensuing creation of the Bedford 2020 Coalition and passage by the Town of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

Ellen Conrad

Sanctuaries
2009-2010

AUDUBON SANCTUARIES: Palmer Lewis Sanctuary, Franklin Fels Sanctuary, North Salem, and Hunt Parker Sanctuary:

No Report

Denise Santomero

BEAVER DAM SANCTUARY:

The Sanctuary plans to install several Deer Exclosure areas. Our Consulting Naturalist, Andrea Sauro, has walked with our President, Stuart Ross, and several members, to analyze our acreage. They have found possible areas in shady hillside, meadow and woods. Potential maintenance of fenced areas is a consideration, especially after storms. We will hope for regeneration of Spring Ephemerals and later appearing Natives targeted by deer. Installation and maintenance of Exclosures is expensive, but this is a sanctuary. Of course protection and reinforcing of stream crossings is the usual on-going work.

We encourage hikers, riders and cross-country skiers to visit this beautiful sanctuary. It is convenient to Katonah and Bedford Hills: Entries are from Route 22 and Beaver Dam Road, see signs.

Ann McDuffie

BUTLER_MEYER PRESERVE of the Eastern NY Chapter of the Nature Conservancy:

No Report

Joyce Espy

MARSH SANCTUARY:

No Report

June Weissinger

MIANUS RIVER GORGE PRESERVE:

No Report

Varner Redmon & Stacy Albanese

TEATOWN RESERVATION:

No Report

Bitsy Tatnall

WESTMORELAND SANCTUARY:

No Report

Bonnie Trotta

EXHIBITIONS

2009-2010

The Exhibitions Committee had a busy year in 2010. In addition to our annual events, we introduced a new Flower Arranging Challenge Program at almost all of our membership meetings. Kicking off this program in the fall was a flower/vegetable arrangement class at our October meeting. Membership meetings in the spring were enhanced with early spring flower arrangements and arrangements inspired by a van Gogh painting. Members were encouraged to enter these classes to learn the process of entering a real flower show. We were all impressed with the entries!

The highlight of December was our annual Greensday at Westmoreland Sanctuary on December 9th. Although the weather was less than perfect, over 35 hardy members attended and helped decorate 6 community wreaths. They were greeted by a cozy Christmas boutique organized by Lindsay Pinchot and her helpers. This year, members signed up to decorate their own fresh wreaths with fresh greens, dried material, feathers, glass balls and pinecones. Members were also taught how to make their own bows out of silk, linen and velvet ribbon. All materials and ribbon were provided to the members for a small fee.

On April 20th, our own Dominique Buaron held a very informative demonstration titled "One Vase, Three Arrangements" at the home of Leslie Wortmann. Members were amazed at the different arrangement styles Dominique created with the most basic flowers. She discussed the difference between traditional, contemporary and abstract arrangements.

At the Zone III Annual Meeting in June in Easthampton, Bonnie Trotta won a second place for her entry in the Class 4 "Home Baked Pie" category. Congratulations to Bonnie!

Leslie Wortmann

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2009-2010

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

2009-2010

This year started with a bit of a fire-drill as we were expected to take softwood hydrangea cuttings to grow for the June 2010 Zone III meeting in East Hampton for a plant exchange. Five of us had a wonderful workshop at my house led by Zone III Horticulture Chair Chris Murray in late August. Each club was told it would need to bring 6 plants so we started off with about 15 plants club-wide. We crossed our fingers!

With the redesigning and replanting of the John Jay Sundial Garden, I held a bulb workshop in the garden in October. Varner Redmon (the real architect of the redesign) discussed appropriate varieties, heights, colors and bloom time and came up with some lovely choices. We planted *Tulipa biflora*, *Tulipa humilis alba coerulea oculata*, *Narcissus albus plenus odoratus*, and *Narcissus Ice Wings*. All were chosen for their soft white or pink colors, their delicate proportions and their pedigree. I held a workshop for those interested and about 10 members came to the John Jay Garden and planted the bulbs in the spots Varner and I had decided upon. At the following monthly meeting, I presented to the club in the garden a discussion on what we had done. I emphasized the use of bulbs as spring color splash and softening those hard edges that seem so glaring in early spring when all is yet to fill in. It was a great experience!

Fall and winter were quiet except for those who embarked on the certification course at the New York Botanical Garden. Several of us continued on with the second level of the certification course program and many started the first level after word spread through the club how fantastic it was. It's such a great addition to the club - the education is irreplaceable and it's great for us to take advantage of our proximity and member's relationship with the NYBG.

On the heels of a fantastic presentation by Lisa Schwartz and her garden coordinator, Isaac Johns, given to the club (also open to the public) at John Jay Homestead in early March, I held a seed workshop at my house. We used compost that I bought from Rainbeau Ridge and used their potting mix recipe. About 8 members gathered on my back terrace and planted seeds in either small plastic seedling trays or Cow Pots (pots made of manure!!). I selected a wide variety of carrots, peas, lettuces, etc. With the terrible tomato blight outbreak from the summer of 2009, I chose lots of blight-resistant varieties. We also learned from Isaac that in an effort to stress the tomato plants as little as possible, he planted his tomato seedlings in a larger pot so that they wouldn't have to

be potted up as many times as is usually done. We'll see as the summer of 2010 goes on, how we all did avoiding the blight!

I'm stepping down half-way through my term as my family and I are moving to the Bay Area of Northern California for a few years. Our own wonder, Ellen Conrad, will be taking over for me.

Rachael A. Ocken

MEMBERSHIP

2009-2010

Membership had an exciting year in 2009-2010. 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, Mimi Lines, Kirk Ferguson, Mary Finnegan & Kim Morris

New Members

Mrs. David P. Callahan (Laura, "Tink")

Mrs. Gary P. Corrigan (Joyce)

Mrs. Cornelius Crane Chase (Jayni)

Mrs. Josh Levy (Nicole)

Mrs. M. Victor Von Althann (Natica)

Resignations

Mrs. Denny Haight (Charlotte)

Mrs. Ross Jones (Cody)

Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy (Mary Helen)

Mrs. Charles W. Parsons (Meg)

Mrs. John A. Weisser Jr. (Mary Ellen)

Category Changes

Mrs. Dominique Buaron

Mrs. William Sanford Miller (Anne)

From:

Active

Active

To:

Affiliate

Affiliate

In Memoriam:

Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard (Sally)

PROGRAMS

2009-2010

Our year started off on September 23 with a potpourri of presentations by all the committee heads with a look toward our BGC Centennial in June of 2011.

October 21 we had a demonstration of "Glorious Food and Flowers" by fellow GCA member Lucy Townsend of LM Townsend Catering from Cooperstown. She had wonderful anecdotes, beautiful arrangements and a delicious catered lunch at Historical Hall.

In November we partnered with the John Jay Homestead Friends and other local organizations to host Elaine Weiss who spoke to us about her book "Fruits of Victory:

the Woman's Land Army of America in the Great War". The WLA was also known as the Farmerettes. The movement was born in Bedford under the leadership of the GCA. Greensday in December was a huge success with kudos to Leslie Wortmann for all her creativity in showing us all how to decorate our own wreaths with all kinds of natural materials as well as fun decorations and fabulous ribbons that she supplied. It was one of our best Greensdays ever!

January doldrums were relieved by an inspiring presentation by the Lake Forest Garden Club. They gave a slide presentation of their entry "Ravine Garden-Gift of the Glacier" in the Chelsea Flower Show in London. The program covered the Flower Show, how they got involved, the year of planning and of course the final preparations and display the week of the Show. It was amazing to imagine how they got it all done.

March was an open meeting at John Jay Homestead with a talk, slide show and demonstration by Lisa Schwarz and Isaac Jahns of Rainbow Ridge Farm. It was our kick off to a BGC town wide focus on vegetable gardening.

April brought a fun and lively program by Matthew Benson on "Photography in the Garden." He gave us professional tips and techniques for using creativity and light in our photographs and how to use our computers to edit and enhance.

In May we had our annual plant exchange and then Alice Eckerson of the NYBG and landscape designer walked us around the Homestead and pointed out various elements used in landscape design.

Shirley Bianco kindly hosted the Annual Meeting, which was a lovely event. Leslie Wortmann again had a flower arranging Challenge Class and the refreshments were delicious as ever.

July 14th the BGC presented VEG OUT an inspiring tour of 10 vegetable gardens around town. There were small and large, formal and informal "working" gardens in which members and non members gardens were graciously open to the public. There were also an Expo and a Farmers Market at the Homestead. Despite the (welcome) rain, spirits were high, as was the attendance. Approximately 230 tickets were sold. It was a fitting finale to a productive year for the Bedford Garden Club.

Anita Stockbridge, Lisa Hennessy, Cassie Kernan

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AWARDS

2009-2010

Our Club president, Mimi and I met this past fall and made the decision to apply for some well-deserved GCA awards for our club and its members. This spring, we decided on the Bedford Garden Club awards and citations.

The Awards Committee also, on behalf of the Bedford Garden Club, wrote a seconding letter for the Rusticus Garden Club proposal of Pat Keese for the Zone III Conservation Award and a seconding letter for the Millbrook Garden Club nomination of Jessica Tcherepnine for The Zone III Horticultural Arts Award. I'm pleased to report that both candidates received awards at the Zone III meeting in Easthampton last week.

Before I get into the awards presentation, I just want to say a word of heartfelt thanks to Mimi, she is such a dynamo, a great leader and boy does she know what she wants! It's been a pleasure working with her. We both wish to acknowledge the tremendous assistance of Elizabeth Bernard, Selby Ehrlich, Polly Finn, and Louisa Tine.

Three GCA awards are presented this year.

The Garden Club of America Public Relations Committee Award

The GCA Club Medal of Merit Award and the

The GCA Club Award for Civic Improvement

The first GCA award goes to our entire club.

The Garden Club of America Public Relations Committee Award was awarded to **The Bedford Garden Club** in recognition of its work in conceptualizing and executing the *Bedford Environmental Summit*. The club was honored for its success in reaching our goals, which were to raise awareness of a wide range of environmental issues, including the impact of greenhouse gases and diminishing natural resources, and to stimulate grassroots action at a local level. Here is the award that Mimi Lines accepted at the Annual Meeting Awards ceremony in New Jersey last month.

The next award needs a little background. When Mimi and I met last fall, we thought a certain member of our club ought to get the absolute top award that was ever presented to anyone in the GCA. This member is just that accomplished. But we learned that GCA awards are not given unadvisedly or lightly, and in fact, it is a bit of a process for a member to receive any GCA award. In this case, The Garden Club of America Awards committee was very enthusiastic about our Bedford Garden Club application and they have bestowed the **GCA Club Medal of Merit Award to Ellen Rouse Conrad**, "For exceptional leadership of the Bedford Garden Club and inspirational dedication to conservation in the town of Bedford and beyond." This Award was announced at the Zone III meeting in Easthampton last week.

The next awardee has varied talents and has made so many contributions to this club, they need to be recognized beyond our borders. She has an artistic eye, clear communication skills, a keen sense of design and a broad interest in history. On behalf

of The Garden Club of America, I am pleased to present **The GCA Club Award for Civic Improvement to Varner Redmon**, “For her pursuit of knowledge and aesthetic excellence in Garden History and Design, website development and communications, and her John Jay Homestead Sundial Garden plan.”

Wendy Ross

The Winifred Macomber Award

The Winifred Macomber Award recognizes outstanding effort or achievement in the field of flower arranging and/or garden design. It is rare to bestow this award to the same person twice, but, WOW, do we have a gem. This member's innate ability, commitment to sharing her passion for floral design and constant encouragement of others, trumps any alternative. She created flower arrangements for meetings and shows that exhibited her style, vision and talent. To demystify the flower show entry process, she initiated challenge classes at regular meetings, to further this art form. Novices were inspired to participate thanks to her innovative approach, her creative schedules, not to mention her gentle persistence.

The Bedford Garden Club

Presents

The Winifred Macomber Award

To

Leslie Wortmann

For her sustained commitment to flower arranging, persistent encouragement of others and her inspired talent

Golden Trowel Horticulture Award

If there was ever a member who embodies the Bedford Garden Club's mission to stimulate and encourage the love of gardening, it's this impassioned gardener. Her willingness to get "down and dirty", or even up in the trees, her inquisitive nature and her intrepid pursuit of horticultural excellence deserve to be recognized and awarded. Her infectious fascination with horticulture led her to establish popular workshops on bulb planting, seed propagation and pruning and rooting.

The Bedford Garden Club

Presents

The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award

to

Rachael A. Ocken

For her intrepid pursuit of horticultural knowledge, her infectious love of gardening, and her generous spirit in sharing her gifts.

The Oliver Memorial Bowl

The Oliver Memorial Award, established in 1982 in memory of Katherine Starr Oliver, is an in-club award in the form of a silver bowl and a citation. The Oliver Memorial Award is the Bedford Garden Club's opportunity to honor commitment, achievement and excellence. Past recipients represent the very heart of our membership and are all women of great ability and dedication. The newly formed Communications Committee has been ably led by Kim Morris, whose dedication, creativity, good sense and leadership skills have inspired her committee to excel in their communications role. In fall 2009, Allison Ryan created a digital form of our newsletter, Clippings, that informed our membership while exhibiting superior graphic design. Varner Redmon's vigilance in creating timely documentation of club and public events through email blasts and website postings has inspired participation, and has informed and educated our membership. As a new member, Elizabeth Bernard used her journalistic skills to gain publicity for the Bedford Summit in the GCA bulletin, and documented the Summit's accomplishments for our application for the GCA Public Relations Award. Carol Bouyoucas developed a comprehensive graphics program for the standing and special committees of our club. Her professionalism and artistry is epitomized by her inspired graphic for "Veg-out" and her refinement of the GCA Centennial logo. An award winning photographer, Carol also tirelessly documented BGC meetings and events. Last but not least, Nancy Vincent is applauded for her dedication to maintaining and improving our club's internal functions and integrity. She has tirelessly updated and edited all Club job descriptions, and as GCA representative, and past historian, she has been an invaluable resource for all things Club or GCA related. Her knowledge and love of the Club make her a natural public advocate.

The Bedford Garden Club Presents

The Oliver Memorial Bowl to

The Communications Committee of the Bedford Garden Club

For its excellence in building visibility and awareness of the Club and its mission.

The Conservation Award

This year's Conservation Award is presented to Anita Stockbridge for her lifelong commitment to sustainability. Anita's dedication to conservation efforts is exemplified by her support of the Marsh Sanctuary, her participation as an organizer of the Bedford Summit Expo and subsequently as co-chair of the Expo for Veg-out!. In addition, as a horticulturalist, her garden will be featured on the Veg-out! tour. Anita has embraced the job of Programs Co-chair to advocate conservation philosophies. The "Farmerettes" lecture was informative on historic conservation efforts, the lecture by local farmer Lisa Schwartz exposed our members and the public to current thinking on seed propagation techniques, and the upcoming lecture on the Casey Tree project in Washington DC will educate Bedford residents on how a community can participate in planning civic land use. Anita's diligence, organizational skills and advocacy for sustainability make her a rising star in promoting conservation consciousness within our club and beyond.

The Bedford Garden Club

Presents

The Conservation Award

to

Anita Stockbridge

For her persistent advocacy of sustainable living and her everyday application of its principles.

A Special Citation

There are people who cringe at the thought of having one more thing to do, or doing too many things at one time. The Bedford Garden Club is fortunate to have that one-in-a-million person who thrives on having too much to do and is happiest being overly committed. She is super organized, sees the big picture, and can envision how things will unfold. Once she is given a job that suits her strengths, she is like a terrier with a bone.

Any president of an organization prays for members with this potential, with this industriousness, attention to detail and sense of humor under duress. These people are self-starters, don't wait around for guidance and are committed once they lock onto a task. They make their jobs look easy and fun.

This awardee has only recently held her first garden club committee chairman position, for Trips and Visiting Gardens. She has spanned the globe in search of the perfect garden, the quaint luncheon spot and the cozy overnight. Then, as if that wasn't enough, she heads up the vegetable garden tour for our upcoming event, Veg-out! Her enthusiasm for her jobs has infected, incited, and enriched our lives with memorable experiences. WOW! She has skills and connections that she uses like an artist with a brush for the benefit of us all.

The Bedford Garden Club

Presents

A Special Citation

to

Cynthia Mas

For her infectious, uncorked enthusiasm, her unbridled sense of humor, her knack at finding solutions to challenges, and her superior organizational skills

Two Special Citations

Sustained loyalty, dedication, and a sense of humor are character traits worthy of distinction, particularly for a club or organization. Members endowed with these gifts are treasures. They know how to lead by example, often quietly, how to gently incite others to follow without recognition, how to encourage and stimulate, how to commit time and energy without losing a sense of humor, how to teach, counsel and share information. Longevity is what separates these 'women from the girls.'

Two women, in particular, have given of themselves to this club over years, decades. They are our club's heart and soul, its history, past and present. They take on any job when asked, without fuss. Their gifts lie in their knowledge of and history with the club and this town. Our club would be lost without their earnest counsel and guidance. Each of these women have specific strengths and contribution too numerous to mention.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
Special Citations**

to

Polly Finn and Selby Ehrlich

For your fierce dedication, boundless loyalty, and cherished history with the Bedford Garden Club

A Special Citation

This award is given to someone who wears two hats that serve our club ably and uniquely. As Chairman of the Awards Committee, she embarked on uncharted waters to garner long overdue accolades for the BGC for the impressive work we do as a club and individually. It is so satisfying to ask a person to do a job and not have to worry whether it will get done. This member is technically competent and organized, practical and intelligent, and highly motivated. Her focus and ability to grasp the essence of a task and create solutions is impressive. She untangled the many intricacies of the job, did extensive research, and cut her teeth on the GCA PR Award for the Bedford Garden Club. Early in the process she discovered that GCA has a highly structured process when applying for various awards. She exhibited great patience, acuity and flexibility in carrying out her job, always, always with good humor, and with impressive and successful results.

As President of the Friends of John Jay Homestead, she has been a strategic ally, creating a symbiotic relationship between the BGC and John Jay Homestead. Projects such as the Sundial Garden and events like VEG OUT! are carried out flawlessly because of her inner coordination and skilled political maneuvering.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
A Special Citation**

to

Wendy Ross

For her unwavering pursuit of perfection in the awards application process, her jovial spirit, and her political adeptness in our alliance with the John Jay Homestead

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
(formerly Public Relations)
2009-2010

Communication is key for making sure that members as well as the public at-large are informed about all Bedford Garden Club activities. The new Communications Committee that was formed this year will strive to do just that.

Communications Coordinator:	Kim Morris
Webmaster:	Varner Redmon & Nancy Vincent
Clipping Editor:	Allison Ryan
Photographer and Graphic Designer:	Carol Bouyoucos
Writer:	Elizabeth Bernard

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Open Meeting on Organic Gardening in March was advertised in the Record Review and later featured in the Record Review, The Lewisboro Ledger and The Enquirer. Posters, created by Carol Bouyoucos, were prominently displayed in the area. An article on the Bedford Environmental Summit, written by Elizabeth Bernard, was published in the GCA Bulletin (March/April issue).

VEGOUT A Tour of Local Vegetable Gardens on July 14th, 2010 replaced a July meeting/trip. Colorful, vibrant graphics were created by Carol Bouyoucos and were used for the ads, the poster, and all of the creative signage that was used during the event. The event was advertised twice in the Record Review. VEGOUT was listed on calendars in all of the local papers. Approximately 75 large posters were displayed in merchant's windows throughout the area. Prior to the event there were articles written by Michael Millius (Record Review) and Alice Gabriel (NY Times). The descriptions of all of the gardens were written by new member Joyce Corrigan, who will be taking over the position of writer for 2010-2011. Following the event there was a wonderful article with photographs written by Nancy Dexter in the Record Review. In general, this was a well-publicized event.

Kim Morris & Elizabeth Bernard

BGC WEBSITE:

The website continued to be the most efficient way to communicate with garden club members. Meeting times, community events and articles of interest to gardeners were posted, and emails sent out each week (more or less) to indicate new content on the website. Our goal is to expand and improve this economical form of communication, and encourage all BGC members to check the website for information about the Bedford Garden Club and our community.

We also created a website for our vegetable garden tour, VEGOUT!, eliminating paper invitations. There were almost 900 visits to the website, with considerably fewer tickets sold (also through an online vendor), so more work needs to be done to use a website as a marketing tools for events, specifically the upcoming centennial.

Varner Redmon

CLIPPINGS:

Clippings was sent out quarterly via email to members (with a few exceptions). Its purpose is to recap Club activities, to inform members of important GCA happenings and to share BGC history. While there will always be some overlap with the website, this new format will serve to complement the BGC website as opposed to repeating its content.

Allison Ryan

PHOTOGRAPHY:

The following events were photographed for the Bedford Garden Club:

September 2009 BGC meeting at JJH; Leslie Wortman's flower arranging demonstration and member challenge

March 2010 BGC meeting; Lecture by Lisa Shwartz from Rainbeau Ridge; "Challenge" arrangements by new members.

May 2010 BGC meeting at JJH; Alice Eckerson's lecture and tour of Homestead gardens

June 2010 Zone III meeting in East Hampton

Carol Bouyoucos

CORRESPONDENT TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA "BULLETIN":

2009-2010

No Report

Nancy Vincent

CUSTODIAN

2009-2010

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" dia.
- 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 and 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 & (3) 23" high

6. Miscellaneous

- a. 8 green tablecloths
- b. 8 flesh color tablecloths
- c. 5 white sheet liners for tables
- d. 41 packs of photo Kemble cards
- e. 1 Bessler lantern
- f. 20 carafes
- g. 18 pressed glass bud vases
- h. 7 grape-motif bulb glasses
- i. 37 large green glass bottles
- j. 20 medium green glass bottles
- k. 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, to ?
- 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
2009-2010

Early in the year we responded to Penny Ross’s request for information about our Club for the Zone III Annual Meeting Survey. At an early spring meeting we presented a posthumous tribute to Dorothy Humphrey’s Hinit, a fifty year member of our Club and 1972 recipient of the GCA Medal of Merit. Two small histories were submitted to Clippings for inclusion in the Summer edition: “Mrs. Bechtel and an Annual Meeting Long Ago” and “The Bedford Garden Club and the Northern Westchester Hospital Center: A Brief History.” I am extremely grateful to Nancy Vincent, our previous Historian for her guidance and support. Her shoes can never be filled, but her generous counsel and vast supply of information have been invaluable.

Marilen G. Tilt

HOSTESSES
2009-2010

All food items MUST be homemade from organic materials NO STORE BOUGHT.

October 21st, 2009 : (Halloween theme, duh)

Head hostess: Lindsay Jones, Ann Hoffman

Seedling Stacey Albanese

November 12th, 2009: (Thanksgiving of course) Farmerettes meeting

Head Hostess: Wendy Cushman, Gilda McGarry

Seedling Elizabeth Bernard

December 2nd, 2009: (Christmas of course..This is Greens Day)

Head Hostess: Cynthia Mas, Kate Ginnel

Seedling Carol Bouyoucas

January 20th, 2010: Winter..(Chelsea Flower Show)

Head Hostess: Susan Bostwick, Selby Ehrlich

Seedling Tori Cox

February 17th, 2010: Valentines Day

Head Hostess: Wendy Cushman, Gilda McGarry

Seedling Debbie Gourd

April 21st, 2010: Planting, spring!!!!!!

Head Hostess: Cindy Dwyer, Sam O'Brien
Seedling Liz Hallock

May 19th, 2010: Planting Day, Plant exchange early vegetables
Head Hostess: Didi Woodhull, Allison Ryan
Seedling: Allyson Pachios

June 16th, 2010: Annual Meeting High Tea
Hostesses: Shelly Ferrall, Nancy Vincent, Louise Talbot

Wendy Cushman

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD GARDEN
2009-2010

In June 2009 the Sun Dial Garden underwent a significant restoration and renovation. New paths designed by Varner Redmon, and paid for by the Friends of John Jay Homestead, were installed. A new planting plan, developed by Varner Redmon, and based on a palette of pink, white, blue and lavender accompanied by gray, chartreuse and burgundy foliage accents, was also installed. Over the summer Varner Redmon and Heather Langham with the help of Mary Finnegan oversaw the installation and maintenance of the new plantings. Following the September '09 general meeting held at the Homestead, members had a chance to see and tour the newly installed garden. This spring four stone benches, recast from a bench designed by Delano & Aldrich, were installed in the Sun Dial Garden interior. Nancy Vincent raised the money for the purchase of the benches from the families to whom the benches are dedicated: Linda Wilson, Betsy Botzow, and Nancy Kroll.

A great group of supportive members volunteered on our spring clean up day and the summer maintenance sign-up schedule was quickly filled. In June 2010 the Friends of John Jay Homestead hosted a summer cocktail party in the formal garden and the Sundial Garden could not have looked more beautiful because of the hard work and support of so many of our members. It was a busy year in the Garden and thank you to our wonderful garden committee for their involvement.

Heather Langham and Varner Redmon

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA
2009-2010

No Report

Susan Burke

POLICY
2009-2010.

No changes to the bylaws

Connie Hamilton

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

2009-2010

Two documents were created this year for Project Review. The Project Review Guidelines, and the Bedford Garden Club Fund Application which made the guidelines into a permanent form that can be distributed to individuals or civic groups to use when requesting funding for specific projects. This year several funding requests were received, and the Board approved two for the Club's Centennial Projects. The BGC Sustainable Bedford Tree Project which has a mission to “ restore, enhance, and protect the trees lining the major thoroughfares of Bedford, and to educate the public about many environmental, commercial, and social benefits of a healthy tree canopy .” The second approved project was establishing a school garden at the Mt. Kisco Elementary School as a teaching tool to promote the knowledge and love of gardening.

Sally Kroll

PROJECTS

2009-2010

Despite not having any one “big” fundraising event, the Projects Committee was able to generate \$1,800 this year by setting up a small boutique at every monthly membership meeting. We were asked to replicate a past practice of the club initiated by Louise Renwick where she would set up a table of assorted goodies and gently cajole her fellow members into purchasing something for the good of the Club. We took “green” as our theme, named the boutique “Louise’s Loot” and started our sales campaign. Several green cleaners became our biggest sellers, with satisfied customers coming back for more. Cheerful flowering plants were sold in the dreary winter months and an assortment of vegetable and flower seeds and supplies were sold in the spring. Many thanks to Susan Bostwick, Storrs Cote and Lisa Hennessy for their contributions to the committee and thank you to all who supported the boutique. Please visit us at the next meeting and help our club generate revenue so that we can help others.

Shelly Ferrall

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

2009-2010

No report

Melissa Selby

SEEDLINGS

2009-2010

In May the Bedford Garden Club welcomed five new seedlings to the Bedford Garden Club: Joyce Corrigan, Nicole Levy, Jayni Chase, Tink Callaghan and Natica Von Althann. An orientation luncheon was held at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. At the luncheon our newest members were given a brief overview of how our club functions and what is expected of first year members. All had great fun and our little seedlings are ready for a terrific year.

Lindsay Matthews

VISITING GARDENS

2009-2010

As we began our term as VG Chairs we headed to Greenwich to the Brant Foundation Gallery. Peter Brant has turned the old stone barn of the Conyers Orchard into a state of the art Modern Art Gallery with pieces from his own world renowned art collection. It is amazing that we have this caliber of art right in our backyard. Although not Garden related it was a treat for all to see. In May we headed to Kent Ct. for Bunny Williams annual event Tradesecrets. This year we opted to go to the Sunday Garden Tour part of her event. What a treat! We started at Bunny's amazing house & gardens which could have been a trip in itself and then went off to four other beautifully chosen gardens and then ended the day with a delicious lunch at the Mayflower Inn. In late May we headed to NJ for a two day trip. We started in Trenton at The Grounds For Sculpture, Seward Johnsons sculpture garden with a delicious lunch at Rats. That afternoon we went to the home of Judy & John Angelo's in Elberon NJ. What a treat!! Judy was a wonderful hostess. She showed us through her house and took us around her beautiful and extensive grounds. They have created a little slice of heaven here. Into our cars we got and headed to Rumson where we scattered to our "homes" for the night kindness of many nice friends in Rumson (Joan Wyer, Cathy Smith, Genie Flinn, Emmy Herr, & Diana Landreth) We all then had the most wonderful dinner on Cathy Smith's Deck/Dock, she included all the garden owners, several noted members of the Rumson Garden Club and all of us. It was a night we won't soon forget. Thank You Cathy!! Well rested we all met at Joan Wyer's for a yummy breakfast the next day. We were all very comfortable there and could have easily settled in but off we went for a day full of beautiful gardens. Cathy & Joan were instrumental in getting these well chosen gardens all very interesting and special in their own ways. As the day hit ninety-nine degrees we wearily headed to the Rumson Country Club for a lovely lunch on the terrace and ended the day going off to see a few more gardens. Florally stimulated we headed home.

Olivia Farr and Cynthia Mas

WAYS AND MEANS

2009-2010

No Report

Kate Ginnel

YEARBOOK

2009-2010

Yearbooks were produced this year. About half were distributed to members at the fall of 2009 meetings and the rest were mailed.

Liddy Baker

IN MEMORIUM

Dorothy Humphreys Hinitt

Born November 5, 1894

Died July 11, 1989

Her obituary appeared in the Thursday edition of the Patent Trader on July 25th, 1989, two weeks after her death. It was a brief article, tucked among others on the same page. To look at its placement no one could possibly have known the impact this subject had had on her community. As the young woman who guided me to the microfiche copies of Bedford's once primary newspaper said, "She certainly deserved a front page space - or at least a photo." Quite right. Dot Hinitt had loved Bedford from the moment she had moved here fifty years previously to live near the Readers' Digest, her new workplace. The Trader obituary only briefly described the facts of her life: thirty year editor at the Readers' Digest, Historian for the Town of Bedford, author, member of the Bedford Garden Club, Editor of the Garden Club of America *Bulletin*, and fifty year resident of the town of Bedford. There was, however, much more to say about this remarkable woman whom many called, "Miss Hinitt."

Dorothy Humphreys Hinitt was born on November 5, 1894 in Fulton, Missouri to Frederick W. and Ellie H. Hinitt. Her father, who held two doctoral degrees, became President of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky; the college from which she graduated. Dr. Hinitt was British and it is from him that Dot received her knowledge of and love for Great Britain - its people, its history and its customs. She became a true Anglophile, especially enjoying British garden design, English perennials and the imported lavender plants that filled her garden.

On first arriving in Bedford in 1939, Dot lived in the large house at the corner of Guard Hill Road and Succabone, known as "Sutton Corners," with her brother Jack. Later she moved to the smaller cottage on the property and it is there that many of us remember her well-tended perennials and lavender border. It was in Dot's early days in Bedford that she met a neighbor who was to become a close friend. With Wilhelmine Kirby Waller, whose family's Tanrackin Farm would become Dot's second home, Dot developed the friendship that would lead her to the Bedford Garden Club and later the GCA.

Willie Waller recognized Dot's intelligence and talents. Like Willie, Dot had a gift for written language. This had been evident when Dewitt Wallace chose Dot from behind a sales counter in Kentucky to become one of his earliest and most important Readers' Digest editors.* Further, Dot shared Willie's love for and knowledge of horses, having written for both *Rider and Driver* and *Spur* magazines. Willie enjoyed Dot's horticultural expertise and her love for design, especially in the art of needlepoint. Dot loved sharing her knowledge and began teaching needlepoint to any at Tanrackin Farm who wished to learn. Soon the Waller's lovely home was filled with Dot's designs which displayed farm scenes, garden plants and animals and filled the living room with color. Bedford Garden Club member Pat Boykin also lived on Tanrackin Farm. No stranger to Miss Hinitt's nearby home, Pat and her young boys often visited for tea and listened

attentively to Miss Hinitt's tales of the natural world and knowledge of gardening. Those were special days for the Boykin family.

Polly Winans Finn remembers a summer's day visit to Dot's garden. Polly had come to learn the art of sachet making. She was in the right place! Lavender plants filled the view as their early scent filled the air. Dot was ready with clippers and baskets. "The flowers have to be at exactly the right stage of development," she began, "Just at the point of opening; not too soon or too late." Carrying armfuls of stems down to the basement, Polly and Dot stripped the flower stalks bare. Carefully laying the tiny buds on old screen doors, which had been placed on wooden benches, they began the first stage of sachet making. Once dried, the precious flowers would fill prepared cushions, ready to divulge their familiar scent in a special lingerie or linen drawer.

Emlen Grosjean Evers worked with Dot on two editions of the *Bedford Cookbook*, first published in 1953. The cookbook was one of our Garden Club's early fundraising efforts, resulting in the printing of over four thousand books, some of which are still in use today. Emlen recalls learning editing skills using Dot's "cut and paste" method. "We didn't have computers back then," says Emlen. "We used scissors and Scotch tape!"

In 1972 Dorothy Hinitt was awarded the GCA's prestigious Medal of Merit. This highest of honors was bestowed 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." By this time Dot's accomplishments were well known. She had written and published, *The Bedford Gardener's Almanac*, an informative and useful journal for both "beginners" and the "experienced." A charming catalogue of advice, the Almanac still has a place on many a Bedford Garden Club member's bookshelf today. The Bedford Cookbook had printed three editions under Dot's leadership. She had co-authored Volume II of Bedford Garden Club's History and been its historian from 1971 -1976. Her beloved garden had been a learning place for many Garden Club members. From 1963 to 1969 she had been the editor of the Garden Club of America Bulletin, guiding it through the "minefields" [GCA's word] of higher expenses, a new postal zip code system, a reduction of yearly issues from six to two and continued high standards of content and style. She had written countless small histories for the Bedford Historical Society. She was in the midst of important research on a future publication, *The Burning of Bedford: July 1779*. This petite, unassuming woman with the giant intellect had finally gained the recognition she deserved.

One day, later in her life, Dorothy's physician, Henry Russell, MD picked up the phone in his office at the Mt. Kisco Medical Group. It was Dot's great friend, Willie Waller. Willie had been known to enjoy "getting her friends' lives in order!" "Hank," she began, "I'm not sure that Dot should really be driving her car anymore. She is 'getting on,' you know." When Dot next visited her doctor, he tactfully asked her how she was getting around. "Well, I'm driving my car, of course!" answered Dot. "I'm doing just fine." For good measure and quite secretly, Dr. Russell followed Dot home after her appointment. When they reached the driveway Dot came to a stop, rolled down her window and faced her doctor. "I know JUST what you're doing," she said. "And you

can tell Willie not to interfere with my driving anymore!”

By early summer, 1989, Dot Hinitt’s life had slowed down. Though she rarely went out, she continued to love her house, her now smaller garden, her books and her writings.

Again the phone in Dr. Russell’s office rang. “Good morning, Hank. It’s Willie.”

“Yes, Willie.”

“You know I’m awfully worried about Dot. She never leaves her house. I can’t even get her to come to tea. I’ve offered to have one of the boys at the farm pick her up and return her but she just wants to stay home. I don’t quite know what to do....”

“I’ll look into it, Willie, and I’ll call you back.”

Later that day Dr. Russell once again drove to Dot’s house unannounced. “May I pay you a short visit, Dot?” he inquired at the door.

“Of course, Hank, come right in.” Dot was sitting in bed. It was early June and the late afternoon sun still streamed through a small window. All around lay her books, manuscripts, old copies of the *Digest*, needlework and a few small vases of flowers. Dot looked quite content. Her bedroom had become her world and it was a world she loved.

“Just thought I’d come by and see how you’re doing,” said Dr. Russell.

“Oh, do pull up a chair,” said Dot. “I’m so happy to see you.” As the afternoon faded and evening came, two old friends chatted away happily.

The next day Hank Russell picked up the phone. “Willie,” he said, “I had a nice visit with Dot. She’s just fine, surrounded by all the things she loves best. Why don’t you take some of those famous Tanrackin cookies over to her? She’s happy where she is and she’s at peace. And Willie... that’s just as it should be.”

A small needlepoint pillow was discovered after Dot’s death. The verse she had so carefully stitched seemed the perfect memento of a special life:

Dear father, hear and bless
Thy beasts and singing birds
And guard with tenderness
Small things that have no words.

Marilen G. Tilt

**Theirs was the Kingdom: Lila and Dewitt Wallace and the Story of the Readers’ Digest*, John Heidenry, p. 75

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
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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
2010	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.

GCA ZONE AWARDS
Zone III Conservation Award (con't)

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

GCA Certificate of Acknowledgement To Non-Members for Horticulture

- 1999 Mrs. Alice R. Ireys

GCA CLUB AWARDS

GCA Medal of Merit

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

- 1962 Mrs. Arthur W. Butler
- 1962 Miss Helen Clay Frick
- 1966 Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
- 1969 Mrs. William Botzow
- 1972 Miss Dorothy H. Hinit
- 1973 Mrs. Dennis Dix
- 1979 Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
- 1983 Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins

GCA Medal of Merit (con't)

1989	Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1996	Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell
1998	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
2000	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
2010	Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

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 Civic Improvement Award

2010	Mrs. John Redmon
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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
- 2010 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
- 2010 Mrs. Matthew Ocken

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
- 2010 The Communications Committee: Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. John Redmon, Mrs. Robert Bernard, Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos & Mrs. Roger Vincent

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
- 2010 Mrs. John Stockbridge

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
- 2010 Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

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.”

SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)

- 2010
- Cynthia Mas “for her infectious, uncorked enthusiasm, her unbridled sense of humor, her knack at finding solutions to challenges, and her superior organizational skills.”
 - Polly Finn and Selby Ehrlich “for your fierce dedication, boundless loyalty, and cherished history with the Bedford Garden Club.”
 - Wendy Ross “for her unwavering pursuit of perfection in the awards application process, her jovial spirit, and her political adeptness in our alliance with the John Jay Homestead.”

**PAST PRESIDENTS
OF THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB**

	Honorary President 1929-1937 - Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter
1911-16	Mrs. Frank Hunter Porter
1916-17	Mrs. Arthur Scribner
1917-19	Miss Delia W. Marble
1919-20	Mrs. Charles S. Brown (through November)
1919-23	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1923-25	Mrs. Henry Marquand
1925-27	Mrs. John Henry Towne
1927-29	Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter
1929-31	Mrs. Nelson B. Williams
1931-33	Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt Jr.
1933-35	Miss Eloise P. Luquer
1935-39	Mrs. Alfred Roelker
1939-40	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1940-41	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1941-43	Mrs. Edwin deT. Bechtel
1943-47	Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill
1947-49	Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor
1949-51	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
1951-53	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1953-55	Mrs. George M. Schurman
1955-59	Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson
1959-61	Mrs. Peter Oliver
1961-63	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson
1963-65	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy Jr.
1965-67	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1967-71	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr.
1971-73	Mrs. Hobart Lewis
1973-75	Mrs. Franklin Montross 3 rd
1975-77	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1977-79	Mrs. Hugh S. Coward
1979-83	Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1983-85	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1985-88	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
1988-91	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
1991-93	Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie
1993-95	Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.
1995-97	Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy and Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III
1997-99	Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.
1999-2001	Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick
2001-2003	Mrs. Donald P. Mossman
2003-2005	Mrs. John Milnes Baker
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.

* 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
2010-2011**

September 15, 2010 **9:15 AM – Optional Lunch sign up**
Speaker: President / Club members
Topic: Flower Arranging
Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club
Hostesses:

October 20, 2010 **9:00 AM – OPEN MEETING**
Speaker: Barbara Shea
Topic: Casey Tree Project
Place: Bedford Historical Hall
Hostess:

November 9, 2010 **9:00 AM**
(Tuesday) Joint meeting with Rusticus and possibly another club
Speaker: Roger Swain
Topic To be determined
Place: St. Matthews Parish Hall
Hostess:

December 8, 2010 **8:30 AM**
Speaker: to be announced
Topic: Greens Day. Traditional Wreath Making
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary
Hostesses:

January 19, 2011 **To Be Announced**
Speaker:
Topic:
Place:
Hostesses:

February 16, 2011 **To Be Announced**
Speaker:
Topic:
Place:
Hostesses

March 2011 **No Meeting**

April 20, 2011

to be announced

Speaker:
Topic:
Place:
Hostesses:

May 18, 2011

8:45 AM - Coffee

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

June 4, 2011

To Be Announced

Topic: BGC CENTENNIAL

Place: To be announced
Hostesses:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTESSES

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

HOW TO'S FOR WRITING YOUR LEGISLATORS

1. To contact your senators and representatives they recommend that we use the email. Because of Security concerns in the post September 11th 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:

19th 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

40th 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:

89th Assembly District

The Hon. Adam Bradley
4 New King Street
White Plains, NY 10604
Tel: (914) 686-7335
Email: bradlea@assembly.state.ny.us

Example:

Dear Assemblyman Bradley:

For Westchester County Issues

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

For Town of Bedford Issues

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

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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, East Brunswick, NJ (May)

Pres: Mimi Lines

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 (June)

Pres: Mimi Lines

Del: Carol Bouyoucos

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
Oct	2009	Greenwich, CT Brant Foundation Gallery
May	2010	Kent, CT – Bunny Williams “Trade Secrets”
May	2010	Rumson, NJ – 2 Trenton Gardens & many in Rumson

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

RESIGNATIONS

DECEASED

2009-2010

Mrs. David P. Callahan
Mrs. Gary P. Corrigan
Mrs. Cornelius Crane
Mrs. Josh Levy
Mrs. M. Victor Von Althann

Mrs. Denny Haight
Mrs. Ross Jones
Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy
Mrs. Charles W. Parsons
Mrs. John A. Weisser Jr.

Mrs. Oliver C. Hazard

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

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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

2010 - 2012: Mrs. John Morris

TREASURER (even years)

2007 - 2012: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

RECORDING SECRETARY (even years)

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

2007 - 2010: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

2010 - 2012: Mrs. Mark Bamford

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 - 2010: Mrs. Robert Bernhard, Mrs. John Ehrlich
Mrs. Robert Finn, Mrs. Charlton Reynders

2010 - 2011: Mrs. Clinton Kendrick, Mrs. Anthony Langham,
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos, Mrs. James Glascott

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

2005-2007: Mrs. Samuel Polk

2007-2009: Mrs. A. Knowlton Reynders

2009-2010: Mrs. Stuart Ross

STANDING COMMITTEES

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall, Mrs. Thomas Trotta
2009 - 2010: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall, Mrs. Winthrop Conrad
2010 - 2011: Mrs. Paul Matthews

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

Luques-Marble at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

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

Westmoreland Sanctuary

1989-2011: Mrs. Thomas R. Trotta

NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION

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

JOHN JAY GARDENS

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

FLOWER ARRANGING/EXHIBITIONS

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2007 - 2011: Mrs. John Redmon

HORTICULTURE

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron
2009 - 2010: Mrs. Matthew Ocken
2010 - 2011: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

MEMBERSHIP

2005 - 2008: Mrs. Sean McDowell
2008 - 2011: Mrs. Philip Bowers

PROGRAMS

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stuart Ross

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Daniel Ginnel, Mrs. Francis Goodhue

CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS

2003 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER

2007 - 2010: 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

HOSTESSES

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Jonathon Connor
2008 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Cushman

NY COMMITTEE OF GCA

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke

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 (1st or 2nd VP)

2007 - 2008: Mrs. John Redmon
2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews
2010 - 2011: Mrs. Steven Kroll

PUBLIC RELATIONS – COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam

2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Morris

PHOTOGRAPHER

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos

WEB SITE

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Roger Vincent

Mrs. John Redmon

WRITER

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Bernhard

CLIPPINGS EDITOR

2010 - 2011: Mrs. John Ryan

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Marion Wyeth

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Norman Selby

SEEDLINGS/NEW MEMBERS (1st or 2nd VP)

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

2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

2010 - 2011: Mrs. John Morris

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

Horticulture

Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, ('89-'10)

Mrs. Charles E. McDuffie ('97-'10)