

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

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for
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**MEMBERSHIP by CATEGORY
2011-2012**

ACTIVE

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

ACTIVE

Jones, C
Jones, L
Kernan
Kroll, S
Langham, H
Levy, N
Lines, M
Longo, L
MacDonald, B
Mas, C
Matthews, L
Maybank, V
Montross, L
Morris, K
Morris, V
O'Brien, S
O'Connor, J
Ocken, R
Pachios, A
Paul, A
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

ACTIVE

Taylor, T
Tine, L
Trotta, B
Von Althann, N
Wamsley, B
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
Eastland, S
Espy, P
Israel, B
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
Ehrlich, S
Espy, J
Ewing, S
Foster, T
Jackson, L
Johnson, B
Kelly, S
Kowitz, S
McGarry, G
Stockbridge, A
Tilt, M

ANNUAL REPORTS

2010-2011

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. John Morris
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Mark Bamford
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Joseph Maybank

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Mrs. Clinton Kendrick
Mrs. Anthony Langham
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos
Mrs. James Glascott

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Redmon, Chairman
Mrs. Roger Vincent
Mrs. John Milnes Baker
Mrs. Steven Kroll

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting 2011:

Indianapolis, Indiana

April 27-30, 2011

Kim Morris standing in for President Mimi Lines

Carol Bouyoucos, Delegate

The Zone III Annual Meeting 2011:

Millbrook, New York

June 21-23, 2011

Mrs. Stephen Lines, President

No Delegate

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2011

Wow! It's almost the bewitching hour! when my tenure is over. I have felt privileged representing the Bedford Garden Club for the past two years. Our club is highly respected in the town and by the GCA and it was a daunting responsibility, living up to our reputation. What I didn't understand at the beginning was the position of president gave me a small voice in pursuit of worthy goals of conservation, sustainability, and the environment. Participating in the National Affairs and Legislation Conferences these last 2 years in Washington, DC was a life-changing and thrilling experience for me. And so, I have said my peace, pursued my agenda, and feel good about that. When or where else would this have happened to me? I feel fulfilled and satisfied with this small chapter of my life. I thank you for the honor of being your president.

This past year was primarily focused on events that would satisfy our Centennial mission, ultimately culminating in our Centennial Celebration and Festival. This mission was to honor our membership, past and present, and its cherished history, to acknowledge our accomplishments and share our expertise with others, and to raise funds to continue our productivity and support of present and future community projects. The BGC's production of work along the way was bountiful.

Our Centennial year actually began in July with our verdantly successful VEGOUT! an expo and vegetable garden tour in our town. Its purpose was to promote backyard sustainability in the community and, with chicken, bees and vegetables, expand participants thinking about what that could mean in their lives. In September, we rallied to invigorate and inspire our membership about flower-arranging, with a fabulous hands-on workshop, coordinated by Leslie Wortmann and Laura Haley, Zone Flower Show chair. October's Membership meeting enlightened us and our community about the Casey Tree Project in Washington, DC, with Barbara Shea providing our Branch Out! Centennial Project with a template for moving forward. "Returning Fruit to the American Backyard", with red-suspended Roger Swain of Victory Garden fame, was our entertainment for November, once again bringing us back to sustainability and getting our hands dirty. Greensday with Leslie Wortmann and the Boutique team continues to reaffirm our commitment to seasonal giving, decorating wreaths for area sites, while stimulating our creativity with glorious alternatives to red and green decorations, while reminding us of our close kinship. At this time I gave a tribute to a venerable member and past president, Odette Austin, who was moving to Georgia. Tributes are a tradition of the club, a practice Marilen Tilt has continued throughout the year, with intimate stories honoring deceased members. These tributes remind us of our past and give fitting moments of reflection.

We all enjoyed a spirited and unique program in January at Table Local Market about the practical aspects, benefits and pleasures of eating locally, from our own Hudson River Valley. We were informed about how sustainable practices promote wellness and health. The Feb/March regular meeting was open to the public and featured the prominent marine conservationist and co-founder of the Blue Ocean Institute, Carl

Safina, ‘an ecologist with the soul of a poet’. His message to stave off global over-fishing encouraged a symbiosis with the sea and building a ‘sea ethic’. Our Spring awakening came with the delightful and knowledgeable Ken Druse, who spoke about Native and Natural - Promoting the Place of Plants and Gardens in the Future, yet again another sustainable practice. And finally our traditional Plant Exchange meeting in the John Jay Homestead’s Barn. It was highlighted by a hands-on presentation/workshop on planters with Mary Jo Bridge, reinforced our commitment to... playing in the dirt or...the practice of gardening. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the tireless efforts of our Programs Committee, Anita Stockbridge, Cassie Kernan, and Lisa Hennessy and our Head Hostess, Wendy Cushman, for producing these monthly meetings so conscientiously sensitive to our Centennial mission.

Of course, if one wanted to indulge further into learning, our standing committees had tree planting workshops, garden clean ups, and seeding propagation teachings and workshops, mostly associated with our two Centennial projects: the Mt. Kisco Elementary School Vegetable Garden and Branch Out!, our initiative to plant trees for Bedford’s next generation. Both these projects have had extensive public exposure and many of our members have tirelessly worked for their success. In addition, our dedication to the John Jay Sun Dial Garden continued with seasonal clean up and spring supplemental plantings.

And so as not to have a dull moment, sprinkled heavily throughout this past year, were thrilling visiting garden trips: to Vermont last October to survey sustainable farming and forestry practices, to New York City for a chilly pre-emptive stroll down the new extension of the Highline, and then in spring to a wildflower woodland walk, an Earthly Delights excursion to NJ and a Trade Secrets jaunt to Sharon CT.

The internal functioning of the club has gone through some renovation. We have entered the 21st century in our communications network. We now get our membership meeting notices through Paperless Post invitations. Then don’t even get me started on the other outside events, lectures and opportunities for learning and enrichment posted on our web site by Varner Redmon or virally put before your eyes by Nancy Vincent with Constant Contact messages. We’ve had many articles written and graphics designed for and about our club in newspapers and magazines thanks to the expertise and experience of Joyce Corrigan and the creative genius of Carol Bouyoucos.

Our Awards chair, Wendy Ross, has continued to voraciously go after awards that acknowledge and reward excellence and effort, not only within our club but outside, at the Zone and National level. We’ve bestowed more honors and supported other clubs’ nominations throughout these last two years than in recent memory. Bravo to Wendy. Membership, under the tender loving care of Suzanne Bowers, has also come of age, with some extensive by-law changes articulating the clubs sensitivity to dues and membership and moving forward to propose men as candidates for membership, a practice already in play within the GCA.

So we come to this moment in time, having acknowledged and supported our Centennial goals virtually every month of this past year. But we did crescendo at our Centennial Celebration Friday June 3rd and at our Centennial Festival on Saturday June 4th. In tandem, they overwhelmingly fulfilled our Centennial mission to honor our membership, past and present, and its cherished history, to acknowledge our accomplishments and share our expertise with others, and to raise funds to continue our productivity and support of present and future community projects. We did all that and at the same time were jubilant, sharing in our camaraderie. We celebrated with all the gusto we could muster. It was all about loyalty, commitment and responsibility to our membership, the Garden Club of America, and our beloved Town of Bedford. One hundred years of stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening, aiding in the protection of native plants and birds and encouraging civic planting and conservation. As I said at the Centennial Cocktail Party, I have been extremely proud to have been given a voice in pursuit of our worthy goals and am confident that the BGC under the guidance of Leslie Wortmann will continue to strive to do our best to honor those who have preceded us and those who will follow. We ARE at our best when we band together, in seamless giving and with boundless spirit, energy, and creativity, engage to benefit the community as a whole.
Green thumbs Up!

Mimi Lines, President

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

2011

The President's award this year goes to two dear, old friends, two people who have historically always been there for me; each is the personification of Kahlil Gibran's "your friend is your needs answered." A year ago when I thought about the Centennial, its importance and its form, I knew I needed them by my side. I knew them to be loyal, highly organized, tenacious, spirited and fun, creative and inventive, roll with the punches / get the job done / pull out all the stoppers types. I was not disappointed. What we decided to do for the Centennial was a multi-directional production over two days. We wanted more than a fundraiser; we wanted to reach out to the community and expose our 100 year commitment to our town. It was our Centennial, and in our minds, the Bedford Garden Club deserved nothing less and we expected nothing less of the club. So they embraced the concept and went for it with gusto. They primarily focused on Saturday's Centennial Festival and rallied a band of like minded members who worked tirelessly and joyfully to create a day our club would be proud of. And they did it! It was a festival, jammed packed with incredible events, sales, workshops, lectures, games and exhibits. It was gorgeous; it was perfect. They fulfilled our stated mission – to honor our membership, past and present, and its cherished history, to acknowledge our accomplishments and share our expertise with others, and to raise funds to continue our productivity and support of present and future community projects. Lyn and Kate are worthy of our adulation.

**The Bedford Club
Presents
the President's Award
to
Lyn Goodhue and Kate Ginnel**

“For their intrepid pursuit of a vision, a mission to assemble for our Centennial the multi-faceted aspects and heritage of the Bedford Garden Club that we here today have inherited and will pass forward. And so I give to Lyn Goodhue and Kate Ginnel this crystal clear bowl, filled to the brim and over-flowing with our thanks and gratitude for bringing our story to life for our beloved Bedford to experience.”

A TRIBUTE TO MIMI LINES

When Mimi took the reins of the Bedford Garden Club two years ago, little did we realize what an impressive pace of accomplishments she would leave as her legacy. She truly personifies the term 'multitasking', and our club has certainly reaped the rewards of her efforts.

Mimi worked with the New York Botanical Garden to establish a series of courses that resulted in two certificates: Fundamentals of Horticulture, and Beyond the Basics: Advanced Horticulture, for those members who participated in the program. This collaboration with the New York Botanical Garden laid the foundation for other garden clubs to establish similar programs.

Mimi decided all the talent and hard work in the club needed recognition, so she pursued awards for these deserving individuals.

She and Nancy Vincent revised all of our club job descriptions so future officers and committee chairs would have a clear description of their duties.

VEG OUT, BRANCH OUT, the Mt. Kisco Vegetable Garden Project, and our Centennial Celebrations, all exemplify Mimi's focus to reach out and give back. She has spent countless hours working on our behalf. It has taken a lot of toil, sweat, and the 'Mimi tears' that we all know, to accomplish all of this. So here's to you, Mimi. Many thanks and much appreciation for your unwavering guidance up to and through the Centennial year of the Bedford Garden Club.

Sally Kroll

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by Zone X in Indianapolis, Indiana

April 2011

The 2011 GCA Annual Meeting took place April 27 - 30 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Zone X hosted the four day event beginning with cocktails and shopping at the Pink Peony Boutique. Representing BGC were Kim Morris, standing in for President, Mimi Lines, and Carol Bouyoucos, delegate.

Thursday began with judging and evaluation of flower show entries. Two tours highlighted the morning - "Inspired Gardens of Indianapolis," and "Architectural Meccas." A variety of lectures and workshops took place in the afternoon from "Lens on the Land, Photography," to "Must Haves - Fashionable Arrangements." The official welcome dinner took place at The EitelJorg Museum, showcasing Indian and Western art.

The 98th annual business meeting of the GCA was called to order at 8:30 am Friday. President Joan George presided. Indiana Governor, Mitch Daniels welcomed the group, thanking us for all of our contribution and important work. Another highlight was a talk on "The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative," by Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the EPA.

After lunch, flower show and boutique, club presidents and their delegates broke into their respective workshops to share ideas and brainstorm new ones. Afterwards, two workshops were offered: "Supporting Your Garden", Tuteur Construction, and "Great Lakes for Birds," with James Cole. Zone dinners were held in member's homes Friday evening.

Saturday morning, Part II of the business meeting kicked off with guest speaker, Dan Hinkley - a "plants man," garden designer and author. Dan offered a humorous and entertaining look into his gardening experiences in the Northwest state of Washington where he lives. Other highlights included an invitation to the 2012 Annual meeting which will be held in Savannah Georgia and hosted by Zone VIII.

An afternoon tour of the Indianapolis Art Museum was offered. The 2011 GCA annual meeting came to an end with an awards dinner at The Marriott Hotel.

* An informal breakfast meeting, not previously scheduled, was held for founding GCA clubs to discuss plans and share ideas for their respective centennials. Kim Morris and Carol Bouyoucos were asked to attend.

Mimi Lines, President

ZONE III MEETING REPORT
Millbrook Garden Club, New York
June 21st – 23rd 2011

This year's Zone III Millbrook Garden Club Flower Show and Meeting "Country Life" was held June 21-23, 2011 at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville CT. Mimi Lines, BGC president, was the only member in attendance this year due to a last minute cancellation.

Preparations for Zone meetings are always stressful and this year was no different. Upon arrival, pre-show activities were in full swing. Leslie Wortmann was there constructing a glorious arrangement for a flower-arranging class, and Mimi Lines was assembling stems in bottles, tweaking planted specimens, writing out keycards, and getting submissions passed for the various Horticultural classes. It was exhausting and thrilling to be involved. Thank you to Virginia Maybank, Varner Redmon, Ellen Conrad and Bonnie Trotta for their submissions. Once the initial entry process was completed the fun of attending a GCA Zone meeting began.

Following registration, I had lunch, greeted many fellow garden club friends and wandered around the boutique, filled to overflowing with clothing, pottery, notecards, food and garden accessories. The Opening meeting was called to order with roll call and introductions of GCA officers, representatives, directors, chairmen and past presidents. The meeting featured the Scholarship speaker, Rachel Meyer, who spoke eloquently about her research on the ethno-botany and history of the eggplant entitled "Diversity and Regulation of Phenolic Compounds Found in Asian Heirloom Eggplant Varieties and Wild Relations". Rachel presently is pursuing a Ph.D. at the New York Botanical Garden and CUNY Graduate Center and is one of two recipients of the 2010-2011 GCA Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany. Then, Cindy Willis, Zone III Communications Rep, intelligently walked us through the redesign and historic changes made to our GCA website. Following these speakers, presidents and delegates broke off into roundtable discussions groups.

The Flower Show opened that Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 pm and, to my utter delight, Leslie Wortmann had won a second place for her spectacular arrangement in Class 4 On the Lake; Ellen Conrad and Bonnie Trotta had won several prizes for their Hort entries; and Carol Bouyoucos had received an Honorable Mention for her Photography submission. I was very proud of our participation and results. Tuesday evening we were generously treated to very fresh, farm-to-table intimate dinner at members' houses.

Wednesday's meeting was staged at the Hotchkiss School Science Building in Lakeville. After the call to order, we listened earnestly to 2 delightful Garden History and Design speakers and 1 Conservation speaker, all with insights into 'Country Life Counterpoint and Viewpoint'. Gil Schafer, III, principal of G.P. Schafer Architect, PLLC, from NYC and Larry Wentz, partner Gertler and Wentz Architects, LLP, also from NYC, spoke about balancing architecture and design within the natural landscape. The former had a more traditional and classical approach to situating his buildings in the landscape, while Mr. Wentz's interpretation and analysis was decidedly more modern and minimalistic. It was an interesting juxtaposition of styles. The third speaker was Dr. Gary M. Lovett,

forest ecologist from the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook. His lecture was titled “What’s Bugging our Forests?” and his expertise was impressive and his knowledge of pests and problems inexhaustible. Following the lectures, all attendees were bussed to a spectacular series of local gardens in the northwest corner of Connecticut: Mayfair, Hawk Hill Farm, Twin Maples, and Bunny Williams’s Garden. Wednesday evening, despite the rain and chilly weather, we all ventured to Cobble Pond Farm, home of Kathy and Jay Metz, for cocktails. The Farm was landscaped by Olmstead Brothers and has been documented for the Archives of American Gardens, Smithsonian Institution. The Sharon Country Club hosted our Zone 3 Awards Dinner. After remarks by outgoing GCA President, Joan George, and a delicious dinner, there was an announcement of the Zone 3 Medal of Merit recipients, Suzanne Bowers among them. The highlight of the evening’s awards was watching Ellen Conrad receive her well-deserved Civic Improvement Award. The Bedford Garden Club was also instrumental in writing supporting letters for Annie Farrell for a Conservation Award and Brad Roeller for a Horticulture Commendation. It was a proud moment for the BGC.

Zone III’s final business meeting occurred on Thursday morning, June 23rd 2011 with reports from all the clubs on their year’s accomplishments. As president, I had an activity-packed speech documenting our Centennial year, culminating in the Friday Cocktail Party and Saturday Centennial Event at John Jay Homestead on June 3rd and 4th. Ours was an impressive and dense agenda of sponsored public projects, lectures, and workshops, all fulfilling our club’s mission.

Mimi Lines, President

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
Treasurer's Annual Report
June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Checking Account	\$ 630.25	
Money Market (General)	<u>10,116.79</u>	
Balance on hand June 1, 2010		\$ 10,747.04

Receipts

Dues	\$ 13,675.00
Projects	1,333.75
Ways and Means (Veg Tour)	4,692.37
Centennial Founders Fund	1,490.00
Transfer from Mullen Travel Fund	608.82
Transfer from Centennial Fund	23,397.97
Centennial Celebration	4,987.72
Wilson Gift	4,827.50
Visiting Gardens	<u>1,906.62</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 56,919.75

Disbursements

Operating	GCA Dues	\$ 6,525.00
	Programs	5,408.99
	Horticulture	580.00
	Exhibitions	969.08
	Conservation	0
	Garden History and Design	(1,080.00)
	Seedlings	0
	Hostesses	188.61
	Bank Charges	22.50
	Yearbook	798.33
	Communications	889.24
	Custodian	0
	Insurance	260.00
	Medal Funds	200.00
	Awards	842.30
	Publicity	107.21
	Annual Meeting	1,788.82
	NAL Meeting	1,546.19
	Zone III Meeting	640.00
	Taxes	667.50
	President's Fund	<u>146.00</u>
		\$ 20,499.77

Civic Contributions

Bedford Central School District	10,000.00
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	Branch Out	5,582.78
	Project Review	
	Marsh Sanctuary	2,500.00
	John Jay Gardens	<u>1,455.20</u>
		\$ 19,537.98
Donations		
	National Parks	\$ 35.00
	Brooklyn Botanic Garden	150.00
	Beaver Dam Sanctuary	100.00
	Audubon – Ramsey Hunt/Palmer Lewis	100.00
	Westmoreland Sanctuary	150.00
	Marsh Sanctuary	100.00
	Mianus Gorge Preserve	100.00
	The Nature Conservancy – Butler/Meyer	100.00
	Teatown Reservation	100.00
	Lasdon Arboretum	100.00
	Westchester Land Trust	100.00
	Friends of Rocky Hill	100.00
	Wave Hill	100.00
	New York Botanical Garden	300.00
	Bedford Historical Society	250.00
	GCA Interchange Fellowship	100.00
	GCA Founders Fund	100.00
	NY Committee of the GCA	250.00
	Federated Conservationists	50.00
	Trailside Museum	100.00
	Native Plant Center	<u>30.00</u>
		\$ 2,515.00
	Total Disbursements	\$ 42,552.75
	Transfer to Money Market Account	(10,116.79)
	Checking Account	14,997.25
	Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$ 14,997.25
	<u>MONEY MARKET (Reserved Funds)</u>	
	Balance as of June 1, 2010	\$ 53,559.29
	Transfer to Money Market	10,116.79
	Interest	156.07
	Transfer from Centennial Fund	<u>(23,397.97)</u>
	Balance as of May 31, 2011	\$ 40,434.18
	Waller Gift – NAL Delegate Funding	
	Balance as of June 1, 2010	\$ 19,449.46
	Interest	104.05
	NAL Meeting 2011	<u>(1,546.19)</u>
	Balance as of May 31, 2011	\$ 18,007.32

Zone Meeting Reserve		
-	Balance as of June 1, 2010	\$ 10,711.86
	Interest	52.02
	Transfer from Waller Gift	<u>1,546.19</u>
	Balance as of May 31, 2011	\$ 12,310.07

Centennial Fund		
	Balance as of June 1, 2010	\$ 23,397.97
	Transfer to Checking Account	<u>(23,397.97)</u>
	Balance as of May 31, 2011	0

Excess Operating Funds	\$ 10,116.79
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ENDOWMENT FUND – Dreyfus

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$ 42,553.09
Contributions	<u>460.00</u>
Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$ 43,013.09

BEDFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT ACCOUNT – Chase Bank

Balance on hand as of June 1, 2010	\$ 1,244.64
Transfer to Bedford 2020	<u>(1,244.64)</u>
Balance on Hand as of May 31, 2011	0

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Treasurer's Annual Report

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$7,478.65
Receipts	0
Interest	\$3.89
Balance plus receipts	\$7,482.54
 Disbursements	
2010 Annual Meeting	\$608.82
Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$ 6,873.72

2. Newell Memorial Account (Civic & Education Expenses)

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$12,602.10
Receipts	0
Interest	\$6.25
Balance plus receipts	\$12,608.35
 Disbursements	0
Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$12,608.35

3. Charlotte Sturtevant Memorial Account (Flower Arranging Workshops)

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$4,728.46
Receipts	
Interest	\$2.30
Balance plus receipts	\$4,730.76
 Disbursements	0
Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$4,730.76

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4. Bedford Garden Club Savings Accounts

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$12,474.96
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Alice Anderson Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$2,446.69
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Interest	\$1.18
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$2,497.87
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Eloise Luquer Medal Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$3,800.76
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Interest	\$1.89
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$3,852.65
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Winifred Macomber Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$3,226.84
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Interest	\$1.59
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$3,278.43
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Horticulture Award Account

Balance on hand June 1, 2010	\$3,000.67
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Interest	\$1.46
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Contributions	\$50.00
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Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$3,052.13
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Total Balance on hand May 31, 2011	\$12,681.08
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THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
Proposed Operating Budget
June 1, 2011-May 31, 2012

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest	\$ 250
Dues	18,000
Projects	1,500
Ways and Means	29,530
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 49,780

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Operating

Bank Charges	\$ 30
GCA Dues	6,650
Yearbook	800
Corresponding Sec. (Internal)	1,000
Programs	5,000
Hostesses	500
Custodian	100
Insurance	266
Awards	400
Medal Funds	200
President's Fund	500
Exhibitions	750
Horticulture Committee	750
Conservation and Civic Affairs	750
Garden History and Design	100
GCA Annual Meeting	1,200
Zone III Meeting	800
Communications Coordinator (External)	350
Seedlings	500
Taxes	700
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>154</u>
Total Operating	\$ 21,500

Civic and Education

Centennial Projects	\$ 10,000
Civic Projects:	
Project Review	\$ 2,500
John Jay Gardens	1,250
Christmas Wreaths	500
Branch Out	<u>2,000</u>
Sub Total	\$ 6,250

Civic Contributions:

Beaver Dam Sanctuary	\$ 100
Audubon- Ramsey Hunt/Palmer	100
Westmoreland Sanctuary	150
Marsh Sanctuary	100
Mianus Gorge Preserve	100
Butler/Meyer Preserve	100
Lasdon Arboretum	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
Sub Total	\$ 2,030
C&E 2011-2012	10,000
Total Civic and Education	\$ 28,280
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 49,780

RECORDING SECRETARY
2010-2011

No Report

Allison Bamford

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
2010-2011

The Corresponding Secretary took responsibility for printing, labeling, and mailing meeting notices to those Bedford Garden Club members who are without access to email. She communicated projected meeting attendance numbers to the Program Chair and Head Hostess.

Taylor T. Taylor

STANDING COMMITTEES

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CONSERVATION

2010-2011

This year the conservation committee hosted an eco-kitchen tour during the centennial celebration at the John Jay Homestead. During the celebration visitors were welcomed into the interactive kitchen where BGC members discussed the various period items in the kitchen. Comparisons were made between past and present life in the kitchen and visitors were asked to note the impact of energy (or lack of) on the daily life of the Jays. Conversations flowed freely and visitors were able to view our natural resources in a new light.

Lindsay Matthews

Adopt-A-Road

2010-2011

Almost twenty years ago the Bedford Garden Club adopted a section of Route 22 between Rte 172 and Clinton Road. This commitment means that the BGC must pick up the litter on this section of the roadside two or three times a year. These dates are usually in October and April, and if the roadside becomes untidy in between, our volunteers jump into action. This year several new members joined the faithful volunteers and donned long pants, long sleeved shirts, gloves, boots and fluorescent vests in order to keep the poison ivy at bay as they collected all the litter. Later in the day the DPW trucks came by and picked up all the overflowing orange garbage bags. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who help keep Bedford the beautiful place that it is.

Bonnie MacDonald

Sanctuaries

2010-2011

AUDUBON SANCTUARIES

The Bedford Audubon Society owns 594 acres of land at four sanctuaries: James Ramsay Hunt and Mary Welsh Parker Memorial Sanctuary, Palmer H. Lewis Memorial Sanctuary, Ruth Walgreen Franklin and Winifred Fels Memorial Sanctuary and The Henry Morgenthau Preserve.

The crown jewel of the Audubon properties is the Hunt-Parker Sanctuary, partly because it is the largest sanctuary as well as home to Bylane's Native Plant Garden. Bedford Audubon is on a mission to phase out exotic garden plants and transition to natives as they provide important wildlife habitats. Bylane is dedicated to pollinators and hosts over 60 species of butterflies alone. Local bird populations are dependent on insects that in turn depend on native plants. By educating the public and serving as an example themselves, Bylane ensures healthy bird populations locally. BGC members enjoy annual guided tours of Bylane while also using it as a resource for native plant efforts. Bylane's "Native Plant Self Identification Walk" has been a particular favorite. In addition to their commitment to native plants, Bedford Audubon continues to steward its 594 acres, and furthers its efforts to share the land by enhancing their environmentally sound trail system.

Denise CR Santomero

BEAVER DAM SANCTUARY:

There are some great new jumps on the meadow trails. The path is mowed wide around them for pedestrians. There is a map in the lower field off Beaver Dam Road, helpful because the sanctuary is on both sides of the road. Dogs must be on leash at all times. Come to this beautiful sanctuary!

[Ann McDuffie](#)

BUTLER_MEYER PRESERVE of the Eastern NY Chapter of the Nature Conservancy:
No Report
Joyce Espy

MARSH SANCTUARY:

In January 2011 the Marsh Sanctuary Board sent a grant application to the Bedford Garden Club for their 2011 Plant Restoration project. The grant need was for \$9,183.00. The Garden Club was asked for a gift. The grant was so thoughtfully conceived and detailed that the Garden Club responded with a generous donation of \$2,500. The Sanctuary is open free of charge to the public for hiking and nature walks and has community vegetable sites and open green spaces. Local residents are invited to participate in educational and experiential projects. In addition the Sanctuary focuses on native plantings. Their complete listing of needed plants and outline of plans going forward was met with great enthusiasm by the BGC board.

June Weissinger

MIANUS RIVER GORGE PRESERVE:

The preserve was accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission; sponsored a community cleanup of the upper portion of the Mianus River; completed improvements to the preserve facility including new rest rooms, new signage, a new water pump and regravelling of parking lot and concluded workshops and data collection for an owl mapping project which involved citizens throughout Westchester County.

Stacy Albanese

TEATOWN RESERVATION:

The sad news from Teatown is that Fred Koontz the Director, who was very involved with our Environmental Summit, has left for another position. Dianne Barron is the interim director and things at Teatown are humming. The Wildflower area is being expanded from the Wildflower Island to a fenced-in area of about 3 acres which will be planted with all native material after the non-native invasive have been eliminated. The fence is in place but the clearing is just beginning so that Wildflower Island is still only open as a guided tour. The property across the road from Teatown called the Croft has been acquired and will add 59 more acres to the Reservation. Trails have been laid out and will provide dramatic views and access to a variety of habitats. Large sections of this new territory will remain free from human impact. Near the visitors center various birds of prey can be seen in spacious houses as well as several adorable bunnies and a very sleepy Virginia possum. Touring this area is a great way to start a hike. The visitors' center has a nice gift shop, classrooms and restrooms. With the new Croft section, the Teatown-Kitchawan trail now connects with the Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway adding 6.5 miles more trails for hiking.

The list of programs and events that go on in the warmer months is impressive. There really is something for everyone. There are a great many volunteer opportunities and many member's benefits. Bitsy Tatnall

WESTMORELAND SANCTUARY:
No Report

Bonnie Trotta

National Affairs & Legislation
Washington D.C. March 1 – March 3, 2011

Mimi Lines and Ellen Conrad attended the NAL meeting as representatives of the Bedford Garden Club. The NAL meeting is one of GCA's most impressive events. The speakers are of high caliber and present a comprehensive picture of the most significant developments at the federal level with respect to conservation and the environment. This year, there were two major issues of particular concern to NYS GCA club members: attempts by House Republicans to strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its regulatory power and concerns about the environmental impact of hydrofracking.

Under the guise of "budget cutting", the newly elected House Republican majority has generated a budget that attempts to strip the EPA of its authority to protect public health and the environment, authority which was expressly granted to the EPA under the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act. The proposed House budget bill seeks a \$2.8 billion cut in EPA funding, and also includes riders to the bill that specifically bar the EPA from regulating pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and from regulating green house gas emissions of any kind. Without EPA regulatory authority, there is no other entity to protect public health and the environment. There was a consensus among the speakers from federal agencies, Congress and the GCA leadership that this effort strikes at the fundamental, legitimate role of government and could not be replaced by private action.

Hydrofracking is a process of extracting natural gas from shale gas formations such as the Marcellus Shale in New York State. Wells are drilled vertically and then horizontally. Significant quantities of water, combined with chemicals, many of which are known toxic carcinogens, are forced into the wells at high pressure to release gas from the shale formation. This toxic blend has been found to leak into the water table, polluting large areas of water aquifers. In addition, water that is drawn back up after the drilling process is contaminated water produced in such enormous quantities that it is at risk of entering streams and rivers. Water treatment plants cannot remove the radioactive elements in these waters. While this issue is of national concern, it is of particular concern for Westchester and New York City residents, as the largest source of natural gas is in the Marcellus Shale, located in the Catskill mountain area which is also the source of drinking water for Westchester County and New York City. Federal regulation of hydrofracking is limited by Bush administration amendments (referred to as the Halliburton amendments) that were added to the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act specifically exempting hydrofracking drilling from the provisions of either Act.

Other issues that were addressed in the two days of lecture and discussion included protection of funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund which is used to

preserve both land and water areas subject to environmental risk; the need to shift subsidies created by the Farm Bill from large agricultural entities to smaller farmers; and the importance of developing a national ocean policy. Several speakers presented support for the fact that protection of the environment not only benefits public health but also results in job creation, economic growth and reduction of deficits.

GCA members of NYS clubs, including BGC, will meet with staff members for both Schumer and Gillibrand to ask that EPA's budget not be cut to the levels proposed by the House budget bill, that all riders seeking to strip the authority of the EPA be eliminated and that the amendments exempting hydrofracking from the provisions of the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act be removed. They will also meet with Congresswoman Hayworth to address the same issues.

Ellen Conrad

John Jay Homestead Sundial Garden

2010-2011

The second year of our 'new garden' at the John Jay Homestead went well. As with all gardens, some things grew too much, others too little, but the continuous snow cover that we had last winter seems to have protected our plants.

Spring Clean-up

We began pruning our roses, cotinus and sambucus in mid-march. On April 28, we had a general garden clean-up, and a large group of ladies spent a couple of hours tidying up. We began planting annuals on May 16. A few additional perennials were added to the garden. The garden was mulched (outside help was hired) with Sweet Peet.

On June 2011, the Friends of John Jay Homestead hosted a cocktail party in the Sundial Garden to raise funds for the maintenance of the gardens at the Homestead. The chairs of the event were Randy Hall & Elly Rice, daughters of our BGC members Linda Wilson and Cindy Dwyer. We worked hard the week before to have the garden looking beautiful for the party, and it did!

A summer maintenance schedule, similar to last year, is planned for 2011. Volunteers have signed up for one or two weeks in the late spring, summer & early fall during which they agree to be responsible for the watering, dead, heading and weeding of the garden. This system worked beautifully last summer and we look forward to its success this year.

The BGC members who have signed up this year are: Tink Callahan, Ellen Conrad, Wendy Cushman, Cindy Dwyer, Kirk Ferguson, Shelly Ferrall, Debbie Gourd, Mary Kendrick, Sally Kroll, Anita Stockbridge, Varner Redmon, Wendy Ross, Adele Talty, Bonnie Trotta, Melissa Vail, Nancy Vincent & Leslie Wortmann.

Varner Redmon & Heather Langham

EXHIBITIONS

2010-2011

Our busy Exhibitions year started off in September with a club-wide flower arranging challenge. Organized by Laura Haley, Zone III Flower Arranging Chair and member of The Little Garden Club of Rye, it put teams of arrangers together to create an arrangement based on the class description provided. Each station was geared towards a

different design and a variety of flowers were provided for the challenge. It was very educational and I think all would agree we came up with some beautiful arrangements. In December, we held our annual Greensday at Westmoreland Sanctuary. Over 60 members and guests attended and decorated wreaths with a plethora of natural material and beautiful bows. We also decorated and donated 5 wreaths to various organizations around town including the NWHospital, Katonah Community Center and Bedford Historical Hall. For the first time, instead of a wreath, we decorated the sign in front of the Homestead with greens, bows and pinecones. They loved it! Our boutique, organized by Sam O'Brien and Lindsay Pinchot, was a huge hit and provided us with beautiful gifts and décor for the Christmas season.

In March, I organized a workshop – “Color” – buying and combining flowers by color. The Exhibitions Committee learned about the color wheel, colors that compliment, stand out and blend together. Afterwards, arrangers successfully applied what they learned by arranging an assortment of flowers provided. To take this lesson even further, we had a color challenge at our next meeting in April at JJHomestead. Arrangers were given a swatch of colored paper that provided inspiration for an arrangement that they arranged at home and displayed at the meeting. The arrangements were amazing. Color is a great starting point when creating an arrangement.

Our Centennial Celebration in June was the highlight of the year. Six arrangers – Adele Talty, Deirdre Glascott, Tink Callahan, Louise Talbot and I donated arrangements for the Friday night Cocktail party. The next morning, the arrangements were collected and put on display at our Centennial Festival at the JJHomestead. Volunteers held a workshop on flower arranging, offering tips and suggestions to visitors of all ages. Flowers and vases were provided for guests try their hand at arranging.

The Exhibitions Committee also provided an arrangement at each of the membership meetings held throughout the year. Arrangement color and theme were based on season and subject of meeting. The Exhibitions Committee had a successful year sharing with the entire membership and the community the beauty of flower arranging.

Leslie Wortmann

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2010-2011

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

This year our committee, specifically Shelly Ferrall, Cindy Dwyer, Louise Talbot, Wendy Cushman, Mimi Mitchell and Heather Langham, researched John and Adele Talty's house and garden 'Ridgeland Farm', the site of our Centennial Party. Histories of the house and the families who have lived there, as well as information about the architect and landscape architect and the garden designed by Beatrix Farrand, were compiled and put in a scrapbook that was given to Adele Talty the night of our 'Birthday Party.' We also gave Adele a copy of Louise Shelton's 1915 Beautiful Gardens in America, a book that mentions Ridgeland Farm and included an illustration of her garden. This research will be the basis of a submission to the Smithsonian Archives in the coming year.

Varner Redmon

HORTICULTURE

2010-2011

Highlights for this year's Horticulture Committee activities included the following: In keeping with our Centennial theme, the Horticulture Committee focused this year's activities on gardening, in particular vegetable gardening. Our primary focus was on the Mt. Kisco Elementary School Garden which was the recipient of a \$10,000 Centennial grant from our club. We worked with the school staff to design, plan and plant a vegetable garden on an abandoned tennis court at the school. Mimi Lines shared her design/landscaping skills to provide the design for the raised beds, Nicole Levy developed a curriculum based plan for what and when to plant and many club members assisted with the actual planting. Our club members donated a worm composter to the school to assist in teaching about composting and soil. According to the school principal, Sue Ostrovsky, the garden has become a "classroom" for the school enabling the teachers to use it as a teaching device for science, math, social studies, English, writing and art. As we go to print, the school has decided to hire one of the volunteers BGC brought to the project who is an expert in both children's gardening and curriculum. She will develop with the school staff a curriculum based plan for the garden that will be used as a model for the entire school district.

We also had a seed propagation workshop focused on growing vegetable seeds and we followed up with a workshop at the Centennial Celebration Event at John Jay Homestead, showing children how to plant vegetable seeds and providing seeds and pots for them to take home. We all enjoyed an EXCELLENT workshop/lecture/hands on demonstration given by Annie Farrell re home vegetable gardening, complete with a tour of Millstone Farm. Annie is a wealth of knowledge; there was something to learn for everyone from novice to seasoned expert. In May, we all enjoyed a great lecture by Mary Jo Bridge Palmer of Greenwich's Sam Bridges Nursery re container gardening. Trees were part of the Centennial theme as well. The Bedford Garden Club created and funded with a \$10,000 Centennial gift, "Branch Out!", an impressive tree planting program, modeled after the Casey Tree project, whose goal is to plant 2020 trees in

Bedford by 2020. There were several tree planting activities and workshops led by Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham.

Ellen Conrad

MEMBERSHIP

2010-2011

Membership had an exciting year in 2010/2011. Our committee reviewed many letters of support for our wonderful new members. A very special thanks to the members of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Stephen Lines (Mimi), Mrs. Robert Ferguson (Kirk), Mrs. John Finnegan Jr. (Mary) and Mrs. John Morris (Kim), who greatly helped to update and rewrite the Membership bylaws during this past year.

Please find below the changes to our Membership that occurred over the past year:

New Members

Mrs. Stephen Morris (Vickie)
Mrs. W. Paul O'Connor (Jenny)
Mrs. William G. Foulke (Wendy)
Mrs. Philip Longo (Leila)

Resignations

Mrs. James A. Edgar (Dee)
Mrs. Robert A. Falise (Kay)
Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton (Connie)
Mrs. R. Adams Perry III (Phoebe)

Suzanne Bowers

PROGRAMS

2010-2011

We had another inspiring roster of programs for the BGC this year. As reported in last year's report July 14 was VEG OUT, a tour, open to the public, of 10 fabulous vegetable gardens. In September we had a wonderful interactive "Challenge Class" flower arranging program led by Laura Haley, Zone III Exhibitions representative held at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. Five different groups arranged five different designs based on classes Laura created. All were beautiful. We supplied all the flowers, she provided vases and supplies. We learned a lot! Lunch followed for those who wished to stay. In October we hosted an open meeting at Historical Hall with Barbara Shea who gave us an up close and personal review and summary of the "Casey Tree Project - Restoring the Tree Canopy in Washington, DC". It was an informative power point presentation on the origin, mission and successes of the project. Also at the meeting Heather Langham and Virginia Maybank introduced Bedford Garden Club's Centennial Project "Branch Out" to those in attendance, including Town Supervisor Lee Roberts and several town officials. Attendees took home tree seedlings to plant. In November we held a joint meeting with Rusticus Garden Club featuring Roger Swain, "the man with the red suspenders", celebrity TV host of the longest running garden show, "Victory Garden". Roger entertained and inspired us to "return fruit to the American back yard." We laughed and learned while watching wonderful slides and took home some tips on growing fruit in our own back yards.

December brought our yearly Greensday wreath making and boutique to Westmoreland Sanctuary. We made wreaths for the hospital, Historical Hall, Westmoreland, as well as for our own front doors. Our January meeting was held at TABLE local market, where we had a lively round table discussion with a local aqua farmer, a hydro farmer, a composter/landscaper and a nutritionist while learning the practical aspects, benefits and pleasures of eating locally. We did all of this while sipping coffee, eating delicious frittata, muffins and fruit, all supplied by TABLE. Carl Safina, President of Blue Ocean Institute, an organization he co-founded was the featured speaker at our March 2011 meeting. He impressed us with his love of the ocean and the creatures who inhabit it. His deep concern for oceans and the conservation thereof is based on his experience growing up near the water. The Institute focuses on creating a wider cultural atmosphere for ocean conservation through science, art and literature. He desires to inspire a new ethic for the sea for all who use it. He was entertaining and read to us from his book, "Song for Treble Ocean" and intermittently injected or relayed a personal experience related to his time on the water. We were all convinced that we can all do more to appreciate and take care of the ocean.

For the April meeting we invited many of the local garden clubs to hear Ken Druse speak on "Native and Natural - Promoting the Place of Plants and Gardens in our Future". Ken is a renowned garden designer and prolific author of the most beautiful garden books. He spoke about native plants, their habitats, care, and landscaping with them. After the meeting he signed his latest book, "Planthology."

May brought Planting Day at the John Jay Homestead barn. Mary Jo Bridge from Sam Bridge Nursery in Greenwich showed us various designs for container gardening, demonstrated how to plant containers and brought plant material for some members to plant their own containers. Members exchanged plant material from each other's gardens and went home inspired to jump into spring.

The Annual meeting in June was hosted by Denise Santomero at her lovely Mott Schmitt designed home on Guard Hill Road. Her gardens were in full bloom for all to stroll through and admire. The house is an architectural gem we were delighted to be invited to see. Many thanks to Denise, Camillo, and all the hostesses for a delicious tea. In closing we would like to thank our president Mimi Lines for her leadership and creative ideas helping us to present what we hope was an educational, inspirational and entertaining two years of programs for our club.

Anita Stockbridge, Lisa Hennessy, Cassie Kernan

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AWARDS

2010-2011

For the second year, our Club president and I moved forward with our plan of applying for well-deserved GCA awards for our club and its members. This winter we worked on GCA awards, and this spring, we determined the Bedford Garden Club awards and citations.

On behalf of the Bedford Garden Club, we wrote a seconding letter for the Rusticus Garden Club proposal of Annie Farrell for the Zone III Conservation Commendation and a seconding letter in support of the nomination of Brad Roeller of the NY Botanical Garden for a Zone III Horticulture Commendation. We expect these awards to be given next week at the Zone III meeting in Millbrook.

Four GCA Awards have been or will be presented in 2011. Earlier this year, a GCA Club Conservation Commendation was presented by the Bedford Garden Club to Lee Roberts, the Bedford Town Supervisor.

The Town of Bedford is one of the very first communities in the state, indeed the nation, to get a Climate Action Plan passed, get funding from Federal and State agencies, and to involve the whole community at every step. It is fair to say that Lee Roberts' exceptional leadership has made this happen. She is a soft-spoken, determined lady who knows the facts, knows the players and knows how to get things done. She builds consensus and enthusiasm among her constituents. We are extremely lucky to have such a woman with her passion, her vision and her commitment to achievement in public service in our community. We whole-heartedly recommend Lee Roberts for this appropriate award.

The award was presented to Lee Roberts, "For her spirited and tenacious leadership of the Town of Bedford, particularly her inspirational, unwavering, and passionate dedication to environmental conservation in Bedford and beyond."

Two other GCA awards are presented, **The GCA Club Medal of Merit Award** and **the The GCA Club Appreciation Award**

The first GCA award is **The Club Medal of Merit.**

The Club Medal of Merit is awarded for "exceptional contribution in horticulture, conservation civic or leadership within area of club."

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 Suzanne Bowers.**

Suzanne has been a member of our Club since 2004, and within her first two years as a member, she took the reins and co-chaired a small flower show, "Under A Tuscan Sun." This undertaking showed her dedication to our club, as well as her superior

organizational and leadership skills. The show was a particular success because of her ability to encourage participation Zone-wide, but also her recruitment of new, younger Bedford Garden Club members to submit entries, many of whom won flower show awards. After this task, Suzanne became second vice-president and “Seedling” co-chair, shepherding and nurturing the newest members of our club.

Because of her innate ability with people, she was selected as membership chair for two consecutive terms, starting in 2008. In that role, Suzanne has shown amazing wisdom and grace in dealing with sensitive membership issues. During her second term as membership chair, Suzanne undertook the complex task of revising the BGC by-laws to updating our categories of membership. Throughout this process, she exhibited exemplary leadership skills, a comprehensive grasp of the nuances of our club’s ever-changing membership profile, and a creative instinct for problem solving. Another task Suzanne initiated as membership chair is the digitization of all club member records. Having club histories for each member in a clear and concise format has proven to be invaluable to our club committee chairs, and it enables us to satisfy efficiently any Zone and GCA requests for club member information.

Suzanne’s dedication to our club and her graceful and dignified style stand out as hallmarks for others to emulate. She tackles issues and challenges of critical importance head on, with sensitivity, compassion, professionalism and a keen understanding of the ethos of our club as it moves forward into the 21st century. Her clear grasp of our mission and her insightful understanding of what the club might require to adapt to the future distinguishes her as a worthy recipient of the GCA Club Medal of Merit.

I am pleased to present the GCA Club Medal of Merit to Suzanne Bowers, “For her steadfast dedication to the spirit of our ever-changing club, and her grace in sustaining our character as we move into the 21st century.”

The second GCA award is **The GCA Club Appreciation Award**

The Club Appreciation Award is presented “for dedicated, sustained participation in activities within the recipient’s club”

I am very pleased to enthusiastically present the Club Appreciation Award to Carol Buoyoucos. Carol has been a member of the Bedford Garden Club since 2009 and in this relatively short period of two years, she has truly made her mark within our Club and, indeed, even within the GCA. She has been a BGC member-at-large since 2009, she attended the Zone III meeting in East Hampton in 2010, where she won a first place award in photography and the GCA Novice award, and as a member of the Communications Committee, she received the BGC Oliver Memorial Award in 2010.

Carol has been the Club Photographer and graphic artist and she has taken the idea of club graphics to a new height in the past 2 years, designing graphics, including logos, signage and posters, for meetings and events. These include the program design for the Bedford Environmental Summit in 2009, the logo and graphics for **VEGOUT!** the Bedford Environmental Action Day program in 2011, and recently the **Branch Out!**

Logo. She also produced the two invitations and the signage for the GCA Centennial cocktail party and the Centennial Festival.

Most importantly, Carol submitted a graphic for the GCA Centennial logo, which was the winning design, chosen from many entries. Her design elegantly captures elements of the classic GCA logo while communicating a 21st century vision.

Every club would like to have a club member as creative and dedicated as Carol, who is able to enthusiastically tackle a project even on short notice. She takes commitment seriously, showing extraordinary potential in all areas of the club's activities, and shows no sign of stopping.

I am very pleased to present the GCA Club Appreciation award to Carol Bouyoucos, "For enthusiastically contributing her exceptional design talents to create singular, visually compelling graphics, which elegantly communicate our club's mission and for her dedication to graphic excellence."

The fourth GCA Award is a Zone III Award that will be presented next week to one of our members. You will hear more about this when you get your blue book in the fall.

And now on to the Bedford Garden Club Awards.

The Winifred Macomber Award

The Winifred Macomber Award recognizes "outstanding effort or achievement in the field of flower arranging and/or garden design." This year the award goes to a member who has an inquisitive spirit for learning the art of flower arranging, and an appreciation for classic garden design. She has been a loyal and dedicated participant in flower arranging workshops and mini flower shows, and she has shown a willingness to take risks, which is an essential ingredient for flower arrangers. She is committed to meeting her potential. This member has also revitalized the historic Beatrix Ferrand garden at her lovely home in Bedford, which she so generously shared with us at the Centennial Cocktail Party.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
The Winifred Macomber Award
To
Adele Talty**

"For her eagerness to learn, her willingness to express creative ideas with flowers, and her stewardship of the Beatrix Farrand garden at her home in Bedford."

Golden Trowel Horticulture Award

The Bedford Garden Club's mission to stimulate and encourage the love of gardening, is personified by this new member. With an infectious and fun-loving spirit, she has created vegetable gardens that become tapestries of learning. Her willingness to get "down and dirty," allows her to get into the minds of children, and inspires their participation. Her love of gardening and children motivated her to start the vegetable garden at Bedford Village Elementary School, a destination on our Veg-Out tour. Her

knowledge and experience in creating that garden, was instrumental in the development of the vegetable garden program at MKES, which included advising on the curriculum and development of the garden design. This BGC Centennial project, in partnership with Bedford 2020, will continue to provide inspiration to our club members and MKES children for years to come.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
The Golden Trowel Horticulture Award
to
Nicole Levy**

“For her infectious love of gardening, and passion for sharing it with members and children alike.”

The Conservation Award

This year’s Conservation Award recipients are the masterminds of our two Club Centennial Community Projects: the Mount Kisco Elementary School Vegetable Garden and Branch Out! - our town tree planting campaign.

Olivia Farr has been involved with the MKES Vegetable Garden since its inception as a joint Bedford Garden Club and Bedford 2020 Project two years ago. She has shepherded it from an idea to reality: writing the project application, aiding in the development of the curriculum, overseeing various aspects of the construction process and finally, its’ installation and planting by the children. Her quiet, behind the scenes leadership has helped our club to establish a working relationship with this local title one school and to develop an educational program that will impact club members and families for years to come.

Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham are being honored for their vision of a greener Bedford, through the preservation of our town’s tree canopy. They have developed a tree planting program that has inspired the community through a promotional advertising campaign, an Arbor Day tree distribution, educational workshops and a tree dedication at our Centennial Festival at John Jay Homestead. Using the Casey Tree Project template, adapting it to our town’s profile, and initiating extensive independent research, they developed this grass roots program. They have motivated our community to action, and their conservation efforts will have a lasting impact on our town’s landscape.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
the Conservation Award
to**

Olivia Farr, Heather Langham and Virginia Maybank

“For creating education and conservation projects within our community that promote sustainability.”

The Oliver Memorial Award

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 Bedford Garden Club presents the Oliver Memorial Award to Cynthia Mas and Kimberley Morris. With superior organizational skills and an infectious spirit for celebration, these two women created a Centennial Celebration Cocktail Party and Auction that had an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie that motivated our membership to volunteer and contribute. Their leadership skills, including a clear vision, intuitive subcommittee chair selection, and a focused attention to detail were key elements of the event's success. Their dedication to the club is further evidenced by Cynthia's brilliant leadership of the Visiting Gardens Committee and, as Second Vice President, Kim's tenacious probing and conscientious participation at Executive Committee meetings.

The Bedford Garden Club Presents

The Oliver Memorial Award

To

Cynthia Mas and Kimberley Morris

"For their faithful dedication to the Club and for successfully orchestrating the Centennial Cocktail Party and Auction that raised funds for our on-going community projects."

A Special Citation

This awardee has been a member of the Club for over 30 years, but her inquisitive nature keeps her coming to every meeting through rain, sleet, snow or hail. This loyal member travels far and wide on our visiting gardens trips and brings her gentle and caring nature to her relationships with fellow club members of all ages.

The Bedford Garden Club Presents

A Special Citation

To

Daphne Root

"For her boundless loyalty to our club, her gentle and caring way with people and for her love of learning about gardening."

A Special Citation

Sustained loyalty and a dedication to this club are worthy traits for any member. This awardee has gone above and beyond by using her keen recollection to bring the stories of past club members and events to us through both oral and written history. She shared many cherished memories on the recent oral history video, and her participation on screen and off has been invaluable. Our club history is our heart and soul, and in her role as club historian, this awardee has committed boundless energy and time to the cause of remembering it, securing it and sharing it.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
A Special Citation
To
Marilen Tilt**

“For her dedication, to finding, saving and sharing the cherished history of the Bedford Garden Club.”

A Special Citation

There are always a few projects and decisions within any organization that are important in the long term but not a day-to-day priority; they form the backbone of the club’s organizational fabric. It would be easy to let these projects fall by the wayside for another time, for another member to tackle, but this member knows what needs to be addressed. She was always there for this president as a consultant and trusted adviser, to take on these projects, answer the important questions because of her extensive GCA experience and knowledge, and to step forward to affect a result. 21st century’s life styles and new forms of electronic media have changed our lives and the way our club functions. This member has taken on the crucial job of orchestrating our club’s web site, was instrumental in re-writing all the club job descriptions, and offered guidance in updating our membership by-laws. She also has been invaluable in helping many of us maneuver through the GCA. We are indebted to her for her willingness to share her experience and for her adept handling of sensitive issues.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Presents
A Special Citation
To
Nancy Vincent**

“For her guidance and wise counsel, for her quiet leadership and sensitivity, and for her helping to build the structure to carry the club into the 21st century.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (Ways and Means)
2010-2011

The Bedford Garden Club Centennial Celebration has been and is about loyalty, commitment and responsibility to our membership, the Garden Club of America and our beloved Town of Bedford - one hundred years of stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening, aiding in the protection of native plants and birds and encouraging civic planting and conservation. These are worthy goals and our accomplishments have been many. Our mission for this celebration was to honor our membership, past and present, and its cherished history, to acknowledge our accomplishments and share our expertise with others, and to raise funds to continue our productivity and support of present and future community projects.

The kick off cocktail party celebrating the Bedford Garden Club's 100th birthday was a glorious night in so many ways. The weather was beautiful. John & Adele Talty kindly hosted the event at their house which could not have been a more perfect setting. The event netted almost \$48,000 all due to the kindness and generosity of ALL our garden club members. Our auctioneer, Sarah Mudge, was a master enticer and ran a fantastic and lucrative auction. The centennial singers (past presidents and their spouses) presented a song from the Fantastiks, followed by a short poem the essence of which was "all presidents may pass along but you're never rid of us!" Our members' generosity from the incredible items that they donated to the Live & Silent auctions, to underwriting almost every expense of the evening, to bidding on all the items and the incredible turnout (we had with over 150 guests), right down to the birthday cupcakes, it created this wonderful evening. The creativity, talent, generosity, kindness and organization of our garden club is amazing.

Cynthia
Mas, Kim Morris

The Centennial Festival continued the celebration into the next day. Saturday. Visitors shared a day of activities with family and friends at the historic John Jay Homestead. One could see what the Bedford Garden Club has been up to; projects like Branch Out!, the Mount Kisco School Elementary School Vegetable Garden and the renovation of the Sundial Garden at the John Jay Homestead. People soaked up the sunshine while ambling through an enchanting day of lectures, workshops, games, sales and garden tours. They could take time to view the oral history video of our club, produced by Nick Gutfreund and Vanessa Smith. They could go see the Eloise Payne Luquer and Louisa Rawle Tine botanical watercolor paintings in the John Jay Homestead Ballroom. At 1pm Amy Freitag took us all back into the world of the founding members of the Garden Club of America. We celebrated with all the gusto we could muster!

Kate Ginnel. Lyn Goodhue

We asked everyone to become informed and to incorporate this new knowledge into their lives. The benefit for our children will be the legacy of a preserved cherished landscape. So many of our members and friends helped: Cynthia Mas and Kim Morris co-chairs- of the Friday birthday party; Lyn Goodhue and Kate Ginnel co-chairs of the Saturday Festival; all the members who generously gave donations for the Silent and Live Auctions organized by Wendy Cushman, Lisa Hennessey and Liza Clymer; Suzanne Bowers and her committee for the delicious food and beverages; Leslie Wortmann for the glorious flowers; Joyce Corrigan, Varner Redmon and Nancy Vincent

for their incredible diligence in the complex communications for the event; Carol Bouyoucos for her immense creativity graphic artwork; Louisa Tine for lending us her awarding winning paintings; Ellen Conrad, Leslie Wortmann, Lindsay Matthews and Melissa Vail, Heather Langham and Virginia Maybank for their standing committee workshops on Saturday; Susan Bostwick whose humor is unsurpassed in her pursuit of Tag Sale items; Shelly Ferrall for her creative endeavors for the Boutique, Debbie Gourd and Tori Cox for the children's games; Amy Freitag, Brad Roeller, Tom Bregman and Dick Kornbluth, our illustrious speakers; Kathy Crosby and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for generously loaning us the exquisite Luquer watercolors; Heather Iannucci and the John Jay Homestead staff for their assistance; Wendy Ross and the Friends of John Jay Homestead; and last but not least, Bonnie MacDonald for coordinating set up and clean up, and always being quietly there to help in any way.

We embrace our accumulated knowledge from these last 100 years and we seek to impart to and celebrate our gifts with the our community. I have been extremely proud to have been given a voice in pursuit of our venerable goals and am confident that the BGC will continue to strive to do our best to honor those who have preceded us and those who will follow. The Bedford Garden Club is at its best when we band together and, in seamless giving and with boundless spirit, energy and creativity, engage to benefit the community as a whole.

Green thumbs, up!

Mimi Lines

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

BGC Sustainable Bedford Tree Project - Branch Out

Origins- The Bedford Garden Club began planning a tree project that would be a gift to the town of Bedford in honor of our club's Centennial in 2011 and the centennial of the GCA in 2013. After the BGC's Sustainable Bedford conference that took place in January of 2009, the club began looking for ways to continue the enthusiasm and momentum generated by the conference into green projects for the town. The Sustainable Bedford Tree Project was designed as a multi-year project that would meet all these goals.

Using Casey Trees as a guidepost, our initial focus was to design and implement a master plan for Historic Bedford Village. Following the recommendations of Casey Trees a tree inventory was funded and completed by Rod Christie, Executive Director of the Mianus River Gorge Preserve. During this time period Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham met with the Board of the Bedford Historic Review Commission, the Bedford Tree Commission, and on several occasions, with Lee Roberts. Our intention was to communicate our objectives, work with community organizations, and to start building consensus for the project. The other facet of this initial foray was contacting design firms to help us construct a planting plan for the Village. We spoke to 4 firms: HM White/Landscape Architects, IQ Landscape Architects, Oliver's Nursery landscape design department, and Stephan Yarabek/Landscape Architect. From the outset it was clear that creating a master plan would entail much more than planting street trees. Of the 3 firms we met with to discuss the scope and mission of the project, Stephan's grasp of Bedford's unique rural character and history was clear in his tasteful and appropriate design ideas and plant selection. In July 2010 we invited a group to meet with Stephan for a walking tour of the Village to discuss Stephan's design ideas and ask for feedback.

Present for that walk were: Jeff Osterman, Town Planning, Bill Heidepriem, Superintendent of Recreation & Parks Department, Rod Christie, Mimi Lines, President of the Bedford Garden Club, Heather Langham, and Virginia Maybank (a member of the Bedford Historic Review commission was, last minute, unable to attend). The area encompassed Tarleton Road on the north end to the traffic light on the southern end and included St. Patrick's to the east. While a general consensus emerged on the master plan, it became readily apparent that a significant amount of hardscape was involved (for example, in front of the Arcade) and that a comprehensive master plan was well beyond our budget of \$10,000.

The exercise was not without positive outcomes however. We have an informal master plan for the Village that gives us a solid handle on what can be done should the Town find the funding for Village improvements. More importantly, in the process the Bedford Garden Club tree project was introduced to the Town, the town supervisor, and to the HBV board. During this time period we became a known entity, established a presence, and started a tree dialogue.

Reaching the conclusion that the scope of the project was beyond our means, we went back to our mission statement: *The mission of the BGC Sustainable Bedford Tree Project is to restore, enhance and protect the trees lining the major thoroughfares of Bedford, New York and to educate the public about the many environmental, commercial and social benefits of a healthy tree canopy.*

Bedford Garden Club launches Branch Out! *planting trees for Bedford's next generation* Branch Out! was launched on October 20, 2010 at a Bedford Garden Club open meeting at Historical Hall. The project was introduced by a slide presentation calling the public's attention to the recent rapid loss of many old, large street trees and showing how this is already having an impact on the rural character so important to the identity of our Town. Our mission is to create awareness and engage the public to become part of the solution. 50 Native saplings (Sycamore, Sugar Maple, White Oak, American Dogwood, Cherry, and Elm) along with tree descriptions and planting instructions were distributed. Our bi-annual Branch Out! tree sale was also announced.

Branch Out! to date: We have sold over 90 trees but more importantly we have established a Branch Out! identity and a presence. A project like this is a slow build and we are very positive about the progress we have made in building our platform. Some future initiatives and what we have accomplished in building our platform are:

1. Branch Out! will continue its mission to create awareness and encourage community members to replant native trees, with a focus on thoroughfares. To encourage planting and to create awareness for our project, in February 2011 we launched a campaign selling 8 different types of trees (Sugar Maple, White Oak, London Plane Tree, Elm, Red Bud, Higan Cherry, American Dogwood, and Black Tupelo) and underwriting part of the cost. (Troy's Nursery offered the trees to us at cost and we have underwritten a portion of that wholesale price.) Our marketing campaign consisted of a Record Review Branch Out! ad campaign (3 quarter page ads) and sending it to a large but targeted email distribution list.

2. Branch Out! is a member of the Bedford 2020 Water and Land Use Task Force and we have designed a web site on the Bedford 2020 web platform

www.bedford2020.org/branchout Our affiliation with Bedford 2020 will provide support and additional PR exposure for our project and mission.

3. Press and ad campaign:
 - Record Review press release announcing Branch Out! (written by Joyce Corrigan)
 - Record Review article covering 10/20/10 launch (written by RR reporter, Diane Lewis)
 - Record Review: Michael Millius covered Branch Out! and encouraged all Bedfordites to buy a Branch Out! tree
 - Diane Lewis, the environmental reporter for the Record Review is also the Chairman of the Bedford 2020 Water and Land Use Task Force. She will cover Branch Out! initiatives for the paper.
4. We have started to develop a targeted email distribution list: Bedford Garden Club, Bedford 2020, and Rusticus members were sent the buy a Branch Out! tree ad
5. Exhibitor at the Bedford Environmental Action Day, January 2011- We produced a number of posters and marketing pieces for this event that we can use for other events such as our centennial celebration on June 4th. This was a very worthwhile day as many community members stopped by our table to learn more about Branch Out! and our mission.
6. Branch Out! was launched on the Rippowam campus! In March Susannah Davies, a 9th grader at Rippowam, gave a Branch Out! power point presentation to an all school assembly. We are training the stewards of the next generation! Susannah and Joyce Corrigan are collaborating on an article for the Record Review.
7. We have established an important working relationship with Troy's Nursery. Not only did they source our trees and offer them to us at the wholesale price, but they have been very generous with their time, expertise, and knowledge. Needless to say they have been very involved with the project and have greatly helped us streamline our logistics.

So you can see we have worked to reach out and into the community in a number of different ways to establish Branch Out! as a non political force for good - replanting the thoroughfares of our community. Phase 2 will build on our platform in the following ways:

1. Branch Out! tree sales every spring and fall. We will continue to sell Branch Out! trees to the public with an emphasis on planting along the thoroughfares. We will continue to raise tree loss and re-planting awareness in the community through this campaign.
2. Grant Writing- One of the exciting outcomes of BEAD was having Erik Miller the executive director of OCCA (Otsego County Conservation Association) stop by our table. He made us aware of the DEC Urban Forestry (matching) Grant his community applied for and received to replant their village streets. Subsequent to our meeting, he sent us a copy of his completed application and has made himself available for questions. Our plan is to begin developing this grant application. We will need to work with the Town (to what extent we do not know) and because we are already known to and supported by Lee Roberts and her staff we are in a good position to have a productive conversation and their cooperation.
3. Dialogue with community organizations and homeowners

- Rippowam- In early March we met with Bob Whelan, Assistant Head of School for Institutional Advancement, to discuss planting trees on the Rippowam campus along Cantitoe Street and Clinton Road. We presented a planting plan for Rippowam's consideration. Bob said he would keep us posted as they move forward with their plans. (We were pleased to hear from Bob that prior to our call he had heard about Branch Out! from several different sources.)
 - Other community organizations we plan to meet with are:
 1. St. Matthew's Church
 2. Bedford Golf and Tennis Club
 - Bedford Village – Investigate planting trees in front of Renwick and Winterling and contact St. Patrick's Church
4. BGC Centennial Celebration June 4, 2010- Branch Out! will plant 5 Elm trees in front of the John Jay Homestead along Route 22. That day Troy's Nursery will give a planting and maintenance demonstration and conduct a Q and A. There will be a tree dedication commemorating the long history BGC has with the John Jay Homestead. A Branch Out! banner will be attached to the stone wall (right behind the trees), saying something to the effect: *Branch Out! planting trees for Bedford's next generation – watch these Elm trees grow*
- That day Branch Out! will have an expo table. Elm trees will be for sale along with planting products.
 - Either Joyce Corrigan or Diane Lewis will cover the Branch Out! planting and tree dedication for the Record Review
5. Additional Fundraising Ideas- Branch Out would like to become a permanent civic project of the Bedford Garden Club and requests annual funding of \$2,000 to keep our mission going. We are also working on approaching significant donors for gifts. There are several possible revenue sources that Branch Out! might also want to consider: selling Bedford Oak prints (framed and unframed) and a mail-order plant sale.

Heather Langham, Virginia Maybank

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

Mt Kisco Elementary School Garden Project

In the fall of 2010, the Bedford Garden Club approved a \$10,000 grant to the Mt. Kisco Elementary School as seed money for the creation of a school vegetable and flower garden on the site of an abandoned tennis court. In less than a year, the garden is built, the raised beds are full of vegetables and flowers. The Mt Kisco Elementary School has hired one of the volunteers the Bedford Garden Club brought to the project, Alexandra Forrester, to create a comprehensive curriculum plan that will use the garden as a classroom for such subjects as math, science, social studies, reading, writing and art. It is anticipated that this garden project will be presented to other schools in the Bedford Central School District as a model for them to adapt in their own schools. In short, this project has been a resounding success. Our goal "to create land stewards" amongst the students, teachers, staff and parents is well on its way. And we are already witnessing the power of replicating this project in Bedford and beyond.

A school vegetable garden is an extraordinary opportunity to reach children, parents and staff and to teach them how to be "stewards of the land". The process which brought this garden into being is one of which we are most proud because it involved at least ten different organizations (Mt. Kisco Elementary School (MKES), MKES parents'

association, Bedford Central School District, Bedford 2020 Coalition, New York Botanical Garden, Stone Barns Center for Agriculture, SavATree, Rainbow Ridge, Neighbors Link and Cornell Cooperative) that partnered together to create this magnificent school garden.

The process began in 2009, when Susan Polos, librarian of the MKES, attended the Bedford Environmental Summit (hosted by the Bedford Garden Club and Bedford Energy Advisory Panel). Susan participated in the “school garden” workshop. Inspired by what she learned, she approached her principal, Sue Ostrovsky, and asked if the MKES could start a school garden. After much planning and an unsuccessful grant application to another nonprofit, the school approached Bedford 2020 (B 2020) for assistance. Bedford 2020 is the nonprofit that was created as a result of the BGC’s successful Environmental Summit. Its mission is to engage the community in environmental projects. Three of B 2020’s board members are Bedford Garden Club members and 12 of the Board members were involved in planning the Bedford Environmental Summit.

Bedford 2020 worked with the school and brought in a board member of the New York Botanical Garden, a partner of Bedford 2020, who created the first garden design. Armed with this design, the school applied to the Bedford Garden Club, a frequent and valuable partner of B 2020, for support.

The Bedford Garden Club created a “centennial” grant of \$10,000 to provide start-up funding for the project. This start up funding was vital to the project. Without it, the garden would not have gone forward. Bedford Garden Club then created a Mt. Kisco School Garden Committee, composed of Mimi Lines, Ellen Conrad, Olivia Farr and Nicole Levy. BGC worked with the school staff to design, plan and plant the garden. Mimi Lines shared her design/landscaping skills to provide the design for the raised beds, the compost structures and an “instruction pavilion”. Nicole Levy developed a curriculum based plan for what and when to plant and many club members assisted with the actual planting. Other club members donated a worm composter to the school to assist in teaching about composting and soil. Working in partnership with B 2020, the club also focused on the logistical issues of converting an abandoned tennis court into a garden – tree removal, design issues, water sourcing, and soil acquisition. Additional partners were engaged such as SavATree, Stone Barns Center for Agriculture and Rainbow Ridge, all of whom made significant pro bono donations to assist with the creation of the garden.

If you would like to know more, make a donation or get involved, contact ncolangelo0202@bcsdny.org.

Ellen Conrad

CLUB BOTANIST

2010-2011

We made some suggestions for plants indoors, and some for early spring plantings. Invasives; we will address these in the near future. Did you know that Baking Soda (not Baking Powder !) can act as a non-poisonous fungus inhibitor? We hope for and will welcome any questions. We will respond.

Ann McDuffie

CORRESPONDENT TOTHE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA “BULLETIN”:

2010-2011

See Public Relations

Nancy Vincent

CUSTODIAN
2010-2011

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
 Volumes I and III are being reprinted
3. 100 Blue Yearbook binders
4. One and a half 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. 14 colored clipboards
 - s. 1 bag hardware for niches
 - t. 2 pkgs. Repair links
 - u. 1 bag clear plastic card holders for exhibitions
 - v. 1 watering can
 - w. 5 white pedestals
 - x. 4 large black pedestal tops
 - y. 6 medium white pedestal tops
 - z. 8 spot lights
 - aa. 11 black burlap backdrops (approx 8")
 - bb. étagère / 3 sections (two ends & one center)
 - cc. 4 black frames
 - dd. 15 Italian wine crates used for cut stem staging/Under a Tuscan Sun
 - ee. 4 boards to put over wine crates for cut stem staging + 2 boards each 2' x 8'
 - ff. 6 urns used for challenge class/Under a Tuscan Sun
 - gg. 6 tubes - staging for par class/Under a Tuscan Sun -
 (3) 46" high tubes and (3)23" ft tubes

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 – Baker, to Maybank, to Conner
- w. 1 copy current GCA Judging Manual
- x. BGC Banner (2)
- y. 20 needlepoint BGC hostess pins
- z. 2 copies *Gardens of Colony and State* – at Mary Kendrick's
- aa. 1 GCA framed plaque – at Mary Kendrick's
- aa. Carton boxes of BGC historical slides of member gardens
- bb. Bullhorn
- cc. 6 lucite picture frames 9x12
- dd. 5 silver picture frames 9x12
- ee. 5 boxes cocktail napkins
- ff. 2 boxes hand towels
- gg. 1 expanding slide screen
- hh. 19 wooden easels

HISTORIAN

2010-2011

The Centennial! This was our major focus for the past year. We researched and wrote two histories of past Presidents and founding/original 1911 members Eloise Payne Luquer and Delia West Marble, hoping to bring them "back to life" and into ours. Further research for the Centennial Oral History Video and participation in that effort was a pleasure and a privilege as has been the opportunity to work with outgoing President, Mimi Lines and brainstorm with past Historian, Nancy Vincent. With these two ladies reside tremendous knowledge of our Club and passion toward the fulfillment of its mission. For us, it has been a great ride!

Marilen G. Tilt

HOSTESSES
2010-2011

September 15, 2010 9:30 am - Lunch

Topic: luncheon, flower arranging and a challenge class judged by Laura Haley
Place: Bedford Golf & Tennis Club
Hostesses: Wendy Cushman

October 13, 2010 9:00 am - Coffee

Topic: Casey Tree Project – Barbara Shea
Place: Bedford Historic Hall
Hostesses: Tink Callahan and Louise Talbot

November 9, 2010 9:00 am - Coffee

Topic: Returning Fruit to the Garden – Roger Swain
Place: Saint Matthews
Hostesses: Jayne Chase and Lynn Goodhue

December 5, 2010 9:00 am - Coffee

Topic: Greens Day
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary
Hostesses: Cynthia Mas and Natica VonAlthann.

January 19, 2011 9:00 am - lunch

Topic: Circle of life – farm to table
Place: TABLE in Bedford Hills
Hostesses: none

February 2011 No meeting

March 9, 2011 9:00 am – Coffee

Topic: Carl Safina of the Blue Ocean Institute
Place: Saint Matthews
Hostesses: Joyce Corrigan and Allison Bamford

April 20, 2011 9:00 am – Coffee

Topic: Ken Druse - Native and Natural plants in our gardens
Place: Historical Hall
Hostesses: Nicole Levy and Deirdre Glascott

May 18, 2011 9:00 am - Coffee

Topic: Plant Exchange Day
Place: John Jay Homestead Barn
Hostesses: Cindy Dwyer and Beth Stern

June 15, 2011 2:00 pm - Tea
Topic: Annual meeting
Place: Denise Santomero's Home
Hostesses: Selby Ehrlich, Polly Finn, Rosemary Mankiewicz, and Jume Weissinger

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

Wendy Cushman

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA
2010-2011

No Report

Susan Burke

POLICY
2010-2011.

There were several changes to our By-Laws this year. The membership categories were reduced to four by eliminating the Honorary membership as well as the Privileged membership. Number 6 under Article XI "meetings" was changed. Number 3 under Article XII was changed to eliminate the honorary and privileged categories and redefine Associate, Sustaining and Affiliate members. Article XVII was also changed to reflect the use of "electronic mail."

Selby Ehrlich

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE
2010-2011

The Executive Board, in going over the yearly budget, made the decision to focus locally on many of its donations, and to establish a financial grant of \$2500.00 each year to a worthy applicant. This year Marsh Sanctuary was chosen as the recipient. Its Plant Restoration Project will increase the Sanctuary's native plant diversity and restoration through the removal and suppression of invasive species. The two projects chosen last year for the Club's Centennial Celebration, The BGC Sustainable Tree Project, and the Mt. Kisco Vegetable Garden Project remain ongoing projects.

Sally Kroll

PROJECTS
2010-2011

In 2010-2011, the Projects Committee continued its year-round attempt to produce and purchase fabulous items to sell to club members. Our ongoing goal is to raise funds that will supplement the income of our club so that we have the financial ability to follow through on our mission.

This year, in honor of the Centennial, we splashed the wonderful Centennial logo (created by Carol Bouyoucos) onto insulated wine totes, t-shirts, and playing cards. We had a very successful sales day at the big event at the John Jay Homestead. Thank you to all who supported us! Goods are still available for sale and if anyone is interested in making a purchase, please contact Shelly Ferrall.

We just want to remind fellow members that their support is very important and enables the club to have far reaching, positive effects in our community!

Shelly Ferrall

PUBLIC RELATIONS

2010-2011

The local press pulled out all the stops when it came to celebrating the Bedford Garden Club's Centennial. Newspapers, magazines, websites--and even the staunch GCA Bulletin--responded with cover stories, cover lines and unprecedented space devoted to this special event: America's First Green Girls Turning 100. Each media outlet realized the historical significance of this group of eco-pioneers and the impact they've had on the local flora, fauna and natural beauty of Bedford as well as the current club's commitment to the preservation of the community's environmental and esthetic future.

Among the highlights:

*a 2000 word front-page article in THE RECORD REVIEW in June 11("Bedford Garden Club celebrates 100-year anniversary" by Eve Marx) complete with spectacular cover group portrait of the 5 most recent Club presidents.

*A front page story in the Lower Hudson Valley's JOURNAL NEWS in August (as well as prominent position on the lower hudson website)

* A cover line "Garden Club at 100" in the June issue of BEDFORD Magazine...Inside a full page story with photos, "Seeding the Way: Bedford Garden Club to Celebrate 100 Years" by Heather Borbeau

* A full page in the June/July 11 GCA BULLETIN "America's First GREEN GIRLS"

* Meanwhile, the RECORD REVIEW will continue coverage of the Centennial project "Branch Out" with a write up of the Committee's tree-planting initiative on Friday September 23rd .

Joyce Corrigan

BGC WEBSITE

2010-2011

The website (http://web.me.com/bedfordgardenclub/site/Bedford_Garden_Club.html) is still in Varner Redmon's domain. Unbelievably, this is due to time constraints for us to get together for her to teach me the skills to serve as web master. Varner continued to update the website, and the two of us together kept the membership apprised of updates to the website through Constant Contact (Varner) and e-mail blasts (Nancy). Between the two of us we also did e-mail blasts on demand. In addition, beginning in October, Varner designed and sent Paperless Post invitations for the membership meetings because of the significant savings (\$5-10 vs. \$80 per invitation) and the convenience of allowing an online RSVP. For those who do not use a computer, the Paperless Post invitations were printed and sent by the U.S. Postal Service.

Varner's skill, time and patience made the website possible for our Centennial Event at John Jay Homestead on June 4. When the product is flawless, few members realize how much time is necessary to create such a website. What would we do without Varner?

The concept of having the website, and many other communication functions, under the Public Relations/Communications Committee was found to be unwieldy, and the job descriptions are going to be changed to accommodate reality. Perhaps, the Corresponding Secretary should be in charge of membership meeting invitations, both Paperless Post and hardcopy, as well as e-mail blasts for other meetings and events. The webmaster would update the website and inform the membership of recently added items, or perhaps, the webmaster would have an assistant for sending notices of web updates and as backup when necessary for adding content to the website.

Nancy Vincent

PHOTOGRAPHY

2010- 2011

The following events were photographed for the Bedford Garden Club:

November 2010 BGC meeting

Host of WGBH's "The Victory Garden" Lecture on Fruit Trees

March 2011 BGC Meeting

Carl Safina Lecture on our oceans

April 2011 GCA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana

"Inspired Gardens of Indianapolis" tour

May 2011

Photographed entries, Stamford's Flower Show

May 2011

Submitted photography entry for Millbrook's Zone III Meeting

Carol Bouyoucos

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

2010-2011

This Committee reported on GCA scholarship programs and activities at the Greensday meeting on December 8, 2010. The presentation was about the range and scale of GCA scholarship activities nationwide:

- Scholarships is the part of GCA Outreach which encourages new talent and recognizes outstanding contributions of individuals, some established and some emerging.
- In 2010, more than 55 awards and programs were active, totaling more than \$211,000.
- More than 1000 recipients have received support since the first award in 1928.
- The program recognizes awardees at all academic and professional levels, from undergraduate to doctoral students and practitioners.
- Awards can recognize past accomplishments or support further study.
- Fields include botany, conservation, ecology studies, education, history and design, horticulture and landscape architecture.

GCA encourages local clubs to participate by

- Inviting GCA scholars to meetings as speakers,
- Supporting candidate applications for scholarships, and
- Donating to the General Scholarship Fund or to endowed funds at GCA.

GCA recommends that Scholarships be a separate line item in all club budgets.

This committee chair resolves to work with the BGC Executive Committee this coming year to recommend specific activities in support of the very valuable GCA Scholarship program.

Melissa Vail

SEEDLINGS

2010-2011

In May, The Bedford Garden Club welcomed four new members: Wendy Foulke, Leila Longo, Vickey Morris, and Jenny O'Connor. Our Seedling lunch was held on May 25 at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. The new members were given an orientation package full of interesting material - all 4 of the history volumes of the BGC, The Official Flower Arranging Handbook and an incredibly informative packet from the Garden Club of America which is specifically prepared for new Garden Club members. The new members were accompanied by their sponsors. And this year the current and future presidents, as well as incoming chairs of standing committees welcomed the new members as we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Kim Morris

SUMMIT COORDINATOR

2010-2011

In 2009, the Bedford Garden Club was the co-sponsor of the Bedford Environmental Summit. This event was intended to create a community of advocates for the environment and it served as a catalyst for an extraordinary grassroots movement in our town. This year, 2010/2011 saw the unanimous passage of the Town's Climate Action Plan whose goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20% by 2020. The newly formed nonprofit, the Bedford 2020 Coalition (B2020), whose board is composed of the most active organizers of the 2009 Summit, is charged by the Town with the responsibility of engaging the entire community in the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. B2020 kicked off the year with an Environmental Action Day in January, 2011. This day was the official launch of the Bedford 2020 Coalition and Energize Bedford, a town project funded with a \$2.6 million grant from the federal Department of Energy, to create a pilot project to encourage home owners to save money and reduce energy use by eliminating wasted energy in their homes. It was a day that focused attention on the promotion of a local "foodshed" and on issues of water safety, land use, waste and recycling issues and energy conservation for local businesses, schools and houses of worship. Two Bedford Garden Club Centennial Projects, "BRANCH OUT!" and the Mt. Kisco Elementary School Garden were direct outgrowths of the 2009 Summit and are projects that B2020 is helping to implement. The Bedford 2020 Coalition now has a Board of 14 members, 8 active Task Forces (four subject matter Task Forces: Energy, Waste/Recycling, Water/Land Use, Food/Agriculture as well as four user based Task Forces: Business, Schools, Religious Entities and Civic Associations). Membership on these Task Forces exceeds 60 volunteers. Bedford, as the lead town of a 14 town Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium (NWEAC) focused on home energy conservation, is in the position of modeling all of our emerging environmental projects to a much wider group of Northern Westchester towns representing a population of 220,000 people.

Ellen Conrad

VISITING GARDENS

2010 – 2011

We started our second year off with another visit to the Brant Gallery in September 2010 to see the Urs Fischer show. The Brant Gallery is not a typical “garden” viewing event, but the setting is so lovely and once again, we had a large BGC turnout.

The first weekend of October, we organized a trip up through the Berkshire Valley to Vermont stopping first at Bonnie Trotta’s brother’s house in Stockbridge on Northwest Hill Road. This garden is frequently on Garden Conservancy tours, so it was a treat to see it with the gardener with distant views of Mount Greylock and Dome Mountain. We then visited Hildene in Manchester, Vermont, the historic home of Robert Todd Lincoln where we toured the house, gardens, goat dairy and heard a fascinating lecture about the ongoing identification of the original peonies. We were all lucky enough to stay at Olivia Farr’s family house in Rupert Vt where we had a yummy dinner and lots of laughs. The following day we hiked in the Merck Forest and Farmland Center in Rupert, Vermont and then drove to Shelburne Farms in Charlotte, Vermont. We spent the afternoon and next day touring Shelburne Farms with heirs Alec and Marshall Webb visiting the restored formal gardens, the Hackney barn, organic vegetable gardens and dairy operation.

In the Spring of 2011 a group of us went again to TRADESECRETS in Ct. in May for the Sunday garden tour day. Bunny William’s house & garden were once again opened as were four other lovely gardens and Old Farm Nursery in Lakeville which was a treat to see. We ended the day at The Falls Village Inn for lunch.

We ended our term with two private garden tours, Fred Landsman’s garden in Greenwich was amazing. Fred and his gardener took us on a tour of all twelve acres of his place with its stunning combination of woodland, wetland, formal and vegetable gardens. Then, closer to home we went to see Frank Foxes’ woodland garden along the Beaver Dam River highlighting his Lady Slippers. Fun, fun, fun!

Olivia Farr and Cynthia Mas

WAYS AND MEANS

2010-2011

See Centennial Committee

Kate Ginnel, Lyn Goodhue Cynthia Mas, Km Morris, Mimi Lines

YEARBOOK

2010-2011

150 Yearbooks were produced this year. About half were distributed to members at the fall 2010 meetings and the rest were mailed. More and more reports are e-mailed to the editor. The membership list is maintained on the club’s website as well as in the year book. As any contact information changes, please inform our web mistress, our membership chair as well as your year book editor.

Liddy Baker

IN MEMORIUM

OUR MISS LUQUER

Eloise Payne Luquer

1862-1947

Would that we all could have known her! How we would have admired this beautiful, charming and energetic country girl. What enjoyment we would have received from accompanying her on sleigh rides into Katonah with her grandmother, sharing lessons with her father in his office at St. Matthew's Church, witnessing her discovery of the natural world around her as she slipped out of the rectory back door and across the fields to the awaiting woods! Her awakening to the wonders of the wild flowers that lined the way as she rode on horseback through the Westchester countryside would have thrilled us as well. Her eventual, forthcoming watercolor paintings- delicate and detailed- would have caught our eyes and we would not have missed the accompanying descriptions offered later through countless lectures.

Eloise Payne Luquer was born to Eloise Elizabeth Payne and the Reverend Lea Luquer in Brooklyn, New York. Her father had been a lawyer until he felt "called" to the ministry while reading a service at his grandparents' church in Manhasset, NY. The rector had been indisposed [according to Eloise he had broken his false teeth] and as Lea volunteered his services that day, an "inspirational" ray of light came through the sanctuary window. From that time on, Eloise's father studied and became a clergyman. When she was four, her father moved his family to Bedford, accepting a calling at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church there. Life in Bedford offered countless experiences for a young girl. All the delights of an agricultural community awaited her: cows, sheep and horses on local farms, kittens in surrounding barns, a close community of both gentry and townspeople, and a pony of her own.

Best of all was the plethora of gardens in which both wild and cultivated flowers proliferated before the development of large estates and towns.

Eloise never received a formal education. Lessons in her father's study amounted to copying phrases and, most probably, very elementary reading and arithmetic. But she was innately curious, highly motivated and eventually accumulated vast botanical knowledge and developed a well admired horticultural library. In addition, she made it her life's work to educate and stimulate as many children and adults as she could to love and understand the natural world.

In 1911 Eloise was 49 years old and her interest in gardening was already well established. A place where avid gardeners could exchange ideas and broaden their skills was the perfect answer to her desire to teach and learn. With eleven other women she founded a new club which would soon become a part of a national organization, The Garden Club of America. Though the original purpose of the smaller Bedford Garden Club was to exhibit flowers, by 1915 a committee had been formed to plant highways, beautify villages and develop school gardens [History, Vol. 1]. The following year Eloise's great friend Delia Marble became Chairman of the Committee for Preservation of Native Wildflowers.

Eloise, a member of that committee, was now in her element. It wouldn't be long before she became Bedford Garden Club Botanist, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, Wildflower Preservation Committee and the Club's President in 1933.

It was in the Bedford Garden Club that Eloise would indulge her knowledge of botany and her enormous talent for painting in watercolor. Sharing her love of the natural world with others became her passion, and eventually garden clubs, women's clubs and schools would benefit from her lectures and paintings. Our Bedford Garden Club History abounds with stories of Eloise's speaking engagements. Advancing age did not slow her down! How often in our first Garden Club History do we read of Miss Luquer's lectures? Hundreds of events, to audiences of thousands are documented. One year describes travels from Vermont to North Carolina. In 1944, when her country was at war and Eloise was 82, she continued to speak to garden clubs and other groups, receiving only gasoline coupons as recompense so that she could continue to use her car for transport. This was indeed devotion - to education and as she put it, to bringing "greater love of nature" to all around her.

There were other accomplishments as well. With Bedford Garden Club member Delia Marble [President 1917-19] Miss Luquer planted a nature trail in Pound Ridge [1932] which became, along with a trailside museum, part of the Westchester County Park System. Other trails proliferated in the area thanks to her example and efforts; one at Pocanticoe Hills School and another in Martha's Vineyard in 1938.

It is no wonder that Eloise was awarded GCA's Medal of Achievement in 1939. She had not only been the inspiration for wildflower gardens far and wide but had also brought the love of botany to the Women's Reformatory in Bedford Hills. Under her direction a small garden was planted there resulting in what she called the "soothing effect" that gardening had on many of the most troubled young women. This garden became part of the Bedford Garden Club Friendship Garden project which lasted for over 30 years and was the first such community effort to rehabilitate and improve the lives of prison inmates in northern Westchester. Other community efforts included war time service in the Red Cross, organizing the first rural District Nursing Association in the United States, leading the Women's Auxiliary of her church and founding the Bedford Free Library in a small room within its present building.

Active to the very end, Eloise Luquer died on December 28, 1947 at the age of 85. How the Bedford Garden Club mourned their beloved leader and friend! A detailed tribute to her appears in our History as does a lasting memorial, the The Eloise Payne Luquer medal established in 1949 to "honor the memory of its beloved member." Given at the discretion of The Garden Club of America, the award recognizes special achievement in the field of botany for medical research, fine arts or education, using Miss Luquer's imaginative and energetic work as its standard. In addition, her family assured a final legacy. After her death, Eloise's brother, Thatcher Luquer, gave 400 of her wildflower paintings to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden where they still reside.

Several months after her death an old friend picked up his pen. Seated in the room which had been Miss Luquer's studio, he dipped it in ink and looked out the long

window to the south. The brown fields of winter were tinged with green and faintly budding trees beyond gave hint of spring. Soon mock orange blossoms would appear to the east.

Arthur Ketchum, poet-rector of St. Matthew's Church and resident of the rectory which had been Eloise's home, began a final tribute to the woman he had known for over 25 years. He spoke of her "warm humanity," her generosity and self-giving, her "wise counsel" and "earthy wisdom that seemed so close to the secret of all living things..." Her valued friendship and enduring legacy, like the promise of seasonal change, could best be inscribed in the verse he began to write:

And yet
Shall faithlessness forget
The sure-returning wing
The unconquerable spring?
Does not their steadfastness
Teach us a better knowledge than our fears And 'neath their changes, changeless and
secure And being endless will endure We lift our hearts to that...

Marilen G. Tilt

IN MEMORIUM

Delia West Marble

1868-1951

The year was 1917. America had just entered the First World War and the country was in crisis. Food was scarce and our agricultural wealth was in peril. Men who had previously worked on farms throughout the country were now sent overseas to join the armed forces in Europe.

That same year the Bedford Garden Club had a new president. Its third since its founding in 1911, Delia Marble was a good choice for that highest office. Born in New York City in 1868 to Manton Marble and Delia West, she had a background of strong social conscience. Her father was a journalist who eventually owned, published and edited the New York World, a mouthpiece for social causes. Delia's mother had died tragically before her child had turned two and thus Delia was sent to live on a family farm in Bedford. Like many young women of her time, Delia was educated informally, by tutors. Her passion was botany and as a young woman she met the Head of the New York Botanical Garden, Dr. Britton. She worked, studied and traveled with him and his wife, gaining knowledge that would serve her well in the future. Later, Delia entered Barnard College at Columbia University and completed three years of study there.

As President of the Bedford Garden Club during a time of war, Delia wanted to guide her organization into a patriotic effort that would really make a difference. Knowing of the Dean of Barnard, Virginia Gildersleeve's involvement with the war effort, she met with her and quickly offered the Garden Club's services. She had found the right person to guide her Club in its patriotic direction! Dean Gildersleeve was passionate and outspoken about educating women and assuring their right to suffrage and professional careers. She knew how to sway political groups and affect the civic life of her city. Shortly before meeting with Delia Marble, Dean Gildersleeve had become New York City Mayor John Purroy Mitchel's chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Agriculture; part of the Committee of Women on National Defense. The fact that Virginia "did not know the difference between a carrot and a turnip" did not matter. What mattered was that with Gildersleeve's energy, and the commitment she sensed in Delia, she knew that she had found an advocate for a female solution to the agricultural problem. If there were too few men to farm the land, women would have to do the job. All that was needed was a team of women to get her project started.

Virginia Gildersleeve would remain in New York City but she knew just the person to help The Bedford Garden Club president. She introduced Delia to Ida Ogilvie, Barnard Professor of Geology, somehow feeling that the two women would get along and work well together. Thus began a life long partnership and an initiative for local farming that changed the agricultural scene in Bedford and beyond. Delia and Ida conceived the "Unit Plan" for female farmers, placing groups of between ten and fifty women in local farmhouses where they were dressed [overalls, hats and long sleeved shirts], trained, and fed. The "Farmerettes" as they were called, worked on countless farms in the Westchester area. They were invigorated by their two energetic leaders, and the

movement gained recognition from even the most skeptical observers. "These women are eager, efficient, intelligent and steadfast. They have an excellent demeanor!" So spoke a Bedford farm owner - a man of course!

Delia and Ida's collaboration and devoted friendship yielded a national movement toward women working the soil that had not yet been equalled. They stopped at nothing to get others involved, writing women's colleges everywhere to encourage the Farmerette movement on campuses wherever possible. Urging him to help, Delia wrote the President of the Students' Association at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on January 10, 1918. "The world depends on us!" she urged. "We ask for your advice and cooperation in our effort to place women on the land!" Who could have said no?

As the years went by, Miss Marble met another like minded woman through her continued association with the Bedford Garden Club. It was with Eloise Luquer that she shared a love of botany and a vision for the future. Together, between 1932 and 1937 they founded the Pound Ridge Nature Trail and Trailside Museum. They were a perfect pair and effective team - Eloise with her compelling watercolor paintings and lectures and Delia with her deep knowledge of botany and organizational skills. Both saw a future where the natural world could be shared with everyone; where parks and woodland reservations would proliferate throughout the country. In 1932 the Nature Trail began its existence. It was a joint effort with a "Small Gardens Club" fabricating signs on salvaged pieces of tin, a reservation warden pinning them to stakes and the local Boys Club destroying the emerging tent caterpillar nests along the roadside. The following year the Garden Club appropriated enough money for a professional guide to lead tours once a week from June to November. The new Trail was maintained, bird houses [one hundred of them!] were installed and hordes of visitors came to see this new marvel. Eventually, as the Trail was lengthened to three and a half miles and more; most states and many foreign countries were represented in the Visitors' Register. The dream shared by both Delia and Eloise had resulted in a treasured site that is appreciated and enjoyed to this day. Their efforts inspired those of other garden clubs, several of which are mentioned in our first History. Delia reported accurately and prophetically to the Garden Club in 1934 during her friend Eloise Luquer's presidency:

Nature trails are new; even woodland park reservations are new.
I feel very strongly that we are doing something real, something which
will grow and reward all our efforts.

Delia West Marble died in Troy, New York on June 17, 1951, four years after her friend Eloise Luquer. Her dedication to her Garden Club and community are legendary. Her founding of the Women's Land Army Unit Plan for training in Bedford was just the beginning of her leadership there. Her administration as its President made the Club proud. She was Chairman of Conservation from 1931 - 1940 and of GCA's Conservation Committee in 1916 and 1920. In 1940 she was awarded the Francis K. Hutchinson Medal for Distinguished Service in Conservation. Her contributions to the Bedford Community were laudable as well: founder of the District Nursing Association and Rippowam School, officer of the Bedford Farmers' Club and co-founder of

Bedford's precursor to the Audubon Society; the Agazziz Club. These were but a few of her achievements.

In 1951, Bedford Garden Club member, former President and friend, Louise Seaman Bechtel wrote a memorial tribute to Delia. She called her an "invigorating critic...who took a larger view" of her Club's work and one who had great "wit and charm." Mrs. Bechtel praised Delia's ability to engage with the "modern world" and to "share in it." She ended with these words, which we feel in retrospect, are a perfect description of Delia West Marble's contributive and remarkable life:

She was for many years our guiding star. We go forward with
knowledge of her life as our treasure and inspiration.

She was our Miss Marble.

Marilen G. Tilt

NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

MEDALS

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

GCA FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

1923	Horticultural Medal of Merit in Bronze (now obsolete) to Mrs. Moses Taylor
1949	Horticultural Medal of Merit in Bronze – The Bedford Garden Club (Mrs. Robert A. Chamber, Conservation Chairman), for a woodland planting at the International Flower Show in the GCA Conservation Exhibit
1975	Certificate of Excellence for “R.S.V.P. Bedford”
1977	Certificate of Excellence for “Flowers in the Park”
1981	Certificate of Excellence for “Fete des Fleurs”
1985	Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award, Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
1985	Catherine Beattie Medal, Bedford Garden Club
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1986	Catherine Beattie Medal, Bedford Garden Club
1990	Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal, Bedford Garden Club – Mesdames Reynders, Jr., Jackson, Wilson and Tiné
1993	Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award – Mrs. Richard H. Lawrence
2007	Dorothy Vietor Munger Award – Mrs. Roberto Buaron

GCA PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

2000	The Bedford Garden Club
2010	The Bedford Garden Club

GCA ZONE AWARDS

Zone III Civic Improvement Award

2011	Ellen Conrad
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Zone III Conservation Award

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

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

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 Conservation Commendation
To Non-Members**

- 2011 Lee Roberts, Town Supervisor, Town of Bedford

**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

GCA Medal of Merit (con't)

1979	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1983	Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1989	Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1996	Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell
1998	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
2000	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
2010	Mrs. Winthrop Conrad
2011	Mrs. Philip Bowers

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
2011	Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos

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
2011	Mrs. John Talty

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
2011	Mrs. Josh Levy

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
2011	Mrs. Paul Mas. Mrs. John Morris

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
2011	Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Joseph Maybank

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
2011	Mrs. Daniel Ginnel, Mrs Francis Goodhue

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.”
- 2011
- Daphne Root “For her boundless loyalty to our club, her gentle and caring way with people and for her love of learning about gardening.”
 - Marilen Tilt “For her dedication, to finding, saving and sharing the cherished history of the Bedford Garden Club.”
 - Nancy Vincent “For her guidance and wise counsel, for her quiet leadership and sensitivity, and for her helping to build the structure to carry the club into the 21st century.

**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

**PAST PRESIDENTS
OF THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
(con't)**

2007-2009 Mrs. Winthrop Conrad
2009-2011 Mrs. Stephen V. Lines

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

Last Revised 2011

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. Our Club depends on the active participation of its membership. Members are expected to attend the monthly meetings and to be active in the Standing Committee of their choosing. Members are asked to support and respect the work of their fellow members who organize and plan for each Bedford Garden Club event. In the instance where it is not possible to attend meetings on a regular basis, members are asked to contribute to the Club in ways that will be mutually beneficial.

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 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 four classes of membership:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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. This category of membership shall not exceed 25 in number and shall be limited to any member who has served as a President of the Bedford Garden Club and/or has served on the zone or national level of the GCA.

- c. Sustaining Members. Members who have completed fifteen 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 privileges offered by the Garden Club of America. They may attend meetings of the Bedford Garden Club and elect to chair a committee, vote or hold an office if they desire.
- d. Affiliate Members. Affiliate Membership may be granted upon request to any member in good standing who has moved to another area.
 - 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 and shall have the privileges offered by the Garden Club of America. The Affiliate Member may attend Bedford Garden Club functions but may not vote, chair any committee or hold office.

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 or electronically 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
2011-2012

September 21, 2011

9:00 AM – Optional Lunch

Speaker: President / Club members
Topic: Kick-off Meeting
Place: Bedford Golf and Tennis Club
Hostesses: Adèle Talty, Suzanne Bowers, Allison Bamford, Tori Cox

October 19, 2011

9:00 AM - Refreshments

Speaker: Brent & Becky's bulbs
Topic: Lecture, Workshop and Bulb sale
Place: Bedford Historical Hall
Hostess: Adèle Talty, Wendy Foulke, Varner Redmon, Denise Santomero

November 16, 2011

7:00 PM - Open Meeting

Speaker: Stephen Orr
Topic: "Tomorrow's Garden"
Place: Bedford Historical Hall
Hostess: Adèle Talty, Debbie Gourd, Leila Longo, Lisa Hennessy

December 7, 2011

9:00 AM - Refreshments

Speaker: to be announced
Topic: Greens Day. Traditional Wreath Making
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary
Hostesses: Adèle Talty, Vickie Morris, Bonnie Trotta, Allyson Pachios

January 18, 2012

To Be Announced

Speaker:
Topic:
Place:
Hostesses:

February 15, 2012

9:00 AM – Refreshments

Speaker: Gordon Hayward
Topic: Landscape Design
Place: John Jay Homestead
Hostesses: Adèle Talty and others

March 2012

No Meeting

April 18, 2012

To Be Announced

Speaker:
Topic:
Place:
Hostesses: Adèle Talty and others

May 9, 2012

9:00 AM - Refreshments

Topic: Plant Exchange and Tailgate Party
Place: to be announced
Hostesses:

May 23, 2012

9:00 AM - Refreshments

Topic: Tour, Meeting and Lunch
Place: Blue Hill at Stone Barns
Hostesses:

June 20, 2012

9:00 AM Tour 11:30 Meeting

Topic: BGC in House Garden Tour and Annual Meeting
Place: To be announced
Hostesses: Adèle Talty, Lisa Hennessy, Joyce Corrigan plus others

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. Nan Hayworth
1440 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Tel: (202) 225-5441
Fax: (202) 225-3289
Website: www.hayworth.house.gov

Example:

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

For State Issues

40th Senatorial District

The Hon. Greg Ball
1441 Route 22, Suite 205
Brewster, NY 10509
Tel: (845) 279-3773
Email: gball@nysenate.gov

Example:

Dear Senator Ball

89th Assembly District

The Hon. Robert J. Costelli
214 Mamaroneck Ave., 2nd floor
White Plains, NY 10605
Tel: (914) 232-2660
Email: office@castelli2010.com

Example:

Dear Assemblyman Costelli

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

Updated September, 2011

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 IV, East Brunswick, NJ (May)

Pres: Mimi Lines

2011: Zone X, Indianapolis, ID (Apr 27-30)

Pres: Kim Morris substituted

Del: Carol Bouyoucos

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 (June 21-23)

Pres: Mimi Lines

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
Sept	2010	Greenwich, CT Brant Foundation Gallery
Oct	2010	Stockbridge, Manchester VT, Shelburne Farms VT – private gardens
May	2011	Lakeville, CT – Bunny Williams “Trade Secrets” & 5 private gardens
June	2011	Greenwich, CT Landsman’s Garden; Bedford – Fox’s garden

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

RESIGNATIONS

DECEASED

2010-2011

Mrs. Stephen Morris
Mrs. W. Paul O'Connor
Mrs. William G. Foulke
Mrs. Philip Longo

Mrs. James A. Edgar
Mrs. Robert A. Falise
Mrs. Gordon C. Hamilton
Mrs. R. Adams Perry III

Mrs. Linda Coveny

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

2007 - 2013

PRESIDENT

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stephen Lines

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Redmon
2011 - 2013: Mrs. Philip Bowers
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 - 2008: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson
2011 - 2013: Mrs. Peter Hallock

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Aaron Taylor

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

2011 - 2012: Mrs. Bonnie Trotta, Mrs. Steven Kroll, Mrs. Stephen Morris,
Mrs. Victor Von Althann

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

2005-2007: Mrs. Samuel Polk

2007-2009: Mrs. A. Knowlton Reynders

2009-2010: Mrs. Stuart Ross

2011-2013: Mrs John Redmon

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

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Anthony Langham

SANCTUARIES

Audubon

1989-2009: Mrs. Marion S. Wyeth

2009-2013: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

Mianus River Gorge

1997-2009: Mrs. W. Macy Johnson

2009-2013: Mrs. John Redmon,
Mrs. Todd Noonan

Beaver Dam

2001-2013: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

Teatown Reservation

2009-2013: Mrs. Samuel Tatnall

Butler-Meyer Preserve

1986-2013: Mrs. Christopher B. Espy

Ward Pound Ridge

2007-2010: Mrs. Harold Tine

Marsh Sanctuary

2007-2013: Mrs. Walter Weissinger

Westmoreland Sanctuary

1989-2013: 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

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. John Redmon

FLOWER ARRANGING/EXHIBITIONS

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Victor Wortmann

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2007 - 2013: Mrs. John Redmon

HORTICULTURE

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Roberto Buaron

2009 - 2010: Mrs. Matthew Ocken

2010 - 2011: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Jim Glascott, Mrs. William Gourd

MEMBERSHIP

2005 - 2008: Mrs. Sean McDowell

2008 - 2011: Mrs. Philip Bowers

2011 - 2013: Mrs. John Finnegan

PROGRAMS

2005 - 2007: Mrs. Robert Clymer

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Cushman

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Francis Kernan, Mrs. Peter Hennessy, Mrs. John Stockbridge

2011 - 2013: Mrs. John Morris

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stuart Ross

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Robert Clymer

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

BRANCH OUT 2011-2013 Mrs. Antony Langham, Mrs. Joseph Maybank

MKES VEGETABLE GARDEN 2011-2013: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS

2003 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell

2009 - 2013: Mrs. Charles McDuffie

EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER

2007 - 2010: Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. John Morris 2010-2011: Mrs. John Ryan

CORRESPONDENT TO THE GCA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

2005 - 2009: Ms. Anne Putnam

2009 - 2013: Mrs. Roger Vincent

CUSTODIAN/ARCHIVES

2007 - 2013: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

HISTORIAN

2003 - 2009: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent

2009 - 2013: Mrs. Rodman Tilt

HOSTESSES

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Jonathon Connor

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Cushman

2008 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

2011 - 2013: Mrs. John Talty

NY COMMITTEE OF GCA

2007 - 2013: Mrs. Coleman P. Burke

POLICY

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Gordon Hamilton

2011 - 2013: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson

PROJECTS

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Stockbridge

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

2011 - 2013: Mrs Bryce O'Brien

PROJECT REVIEW (1st or 2nd VP)

2007 - 2008: Mrs. John Redmon

2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews

2010 - 2011: Mrs. Steven Kroll

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Philip Bowers

PUBLIC RELATIONS

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Gary Corrigan

2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Morris

PHOTOGRAPHY

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Camillo Santomero

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Timothy Woodhull

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos

WEB SITE

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Roger Vincent, Mrs. John Redmon

2011 - 2013: Mrs. Roger Vincent, Mrs. John Ryan

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Marion Wyeth

2009 - 2013: 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 - 2013: 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
2011 - 2013: Mrs. John Redmon & Mrs. Clinton Kendrick

WAYS AND MEANS

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Clymer
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Daniel Ginnel
2011 - 2013: Mrs. Roger Stern

YEARBOOK

2007 - 2013: 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 - 2013: Mrs. Roger Vincent, GCA Historian
2011 - 2013: Mrs. John Redmon, Library Committee, Vice Chairman

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA JUDGES

Exhibitions

Horticulture

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

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