

Yearbook for 2022-2023  
BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB  
P.O. Box 708, Bedford, NY 10506  
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Future Slate  
For  
2023-2024

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(Terms expire June 2025)

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Virginia (914-482-1690)

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(Terms Expire June 2025)

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- **Bedford Court House Garden**

**Captain**

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- **Caramoor**

**Captain**

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- **Native Wildflower Garden**

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Diane Lewis: NAL – Vice Chair

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**MEMBERSHIP by CATEGORY**  
**2023-2024**

**ACTIVE**

Ahrens, A  
Ashley, R  
Baker, L  
Beitzel, Ma  
Beitzel, Mi  
Bickley, K  
Black, C  
Borner, C  
Bouyoucos, C  
Bowers, S  
Bresani, C  
Brescia, C  
Bromley, B  
Burke, S  
Cameron, B  
Catchpole, A  
Chase, J  
Clymer, L  
Conrad, E  
Corrigan, J  
Cote, S  
Cox, T  
Crowell, B  
Cushman, W  
Davis, P  
Dunst, N  
Edwards, T  
Fahey, H.  
Ferrall, S  
Finnegan, M  
Fisher, E  
Forrester, A  
Foulke, W  
Friedrich, M  
Frisbee, C  
Getz, G

**ACTIVE**

Ghriskey, L  
Ginnel, K  
Glascott, D  
Goodyear, C  
Gourd, D  
Grand, C  
Grand, E  
Grandy, M  
Harris, L  
Hennessy, L  
Horan, K  
Jacobsen, T  
Johnson, J  
Jones, C  
Kendrick, M  
Kroll, S  
Kronenberg, N  
Kunhardt, S  
LaMotte, U  
Langham, H  
Levy, N  
Lewis, D  
Longo, L  
Maier, E  
Manning, A  
Marrone, C  
Mas, C  
Mas, M  
Matthews, L  
Maybank, V  
Merrill, L  
Mitchell, B  
Morris, K  
Morris, V  
Pachios, A  
Paul, A

**ACTIVE**

Putnam, A  
Rault, C  
Redmon, V  
Regan, L  
Richardson, K  
Robinson, J  
Roos, S  
Root, D  
Ryan, C  
Sacks, B  
Santomero, D  
Stern, B  
Stewart, M  
Stiles, D  
Stockbridge, A  
Talbot, L  
Talty, A  
Tisi, B  
Vance, N  
Vincent, N  
VonAlthann, N  
von Rosen, A  
Walker, F  
Weissinger, J  
West, S  
White, C  
Whitney-  
    Goldman, L  
Winchester, T  
Wolfson, C  
Woodhull, D  
Worlock, D  
Wortmann, L  
Zinman, A

**AFFILIATE**

Babcock, L  
Conner, J  
Crater, S  
Israel, B  
Johnson, E  
Lines, M  
Montross, L  
Mossman, L  
Ocken, R  
Orme, M  
Polk, A  
Putnam, K  
Reynders, N  
Ross, W  
Tatnall, B  
Treadway, S  
Vail, M

**SUSTAINING**

Beatty, S  
Chace, H  
Ehrlich, S  
Espy, J  
Foster, T  
Jackson, L  
Kelly, S  
Kowitz, S  
McGarry, G  
Rice, C  
Tilt, M  
Tiné, L



ANNUAL REPORTS

2022-2023

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

**OFFICERS**

<u>President</u> .....	<u>Elizabeth Sachs</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President.....	Heather Langham
Corresponding Secretary .....	Leslie Regan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President .....	Emily Grand
Recording Secretary .....	Suzanne Bowers
Treasurer.....	Virginia Maybank

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Christine Frisbee  
Victoria Morris  
Marilen Tilt  
Cecilia Wolfson

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

2022-2023

Virginia Maybank, Nominating Committee Chair

REPRESENTATIVES AT GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA  
MEETINGS

GCA Annual Meeting  
*Pathways from the Palisades to the Pinelands*  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
April 29-April 30, 2022  
Beth Sachs, President

The Zone III Annual Meeting  
*TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS*  
Bedford, NY  
June 20-21, 2023  
Hosted by  
The Bedford Garden Club and the Rusticus Garden Club

Zone meetings are held every other year

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022-2023

It has been my great honor to serve as President of the Bedford Garden Club for the past two years and we culminated on an extraordinary high note, coinciding with our co-hosting of the GCA's Zone III leadership meeting. Entitled "Take Me Home Country Roads", the meeting was Co-Chaired by BGC members Heather Langham and Nancy Kronenberg in partnership with the Rusticus Garden Club, and whose dedicated meticulous planning for every facet of the 3-day event involved virtually every member of the BGC. Graced by three days of beautiful weather, 120 of our national and regional GCA members attended lectures, meetings, garden tours, private dinners, and an exceptional, juried flower Show.

The Flower Show, which was held in Bedford's Historical Hall and open to the community, was Chaired by Leslie Wortmann, and included a Horticulture Show Co-Chaired by Virginia Maybank and Tina Winchester, and a Photography Show, Chaired by Anita Stockbridge. BGC members Brett Cameron and Dana Worlock arranged flowers, arrays of myrtle topiaries and native wildflowers in tents on the Village Green where luncheons were held. BGC member Varner Redmon, overseeing our gardening volunteers, ensured that our Community Gardens were at their best.

An Art Show featuring botanical-themed paintings by BGC and Rusticus club members was curated by member Christopher Brescia at the Bedford Playhouse where lectures and meetings were held. A highlight of the gathering was an on-stage conversation between BGC members Joyce Corrigan and Martha Stewart followed by a curated tour of Martha's gardens, greenhouses and grounds, capped by a caviar reception in her horse barn.

The Zone III event was a great success and truly showed Bedford at its very best.

## **Special Projects**

This year saw the completion of a number of ambitious BGC projects which were begun in 2022.

Our new **BGC Website** was launched through the leadership of Nancy Vincent and was beautifully enhanced by images provided by Anita Stockbridge's Photography Committee.

A permanent **BGC Archive** was established at St. Matthews by our Historian Susan West, who streamlined over a century of club materials. **BGC institutional policies** were reviewed and updated including membership categories. A beautiful new **Cancer Center Garden**, envisioned and spearheaded by BGC member Cecilia Wolfson, and designed by Betsy Mitchell, was established at Northern Westchester Hospital. The garden, which features pollinator-friendly native plants and trees and specially designed, wheelchair-accessible furniture for patients, families and staff, was funded by last year's *Light My Fire* Benefit.

The Revival of a **Native Wildflower Garden** at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation was also successfully launched. The garden, which was originally dedicated in the 1950's to honor our BGC founders Eloise Luquer and Delia Marble, had fallen into a neglected state but was vividly reimagined and revived through the efforts of BGC members Varner Redmon, Betsy Mitchell and Susan Burke. Partnering with Westchester County Park's Taro Ietaka, and *Friends of the Trailside Museum*, the group expanded the garden's footprint, removed decades of invasives, cleared waterways, installed stone walkways, added new plant materials, and designed and ordered plant labels, rustic benches and a new bridge for the garden's 8,000 annual visitors.

## **Standing Committees:**

Our **Civic Affairs and Conservation Committee** Co-Chairs Ellen Conrad and Jayni Chase led members on another exceptionally stellar year. Working closely with the Bedford Audubon Society, they established native seedling programs; continued their public awareness campaign on invasives education and eradication; promoted legislative efforts leading to successful protections for Birds, Bees and Native plants; heightened community awareness on the dangers of plastics as



well as practical demonstrations on easy-to-implement plastic alternatives to use at home; and oversaw an “I Love My Park Day” at the historic John Jay Homestead.

The BGC continues to take great pride in the ongoing efforts of our **National Affairs and Legislation** Chair, Author and Physician Diane Lewis, to advance GCA’s national environmental policies.

**Floral Design** Committee Chairman Leslie Wortmann led a banner year of activities including Flower Arranging Workshops, the annual Bring Your Own Vase BYOV event, *Greensday*, tablescape with Brett Cameron consisting of lovely flowers and refreshments for each of our members meetings, and the unprecedentedly successful Zone III Flower Show.

**Garden History and Design** Co-Chairs Susan Burke, Wendy Cushman and Varner Redmon continued building on Varner’s original *Smithsonian Institution Historic Gardens Project*, documenting the local Gardens of Susan Burke, Denise Santomero, and Leslie Needham.

**Horticulture Committee Co-Chairs** Virginia Maybank and Tina Winchester teamed up to offer a highly popular series of hands-on workshops including: strategies for germinating seeds, forcing bulbs, tree planting and pruning, bee hotels, the annual plant exchange, and, with the Conservation Committee, a winter native seed-growing project for Bedford Audubon.

**Membership** Chair Cynthia Mas and her committee strategized ways to streamline our BGC membership categories and introduced one of the largest and most distinguished classes of new members to the BGC. Emily Grand welcomed these exceptional “**Seedlings**” with a special cocktail celebration, and garden visits including the annual visit to see the Stockbridge family’s Primroses.

**Photography** Chair Anita Stockbridge led her large, enthusiastic membership in field workshops and on-line critiques, the Zone III Photography Show and coordinated BGC member-submissions for our new Website.

**Programs** Co-Chairs Kim Morris and Michaela Beitzel arranged a series of wonderfully popular members programs which

included an Irish Gardens lecture and Whiskey tasting evening; Authors presenting new books on formal gardens, flower arranging, garden history and design; Storm King Art Center's native plants program, and a special community evening on *Ten Tomatoes that Changed the World!*

### **Special Committees**

**Awards** Committee chair Natica von Althann did an impeccable job identifying the contributions of key members and gave a brilliant presentation at our annual meeting.

Joyce Corrigan, head of **Communications** and our favorite reporter-at-large has kept us connected to local and national publications while being consistently cheerful and efficient; seeming to welcome every assignment.

Varner Redmon continued to Chair **Trips and Visiting Gardens** as well as lovingly guide BGC Volunteers in maintaining our **Community Gardens**: The Courthouse Garden, the Sunken Garden at Caramoor, the Sundial Garden at John Jay Homestead, and now the Native Plant Garden at Ward Pound Ridge. All of these efforts were enhanced by the expertise and dedication of Betsy Mitchell.

Cecilia Wolfson has ably overseen our **Grants and Scholarships** programs, stretching funds raised at last year's benefit to support diverse internships and exciting projects, including the new Cancer Center Garden which she created, in organizations throughout Westchester.

**Historian** Susan West, who this year re-discovered the original foundry casts for the Eloise Luquer GCA Medal and established the long-wished-for Permanent Archive, also launched the innovative *BGC History Minute* which has become a much anticipated and essential part of each of our regular member's meetings.

Our **Nature Series** continued; highlights included a visit to the Billion Oyster Project, Maple Sugaring, a woodland hike to see Spring Ephemerals; and a Spring Migration outing led by Bedford Audubon.

The **Yearbook**, superbly maintained by Liddy Baker, continues to be a vital information resource for our membership.

## **Club Administration**

Invitations to each of our club meetings and events have been elegantly designed and coordinated by **Corresponding Secretary** Leslie Regan and our Annual and Monthly Club Calendar has been thoughtfully designed and kept current by Tersey Regan. Special thanks go to our exceptionally talented **Recording Secretary** Susanne Bowers whose concise and eloquent Meeting Minutes capture the many exceptional contributions of our members.

**Treasurer** Virginia Maybank streamlined our Banking and Accounting procedures and oversaw the implementation of an online payment option on our new website which will simplify membership and event payments.

Finally special thanks to our **First Vice President** and now incoming President Heather Langham for her wise counsel, dedication and marvelous sense of humor and friendship.

Elizabeth Sachs

Today the President's Award, as perhaps is always so, goes to a very special and remarkable individual. Someone who has not only served this club for many years in various capacities but is an outstanding gardener, friend and human being as well. I call upon Virginia Maybank to please come forward and accept this recognition.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

2023

to

VIRGINIA MAYBANK

“Trusted advisor, loyal friend, dedicated gardener all with endless good spirit”

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR PRESIDENT

June 14, 2023

The tribute given to Beth Sachs at the annual meeting was fittingly a joint effort. Six members who have been brought closer and more active by Beth's inclusive and embracing leadership all stood to thank her. While the presentation was given mostly without notes, here are a few of our thoughts:

*Susan West* - Beth was a terrific President, and always so wonderfully kind. For this new Historian, she was never anything other than supportive, encouraging, and immediately responsive. Busy with the demands of her own job, she was still always available. Whatever I was able to accomplish, she is largely the one who made it possible.

*Cecelia Wolfson* - Dear Beth, your fierce support of my weekly out-of-the-box thinking, never went unappreciated. I am grateful to you for your unending support as a mentor, champion, mother-figure, creative individual and friend. Thank you for making my introduction to the Bedford Garden Club a true time of growth. I so valued your unflappable presence, chic Austrian "Trachten" coats, your elegant bun and keeping meetings to exactly 60 minutes.

*Leslie Wortmann* - Beth, thank you, for all of your leadership and guidance over the last few difficult years! You kept things going despite the shut downs and gathered us all together on zoom. And just when you thought you were out of the woods, a mishap on Block Island set you back. But you STILL continued to keep us on track. This brings to mind a favorite saying of mine "Calm seas does not a sailor make". You have proven yourself as a strong leader and helped the BGC thrive during difficult times. Thank you.

*Varner Redmon* - I want to thank Beth Sachs for re-introducing the Bedford Garden Club to the natural world, ex gardening through the Nature Series. We took a walk in Westmoreland to see Spring ephemerals, followed bird migrations in the spring, went maple sugaring, learned about re-wilding, old growth forests, lichen and moss, animal tracking, and, best of all, we

HOWLED with the wolves! Each and every Saturday morning was glorious!

*Susan Burke* - Beth congratulations you gave The Bedford Garden Club new life!

*Virginia Maybank* – Beth, you have brought so many new treasures to the Bedford Garden Club during your tenure that it is hard to name them all. An incredible and wildly successful fundraiser in the first few months of your tenure, the Nature Series, the rejuvenated Wildflower Garden at WPR, the garden at the NWH Cancer Center, the new website – so many accomplishments! You have shown us all how to choose lofty goals and work gradually and methodically towards them, how to celebrate everyone’s contributions and bring us all down the garden path! Thank you!

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING  
Columbus, Ohio  
May 21-24, 2023

Liza Clymer and I attended the Annual Meeting hosted by Zone X. I attended as BGC incoming President and Liza, in her role as Scholarship Zone III Representative. The meeting’s theme was "Where the Wild Things Are" - the meeting venue was the Hilton in the Easton Town Center and started on Tuesday May 23. That morning there were several optional workshops followed by an Awards Ceremony luncheon. The business meetings were held in the afternoon and featured panels and speakers Ruskin Hartley, CEO and Executive Director of The International Dark-Sky Association on “Rewilding the night: protecting our precious resource,” and former GCA scholar and landscape ecologist, Andrew Sell.

**The GCA Workshop for Club Presidents and Zone Chairs for Club Presidents and GCA Workshop for Zone Reps and Zone Chairs for Club Committees** were held the following morning. These sessions focused on innovative approaches to common club challenges and effective communication techniques. These small

group discussions were interesting and informative and I learned about how other Clubs operate. In the afternoon we attended the **Garden Tours for Club Presidents, Zone Reps, and Zone Co-chairs**. Attendees were treated to three “must see” gardens — The Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, The Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden, and Topiary Park. That evening, twelve members of the Little Garden Club of Columbus graciously opened their homes for a private dinner, each organized by Zone. Liza and I attended a lovely Zone III dinner in Bexley, a beautiful suburb of Columbus. The two days of meetings, speakers, touring, and socializing with new and existing friends was fun and enriching. One always leaves GCA meetings feeling inspired and connected to and impressed by the GCA.

Heather Langham, delegate

### ZONE III MEETING REPORT

June 20-21, 2023

TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS

Hosted by

The Bedford Garden Club and the Rusticus Garden Club

The 2023 GCA Zone III annual meeting took place on June 20 & 21, 2023; Bedford Garden Club and Rusticus Garden Club were Co-Hosts. We had 100 registered attendees including Zone III Club Presidents and Delegates and GCA leadership. The theme of our Zone Meeting was *Take Me Home, Country Roads* and Bedford Village was showcased as the venue. The Flower Show was held at Historical Hall, the Judges' hospitality at the Courthouse, the Business Meetings at the Bedford Playhouse, and the Awards Ceremony at GlenArbor Golf Club. Our venue included a charming hospitality and registration tent on the Bedford Village Green.

In addition to the Business Meetings and Awards Ceremony, our guests were treated to fabulous speakers, garden tours, and private

dinners in members' homes. The sun was shining on us and a wonderful, memorable time was had by all.

The Co-Chair and GCA Zone III Leadership team were:

Event Co-Chairs: Heather Langham, Nancy Kronenberg from BGC and Cathy Biddle and Melissa Fleming from Rusticus

Garden Club, Flower Show Co-Chairs: Leslie Wortmann/BGC

and Kerry Wilson/Rusticus Garden Club. Zone Leadership:

Pamela Sherlock, Zone Chair for Club Presidents and Julia Burke,

Zone Chair for Club Committees

Heather Langham, Event Co-Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT  
**The Bedford Garden Club**  
**Statement of Activity**  
**June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023**

Revenue	Total
Endowment Contributions	\$ 2,450.77
Interest Earned	\$ -
Membership Dues	\$ 24,813.06
Ways and Means	
Bi-annual Benefit Revenue, for Current Year	\$ 19,000.00
Greensday Revenue	\$ 5,980.00
Greensday Expense	\$ (4,333.94)
Total Greensday Revenue	\$ 1,646.06
Total Projects, Net	\$ 42.55
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 47,952.44</b>

Expenditures

5000 Operating Expenses

5010 GCA Expenses - Zone III Meeting 2023	\$ 26,052.33
GCA Dues Including Insurance	\$ 7,998.00
GCA Annual Meeting expenses	\$ 2,442.72
Zone III Reserve Fund Contribution	\$ -
GCA Horticulture Conference	\$ 900.00
NAL Conference	\$ 1,341.00
<b>Total 5010 GCA Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 38,734.05</b>

5020 Standing Committees

5110 Conservation/Civic Affairs Committee	\$ 313.78
5118.5 Branch Out	\$ 639.99
5120 Floral Design Committee	\$ 735.00
5130 Horticulture Committee	\$ 261.88
5160 Monthly Programs and Speakers	\$ 7,914.90
<b>Total 5020 Standing Committees</b>	<b>\$ 9,865.55</b>



5200 Special Committees	
5210 Awards	\$ 240.00
5213 Archives & Club History	\$ 454.35
5215 Hostesses	\$ 149.70
5219 External Communications	\$ -
5220 Internal Communications	\$ 346.21
Website	\$ 7,862.96
5223 Seedlings	\$ 1,506.19
5226 Yearbook	\$ 1,190.56
Total 5200 Special Committees	<b>\$ 11,749.97</b>
Total 5000 Operating Expenses	<b>\$ 60,349.57</b>

6000 Office/General Administrative Expenditures	\$ 166.00
Bank Charges & Fees	\$ -
Contractors	\$ 870.00
Financial Administration	\$ 384.70
Printing and Postage	\$ 182.24
Office Supplies & Software	\$ 189.90
President's Fund	\$ 936.17
Nature Series	\$ 1,550.00
Taxes	\$ 125.00
Total 6000 Office/General Administrative Expenditures	<b>\$ 4,404.01</b>

7000 Civic and Education	
7040 Internships	\$ 5,500.00
7050 Project Review	
2023 Funding Projects	\$ 4,500.00
WPR Native Plant Garden	\$ 28,512.69
NWH Cancer Center	\$ 10,979.04
Total Project Review	\$ 43,991.73

7080 Public Gardens	\$ 5,461.71
Civic Donations	
7010 Bedford Audubon	\$ 200.00
7012 Bedford Historical Society	\$ 250.00
7020 Marsh Sanctuary	\$ 250.00
7022 Mianus Gorge Preserve	\$ 250.00
7028 NY Botanical Garden	\$ 300.00
7030 Trailside Nature Museum	\$ 250.00
7034 Westchester Land Trust	\$ 250.00
7036 Westmoreland Sanctuary	\$ 250.00
7038 GCA 21st Century Fund	\$ 2,000.00
GCA Founders Fund	\$ 100.00
NY Committee of the GCA	\$ 250.00
WCC Native Plant Center	\$ 250.00
Total Civic Donations	\$ 4,600.00
Total 7000 Civic and Education	\$ <b>59,553.44</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 124,307.02</b>
Items Funded by Balance Sheet	
Transfer to Endowment	\$ 2,450.77
Transfer to Branch Out Account	\$ (639.99)
Transfer to Zone Meeting Account	\$ (25,000.00)
Transfer from Reserve Account for Website	
Funding	\$ (7,500.00)
Transfer to NHW Cancer Center Account	\$ (10,979.04)
Transfer to WPR Native Plant Garden	\$ (28,512.69)
Transfer to Waller Memorial -NAL Account	\$ (1,341.00)
Total Funded by Balance Sheet	\$ (71,521.95)
<b>Expenditures minus transfers</b>	<b>\$ 52,785.07</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (4,832.63)</b>

**The Bedford Garden Club**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of May 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

Chase Checking

Branch Out	\$ 8,330.64
WPR Wildflower Garden	\$ -
NWH Cancer Center Garden	\$ 19,020.96
WPR Wildflower Garden	\$ 8,127.31
Anderson Luquer Macomber	\$ 14,234.92
Charlotte Sturtevant	\$ 4,852.19
Endowment	\$ 56,136.72
Newell Memorial	\$ 7,567.32
Waller Memorial - NAL Fund	\$ 12,929.24
Zone Meeting Reserve	\$ -
Operating Account	\$ 10,674.55
Unassigned Funds	\$ 22,334.11

Total Chase Checking Account \$ 164,207.96

Other Accounts \$ -

Accounts Recievable \$ -

Accounts Receivable (A/R) \$ -

Total Current Assets \$ 164,207.96

**TOTAL ASSETS \$ 164,207.96**

**LIABILITIES \$ -**

**NET ASSETS \$ 164,207.96**

**The Bedford Garden Club**  
**Operating Budget**  
**June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024**

**INCOME**

Endowment Donations	\$	-
Dues ( all levels)	\$	25,565
Ways and Means (bi -annual)	\$	57,520
Funds to be set aside for 2024-25	\$	(23,260)
Greens Day (net)	\$	1,500
Net Revenue 2022-23	\$	5,000
Interest Income	\$	-
Total Income	\$	66,325

**EXPENSES**

**Operating**

GCA dues plus insurance	\$	8,150
GCA Annual Meeting	\$	2,500
GCA Zone III Meeting	\$	2,000
NAL Meeting	\$	2,000
Shirley Meuniece Conference	\$	-
Total Operating	\$	14,650

**Standing Committees**

Consevation and Civic Affairs	\$	750
Floral Design	\$	750
Horticulture	\$	750
Photography	\$	750
Programs	\$	7,500
Programs - Tech Support	\$	1,500
Garden History and Design	\$	250
Total Standing Committees	\$	12,250

Special Committees		
Archives and Club History	\$	500
Awards	\$	200
External Communication	\$	500
Website	\$	2,800
Internal Communications	\$	500
Hostesses	\$	300
Seedlings	\$	1,000
Trips and Visiting Gardens	\$	250
Yearbook	\$	1,500
Total Special Committees	\$	7,550
Office and Administrative Exp		
Contractors	\$	-
Bank Charges and Fees	\$	-
Legal / Professional Services	\$	1,250
Office Supplies and software	\$	300
President's Fund	\$	1,000
Nature Series	\$	1,000
Misc /Printing and Postage	\$	250
Tax	\$	125
Total Office and Admin	\$	3,925
Civic and Education		
Internships	\$	5,000
Project Review	\$	5,000
Public Gardens (WPR Native Plant Garden)	\$	10,000
Public Gardens (JJH and CH)	\$	2,500
Christmas Wreaths (Greens D)	\$	600
Total Civic and Education	\$	23,100
Civic Donations		
GCA 21st Century (4 of 5 yrs.)	\$	2,000
GCA Founders Fund	\$	100

GCA NY Committee	\$	250
Bedford Audubon	\$	200
Bedford Historical Society	\$	250
Marsh Sanctuary	\$	250
Mianus River Gorge	\$	250
Native Plant Center	\$	250
NYBG	\$	300
Trailside Museum (WPR)	\$	250
Westchester Land Trust	\$	250
Westmoreland Sanctuary	\$	250
Bedford Free Library	\$	250
Total Civic Donation	\$	4,850
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	66,325
Net Revenue	\$	-

RECORDING SECRETARY  
2022-2023

From September 2022 through June 2023, the Bedford Garden Club held nine membership meetings. All of these meetings were held in person. Each month the Executive Committee received and subsequently approved the minutes of their previous meeting. The business portion of the membership meetings were also recorded, and these notes were sent to President Beth Sachs for approval. All minutes (Executive and General Membership meetings) have been duly posted on the new Bedford Garden Club website by Nancy Vincent. This year the Bedford Garden Club is honored to co-host our Zone III Annual Meeting with the Rusticus Garden Club on June 20 and 21. Chaired by Heather Langham and Nancy Kronenberg, the entire membership of each club will work diligently to ensure that Bedford shines for this special event.

Suzanne Bowers

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2022-2023

From September 2021–June 2023 I was responsible for all invitations to members of The Bedford Garden Club. This includes monthly membership meetings (except in March, July and August), as well as a new Nature Series program, one Saturday per month. These invitations had to be ready to be sent out 3-4 weeks in advance, and reminders sent a week before the event. Attendance numbers were then given to the Program Chairs for their final planning.

Most invitations are sent via email through Paperless Post, with exception for two members who requested a printed version sent via the post office.

Handwritten correspondence was also part of my job whenever needed for unique communications such as thank you notes for received donations.

Leslie Regan

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Conservation and Civic Affairs Committee

2022/2023

This year the Conservation Committee focused on a number of different legislative efforts, at both the federal and state level. Projects included organizing two educational seminars: one on the pending Birds and Bees Protection Act in NYS Legislature and the second, led by Judith Encyk, ED of Beyond Plastics, on the Packaging Production and Recycling Infrastructure Act. Both pieces of legislation, if passed, will be much needed trend setters for restricting the use of neonicotinoids and reducing the use of plastics. Each seminar was open to all Zone III GCA members. The third lobbying effort was a successful campaign to urge Governor Hochul to sign a Proclamation declaring April as Native Plant Month.

#### **Invasives Removal**

We have also continued educating and engaging club members on the identification and removal of invasive plants. The summer began with site visits to 19 members' gardens led by Rod Christie and Budd Verveka of Mianus River Gorge to flag invasives. Those visits were followed up with an extensive report describing the invasives particular to each property, with instructions on best removal methods. In late spring, Budd led a workshop with homeowners and several local landscapers on the specific use of invasive removal tools, such as blow torches, herbicide dabbers, root removing devices, weed whackers and more.

#### **Native Plant Identification, Seed Sowing, Growing and Learning**

As a follow-up to the invasive removal project, the Conservation Committee worked jointly with the Horticulture Committee to educate and engage members on native plants options, especially to replace invasives. Hort led two winter workshops



demonstrating how to germinate native seeds during the winter and then how to “pick the seedlings out” for transplant to larger containers with the goal of planting the mature “plugs” in a founders’ plot mid-summer. BGC member, Beth Crowell has generously offered some of her beautiful land for a founders’ plot. The seeds produced by the native plants in the founder plot will be used to grow another generation of native plants during the winter of 2023.

This Spring we held two workshops, both with Mathew McDowell, the Wildflower Island Curator at Teatown, which is an education center located on a 1,000-acre nature preserve in Ossining, NY. The first workshop was a tour of the Teatown Wildflower Island and it was a magical opportunity to experience a woodland setting as it was before invasives or deer damage. Ephemerals were growing in profusion – lady slippers, white snake root, buttercup, American black elderberry, swamp marigold, native impatiens, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, native and oak leaf viburnum, highbush blueberry, Canada mayflower, star flower, cinnamon ferns, trout lily, trillium sessile, Donny rattlesnake, native roses, gentian, wild geranium, Solomon, Jacobs ladder, sensitive ferns, male berry, fringed polygala, hazelnut, creeping phlox, wild oats, columbine, fire pink, crested iris, pinkster bloom azalea, field pussytoes, black chokeberry, monkshood aka wolfsbane, witch hazel, twin leaf, and more. Later in the spring Mathew McDowell, led a workshop on “Rewilding – Gardening with Natives.” Mathew is an expert in regional native plants and ecological-based gardening. He discussed how to locate, grow and maintain some valuable natives such as early ephemerals, phlox divaricate penstemon digitalis and solidago speciose, among others.

## **Love My Park Day**

We worked together with our fellow Bedford GCA garden club, Rusticus, and Bedford 2030. After meeting on-sight with our club member, Emily Grand, the ED of the Friends of John Jay Homestead and the Park Director, Heather Iannuci, we established that there were three areas we could potentially make significant progress – a small apple orchard, the foundation of an historic building and a small grove of young trees that were being strangled by invasive vines. Early in the week, we removed fencing that surrounded each of the apple trees in preparation. We were lucky to have advice and help from Taro Ietaka, our Westchester County Park Recreation Supervisor, and deeply knowledgeable about invasives and natives management. Then on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Bedford 2030 brought their invasive removal tools and we had over 20 volunteers show up ready to work. Every one of our volunteers expressed great joy and satisfaction this project, working together we achieved even more than we had expected.

## **Conservation Showcase**

The Committee created a February showcase to teach our members how to be a “conservationist at home” by displaying non-toxic household cleaning products and a multiple of alternatives to the plethora of plastic in our homes. We had reusable glass spray bottles for mixing cleaners from concentrate; bamboo towels and sheets; kitchen and outdoor compost bins; tools for invasive removal (a blow torch, herbicide dabbers...); bamboo toilet paper; laundry soap sheets; dishwasher eco-tablets; glass and silicone food storage bags; organic cotton produce bags (for marketing and home); electric/battery operated gardening power tools (to dramatically lower air and noise pollution), and more.

In an effort to ensure meaningful action in our members' homes, we created a document with hyperlinks to websites for more explanation and purchasing information.

A slightly edited version of our showcase was presented to the entire Bedford community in April at the BGC booth as part of the B2030 Tree Forum event. The booth also had a beautiful display of native plants which inspired community members to sign two petitions, one in support of the Birds and Bees Protection Act (94 signatures) and the other in support of a Proclamation that April would be Native Plant Month in NYS (88 signatures). Our booth was hailed as having beauty and brains.

Jayni Chase and Ellen Conrad,  
Co-Chairs, Conservation and Civic Affairs

SANCTUARIES  
2022-2023

AUDUBON SANCTUARIES: No Report

BUTLER\_MEYER PRESERVE: No Report

**MARSH SANCTUARY:**

Marsh Sanctuary continues to grow and serve the entire neighborhood and greater community. Our fundraiser last year raised enough to reroof our historic stable and attached house. Our relationship with the Rewilding School is thriving and their programs continue to flourish and grow giving preschoolers through adults a wonderful introduction to and education about the natural world. We planted more trees donated by the Watershed Agricultural Council with the help of Fox Lane juniors on their annual Volunteer Day. The Community Garden continues to thrive. We are still looking to restore the stable and house on the Sarles Street campus.

Anita Stockbridge

MIANUS RIVER GORGE PRESERVE: No Report

**WESTMORELAND SANCTUARY:**

Westmoreland Sanctuary has continued to grow with a land acquisition of 28.8 acres of land at 815 feet above sea level, it is the highest point in Bedford. The Sanctuary is also building a 2,500 square foot Environmental Education Center that is schedule to be completed in December 2023. This Center will be heated and cooled with geothermal and have both a rain garden and greenhouse for native plant propagation. Three conservation highlights from this year include successful seed propagation of 50 American elm, an international red list endangered species, an increase of pink lady slipper blooms from 40 to 50 with a total number of 60 individual plants, and finally one-year successful trial of mountain laurel regeneration. In education we taught over 11,000 students.

Ann Paul

**National Affairs and Legislation (NAL)**

Zone III was very well represented this year at the Garden Club of America NAL meetings in Washington DC. We had representatives from almost all 23 clubs, there were 19 of us. It was BGC's Conservation and Civic Affairs committee that organized meetings with Senator Gillibrand and Senate Leader, Chuck Schumer. Senator Gillibrand offered each of us the opportunity to voice which of the GCA legislative issues meant the most to us, and why. It was an exceptionally vibrant exchanging of ideas, passions, facts and solutions.

Leader Schumer doesn't meet with visitors to the Capital, as the Leader he has to stay on the floor of the senate. He runs the agenda. But not only did he send a brilliant young aide to hear all of our concerns, he also popped in with a professional photographer and posed with all of us. It was a wonderful and very fulfilling visit for all of Zone III.

On the State level, we continued to work closely with Dan Raichel of NRDC to lobby our state officials to pass the Birds and Bees Protection Act, which will prohibit the use of neonicotinoid

coated seeds for corn, wheat, and soybean as well as non-agricultural turf and ornamental use. We've also been working closely with Judith Enck, founder of Beyond Plastics, lobbying our state representatives to bring the Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act to the floor in both the Assembly and the Senate, and to vote it into law. The advocacy process continues to be a significant learning experience, especially with respect to state advocacy. Jayni Chase and Ellen Conrad

**Branch Out!**

No Report

In 2022 - 2023 Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham collaborated with the Town of Bedford and Kevin Winn, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, on a street tree planting project that was funded by the Town. The street tree planting project was coordinated and phased with the installation of new sidewalks in the downtown area. The entire tree and sidewalk project was completed this spring.

Twenty-six new trees were planted in the Bedford Hills Hamlet, five different species selected by Nina Bassuk at Cornell for size, suitability to our urban location and ability to thrive in Structured Soil. Our intention is to give the new trees the best possible planting conditions and we selected trees that are most likely to grow strong and healthy. Replacing the monoculture of the honey locusts, we chose five different species to improve biodiversity and visual impact:

- 5 Syringa Reticulata - Ivory Silk
- 7 Maple, Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong'
- 4 Hawthorn Crataegus viridis, 'Winter King'
- 4 Pear Prunus x Tripoldei 'Chastity'
- 6 Tupelo Nyssa sylvatica 'Tupelo Tower'

Branch Out! initiated and funded the replacement of a Pin Oak (mutilated by the power company) in the heart of Bedford Village. The approval process included the Town of Bedford and Historic District Review Commission.

A 4-inch caliber Native Dogwood (Cornus Florida) was selected for the location below power lines. Branch Out! selected the tree and paid for it and the Town delivered and planted the tree. Branch Out! has had great success partnering and collaborating with the Town of Bedford and in particular Kevin Winn Commissioner, Department of Public Works and Chris Soi, Commissioner Parks and Recreation.

Heather Langham

**John Jay Homestead Sundial Garden and**  
**The Bedford Court House Garden**

Each spring we have a good turnout for our garden clean-ups. Each week, from June until October, garden club members visit each garden to water, weed and dead-head. Last summer we added group gardening days in each garden, specifically designed for newer garden club members. This summer (2023) we are planning to only have small group gardening days, with four or five members attending each session. We will have a gardening group visit the Court House Garden each week, and also tend to the Sundial Garden at John Jay Homestead, the Sunken Garden at Caramoor and our newest Wildflower Garden at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation every three weeks.

Here is our winter sign, designed by Robin Ashley, that we put up on the Court House garden fence again this year.



## **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation**

### **Native Plant Garden**

I want to talk a little bit about a fabulous new Bedford Garden Club project in a public park. The Executive Committee voted to allocate \$25,000 from our Endowment Fund for the renovation/reimagining/restoration of the Luquer Marble Wildflower Garden in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, and our wonderful BGC member, Susan Burke, has generously offered to match that amount. In addition, another wonderful member, Betsy Mitchell, native-plant gardens expert, has offered her invaluable services to this project pro bono!

In the fall of 2021, our president, Beth Sachs, was asked by Taro Ietaka, Westchester County's Director of Conservation and Education, if the BGC could help with restoration of the Luquer Marble Wildflower Garden behind the Trailside Museum in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Miss Luquer and Miss Marble were not only founding members of the BGC but were very active in the early 20th-century national conservation movement that led to the founding of the GCA. In our community, these two amazing women were instrumental in the formation of the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, in creating nature trails there, hiring a naturalist, building the Trailside Museum, etc. In 1957, as a memorial to these two wonderful women, the Bedford Garden Club donated the funds to create a Wildflower Garden behind the Trailside Museum. A beautiful stone bridge over a woodland stream was built and wildflowers were planted by our members. For many years, Bedford Garden Club members tended this garden, adding plants, pulling weeds, etc. In 1976, when the deer population explosion made gardening without a fence difficult, the BGC paid for what was then a state-of-the-art chain-link fence to protect the garden.

But the garden once again needed our help. We began the process of renewal, re-designing and restoring the Wildflower Garden at the Trailside Museum using current knowledge and best practices of native plant gardening, protection of insect habitats, and woodland management.

We removed a galvanized chain-link fence that surrounded parts of the original garden. We replaced this with a deer fence of 8' high field wire mesh galvanized and painted black. Native perennials and shrubs were planted for long-season interest and wildlife habitat. We re-designed the paths, created an additional entrance/exit to the garden, and plan to replace an unattractive wooden bridge and walkway.

The steering committee is interested in re-fashioning the garden as a Native Plant Garden, with the ultimate goal of developing a native-plant curriculum for the several thousand school children who visit the site annually.

This project will involve the whole garden club: Hort, conservation and Exhibition Chairs will work with eradicating invasives, sowing native seeds - a good fit for the GCA Olmsted Project. Last year, approximately 95,000 weekend visitors were recorded at WPRR.

We want the Bedford Garden Club to continue the work of its founders by making their wildflower garden beautiful again, so that it may inspire a new generation with a love of our native “flowers, birds, trees and shrubs.”

#### TRIBUTE to Miss Luquer at the original dedication of the Wildflower Garden

“ Miss Luquer desired to give to others, especially city dwellers, the opportunity to learn a love of flowers, birds, trees and shrubs, which she felt had been hers when she wandered, as a girl, over St. Matthew’s fields. This, together with her understanding of conservation, prompted her deep interest in a Nature and Trailside Museum. Miss Delia Marble shared her vision, and together they were instrumental in founding the Bedford Garden Club’s Nature Trail and Trailside Museum at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Her devotion, and Miss Marble’s to this project, and her unfailing faith in its future, have been largely responsible for its success.”

Varner Redmon



## FLORAL DESIGN COMMITTEE

2022-2023

Another exciting and eventful year in Floral Design! We kicked off our busy fall with a Seedling Workshop held in the Office of the Friends of John Jay Homestead. Six seedlings attended and flowers and containers were supplied by FD.

Our traditional BYOV was held on November 23 at my home. Flowers from East Coast Florist were conditioned and ready for arranging by a dozen members. A reasonable fee was charged. This year's Greensday was held on December 4th at the Westmoreland Sanctuary. Speaker, flower arranger and new author Cathy Graham presented a power point on her inspired work and stories from her new book. Community wreaths were decorated and distributed to NW Hospital, JJ Homestead, Bedford Clocktower, Katonah Community Center, Bedford Historical Hall and Westmoreland Sanctuary. Director Anne Paul and her crew were invaluable setting up our plant sale and lecture. For the second year in a row, Ken from Atlock Farm provided a beautiful topiary sale.

Members of FD provided tablescapes for membership meetings throughout the year. We have a very creative and talented membership!

The May Plant Exchange meeting was held at the home of Tina Winchester. We featured a small flower arranging challenge with four arrangers from FD. Flowers and containers were provided for each arranger. Wendy Cushman stepped in as a last minute judge. Liza Clymer walked away with the blue ribbon in a tight contest! This year, the Bedford Garden Club and Rusticus Garden Club are co-hosting the Zone III Annual Meeting and Flower Show on June 19/20 in Bedford Village. I am serving as co-chair of the Flower Show with Kerry Wilson from Rusticus Garden Club. Volunteers from both clubs will work together to pull off this beautiful, creative show!

Leslie Wortmann

## GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN

2022-2023

A quiet year!

- 1) Two gardens are in the works for documentation: Denise Santomero's Rabbit Hill and Leslie Needham's River Hills.
- 2) We also plan to continue our project to identify and map all of the 1920 gardens documented in the glass lantern slides in the original gift to the Archive of American Gardens.
- 3) All of the beautiful images of the 1920 gardens were made available to all BGC club members on our newly designed club website.

Varner Redmon

## HORTICULTURE

2022-2023

This year the Horticulture Committee concentrated our activities on preparing for the Zone III Meeting and Flower Show which we will co-host with Rusticus Garden Club on June 19-21, 2023. We began in the fall with a discussion and hands on demonstration of dividing perennials at the sundial garden at John Jay Homestead. Members worked together to divide some of the overgrown perennials and then were able to take treasured babies from the root divisions for their own gardens. We collected enough of these "babies" to grow on and give away at the Zone III awards dinner on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We repeated some of the most popular workshops again this year, forcing bulbs for winter flowering, dahlia digging, dividing and storage and winter sowing in milk jugs. Our spring workshops concentrated on seed growing and potting up. We are growing white annual flowers to decorate the Zone III hospitality tent – cosmos, nigella, cornflower and orlaya. At the Zone Flower Show, our committee will enter three plants for the plant exchange as well as four cut stems, one bouquet and two potted plant classes.

Below is the schedule for the Hort workshops for the year.

Date	Location	Subject
Oct. 2	JJH Sundial Garden	Demonstrate dividing perennial by root division

Oct. 26	Zoom	Bulb Forcing workshop for winter blooming
Nov. 2	397 Cantitoe St.	Dahlia's: Digging, Dividing and Storing
Jan. 25	397 Cantitoe St.	Winter Sowing in milk jugs
Feb. 9	413 Harris Rd.	Winter Sowing in milk jugs with native seeds, for founders plot
Feb. 22	413 Harris Rd	Best practices for forcing flower indoors of spring blooming shrubs, why we keep a garden diary and demonstration of structural pruning
Apr. 12	397 Cantitoe St	Best practices for seed starting, start white flowers for Zone III meeting. Demonstrate pricking out to larger pot.
May 17	413 Harris Rd	Seed pricking out and potting up demonstration again at the PX

It has been a busy and productive Horticulture year.

Virginia Maybank and Tina Winchester

## MEMBERSHIP

2022-2023

The Bedford Garden Club is thrilled to welcome ten new members. A wonderful slate, all ages, many talents and lots of different interests.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Andi Ahrens, Kim Bickley, Preston Davis, Karen Horan, Celeste Rault, Kimba Woods, Charlene Ryan, Debbie Stiles, Nicole Vance, Lothryn Whitney-Goldman,

### Resignations;

Caroline Niemczyk, Taylor Taylor

### Change Of Category:

Allison Bamford Active to Affiliate

### Deceased:

Polly Winans Finn May 7th 2023

Cynthia Branch Mas

## PHOTOGRAPHY

2022-2023

There was limited activity for the Photography Committee this year. Our speaker, William Abranowicz unfortunately had to cancel. The Zone III Flower Show Photography Division received two Judges Commendations for which we are very proud and our own Diane Lewis won Best in Show for her stunning photo of a monarch butterfly on a Joe Pye weed blossom.

Anita Stockbridge

## PROGRAMS

2022-2023

2022 and 2023 continued to be a busy year for the Programs Committee. We were fortunate to have great speakers and lively programs through the year. Below is a recap.

September 14,2022

Kick-off meeting at St. Matthew's- no speaker

October 6,2022

Bill Alexander, author of "Ten Tomatoes that Changed the World", spoke to our membership at an open meeting (public invited) held in the evening at Bedford Historical Hall. Bill sold copies of his books and refreshments were served.

October 12,2022

Our club had an "extra" very special meeting in the evening at Glen Arbor Country Club. Robert O'Byrne from the Irish Georgian Society spoke about Irish gardens and homes. Irish whiskey was served and the staff at GACC served an amazing spread inspired by the food of Ireland. Many thanks to Susan Burke who helped make this evening g happen.

November 16, 2022

We had made arrangements for Nola Anderson, author of "Immersion" - a Frederic Law Olmstead restoration project to come to Bedford to speak to our members. Sadly, Nola was sick with Covid and not able to join us. We still held our meeting at St. Matthews and sold all of the books we had purchased. It was

actually a great meeting with various heads of committees able to speak about what they are doing.

December 7, 2022 Greensday

Our annual holiday meeting was once again held at Westmoreland Sanctuary. We made wreaths for our community. We enjoyed a plant and gift sale that also included Ken from Attlock Farms with his beautiful topiaries.

We also enjoyed the charming and amusing author Cathy Graham who inspired our club with her power point presentation. Cathy brought books to sell and there wasn't a single copy left.

January 18, 2023

BGC and Rusticus Garden Club held a joint evening meeting at the Bedford Playhouse. A screening of "Rivers and Tides", a documentary about Andy Goldsworthy (a British sculptor) and his work was shown. David Collin, director of Storm King joined Joyce Corrigan for a Q and A, prior to the screening. The evening started with a lovely reception with food provided by volunteers of both clubs.

February 15, 2023

Membership Meeting held at St., Matthews. Our fantastic member, Betsy Mitchell, who is a talented landscape designer, spoke to us about the upcoming gardening season. With lots of time for questions we were all inspired.

April 19, 2023

Membership meeting was held at Susan Burke's charming barn.

We were fortunate to have author Catie Marron speak to us about her book- "Becoming a Gardener". Catie was a wonderful speaker and shared her presentation which included photographs by local photographer, William Abranowicz. We sold Catie's books at the meeting and refreshments were served.

May 17, 2023

Our annual Plant Exchange was once again held at Tina Winchester's barn. Members brought plants to share and Tina gave us a tour of her property.

June 14, 2023

Our annual meeting was held at Emily Fisher's Barn. Our Annual meeting is usually held at 11 with a formal tea, but due to the upcoming Zone Meeting that was held the following week, we decided to follow a simple format. It was a lovely meeting- awards were presented and Bedford Gourmet provided delicious refreshments.

Michaela Beitzel and Kim Morris

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### AWARDS 2022-2023

#### **Medal of Merit**

“Awarded annually by a member club (voted by Exec committee) for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of horticulture, conservation or civic achievement, or dedication and inspirational leadership...”

This year’s recipient is an accomplished gardener, horticulturalist and author and a tireless leader in the restoration and revival of four public gardens in the Bedford area. In partnership with Betsy Mitchell she spearheaded the restoration of the “Sunken Garden” at Caramoor. The recipient also proposed a new design and led the renovation of the Sun Dial Garden at John Jay Homestead and in 2010 she redesigned the Bedford Court House Garden creating a structured herb garden many of you help maintain today. Again, in partnership with Betsy Mitchell, this talented garden designer undertook the restoration of the Native Plant Garden at Ward Pound Ridge, a shade garden with a broad array of native plants which is also an important part of the park’s education program.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
proudly presents  
the Garden Club of America  
Medal of Merit  
to  
Varner Redmon**

“For her tremendous dedication to the design, restoration and maintenance of historical gardens in our community while educating simultaneously on the benefits of native plants”.

## **Golden Trowel Horticultural Award**

The Golden Trowel Horticultural Award is our club's horticultural Award given to a member who has shown exceptional interest and participation in horticultural activities. The award is to be presented on the basis of overall Club activity with particular emphasis on horticulture and consideration given to participation in club activities and exhibits.

This year's Golden Trowel Award goes to a person who has extensive knowledge of horticulture and gardening, is an active member and leader of our club and possesses impressive talents for flower arranging and design. What would Greens Day be without her leadership, her workshops and organizational abilities? What joy she brings us with her lovely entries in our Bedford Garden Club Flower Show and arrangements for the hostess tables! What magic has she worked as the Friends of John Jay Committee member overseeing the grounds and gardens at the Homestead? This is a member who is multi-talented from leadership to design, to teaching, to organization and always with smiles and good humor for all.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Golden Trowel Horticultural Award  
to  
Leslie Wortmann**

“ For her dedication, commitment and leadership on treasured club activities, her knowledge of gardening and horticulture and willingness to share it with us and for her talented contributions to horticulture initiatives and flower shows”.

## **The Oliver Memorial Award**

The Oliver Memorial Award, established in 1982 in memory of Katharine Starr Oliver, is a club award in the form of a silver bowl and citation. The Oliver Memorial Bowl is the Bedford Garden Club's opportunity to honor commitment, achievement and excellence. Past recipients represent the heart of our membership and are all women of great ability and dedication.



This member has repeatedly distinguished herself at the national and state legislative levels, promoting the importance of wise environmental stewardship, conservation and education of our leaders, the public and our communities to preserve our fragile planet. As Conservation and NAL Co-Chair, she communicated directly with Senators Gillibrand and Schumer to organize in person meetings for all Zone III delegates to NAL to discuss legislative efforts of concern to GCA. Her organization of zoom meetings for all Zone III members to learn about the dangers of plastic has resulted in a statewide effort to support the Packaging Reduction and Recycling infrastructure Act, an innovative and unique bill presently before the NY State Legislature. She has also mobilized both Bedford Garden Club and GCA Zone III members to support the Birds and Bees Protection Act which is also before the NY State Legislature. Her commitment and dedication know no bounds.


Our honoree also led the Invasives Removal Project with Mianus River Gorge, helping Rod Christie, the ED, conduct 19 property visits. She later organized “Love my Park” day at John Jay Homestead, bringing together many volunteers to help remove invasives. As if this were not enough, she was also the chief organizer of the Conservation Showcase held at St. Matthew’s to show our membership how to be a “conservationist” at home— illustrating exactly how to limit the use of damaging plastics and toxic chemicals and again showcasing the many techniques to remove invasives.

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Oliver Memorial Bowl  
to  
Jayni Chase**

“For her boundless energy and commitment to the health of our planet by educating our leaders, members and GCA community on critical efforts in conservation, environmental health and civic responsibility.”

## **The Winifred Macomber Award**

The Winifred Macomber Award recognizes “outstanding effort or achievement in the field of flower arranging and/or garden design.

This year’s award selection has an artistic twist. Flowers bring us beauty and joy with color and shapes that dot the landscape or fields of green. In flower arranging we let our artistic imagination take hold to create something new and pleasing. In both instances, they lift our spirits, especially in challenging times. Who among us did not break into a smile or countless smiles when we saw  Hearts of Love dotting the Bedford Green, the Bedford Cross, our front lawns and our roads and byways?

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
The Winifred Macomber Award  
to  
Liza Clymer**

“For her heart of gold in covering our public spaces with hearts of Love, especially during the challenging pandemic years in our community”

**The Bedford Garden Club  
Presents  
A Special Citation  
“It Takes a Village”  
To  
Nancy Vincent and the Group of Seven  
Christine Frisbee, Emily Grand, CC Marrone,  
Varner Redmond, Elizabeth Sachs, Anita Stockbridge**

“For their steadfast dedication to nudge us to the 21st century by creating a user friendly, accessible website, a resource center for environmentally healthy practices all available at the click of a button, real time”.

Natica von Althann

CLUB BOTANIST  
2022-2023

No Report

CORRESPONDENT TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA  
"BULLETIN":  
2022-2023

No Report

Joyce Corrigan

CUSTODIAN

2022-2023

B.G.C. INVENTORY

The Bedford Garden Club is in the process of moving somethings to St Matthew's basement this year. A more complete inventory is being prepared.

Meeting:

Clip Boards (8 x 10) brown	19 items	Tina Winchester
Wood Speaker's Podium		Tina Winchester
BGC Member Name Tags	2 boxes	Kim Morris

Display:

Lucite size frames (8x10)	15 items	Tina Winchester
Silver tone frames (8 x 10)	7 items	Tina Winchester
Silver Tone frames (8 x 10)	7 items	Tina Winchester

Archives:

BGC Club Histories

Volume I	103 copies	Tina Winchester
Volume II	102 copies	Tina Winchester
Volume III	103 copies	Tina Winchester
Volume IV	107 copies	Tina Winchester
Volume IV	50 copies	Virginia Maybank
Blue book inserts	25 extra copies, 2021-'22	Tina Winchester
Archives photo albums, videos, slides		Tina Winchester
Bessler Lantern – 1		Tina Winchester

Silver Tea Service: Tina Winchester  
Matching Sterling Silver Reed and Barton  
Hot water pot, heating element, stand for hot water pot  
Tea pot, pitcher, creamer, and sugar bowl  
Coffee pot  
Tray Monogramed, JHS  
Coffee samovar with lid inscribed from Newell to BGC  
Ivory Tablecloth (5 x 7)

Garden Equipment:  
“Do not disturb the Bugs” Winter signs Tina Winchester

Floral Design Hardware:  
Grey wood pedestals - 4 items  
14” top approximately 40” high Leslie Wortmann  
Atlas black cut flower buckets-  
various sizes - 4 items Tina Winchester  
Green display tablecloths -6 Virginia Maybank  
Coral display tablecloths- 8 Virginia Maybank  
Clear glass carafes 1 liter- 12 Virginia Maybank  
Clear glass cylinders / vases various sizes  
20 items- Virginia Maybank  
Metal urns 6” for flowerpots - 6 items Virginia Maybank

BGC’s GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE  
2022-2023

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS  
CRITERIA:

- 1.) Must be local
  - 2.) Stimulate knowledge and love of gardening
  - 3.) Involve Civic planting and Conservation
  - 4.) Use and/or protection of Native Plants
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During the 2022-23 year, the Bedford Garden Club awarded grants to Westmoreland Sanctuary and Bedford Audubon to

support their summer internship program. In addition, grants were also donated to two capital projects including an ongoing invasive project as well as a project to revitalize Northern Westchester Hospital's Cancer Center garden.

Located in the heart of Bedford, **Westmoreland Sanctuary** offers a natural, educational environment to engage in and learn about the Sanctuary's environs. Through hands-on field work, Westmoreland Sanctuary interns learned how to identify and weed invasive species, transplant, test water quality in ponds and lakes, lead pond ecology, animal care, and guided nature hike programs.

Located just North of the hamlet of Bedford is **Bedford Audubon** where an equally vibrant educational environment offers visitors to engage in their natural surroundings. This year's intern focused his work on the concept of "built environments" (which include both the garden and the preserve) and the ways in which people can positively impact ecosystems within such environments.

**Bedford Presbyterian Church** is continuing to think about its commitment to the environment (the care of God's creation) through various projects on its campus. **The pollinator garden** was installed at the entrance of the Church and to the right and left of the walkway. It is an excellent complement as we think about the variety of ways we can contribute to the ecosystems in which we live. The beds were prepared with the help of the Church's youth group. They planted black-eyed Susan, creeping flox, echinacea amongst other native plants from a seed mix at that time.

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Mitchell oversaw the design and replanting of the garden in the Spring of 2023 as well as new furniture for the garden. The project, which is as much as it is about patience and appreciating the process, was completed in June, 2023.

Please note! Reports for Westmoreland Sanctuary and Bedford Audubon reflect the year prior. 2023 summer intern reports will be reflected in the 2023-2024 Grant overview.

**CRITERIA:**

- 1.) Must be local.
  - 2.) Stimulate knowledge and love of gardening.
  - 3.) Involve Civic planting and Conservation.
  - 4.) Use and/or protection of Native Plants.
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During the 2022-23 year, the Bedford Garden Club awarded grants to Westmoreland Sanctuary and Bedford Audubon to support their summer internship program. In addition, grants were also donated to two capital projects including an ongoing invasive project as well as a project to revitalize Northern Westchester Hospital's Cancer Center Garden.

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for indicator species like the Brook Trout, as well as protecting IUCN Red List species like the American Elm.

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The Conservation and Civic Affairs Committee created a pilot project led by BGC in partnership with **Mianus River Gorge** to educate the public on invasive species, natives and the significance of biodiversity. In the first phase, we anticipate the participation by members of the Bedford Garden Club and interested landowners affiliated with Mianus River Gorge. The intern, hired by Mianus River Gorge, continues to work on organizing data collected from landowners as to existence of both invasive and native plants on their property, training of experts to perform site visits; and assistance in creating educational materials as to best practices for invasive removal and management; and assistance in identifying sources for effective disposal of invasive plants.

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Cecilia Wolfson

## HISTORIAN

2022-2023

Monthly “History Minutes” have been delivered at meetings and then posted on our web site. They have been well received, and have the benefit of informing members old and new of the continuity and significance of the Club’s efforts & achievements through the years.

After Beth’s call for donations for last month’s Archives Day, the Club has made major progress in gathering, organizing, and preserving our historic materials. Half are in storage at St. Matthew’s, and the other half are being reviewed, with decades of records on the Club’s programs being sorted and evaluated before storing them per GCA criteria.

The goal is to make the contents more useful to the Committee Chairs working in each area, such as the planting at NWHC, the Wildflower Garden at Ward Pound Ridge, the Sundial Garden at John Jay, care at the five sanctuaries, the Club’s multiple conservation initiatives, etc. We will also have a cumulative sense of the results of our fund raisers and Zone meetings. Finally, the work will give us further details on the work of Miss Luquer, Miss Marble, and Mrs. Waller, and we will have better organized & more complete membership records.

All the Club’s photographs and albums have been gathered for Varner and Nancy to review for digitizing over the summer. This will be especially crucial for our work in floral design, which is otherwise so difficult to document.

The perspective this work provides will be a foundation for good decision making in the future. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and look forward to further progress in the future.

Susan West

## HOSTESSES

2022-2023

During the 2022/23 year, I continued the Hostess Tablescape theme to encourage members of the Floral Design committee to volunteer to put together a themed tablescape to enhance our membership meetings based on the meeting topic.



Members usually worked in pairs and provided coffee, baked goods and an arrangement. Attendance varied from 35-55 members. An effort to limit use of disposable plastic utensils and cups was mandatory. Leslie Wortmann

NEW YORK COMMITTEE OF THE GCA

2022-2023

No Report

Susan Burke

POLICY

2022-2023

No Report

Elizabeth Sachs

PUBLIC RELATIONS

2022-2023

There was a flurry of media coverage in Bedford's Record Review during the Fall 2022 season. In early September, member Joyce Corrigan profiled another BGC member, Dana Worlock, floral designer creative force behind her Pound Ridge headquartered Hedgerow Flower Farm + Studio; the focus was on her creative process and her increasing incorporation of wildflowers and meadows into her landscape designs.

In early October, the Record Review covered the BGC-hosted author talk with William Alexander about his book *Ten Tomatoes That Changed the World* at Historical Hall. Joyce previewed the event with an interview with Alexander. Tomatoes, prized ornamentals since the Renaissance, were out in force at the book talk: highlighted by a glorious floral & tomato arrangement by member Ginger Getz

Later in October Joyce covered the re-imagining of the Bedford Free Library's garden by renowned landscape designer and author Page Dickey. While the garden renovation was a Rusticus Garden Club Project, credit was given where it was due: the Library itself

was founded in 1902 by none other than Eloise Luqueur, botanist, botanical illustrator and, of course, a founding member of the Bedford Garden Club in 1911.

In 2023 our media coverage has been defined by Live Events. In January, then President Beth Sachs arranged for Bedford Playhouse event where we hosted the creative team behind the Storm King Art Center the open-air museum located in New Windsor, New York. Joyce Corrigan moderated a discussion with David Collens, former director of Storm King and Mike Seamans, the current Director of Facilities. Storm King not only contains the largest collection of contemporary outdoor sculptures in the US but is also an extraordinary arboretum filled with spectacular specimen plantings throughout. Curating the trees, plants and native grasses is arguably as big a job as installing the 200 lb steel sculptures. Our Playhouse talk was in anticipation of a BGC Visit to Storm King which alas was postponed twice due to inclement weather. Surely it will happen in the coming year!

Speaking of Live Events, after more than 2 years of intense preparation, the BGC and Rusticus hosted the long-awaited Bedford Village - based Zone III meeting June 20-22 and, on every front, scored a major victory. In their June 16<sup>th</sup> issue The Record Review ran a cover story previewing the event---with the 4 chairs, BGC's Heather Langham and Nancy Kronenberg and Rusticus' Melissa Fleming and Cathy Biddle on the cover in Melissa's spectacular blossoming cherry tree garden. The RR reporter interviewed Leslie Wortmann and Kerry Wilson who spearheaded the super successful Flower Show which was open to the public.

On Tuesday, June 21, "live" at Bedford Playhouse, the Zone III meeting included Joyce Corrigan interviewing BGC Member Martha Stewart about her unparalleled Cantitoe Corners, which she has been "growing" for 21 years. Martha prepared a slide show of photos chronicling the garden's evolution. Following the talk, the Zone III representatives were whisked off to Martha's for

a tour of the real thing! The 45 minute chat was also recorded by Martha Stewart's team. And she included it on her June themarthablog.com Joyce Corrigan

SEEDLINGS  
2022-2023

The Seedling year began with a Seedling Welcome and Flower Arranging Workshop at John Jay Homestead, expertly organized by Leslie Wortmann. In October, Virginia Maybank welcomed the last year's Seedlings to attend her dividing workshop. In November, they enjoyed their first BYOV in barn. Finally, in December, last year's Seedlings enjoyed their first Greens Day and plant sale. In March (earlier in the year than before), Membership Chair, Cynthia Mas, presented the prospective new members to the Executive Committee who voted on their membership. The new Seedlings are:

**Andi Ahrens:** Proposer: Kate Ginnel, Seconder: Mary Beitzel  
A native of Metamora, Illinois, Andi moved here with her husband Gus Ahrens, a Bedford native. They have three young children. In her early career, she was an advertising exec at Oglivy & Mather. Once in Bedford, she has applied her talent and go-getter work ethic to volunteering both with the St Matthews Parents pre-school association President and the advisory board at the Bedford Library. Well-known as a kind and generous friend, she also spends much of her free time chairing school fundraisers and events at St Matthews Pre-school and BVES. Relatively new to gardening, she is making it a priority to learn whatever she can.

**Kim Bickley,** Proposer: Carol Bouyoucos,  
Seconder: Kim Morris  
A Bedford resident for thirty years, Kim grew up in Chappaqua and graduated from Skidmore College. She and her husband Ian raised two daughters here as well as in Key Biscayne and the Hamptons. When they were school age, Kim was a Board Member at Village Green Nursery School and later an active volunteer at BVES. For the last 6 years she managed all aspects of her daughters' fashion blog/influencer business. As gardening has

always been a passion, she is very keen to get involved in the BGC.

**Preston Davis**, Proposer: Wendy Cushman,

Secunder: Ginger Getz

A longtime member of Locust Valley's North Country GC, Preston was forever active on committees. Her outstanding talent has been recognized multiple times by the GCA: she's won two GCA show ribbons, including a blue at Rye a few years ago; in 2019 she was also tapped to join the team in revamping the GCA magazines. Preston has had a brilliant career in fashion, as an editor at Vogue and Harper's Bazaar and later as a model casting director for runway shows for Louis Vuitton with Marc Jacobs, and Chanel with Karl Lagerfeld. Currently she does a popular blog called Keep It Chic. Three years ago, Preston moved to a Greenwich Road property and has enjoyed doing extensive landscaping. She looks forward to bringing her many talents to the Garden Club.

**Karen O'Callaghan Horan**, Proposer: Storrs Coté

Secunder: Ginger Getz

A Bedford native and daughter of long-time member, the inimitable Wendy Cushman, Karen, her husband and three children now live in Katonah. Karen attended Rippowam Cisqua before graduating from Ethel Walker and Ohio Wesleyan. After working in publishing for a decade, she was co-owner of a party business in Greenwich. She also found time to teach Kindergarten at Ripp for six years. Karen brings great energy and experience with the culture of many storied clubs, including Bay Head Yacht Club in Bay Shore, NJ and the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club. Now an empty nester, this real "doer" feels it's an ideal time to dig in to the BGC.

**Celeste Rault**, Proposer: Liza Clymer

Secunder: Elizabeth Maier

Celeste and her husband Joe and their four children have been weekendening Bedford at their iconic Middle Patent Farm for twenty-eight years. Her daffodils at her Middle Patent Farm estate are a sight to be seen! Her two passions are Floral Design and Civic involvement, and she cannot wait to jump right in to the

BGC. Now more of her time is spent in Bedford with the third generation. They too love and appreciate the beauty of Bedford enjoying the change of seasons and watching the gardens go through their cycles.

**Kimba Wood Richardson**, Proposer: Emily Grand

Secunder: Ellen Conrad

Kimba and her husband Frank Richardson moved to Maple Ave in 2005. Cross River House is one of the great estates in Bedford with exquisite gardens: Kimba has generously donated thousands of her celebrated peonies to John Jay Homestead for its annual fundraising On the Farm Dinner. Kimba sees her garden as a place to gather and share with her friends. A longtime partner at international law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, Wood was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to a seat on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Now enjoying Senior Judge status she is grateful for the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of the BGC.

**Charlene Ryan**, Proposer: Brett Cameron

Secunder: Christina Bresani

Char is a graduate of Exeter, Georgetown and McDonough Business School and has been a partner at CCP Strategies private equity. Since moving to Bedford in 2009, she has volunteered as treasurer for the Board of Rippowam Cisca; together with her husband Dan and two children they have been members of BGTC and Waccabuc. She adores tending the flower and vegetable gardens at her home but also thrilled to grow her knowledge of horticulture and flower arranging with the BGC.

**Debbie Stiles**, Proposer: Ellen Conrad

Secunder: Natica von Althann

After an impressive legal career, first as a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton and most recently as a Vice President for Columbia U's Research Operations and Policy, Debbie is looking forward to retiring this Spring to pursue other interests, prioritizing gardening. New to Bedford after years in Greenwich, Debbie has immersed herself in volunteer work, specifically at St Matthews where she is a lay reader at Sunday services, as well as an active member on both the Music and Bedell Committees. Debbie's

passion for music also prompted her to join the board of Caramoor where she lends her skills on the Governance Committee. With a particular interest in conservation, Debbie is a supporter of the Westchester Land Trust, volunteering as a Climate Ambassador. She is a member of the Bedford Golf & Tennis Club and an avid golfer.

**Nicole Vance**, Proposer: Cecelia Wolfson

Seconder: Heather Langham

A native of Bedford and graduate of Rippowam Cisqua and John Jay High School, Nicole and her husband Carter moved back to the area ten years ago and settled on Pine Brook Road. They have two daughters. Animal rescue has been a long-standing passion and not only does Nicole support A New Chance Animal Rescue (ANCAR) in BH, which houses medical foster dogs until they are ready for adoption. In June 2022, she also worked with ANCAR on the Gala committee on their annual fundraising event at Glen Arbor. Nicole is a born community connector, often hosting events with the innovative oHHo in Bedford Village, a cannabis and wellness company. With her children currently at boarding school she looks forward to volunteering with the BGC and learning everything there is to know about gardening.

Emily Grand

### VISITING GARDENS

2022-2023

We had a quiet year, transitioning to a new Visiting Gardens Chair, Cynthia Mas. She has planned a very exciting BGC Member's Garden Tour; we will be visiting Deidre Glascott, Virginia Maybank and Audrey Zinman's gardens on Monday, July 26. At least seventy people are expected!

Varner Redmon

### WAYS AND MEANS

2022-2023

No Report this year

## WEBSITE - INTERNAL CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

2022– 2023

In early 2021 President Beth Sachs encouraged BGC to create a more vibrant and professional website with a public presence. Emily Grand offered to help me, Nancy, as she had had experience with the Friends of John Jay Homestead. Christine Frisbee, a rather new member, also offered her experience and help. And so, it began.

The initial tasks went as follows: Emily created a questionnaire to determine our BGC members' expectations; Nancy studied the parameters for websites on the GCA website, talked with other Zone III clubs whose websites had appealing public pages, and created an RFP which was sent to two recommended, professional website developers.

Having completed the questionnaire, Emily needed to refocus on her "day job"; Beth Sachs jumped in to fill the void. Of the two designers, Beth was definite that our choice should be Maureen Winter, who had designed websites for Millbrook and Rusticus Garden Clubs as well as one for Marsh Sanctuary whose website was created by two BGC members, Anita Stockbridge and Heather Langham. The fact that Maureen used the Weebly platform was an added benefit as our original website developed by Varner Redmon used the Weebly Platform, a familiar one.

A website name was decided on and several were registered with GoDaddy: thebgc.org, bedfordgardenclubny.org and bedfordgardenclub.com. The price for thebgc.com shot to the sky and we abandoned registering it. In the end we used both thebgc.org (Members site) and bedfordgardenclubny.org (Public site). Maureen Winter with technological ingenuity made two separate websites, seamlessly joined, to enable the functionality we desired.

Our progress was slowed by a lack of an official document to prove our club's non-profit status. Without it we could not register with TechSoup for significant discounts. Liddy Baker remembered the details of the Club receiving the non-profit status in 1996 and filled out the request for a copy of the original letter.

Finally, with the help from our congressman's district office, we succeeded in obtaining this important documentation.

When CC Marrone, a brand new 2022 member, heard of our website development efforts, she immediately offered us her help as a professional in branding organizations. This was not just an interesting exercise but was a help in focusing us on the essence of our club as we attempted to incorporate this attribute into our website.

Beth Sachs developed a formula for each committee chair to follow in describing a committee. In mid-September Varner Redmon agreed to join the website team. She stepped in, and from then on Maureen, Varner and Nancy spent many agreeable hours deciding on visuals and developing content. Chris Frisbee democratically chose photographs and Anita Stockbridge was enormously generous in offering photographs for the many headers, almost one per page.

The official launch was at our membership meeting in February. *Do remember a website needs constant updating. We are seeking one or two members who might like to join our team.*

It was definitely a huge group effort! Debbie Gourd has been a constant aid in proofreading the website and all the Constant Contacts and Email Blasts, over 40 in all.

Nancy Vincent, Varner Redmon, Debbie Gourd

## YEARBOOK

2022-2023

Yearbooks will be available on the new Bedford Garden Club website in September. A few printed versions will also be available. This year the committee heads were much more timely in writing up their committee's activities for the past year. The president must tell her committee heads that this is another of their chores. This becomes our documented history.

As any contact information changes, please inform our web mistress, our membership chair and your yearbook editor.

Liddy Baker



## IN MMORIAM

Polly Harrison Winans Finn

April 12, 1925 – May 7, 2023

“Almost heaven...” sings John Denver, and this is exactly how Polly Winans Finn, our oldest and longest serving Club member, described her childhood in Bedford on Harris Road. His phrase “Life is old there” certainly rang true, as there was water only if it was carried from the pond, a single tub for all in the kitchen, and a congenial two-seater privy “with lots of magazines”<sup>1</sup> in the woods. Polly delighted to show its wonders to her “fancy little friends from the City”<sup>2</sup> when they came to visit. There was also a spring-fed pond with the raft she and her brother made from barrels lashed under an old barn door. There were trees to climb, and places to explore, very similar to how Marilen described Mrs. Waller’s childhood at nearby Tanrackin Farm.

“Country roads, take me home to the place I belong” was Polly’s lifelong refrain, the background for the Victory Garden Cannery organized by her mother during the Depression. Polly worked there as a girl and described the experience as part of a wonderful and comforting routine, which provided a sureness that gave children confidence during a time of great uncertainty.

Her childhood home began as just a weekend and summer place. Her family would head back to the City with the trunk of the car loaded with flowers and plants and her father complaining, “Why do we have to bring the country in?”<sup>3</sup> even as he worked a garden larger than an acre while singing hymns and growing 37 vegetables<sup>4</sup>. Although too young to have had the “Misty taste of moonshine” in Denver’s song, Polly remembered Prohibition, describing how the Embassy Club on the Armonk Road turned into a speakeasy at night<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Interview with Polly Winans Finn by Bedford Historian John Stockbridge on April 28, 2020, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Loc. cit.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid. p.22.

<sup>4</sup> Loc. cit.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. p.28.

She went to Village parades and celebrated Independence Day at the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club, where her father had started the fireworks. It began with the minister reading a prayer, then part of the Declaration of Independence was read, with the fireworks finally coming after dark. “We were aware of the reason why we were there.” Polly said. “It wasn’t just a lovely summer party with fireworks. We knew what it was about.”<sup>6</sup> Denver’s lyric “All my memories gather round her” was never more precious than at this event, the highlight of summers in Bedford.

As the years went by, bigger roads intruded slowly and insistently in life on Harris Road. Polly watched the Saw Mill Parkway creep north from Hawthorne Circle, and then Interstate 684 barreled relentlessly through rural acres. Although her father tried to tame the Interstate by using it as a dirt running track as it was being built<sup>7</sup>, the disruption was clear. Forces of change were at hand, and surely fortified her devotion to the town planning and conservation work of the Garden Club, where she served in virtually every area as an officer, Committee member, and delegate. She was Assistant Treasurer, Hort Co-Chair, Programs Chair, Second V-P, Admissions Chair, Nominating Chair, Historian, liaison to the GCA Endowment Fund Committee, delegate to the GCA Annual Meeting, the Club’s speaker on Labiatae (thyme) in 1992, and, of some interest to us at the moment, our delegate to the 1967 Zone III meeting. Phew! But such a list says nothing about the quality of her contributions. It’s never what you do as much as how you do it. Polly wore her heritage consciously and proudly but lightly. There was never any hint of pretense about her. She inflected what she did and who she was with tremendous warmth, zest, humor, and flair. She knew what was really important to her and her neighbors whose lifetimes were spent on Bedford’s country roads, and felt the

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<sup>6</sup> Ibid. p.12.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid. p.9.

values that “Harris Road” stood for had become threatened. Initially dubbed “Harris Street” by our first Town Fathers to identify a path through the wilderness, rural values in her time had become diminished by encroaching urban lifestyles. Her mother, in opposition, persuaded the Town to emphasize its rural character by minimizing its significance. It was not a street, just a road. It was this rural character that Polly celebrated throughout her life. Next week, as we gather for our Zone III meeting, listen carefully. If you do, you may hear her beautiful soprano voice singing “Take me home, country roads.”



**NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA**

**MEDALS**

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

**GCA FLOWER SHOW AWARDS**

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

## **GCA FLOWER SHOW AWARDS, con't**

- 2007 Dorothy Vietor Munger Award – Mrs. Roberto Buaron  
2018 Dorothy Vietor Munger Award – Mrs. Carol Rice &  
Mrs. Wendy Cushman

## **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  
2013 Virginia Maybank and Heather Langham

### **Zone III Conservation Award**

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

- 1962 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  
2016 Mrs. Blair Lewis, MD  
2018 Mrs. Ellen Rouse Conrad

### **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
- 2014 Bedford Garden Club at the 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.

### **GCA Medal of Merit**

1962	Mrs. Arthur W. Butler
1962	Miss Helen Clay Frick
1966	Mrs. Donald W. Marshall
1969	Mrs. William Botzow
1972	Miss Dorothy H. Hinit
1973	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1979	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1983	Mrs. Ronald R. Atkins
1989	Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
1996	Mrs. Bradford M. Purcell
1998	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.
2000	Mrs. Roger B. Vincent
2010	Mrs. Winthrop Conrad
2011	Mrs. Philip Bowers
2020	Mrs. John Milnes Baker
2023	Mrs. John Redmon

### **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	2004	Mrs. Louis B. Harder
1998	Mrs. William S. Miller	2011	Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos
1999	Mrs. John B. Babcock	2012	Mrs. John Morris
2001	Mrs. Peter Ehrlich	2014	Mrs. John Redmon

### **GCA Civic Improvement Award**

2010 Mrs. John Redmon

### **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 Commendation**

Awarded to non-GCA members or an organization, for excellence in the field of horticulture in the community.

2020 The Bedford Audubon Society

### **GCA Horticultural Achievement Certificate**

Awarded for excellence in the field of horticulture

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

### **GCA Years of Service Certificate**

2020	Elizabeth M. Baker	2021	Didi Woodhull
2020	Mary Kendrick	2021	Linn Jackson
2021	Carole Rice	2021	Virginia Maybank
2021	Gilda McGarry	2021	Charlene Mitchell
2021	Nonie Reynders	2021	Mary Adams Lines
2021	Liza Clymer	2021	Laura Lee Montross
2021	Ann Catchpole	2021	Nancy Vincent
2021	Susan West		

## **THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

### **Winifred Macomber Awards**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Vol. 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
2014	Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos
2019	Mrs. Robert Cushman & Mrs. Steven Rice
2020	Lindsey Matthews and Leslie Wortmann
2021	Sarah Kowitz
2022	Betsy Mitchell
2023	Liza Clymer

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

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

2007	Mrs. Thomas Trotta
2008	Mrs. Paul Matthews
2009	Mrs. Coleman Burke
2010	Mrs. Matthew Ocken
2011	Mrs. Josh Levy
2012	Mrs. James Glascott, Mrs. William Gourd
2013	Ms. Alexandra Forrester
2015	Mrs. Joseph Maybank
2016	Mrs. John Stockbridge
2017	Mrs. Joseph Maybank
2018	Mrs. Robin Ashley, Carol Bouyoucos, Anita Stockbridge
2019	Mrs. Ian Winchester
2022	Mrs. John Redmon
2023	Leslie Wortmann

### **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
- 2012 Mrs. Bryce O'Brien, Mrs. Jeremy Pinchot
- 2013 Mrs. John Gerard Finnegan
- 2014 Mrs. Norman Selby, Mrs. Philip Bowers, Mrs. Howland  
Robinson
- 2015 Mrs. Stephen Morris
- 2016 Mrs. Robert Clymer
- 2017 Mrs. John Redmon
- 2018 Mrs. Deirdre Glascott
- 2019 Mrs. Peter Ehrlich & Mrs. Robert Finn
- 2020 Marilen Tilt
- 2021 Daphne Root
- 2022 Susan Burk
- 2023 Jayni Chase

### **Conservation Award**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Vol. 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

### **Conservation Award (con't)**

- 2011 Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Joseph Maybank
- 2014 Mrs. Blair Lewis
- 2015 Mrs. Eric Kronenberg
- 2016 Mrs. Linda Merrill
- 2018 Mrs. Jayni Chase
- 2019 Mrs. Andrew Roos
- 2020 Ellen Conrad and Jayni Chase
- 2020 Heather Langham, Virginia Maybank and Emily Grand

### **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
- 2012 Mrs. Stephen Lines
- 2013 Mrs. Philip Bowers
- 2014 Mrs. Paul Matthews, Mrs. John Stockbridge, Mrs. John Redmon Ms. Ann Catchpole, Mrs. John Finnegan, Mrs. Steven Rice, Mrs. Stephen Lines, Mrs. William Foulke, Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos, Mrs. Linda Merrill, Mrs. Timothy Paul, Mrs. Roger Vincent
- 2015 Mrs. Philip Bowers
- 2016 Mrs. William Gourd
- 2017 Mrs. John Baker
- 2018 Mrs. Heather Langham
- 2019 Mrs. Samuel Sachs
- 2020 Joyce Corrigan
- 2021 Denise Santomero
- 2023 Virginia Maybank

## **THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

### **SPECIAL CITATIONS**

(For earlier years see Bedford Garden Club History – Vol.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.”

### **SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)**

- 2008 -Allison Bamford, Kate Ginnel, Dierdre Glascott, Rachel Ocken and Adele Talty “for fulfilling oof 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.”
- 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.”

### **SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)**

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.”
- 2012 -Varner Redmon “For her generosity, creativity, thoughtful and thorough knowledge of Garden History and Design”
- 2013 - Lindsay Matthews and Beth Stern “For their faithful dedication to the Club and for successfully orchestrating our Annul Cocktail Party and Auction that raised extraordinary funds for our on-going community projects.”  
- Nancy Kronenberg “For her brilliant organization of the Tree Symposium, and her commitment to the conservation and preservation of Bedford”.  
- Adele Talty “For her superior organizational skills as leader of hospitality, and her enthusiastic spirit and boundless energy.”  
- Ann Catchpole- Howell “For her infectious love of gardening, her expertise, and passion for sharing it with members.”  
- Alexandra Forrester, Nancy Kronenberg and Linda Merrill “For fulfilling our vision of an exemplary Seedling class.”
- 2014 - Joyce Corrigan “for her eloquent words and creative communication skills.”



### SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)

- 2014 - Nancy Vincent “for her enthusiasm, knowledge and resourceful talent in co-producing a video promoting and explaining the purpose of the Garden Club of America.”
- 2015 - Cynthia Mas “For her effort, ability and energy in co-chairing the 2015 Fundraiser and therefore insuring its success.”  
- Anita Stockbridge “For her constant dedication to the club and its mission, especially for her efforts in making the 2015 Fundraiser a huge success.”
- 2015 - Liza Clymer “For her loyal commitment to the club and especially for producing an outstanding Silent Auction for the 2015 Fundraiser.”  
- Deirdre Glascott “For her strong organizational efforts for the benefit of the 2015 Fundraiser.”  
- Lisa Ghriskey “For her most diligent efforts in creating a delicious menu for the members’ enjoyment at the 2015 Fundraiser.”  
- Liz Hallock “For her contribution of time and energy to the Club in insuring the success of 2015 Fundraiser.”  
- Lynda Morris and Holly Warshaw “For their outstanding and greatly appreciated efforts in the capacity of Head Hostesses, constantly providing the Club with delicious sustenance.”  
- Robin Ashley “For her outstanding efforts and exuberant energy with regard to the coordination of the silent Auction for the 2015 Fundraiser.”
- 2016 - George Schoellkhoff “For hosting us at Hollister House and sharing his knowledge with us as a speaker”  
- Bonnie MacDonald “For her dedication to Road Clean-up over the years”  
- Kerry Wilson “For her assistance with the preparations for the annual meeting in 2015”

## SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)

- 2016 - Susan Burke, Melissa Orme, Vickie Morris and varner Redmon “For their individual and collective talents across many years”
- 2017 - Kim Morris, Allison Pachios, Brett Cameron and Emily Grand “For their outstanding efforts on the John Jay Founders’ Dinner”  
- Adele Talty “For keeping us informed and delighting us with her beautiful invitations”  
- Joyce Corrigan “for delivering high quality programs and speakers”
- 2018 - Daphne Root “ For her constant loyalty ... for 40 years of constant dedication.”  
- Sarah Kowitz “For her outstanding generosity in sharing her grand home with our members.”  
- Nancy Vincent “For her hard work on our BGC website and with Constant Contact.”  
- Heather Langham, Cynthia Mas and Leslie Wortmann “For their untiring efforts to organize and produce the enormously successful 2017 Flower Power Fundraiser.”  
- Robin Ashley “For her “can-do” attitude in taking on any task required.”  
- Carol Bouyoucos “For her sublime design talents, technical know-how and her ability to share her magic at a moment’s notice.”  
- Lisa Ghriskey “For her beautiful Flower Power artwork used as the event logo and for her generous donation of her artwork.”  
- Beth Sachs “For her gracious hospitality and impeccable taste as she provided the backdrop for our amazing evening.”  
- Denise Santomero “For her culinary wizardry in transforming the standard buffet into an epicurean wonder.”

### **SPECIAL CITATIONS (con't)**

- 2019 - Robin Ashley and Dana Worlock “for the new look and overwhelming success of the 2018 Greensday Boutique.”  
- Dierdre Glascott and Beth Stern “for creating and serving Celebratory Cocktails at our Fundraiser.”
- 2020 - Janet Robinson “for her incredible work in motivating the membership to attract a most talented, energetic and numerous new Seedlings this year. A get-to-know-you Cocktail party, held just before the eruption of Covid, served to educate interested candidates and generate a “Buzz” that the Bedford Garden Club is a MUST organization to join!
- 2022 -Wendy Cushman and the 2021 benefit committee for their hard work and energetic efforts to produce an incredibly successful benefit, “Light My Fire!”
- 2023 -Nancy Vincent and the Group of Seven: Christine Frisbee, Emily Grand, CC Marone, Varner Redmon, Elizabeth Sachs and Anita Stockbridge “for their steadfast dedication to nudge us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by creating a user friendly, accessible website, a resource center for environmentally healthy practices, all available at the click of a button, real time.”

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

### Honorary President 1929-1937 - Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter

1911-1916	Mrs. Frank Hunter Porter
1916-1917	Mrs. Arthur Scribner
1917-1919	Miss Delia W. Marble
1919-1920	Mrs. Charles S. Brown (through November)
1919-1923	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1923-1925	Mrs. Henry Marquand
1925-1927	Mrs. John Henry Towne
1927-1929	Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter
1929-1931	Mrs. Nelson B. Williams
1931-1933	Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt Jr.
1933-1935	Miss Eloise P. Luquer
1935-1939	Mrs. Alfred Roelker
1939-1940	Mrs. Rollin S. Saltus
1940-1941	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1941-1943	Mrs. Edwin deT. Bechtel
1943-1947	Mrs. Edwin G. Merrill
1947-1949	Mrs. Robert B. O'Connor
1949-1951	Mrs. Thomas M. Waller
1951-1953	Mrs. Paul Sturtevant
1953-1955	Mrs. George M. Schurman
1955-1959	Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson
1959-1961	Mrs. Peter Oliver
1961-1963	Mrs. Thomas W. Stevenson
1963-1965	Mrs. Edward A. LeRoy Jr.
1965-1967	Mrs. Dennis Dix
1967-1971	Mrs. Frederick V. Austin Jr.
1971-1973	Mrs. Hobart Lewis
1973-1975	Mrs. Franklin Montross 3 <sup>rd</sup>
1975-1977	Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward
1977-1979	Mrs. Hugh S. Coward
1979-1983	Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker
1983-1985	Mrs. James R. Pierce
1985-1988	Mrs. Thomas D. Cunningham Jr.

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

1988-1991 Mrs. Roger B. Vincent  
1991-1993 Mrs. Charles H. McDuffie  
1993-1995 Mrs. Harold R. Talbot Jr.  
1995-1997 Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy and Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley III  
1997-1999 Mrs. James C. Treadway Jr.  
1999-2001 Mrs. Clinton J. Kendrick  
2001-2003 Mrs. Donald P. Mossman  
2003-2005 Mrs. John Milnes Baker  
2005-2007 Mrs. Joseph Maybank  
2007-2009 Mrs. Winthrop Conrad  
2009-2011 Mrs. Stephen V. Lines  
2011-2014 Mrs. Victor Wortmann  
2014-2016 Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos  
2016-2019 Mrs. Robert Clymer  
2019-2021 Mrs. Nancy Kronenberg  
2021-2023 Beth Sachs  
2023-2025 Heather Langham



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

Last Revised 2021

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.
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

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\* Incorporation requires a Board of Directors. The membership elects the directors, who then elect the officers. However, the Nominating Committee, in proposing candidates for the Board, will recommend those whom they propose for specific office (to be shown in parentheses on the slate). It can be assumed that the recommendations of the membership will be followed by the Board.

The Board of Directors will consult with and work with the Executive Committee as described in our By-laws.



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, and four members from the Club at large. If there are co-chairmen of a Standing Committee, the co-chairmen shall jointly determine what their vote shall be. At the discretion of the President, the Chairmen of Special Committees may be invited to attend any or all Executive Committee Meetings but

shall not be voting members of the Executive Committee. 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. Nine 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.
7. Photography - It shall be the duty of this committee to further the knowledge and love of gardening and the natural landscape through photography and to promote the art and science of photography at all skill levels through education.

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 who have rented property for a minimum of two years in this area, 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 130 members of which the total of Active Members shall not exceed 115 and the total of Sustaining Members shall not exceed 15.
3. There shall be three classes of membership.
  - a. Active Members. This category constitutes the working members of the Club. They shall attend meetings regularly, serve on at least one committee, and take part in the projects of the Club. They can chair a committee, vote and hold office if they desire.
  - b. Sustaining Members. Members who have completed fifteen years of Active 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 but may not vote, write letters for new members, chair a committee or hold office.
  - c. 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 GCA. The Affiliate Member may attend Bedford Garden Club



functions but may not vote, chair any committee, hold office, or write letters for new members.

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.



## The Bedford Garden Club Executive Decisions

### **5/1/2021 - Letter Writing Guidelines**

Bedford Garden Club is encouraged by the GCA to submit letters to organizations on issues which impact the mission of the club and/or the GCA. The goal of our letter writing guidelines is to ensure that our members have an opportunity to submit and review such letters through a fair, timely, transparent and consistent process. If the letter writer so chooses and the letter writer is encouraged to do so, they may ask the President and Chairs of the Standing Committees to review the letter prior to submitting the letter for approval by the Executive Committee. Standing Committee Chairs are expected to provide the letter writer with balanced and constructive observations. Once the letter is submitted, it is deemed to be final, and the President is expected to conduct an orderly review process. Voting members are expected to disclose any issues of personal conflict. The total letter review will not exceed 21 days.

### Letter Writing Guidelines:

- 1.** Submission by member(s) of final letter for consideration to the Bedford Garden Club President and Recording Secretary
- 2.** President and Recording Secretary confirm conformity of letter to the Bedford Garden Club's mission.
- 3.** President and Recording Secretary share the letter with the Executive Committee and the membership.
- 4.** Executive Committee and Membership will respond with questions and concerns in writing to the President and Recording Secretary within 10 business days. In the event of an unpreventable timing consideration, the President may ask the Executive Committee for a waiver to shorten the initial time period to less than 10 days, in any event, the initial period will not be less than two days.
- 5.** On the 10<sup>th</sup> day, The President and Recording Secretary will deliver the final letter and attached comment letters to the Executive Committee. A straw poll will be taken on the 11<sup>th</sup> day by the voting members of the Executive Committee. If the

“straw poll” is unanimous, the letter is deemed approved and will be sent. The general membership will be informed of the delivery of the letter.

**6.** If the “straw poll” is not unanimous, the Executive Committee will have an additional 9 days to review letters before the final vote.

**7.** No later than Day 20 Final Letter is submitted to the Executive Committee and put to a vote

**8.** The Vote will take the following form:

A. The vote will take place no later than on Day 20. All votes will be tendered in writing to the President and Recording Secretary.

B. The vote is a public vote (e.g. names and votes will be disclosed to the Executive Committee after the final tally).

C. The majority of votes tendered will determine the outcome

D. The majority will be defined as 75% inclusive of votes tendered. Non-votes will be treated as abstentions.

E. All voting members of the Executive Committee will be required to vote on the letter (Yes, No, or Abstain).

**9.** The vote will be tallied the day after the vote or no later than Day 21 by the Recording Secretary and verified by the President.

**10.** If approved, the final letter will be shared with the general membership of the BGC and sent. If turned down, the letter will be withdrawn.

**2/6/1991** - A motion passed that the BGC would phase out its Honorary Membership because of the difficulty in deciding on eligibility. When there are no longer any members in this category, the By-laws would be changed to reflect this policy.

**2/2/1989** - Vote on granting a leave of absence to a member who is coping with a major illness in her family.

**1/4/1989** - Explanation of Club’s longstanding policy that we do not, as a club, send flowers at the time of a member’s death.

**9/7/1988** - Decision made to set aside \$200/year to save toward the printing of our next History. This item should be budgeted each year. Passed 10/5/88.

**7/2/1986** - The Jean Newell Memorial Fund originated as a 1971 bequest of \$6000 to the Bedford Garden Club in 1971 for the purpose of the Friendship Gardens at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, or should they cease, for other worthwhile civic projects. The Friendship Gardens project begun in 1958 ended in 1976. The accumulated interest from this fund was used for the John Jay Sun Dial Garden and twice was borrowed as seed money for the Caramoor Flower Show benefits. In these instances, the funds were repaid to the Newell Fund.





HOSTESSES AND PROGRAMS SCHEDULE  
2023-2024

*9/6/2023 Executive Meeting*

**September 13, 2023** 9:30 am refreshments, 10:00 am meeting

Speaker:

Topic: Kick-off Meeting

Place: Bedford Golf & Tennis Club

*9/4/2023 Executive Meeting*

**October 11, 2023** 9:00am coffee 9:30 am meeting,  
10:00am speaker

Speaker: Page Knox, speaker

Topic: "Trees in Art"

Place: St. Matthews's Church

*11/1/2023 Executive Meeting*

**November 8, 2023** 9:00am coffee 9:30 am meeting,  
10:00am speaker

Speaker: John Tschirch

Topic: "America's Eden: Newport Landscape  
through The Ages"

Place: Saint Matthews

*12/13/2023 Executive Meeting*

**December 6, 2023** 9:00 AM  
Topic: Greensday  
Place: Westmoreland Sanctuary

*1/10/24 Executive Meeting*

**January 17, 2024** Membership meeting  
Speaker: Uli Lorimer  
Topic: Native Plants  
Place: to be determined

*2/7/24 Executive Meeting*

**February 14, 2024**      **9:00 am** refreshments, **9:30 am** meeting  
Speaker:                      TBD  
Topic:                            Membership Meeting  
Place:                             TBD

*3/6/24 Executive Meeting*  
*4/3/24 Executive Meeting*

**April 17, 2024**      **9:00 am** refreshments, **9:30 am** meeting  
Speaker:                      Leslie Needham  
Topic:                            TBD  
Place:                             TBD

*5/1/24 Executive Meeting*

**May 15, 2024**      **9:00 am** meeting  
Topic:                            Membership Meeting / Plant Exchange  
Place:                            Home of Tina Winchester  
                                         413 Harris Road, Bedford Hills

*6/5/24 Executive Meeting*

**June 12, 2024**      **9:00 am** coffee **9:30 am** meeting  
Topic:                            Annual Meeting  
Place:                            Emily Fisher's Barn  
                                         50 Pound Ridge Road, Bedford

## ***RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTESSES***

- (1) It is the responsibility of the Chairman of Hostesses to appoint a Head Hostess and four co-hostesses for each Garden Club meeting, in addition to the member in whose house the meeting is held.
  - (a) In the event that the appointed Head Hostess cannot fulfill her responsibilities, she is expected to get a replacement and report the change to the Chairman of Hostesses at least two months before her assigned meeting.
  - (b) The Head Hostess and her co-hostesses make and work out all details and arrangements involving hospitality for the meeting and tea.
  - (c) The Head Hostess should confer first with the member in whose house the meeting is being held to ascertain what will be needed in the way of chairs, coat racks, flowers, food, china, silver, direction signs, parking attendant and table for the President.
  - (d) The Head Hostess then makes arrangements with her co-hostesses to work out details and decide what will be provided for refreshments. She contacts the Treasurer for money from the Hostess Fund, which is provided through the dues, as an assessment of \$5 per member.
  - (e) The Head Hostess should contact the Corresponding Secretary a few days before the meeting to find out how many acceptances have been received. She should not purchase any plastic cups, napkins, plates, etc., until our supply is exhausted. The Custodian is in charge of these items as well as the large coffee and hot water (for tea) pots, which are needed upon occasions.

- (2) Co-hostesses may be asked to come the morning of the meeting to help set up chairs or to stay after the meeting to help the hostess put her house back in order.
  - (a) If a co-hostess is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, she is to get a substitute and report the change to her Head Hostess at least two months before her assigned meeting.
- (3) Flower arrangements are the responsibility of the hostesses. If the help of the Flower Arranging Committee is desired, it should be requested in plenty of time.
- (4) All members are asked in turn to be hostesses and it is hoped that all meeting and tea arrangements will be kept as simple as possible.
- (5) During their term of office, the President, two Secretaries, Treasurer and Chairmen of Civic Affairs and Conservation, Flower Arranging, Horticulture and Programs will be excluded from being asked to be hostesses.

# ***HOW TO'S FOR WRITING YOUR LEGISLATORS***

1. To contact your senators and representatives they recommend that we use the email. Because of Security concerns in the post September 11<sup>th</sup> environment, US mail service is exceedingly slow to government offices in Washington.
2. Your name and address should be on your stationery.
3. Try to personalize the message suggested by the Conservation Committee regarding environmental issues of concern to all of us, locally, or as described in the GCA Bulletin Action Alert and HOTLINE.
4. Identify the bill number: i.e. H.R.1 or S.1.
5. In most cases, unless otherwise specified, write to:

The Hon. Charles E. Schumer  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Tel: (202) 224-6542  
Email: senator@schumer.senate.gov

Example:            Re: S. –  
                         Dear Senator Schumer:

The Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand  
478 Russell  
Washington, DC 20510  
Tel: (202) 224-4451

Example:            Re: S. –  
                         Dear Senator Gillibrand:

17<sup>th</sup> District      The Hon. Michael Lawler  
60 McAlpin Ave.  
Mahopac, NY 12541  
Phone: (845) 743-7130  
Email: see website for emailing

Example:            Re: H.R. --  
Dear Congressman Lawler:

For State Issues

40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District      The Hon. Pete Harckham  
1 Park Place, Suite 302  
Peekskill, NY 10566  
Tel: (914) 241-4600  
Email: harckham@nysenate.gov

Example:            Dear Senator Harckham

89<sup>th</sup> Assembly District      The Hon. J. Gary Pretlow  
6 Gramatan Ave.  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550  
Tel: (914) 667-0127  
Email: see website for emailing

Example:            Dear Assemblyman Pretlow

For Westchester County Issues

Erika L. Pierce  
Westchester County Board of Legislators  
148 Martine Avenue – 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
White Plains, NY 10601  
Tel: (914) 995-2800  
Email: see website for emailing

For Town of Bedford Issues

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

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GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING AND  
ZONE III MEETING ATTENDANCE

<u>G.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING</u>	<u>ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING</u>
1984: Nashville Pres: Margie Pierce Del: Starr Lawrence	Bedford Pres: Margie Pierce Del: Nancy Vincent
1985: San Francisco Pres: Margie Pierce Del: Louise Cunningham	North Country Pres: Margie Pierce Del: Sandra Husted
1986: Pittsburg Pres: Louise Cunningham Del: Candy Borner & Selby Ehrlich	GC of Ulster Pres: Louise Cunningham Del: Mary Helen Kennedy
1987: Somerset, N.J. Pres: Louise Cunningham Del: Candy Borner & Selby Ehrlich	Essex County Adirondack Pres: Louise Cunningham Del: Alice Wallis
1988: Detroit Pres: Louise Cunningham Del: Nancy Vincent	Southampton GC (June 21-23) Pres: Nancy Vincent Del: Mimi Mitchell
1989: Palm Beach Pres: Nancy Vincent Del: Anne Polk	GC Orange & Dutchess County (May 30 -June 1) Pres: Nancy Vincent Del: Ann McDuffie
1990: New York City Pres: Nancy Vincent Del: Cathy Smith	Fort Orange GC, Albany (Sept 25-27) Pres: Nancy Vincent Del: Betty Wamsley
1991: New Orleans, April 1991 Pres: Ann McDuffie Del: Nancy Vincent	GC East Hampton Pres: Ann McDuffie Del: Mimi Lines
1992: Baltimore Pres: Ann McDuffie Del: Linn Jackson	Millbrook GC (Sept 14-16) Pres: Ann McDuffie Del: Linda Wilson



G.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

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 GCA

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: M H 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

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

Syracuse GC (June 11-13)

Co-Pres: Mary Helen Kennedy

Del: Liddy Baker

Southside & N Suffolk GC's

(Sept. 16- 18)

Pres: Susan Treadway

Also: Vincent, French,

Mitchell and 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

G.C.A. ANNUAL MEETINGZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

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| 2001: Orlando, FLA<br>(May 6-9)<br>Pres: Mary Kendrick<br>Del: Libby Mossman             | Bedford & Rusticus GC's<br>(Sept. 25-27)<br>Pres: Libby Mossman<br>Del: Betsey Johnson |
| 2002: Dallas, Texas (April 7-9)<br>Pres: Libby Mossman<br>Del: Wendy Ross                | GC of Irvington-on-Hudson<br>(June 11-13)<br>Pres: Libby Mossman<br>Del: Linda Coveny  |
| 2003: Rye, New York (May 4-6)<br>Pres: Libby Mossman<br>Del: Liddy Baker                 | No Annual Zone Meeting                                                                 |
| 2004: Zone VI, Washington, DC<br>(4/25-27)<br>Pres: Liddy Baker<br>Del: Kirk Ferguson    | North Country GC<br>(June 1-3)<br>Pres: Liddy Baker<br>Del: Betty Wamsley              |
| 2005: Zone XI, Kansas City<br>(Apr. 24-27)<br>Pres: Liddy Baker<br>Del: Virginia Maybank | GC of Ulster<br>(Sept. 20-22)<br>Pres: Virginia Maybank<br>Del: Janet Robinson         |
| 2006: Zone XII, Denver<br>(May 20-24)<br>Pres: Virginia Maybank<br>Del: Susan McDowell   | Essex County Adirondack<br>(Sept. 26-28)<br>Pres: Virginia Maybank                     |
| 2007: Zone I, Boston (May 13-17)<br>Pres: Virginia Maybank                               | Southampton (June)<br>Pres: Virginia Maybank<br>Del: Louisa Tiné                       |
| 2008: Zone II, Norfolk, VA<br>(May 4-6)<br>Pres: Ellen Conrad<br>Del: Mimi Lines         | Orange & Dutchess<br>(Sept. 16-18)<br>Pres: Ellen Conrad<br>Del: Bitsy Tatnall         |
| 2009: Zone VII, Providence, RI<br>(May 1-4)<br>Pres : Ellen Conrad                       | Fort Orange<br>(June 6-11)<br>Pres: Ellen Conrad<br>Del: Wendy Cushman                 |

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2010: Zone IV, E. Brunswick, NJ (May) Pres: Mimi Lines	East Hampton, NY (June) Pres: Mimi Lines Del: Carol Bouyoucos
2011: Zone X, Indianapolis, ID (Apr 27-30) Pres: Kim Morris Del: Carol Bouyoucos	Millbrook , NY (June 21-23) Pres: Mimi Lines
2012: Savannah, Georgia (Apr 15-17) Pres: Leslie Wortmann Del: Heather Langham	Philipstown, NY (Jun 12-14) Pres: Leslie Wortmann Del: Suzanne Bowers
2013: Zone V, Pennsylvania (May 1-3) Pres: Leslie Wortmann	Rye & Little GC of Rye, NY (Sept 24-26) Pres: Leslie Wortmann Del: Mary Finnegan
2014: Zone IX, New Orleans (May8-9) Pres: Carol Bouyoucos Del: Kim Morris	Three Harbors, Woodbury, NY (June 10-11) Pres: Leslie Wortmann Del:
2015: Zone III, Rochester, NY (May 17-19) Pres: Kim Morris	No Zone meeting in 2015
2016: Minneapolis-Saint Paul (May 20-23) Co-Pres: Carol Bouyoucos Del: Nancy Kronenburg	Syracuse Garden Club, NY (June 27-28) Co-Pres: Kim Morris Del: Liza Clymer
2017: Zone VI, Baltimore, MD (May 20-23) Pres: Liza Clymer Del: Wendy Cushman	North Suffolk GC, NY (May 23-25) Pres: Liza Clymer Del: Wendy Cushman
2018: Zone XII, San Francisco (April 27-29) Pres: Liza Clymer Del: Wendy Cushman	Lake and Valley GC, NY (May 15-17) Pres: Liza Clymer Del: Wendy Cushman

GCA ANNUAL MEETING

ZONE III ANNUAL MEETING

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| 2019: Zone I, Boston<br>(May 17-19)<br>Pres: Liza Clymer<br>Del: Mary Finnegan | Rochester/Allyn's Creek<br>Pres: Liza Clymer<br>Del: Susan Roos                         |
| 2020: Asheville, NC (May 3-5)<br>No Zone Meeting<br>Pres: Nancy Kronenberg     | (Became a virtual meeting)                                                              |
| 2021: Virtual (May 10-12]<br>Pres: Nancy Kronenberg                            | GC of Lawrence (June 21-23)<br>"Marsh Madness"<br>Virtual Meeting                       |
| 2022: Parsippany, New Jersey<br>April 29-30<br>Pres: Beth Sachs                | No Zone Meeting                                                                         |
| 2023: Columbus, Ohio<br>May 21-24, 2023<br>Pres: Heather Langham               | Bedford & Rusticus (6/20 & 21)<br>"Take me home, Country Roads"<br>Del: Heather Langham |

## 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	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

## TRIPS TAKEN and FLOWER SHOWS HOSTED

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
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
July	2007	Sarah Kowitz’s house and 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

## TRIPS TAKEN and FLOWER SHOWS HOSTED

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 – Trenton & Rumson Gardens
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
Sept	2011	Bronx, NY - Wave Hill
Oct	2011	Hudson, NY – Olana
Oct	2012	Yonkers, NY – Untermyer Gardens
May	2013	Woodlawn, NY – Woodlawn Cemetary
May	2013	New York, NY – Central Park Conservatory
June	2013	Washington, CT – Hollister House
July	2013	New York, NY – New York Restoration
Aug	2013	Storm King, NY – Storm King Art Center
Sept	2013	Walk on the High Line, NYC
Oct	2013	Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills, NJ
May	2014	Wildflower Island, Teatown Reservation
June	2014	Brooklyn Botanic Garden
July	2014	Old Westbury Gardens, Westbury LI
Sept	2014	Canoe Trip in Constitution Marsh, Cold Spring, NY & Innisfree Garden, Dutchess County
Oct	2014	Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY
May	2015	Hortulus Farm, Bucks County PA

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June	2015	Special tour of Frida Kahlo exhibit, New York Botanical Garden
June	2015	Susan Burke's garden, Bedford, NY
June	2015	Wethersfield Gardens, Millbrook, NY
July	2015	Vanderbilt Mansion and Gardens Hyde Park, NY
Sept	2015	Matthew Benson's Farm, Newburgh, NY
May	2016	Arethusa Farm, Litchfield, CT
June	2016	Nantucket Garden Tour, Nantucket, MA
July	2016	Thomas Cole's House, Catskill, NY
Sept	2016	Broken Arrow Nursery, Hamden, CT
Oct	2016	Edward Hopper's Nyack, NY
May	2017	Olmsted Central Park Tour, NYC
June	2017	Old Farm Nursery, Lakeville, CT & Battle Hill Forge, Millerton, NY
June	2017	Les Quatre Vents, Quebec
July	2017	Hamilton Grange, NYC
Oct	2017	Governors Island, NYC
May	2018	Jamaica Bay, Gateway National Park, Queens, NY
June	2018	PepsiCo Sculpture Garden, Purchase, NY
Sept	2018	Weir Farm, Ridgefield, CT
May	2019	Storm King Art Center, New Windsor, NY
May	2019	Bunny Mellon's Oak Spring & Mount Vernon, VA
June	2019	Page Dickey's & Lee Link's Garden, Sharon, CT
Oct	2019	Untermeyer Gardens, Yonkers, NY
	2020	No Trips (Covid)
Oct	2021	Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook, CT.
Oct	2021	Manitoga, in Garrison, NY
June	2022	Millbrook Garden Club



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

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

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**2022-2023**

Andi Ahrens	Caroline Niemczyk	Polly Finn
Kim Bickley	Taylor Taylor	
Preston Davis		
Karen Horan		
Celeste Rault		
Kimba Richarson		
Charlene Ryan		
Debbie Stiles		
Nicole Vance		
Lothryn Whitney-Goldman		

**2021-2022**

Christopher Brescia	Cindy Dwyer	
Tanya Edwards	Leia Longo	
Heidi Fahey		
Ursula LaMotte		
Annie Canning		
CC Marone		

**2020-2021**

Christina Bresani	Olivia Farr	
Cameron Goodyear		
Elizabeth Maier		
Audrey Zinman		

**2019-2020**

Mary Marshall Beitzel	Susan Bostwick	Helen Parker
Emily Neville Fisher	Liz Hallock	
Molly Friedrich	Polly Millard	
Christine Frisbee	Jane Padwee	
Tersey Regan Jacobsen	Holly Warshaw	
Julia Kemper Johnson		
Sarah Kunhardt		
Mackenzie Mas		
Adrienne Hayes Von Rosen		
Carolina White		
Cecilia Wolfson		

**2018-2019**

Caroline Black	Judy Talbott	Cassie Kernan
Nancy Dunst	Lynda Morris	
Betsy Mitchell		

**2017-2018**

Susan Crater	Lindsay Jones	Cindy Swank
Mary Grandy	Samantha O'Brien	
Laura Harris	Allison Ryan	
Martha Stewart		

**2016-2017**

Mrs. Wyatt Crowell	Mrs. Frederick Austin
Mrs. Andrew Roos	Mrs. Shirley Bianco
Mrs. Peter Walker	Mrs. Rigdon Boykin
Mrs. Patrick Worlock	Mrs. David Callahan
	Mrs. Blaine Ewing
	Mrs. Joseph Mankiewicz
	Mrs. Charles McDuffie
	Mrs. William Miller
	Mrs. Bradford Purcell
	Mrs. Alfred Wamsley

**2015-2016**

Mrs. Brittany Bromley  
Mrs. Brett Cameron  
Virginia Getz  
Ms. Emily Grand  
Mrs. Leslie Regan

Mrs. David Fife  
Mrs. Matt Fox

Tania Lowe

**2014-2015**

Mrs. George Beitzel  
Mrs. Samuel Sachs II

Dominique Buaron  
Mrs. David Callahan  
Mrs. Francis Goodhue  
Mrs. Piers Mac Donald  
Mrs. Todd Noonan  
Mrs Jeremy Pinchot

Louise Cunningham

**2013-2014**

Mrs. Martin Gubernick  
Mrs. Minturn Chace  
Mrs. David Fife  
Mrs. Timothy Ghriskey  
Mrs. Ian Winchester

Mrs. Harry W. Fowler

**2012-2013**

Mrs. Blair Lewis  
Mrs. David Morris  
Mrs. Paul Orme  
Holly Warshaw

Mrs. Richard Witmer

Mrs. Lewis Harder  
Nanny Wyeth

**2011-2012**

Ms. Alexandra Forester  
Mrs. Eric Kronenberg  
Mrs. Linda Merrill

Mrs. Robert Bernard  
Mrs. Thomas Philip  
Mrs. J. Oliver Montross

**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  
Linda Coveny

**2009-2010**

Mrs. David P. Callahan      Mrs. Denny Haight      Mrs. Oliver Hazard  
Mrs. Gary P. Corrigan      Mrs. Ross Jones  
Mrs. Cornelius Crane      Mrs. J. Paul Kennedy  
Mrs. Josh Levy      Mrs. Charles W. Parsons  
Natica Von Althann      Mrs. John A. Weisser Jr.

**2008-2009**

Mrs. Robert Bernard      Mina Edmonston      Daphne McMillan  
Mrs. Peter Bouyoucos      Susan MacDowell      Mrs. Kendrick Wilson  
Mrs. Lloyd B. Cox      Mrs. James Pierce  
Mrs. William Gourd      Mrs. John Regan  
Mrs. Peter Hallock      Mrs. Charles Whitin  
Mrs. Todd Noonan  
Mrs. Christopher Pachios

**2007-2008**

Mrs. Mark Bamford      Mrs. Dennis Dix      Mrs. John M. Young  
Mrs. Daniel Ginnel      Mrs. Philip D. Miller  
Mrs. James Glascott      Mrs. Thomas Schillerstrom  
Mrs. Matthew Ocken      Mrs. Earl R. Stege  
Mrs. Adele Talty

**2006-2007**

Mrs. Jonathon Connor      Mrs. Seth Cameron  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor      Mrs. Benjamin Branch  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor      Mrs. Graham Clark  
Mrs. Aaron Taylor      Mrs. C. M. Van Winkle

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## **BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

2007-2009: Ellen Conrad	2016-2019: Liza Clymer
2009-2011: Mimi Lines	2019-2021: Nancy Kronenberg
2011-2014: Leslie Wortmann	2021-2023: Beth Sachs
2014-2016: Carol Bouyoucos	2023-2025: Heather Langham
Kim Morris	

### **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (odd years)**

2007-2009: Varner Redmon	2019-2020: Mary Finnegan
2009-2011: Sally Kroll	2020-2021: Joyce Corrigan
2011-2015: Susan Bowers	2021-2023: Heather Langham
2015-2019: Mary Kendrick	2023-2025: Diane Lewis

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

2006-2007: Susan Bowers & Heather Langham	
2007-2010: Lindsay Matthews	2014-2018: Deirdre Glascott
2010-2012: Kim Morris	2018-2022: Heather Langham
2012-2014: Didi Woodhull	2021-2026: Mrs. Emily Grand

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

2007-2013: Virginia Maybank	2017-2021: Tina Winchester
2013-2017: Debbie Gourd	2021-2026: Virginia Maybank

### **RECORDING SECRETARY (even years)**

2003-2007: Mary Finnegan	2016-2020: Linda Merrill
2007-2010: Heather Langham	2020-2021: Robin Ashley
2010-2012: Allison Bamford	2021-2026: Susan Bowers
2012-2016: Leila Longo	

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (odd years)**

2005-2007: Meg Parsons	2014-2017: Adele Talty
2007-2008: Janet Robinson	2017-2018: Wendy Ross
2007-2011: Taylor Taylor	& Tori Cox
2011-2013: Liz Hallock	2018-2021: Tori Cox
2013-2014: Lindsay Matthews	2021-2025: Leslie Reagan

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  
2012 - 2013: Mrs. James Bostwick, Mrs. William Foulke,  
Mrs. Roger Stern, Mrs. Bonnie Trotta  
2013 - 2014: Mrs. Robert Finn, Ms. Linda Merrill,  
Mrs. Christopher Pachios, Mrs. Timothy Paul  
2014 - 2015: Mrs. Matthew Ocken, Mrs. Martin Gubernick,  
Mrs. Stuart Ross, Mrs. Paul Orme  
2015 - 2016: Mrs. Skip Beitzel, Mrs. Samuel Sachs,  
Mrs. Roger Vincent, Mrs. Victor Wortmann  
2016 - 2017: Mrs. Robert Ferguson, Mrs. Anthony Langham,  
Mrs. George West, Mrs. Ian Winchester  
2017 - 2018: Mrs. Johnathon Conner, Mrs. Eric Kronenberg,  
Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Blair Lewis  
2018 - 2019: Ms. Ann Catchpole, Mrs. Beth Crowell,  
Mrs. Debbie Gourd, Mrs. Cynthia Mas  
2019 - 2020: Mrs. James Glascott, Mrs. Benjamin Harris,  
Mrs. John Talty, Mrs. Peter Walker  
2020 - 2021: Emily Grand, Laura Harris, Mary Kendrick, Leslie Regan  
2021 - 2022: Christine Frisbee, Vickie Morris, Marilen Tilt,  
Cecelia Wolfson  
2022 - 2023: To be Announced  
2023 - 2024: Anne Putnam, Charlene Ryan, Anita Stockbridge,  
Adrienne von Rosen

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

2005-2007: Anne Polk  
2009-2010: Wendy Ross  
2013-2014: Mary Kendrick  
2016-2019: Cindy Dwyer  
2021-2024: Virginia Maybank

2007-2009: Nonie Reynders  
2011-2012: Varner Redmon  
2014-2016: Susan Bowers  
2019-2021: Kim Morris

## **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, Mrs. Winthrop Conrad  
2013 - 2016: Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Eric Kronenberg  
2016 - 2017: Mrs. Eric Kronenberg  
2017 - 2023: Mrs. Ellen Conrad, Mrs. Jayni Chase  
2023 – 2024: Susan Roos, Heidi Fahey

### **SANCTUARIES**

#### **Audubon**

1989-2009: Nanny. Wyeth  
2009-2021: Denise Santomero

#### **Beaver Dam**

2001-2016: Ann McDuffie  
No Longer Supported

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

1986-2021: Joyce Espy

#### **Teatown**

No longer Supported

#### **Marsh Sanctuary**

2007-2017: June Weissinger  
2017-2020: Lisa Ghriskey  
2020-2024: Anita Stockbridge

#### **Ward Pound Ridge**

2007-2011: Louisa Tine  
No longer Supported

#### **Mianus River Gorge**

1997-2009: Macy Johnson  
2009-2012: Varner Redmon,  
Mrs. Todd Noonan  
2012-2013: Mrs. Todd Noonan  
2014-2021: Wendy Foulke

#### **Westmoreland Sanctuary**

1989-2016: Bonnie. Trotta  
2016-2024: Ann Paul

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Joseph Maybank

2009 - 2017: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad

2017 - 2019: Mrs. Winthrop Conrad & Mrs. Eric Kronenberg

2019 - 2021: Mrs. Diane Lewis

2021 - 2023: Mrs. Ellen Conrad, Mrs. Jayni Chase

2023 - 2024: Diane Lewis

## **BRANCH OUT**

2012 - 2024: Mrs. Heather Langham, Mrs. Virginia Maybank

## **CARAMOOR GARDEN**

2019-2023: Mrs. Heather Langham, Mrs. Varner Redmon

2023-2024: Betsey Mitchell

## **COURT HOUSE GARDEN**

2017-2023: Mrs. Heather Langham, Mrs. Varner Redmon

2023-2024: Tina Winchester

## **JOHN JAY GARDENS**

2007 - 2011: Mrs. Anthony G. Langham

2011 - 2023: Mrs. Heather Langham, Mrs. Varner Redmon

2023 - 2024: Varner Redmon, Emily Grand

## **FLORAL DESIGN/EXHIBITIONS**

2007 - 2011: Leslie Wortmann

2011 - 2014: Carol Bouyoucos

2014 - 2016: Lindsay Matthews

2016 - 2019: Wendy Cushman

2019 - 2021: Lindsay Matthews, Leslie Wortmann, Wendy Cushman

2021 - 2024: Leslie Wortmann

## **GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN**

2007 - 2013: Varner Redmon

2012 - 2016: Varner Redmon, Lynda Morris

2016 - 2021: Carol Bouyoucos

2021 - 2023: Wendy Cushman, Susan Burke, Varner Redmon

2023 - 2024: Wendy Cushman, Susan Burke, Varner Redmon, Celeste Rault



## **HORTICULTURE**

2007 - 2009: Dominique Buaron  
2009 - 2010: Rachel Ocken  
2010 - 2011: Ellen Conrad  
2011 - 2013: Deirdre Glascott, Debbie Gourd  
2013 - 2018: Virginia Maybank  
2017 - 2020: Robin Ashley, Dana Worlock  
2020 - 2021: Virginia Maybank  
2021 - 2024: Virginia Maybank, Tina Winchester

## **MEMBERSHIP**

2005 - 2008: Susan McDowell                      2008 - 2011: Susan Bowers  
2011 - 2018: Mary Finnegan                      2018 - 2021: Janet Robinson  
2021 - 2024: Mrs. Paul Mas

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

2005 - 2009: Denise Santomero  
2009 - 2011: Carol Bouyoucos  
2011 - 2014: Didi Woodhull  
2014 - 2016: Vickie Morris  
2016 - 2023: Anita Stockbridge  
2023 - 2024: Dierdre Glascott, Carol Bouyoucos

## **PROGRAMS**

2005 - 2007: Liza Clymer                      2007 - 2009: Wendy Cushman  
2009 - 2011: Cassie Kernan, Lisa Hennessy, Anita Stockbridge  
2011 - 2014: Kim Morris                      2014 - 2016: Liza Clymer  
2016 - 2018: Joyce Corrigan                      2018 - 2019: Nancy Kronenberg  
2019 - 2021: Denise Santomero                      2021 - 2023: Kim Morris &  
2023 - 2024: Preston Davis, Liza Clymer                      Michaela Beitzel

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **AWARDS/MEDAL AWARDS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Charlton Reynders  
2011 - 2014: Mrs. Robert Clymer  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Stuart Ross  
2014 - 2017: Mrs. Peter Hennessy

2017 - 2019: Mrs. David Morris, Mrs. Holly Warshaw  
2019 - 2023: Mrs. Natica VonAltann  
2023 - 2024: Nancy Kronenberg, Nancy Vincent

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

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

**CLUB BOTANIST/WORKSHOPS**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. C. H. Mitchell  
2009 - 2013: Mrs. Charles McDuffie  
2014 - 2021: Mrs. Ann Catchpole

**EDITOR OF "CLIPPINGS" NEWSLETTER**

2007 - 2010: Allison Ryan, Kim Morris 2010 - 2011: Allison Ryan

**CORRESPONDENT TO THE GCA PUBLICATIONS**

2005 - 2009: Ms. Anne Putnam  
2009 - 2017: Mrs. Roger Vincent  
2017 - 2018: Mrs. George West  
2018 - 2024: Mrs. Joyce Corrigan

**CUSTODIAN/ARCHIVES**

2007 - 2019: Mrs. Joseph Maybank  
2019 - 2020: Mrs. Ian Winchester  
2020 - 2021: Mrs. Joseph Maybank  
2021 - 2024: Mrs. Ian Winchester

**BGC GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

(replaces PROJECT REVIEW & SCHOLARSHIP)  
2021 - 2024: Cecilia Wolfson

**HISTORIAN**

2003 - 2009: Mrs. Roger B. Vincent  
2009 - 2014: Mrs. Rodman Tilt  
2015 - 2016: Mrs. Peter Ehrlich  
2016 - 2019: Mrs. William Foulke  
2021 - 2024: Mrs. Susan West

**HOSTESSES**

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Jonathon Connor  
2008 - 2009: Mrs. J. Howland Robinson  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Robert Cushman  
2011 - 2014: Mrs. John Talty  
2014 - 2016: Mrs. David Morris, Mrs. Holly Warshaw  
2016 - 2017: Mrs. George Beitzel, Mrs. Timothy Ghriskey  
2017 - 2018: Mrs. George Beitzel  
2018 - 2021: Cynthia Mas  
2021 - 2023: Leslie Wortmann & Brett Cameron  
2023 - 2024: Lothrun Whitney-Goldman, Andi Ahrens, Annie Manning

**NY COMMITTEE OF GCA**

2007 - 2024: Susan Burke

**BGC POLICY**

2005 - 2009: Rosemary Mankiewicz  
2009 - 2011: Connie Hamilton  
2011 - 2014: Janet Robinson  
2014 - 2017: Ann Paul  
2018 - 2021: Beth Sachs  
2021 - 2023: Debbie Gourd  
2023 - 2024: Varner Redmon, Debbie Gourd

**PROJECTS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. John Stockbridge  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Shelly Ferrall, Mrs. Bryce O'Brien,  
Mrs. Jeremy Pinchot  
2011 - 2015: Samantha O'Brien, Mrs. Jeremy Pinchot  
2015 - 2018: Samantha O'Brien

**PROJECT REVIEW (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> VP)**

2007 - 2008: Varner Redmon	2008 - 2010: Lindsay Matthews
2010 - 2011: Sally Kroll	2011 - 2015: Susan Bowers
2015 - 2019: Mary Kendrick	2019 - 2020: Mary Finnegan
2020 - 2021: Joyce Corrigan	2021 - 2022: Heather Langham

**PUBLIC RELATIONS / EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

2005 - 2009: Mrs. Anne Putnam  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Morris  
2011 - 2024: Mrs. Joyce Corrigan

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS/ WEBSITE**

2009 - 2011: Mrs. Roger Vincent, Mrs. John Redmon  
2011 - 2016: Mrs. Roger Vincent, Mrs. John Ryan  
2016 - 2018: Mrs. Roger Vincent  
2018 - 2023: Mrs. Nancy Vincent, Mrs. Debbie Gourd  
2023 - 2024: Nancy Vincent, Debbie Gourd, Varner Redmon, Leslie  
Regan

**SCHOLARSHIP / INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE**

2005 - 2009: Nanny Wyeth  
2009 - 2014: Melissa Vail  
2014 - 2015: Janet Robinson  
2015 - 2019: Tori Cox  
2020 - 2021: Beth Sachs  
2021 - 2022: Caroline Black

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

2007 - 2008: Mrs. Philip Bowers, Mrs. Anthony Langham  
2008 - 2010: Mrs. Paul T. Matthews  
2010 - 2012: Mrs. John Morris  
2012 - 2014: Mrs. Timothy Woodhull  
2014 - 2018: Mrs. James Glascott  
2018 - 2021: Heather Langham  
2021 - 2023: Emily Grand  
2023 - 2024: Christopher Bresia

**SUMMIT COORDINATOR**

2009 - 2011: Ellen Conrad

**TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Frank Kernan & Mrs. Peter Hennessy  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Paul Mas

**TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS con't**

2011 - 2012: Mrs. John Redmon & Mrs. Clinton Kendrick  
2012 - 2016: Mrs. John Redmon & Mrs. Stephen Morris  
2016 - 2023: Mrs. Varner Redmon  
2023 - 2024: Cynthia Mas, Audrey Zinman

**WAYS AND MEANS**

2007 - 2009: Mrs. Robert Clymer  
2009 - 2011: Mrs. Daniel Ginnel  
2011 - 2014: Mrs. Roger Stern  
2014 - 2016: Mrs. Peter Hallock, Mrs. Paul Mas,  
Mrs. John Stockbridge  
2016 - 2019: Heather Langham, Leslie Wortmann, Holly Warshaw  
2020 - 2021: Liza Clymer, Wendy Cushman, Robin Ashley

**YEARBOOK**

2007 - 2024: Mrs. Liddy Baker

**ZONE III MEETING (June 2023)**

2021 - 2023: Mrs. Anthony Langham, Mrs. Nancy Kronenburg

**REPRESENTATIVES TO GCA**

2007 - 2009: Dominique Buaron, Awards Committee, Zone III Rep.  
2007 - 2009: Varner Redmon, Archive Committee, Zone III Rep  
2007 - 2013: Nancy Vincent, GCA Historian  
2008 - 2013: Nancy Vincent, Liaison to Bulletin & Timeline  
2013 – 2014: Nancy Vincent, Advisor to Archives Committee  
2011 - 2015: Varner Redmon, Library Committee, Vice Chairman  
2013 - 2014: Varner Redmon, Archives Committee, Vice Chairman  
2013 - 2017: Ellen Conrad, National Affairs and Legislation  
(Climate Change), Vice Chairman  
2019 - 2021: Diane Lewis: NAL – Vice Chair of Air Quality and  
Toxic Substances  
2019 - 2021: Liza Clymer: Awards – Zone III Representative  
2021 - 2024: Diane Lewis: NAL – Vice Chair of Waste Management  
2021 - 2023: Mrs. Liza Clymer: Scholarship – Zone III Representative

## **REPRESENTATIVES TO GCA**

2021 - 2024: Nancy Vincent: Zone III Board of Associates Member

2022 - 2023: Nancy Vincent, Board of Associates member

## **GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA JUDGES**

### **Exhibitions**

Mrs. Foxhall A. Parker, (1989-2014)

Mrs. F. Parker (2015-2020) Judge Emeritus, deceased

### **Horticulture**

Mrs. Charles E. McDuffie (1997-2016)

Mrs. McDuffie (2016-2017) Judge Emeritus, deceased

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