

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8, 2003
ST. MATTHEW'S FELLOWSHIP HALL
9:15 AM**

Present: Baker, Clymer, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Ferguson, Hamilton, Hennessy, Kennedy, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Robinson, Santomero, Swank, Tine, Trotta, Wilson, Winans

Call to order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: In Kim's absence, Storrs was asked to take attendance and give it to Kim.

Recording Secretary's Report: There was a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Liddy Baker read through the Treasurer's report. The report was received and is filed for audit.

Announcements: Libby announced that Betty Ewing died on December 23 at the age of 98. She asked who is the best member to write a tribute for the February Newsletter? Suggestions were Tanya Lowe, Lynn Babcock or Polly Winans. Libby will think on this.

Libby thanked Janet Robinson and Carol Rice for the wonderful boutique at Greensday. She remarked that it was beautifully presented and made about \$800.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs and Conservation: Denise Santomero announced that the January 22 Mianus Gorge Walk must be rescheduled for July, due to ice and snow!

The Wednesday, February 12 walk and talk through Ward Pound Ridge Reservation must also be moved to Thursday, February 13 due to the President's holiday. This will also include a slide show on the history of the WPR Reservation. Please RSVP ASAP.

OBEX is again up and running. Mary-Helen Kennedy is collecting recyclables today. Denise will be collecting on January 28 at our Regular Meeting with Ridgefield.

Adopt-a-Road is still scheduled for February.

Town Planning Board: Please be aware of important upcoming events and be sure to submit all notes to Tanya Lowe.

We are invited to a Rusticus open meeting on January 14, at St. Matthew's. Obie Clifford (the Director of the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks) will be giving a talk on this new museum. Linda Coveny was asked to be sure to fax Leslie Robinson about our upcoming Public Meeting on February 19, and make sure that Rusticus knows they are invited.

Exhibitions: Liza Clymer spoke about an upcoming workshop in March at the Enchanted Florist, in Katonah. Details TBA. She mentioned that Lisa Ghriskey might be interested in giving a talk about event planning as well. Liza will find out about this before the next Newsletter goes out.

Horticulture: Phoebe Perry asked how the cuttings from Mimi Mitchell's workshop are coming along. It was suggested that Phoebe might send out e-mails to members who have been storing bulbs for the Greenfingers Flower Show and let them know when to take them out of cold storage.

There are plans for a second Trough workshop in January or February. Details TBA.

There was also an idea about buying a flat of something to sell to members for growing. Then people could bring their plants to future regular meetings as a "show and tell." Plants would be sold to anyone interested; not just Horticulture members. Phoebe will look into this.

Membership: Lisa Hennessy asked whether or not the Executive Committee had to vote on whether or not Shelly "Flickinger" Ferrall could switch her membership status back from Affiliate to Active. It was decided that Shelly should be called and asked to write a letter to membership asking for her membership status to be switched.

The committee voted on a prospective new BGC member, Sarah Kowitz. The decision was unanimous; Sarah was voted into the BGC as a new member.

Programs: Linda Coveny reminded members that the next Regular Meeting will be in Ridgefield on Tuesday, January 28, at St. Stephen's Church. F.J. Trzuskowski will speak on "How cut flowers travel to the U.S. from around the world."

February 19 will be our next Public Meeting. This will be held at the Historical Hall and the speaker will be Stephen Yarabek, on "Preserving Our Landscape." Linda was asked again to be sure to send an invitation to Rusticus.

It was mentioned that Daphne Root needs a ride to the Ridgefield meeting. Selby Ehrlich volunteered to drive her. It was suggested that we should make a note on future response cards so that those who would like to be driven to upcoming meetings could simply check that box and Linda or Susan McDowell could help find drivers.

Special Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting in Rye: Mary Helen Kennedy Spoke as the liason for the BGC. She spoke briefly about the upcoming Annual Meeting and passed around various sign-up sheets for members to help with the event. She will also post jobs and volunteers in the next Newsletter.

Correspondent to GCA Bulletin: Connie Hamilton announced that the GCA Bulletin has agreed to print a blurb about last year's trip to the Ecotarium. She was thanked for her work on this project.

Historian: We are still working on the 1939 Tape. Jamie Edgar is helping with the voice-over. Polly Winans will be the narrator and Mimi Lines will help her. We can all help write the script.

Projects: Carol Rice and Janet Robinson were thanked for their hard work and very successful sale at Greensday. Between the Greensday Sale and the November book sale, Projects netted about \$1,000 for the Fall.

Project Review: Bonnie Trotta has formed a committee. The committee is beginning to collect ideas about how we should best use the money from our October Benefit. One suggestion is to make a book of Luquer paintings (Louisa Tine will do a slide presentation of these paintings for interested members, following this executive meeting).

Bonnie also needs completed job descriptions back by February 1.

Public Relations: Margie was thanked for organizing the photograph of BGC women in front of Northern Westchester Hospital while hanging one of the wreaths from Greensday. The photograph appeared in the Record Review.

Trips and Visiting Gardens: There will be a trip to the Highstead Arboretum in Redding, CT on Wednesday, June 11. The exhibit theme will be wetland plants. Details will follow.

Unfinished Business:

Libby reminded members that Louisa Tine would present a slide show of Miss Luquer's Wildflower Paintings following this meeting, at 11:00. Members will discuss finding support to publish a book of some of the paintings -- in some form or other.

Denise Santomero mentioned that she will be going to Washington, D.C. on February 24-26 for the Annual Conservation Meeting. She remarked that it will be a fascinating inside view of how our government works and all of those who are interested should speak to her about going. There are dinners at night and meetings with heads of Parks Commission etc...during the day.

Next Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at St. Matthew's in the Vestry Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary]