

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2002  
9:15 AM  
Kirk Ferguson's House**

**Present:** Baker, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Ferguson, Finnegan, Hamilton, Hennessy, Lines, Maybank, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Redmon, Rice, Swank, Winans

**Call to order:** Libby Mossman called the meeting to order. She reminded everyone **to** please read the bulleting board as there was much to read and see. There were also photos from the Pave Workshop at Liza Clymer's house on July 17.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** In Kim's absence, Libby asked if Varner could supply a master membership list to Kim for the names grid (our new method of taking attendance).

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Liddy Baker read through the treasurer's report. Dee Edgar is going to explore ways in which we can change our by-laws to allow us to use our fundraising income to cover our GCA dues. We would then be able to use our own BGC dues to cover speaker fees (Programs) and committee needs.

Since we have already paid our GCA dues for 2003, Liddy Baker and Libby Mossman will meet to discuss where the income from our October 25 benefit will be held for future use. For the moment, it will be held in a non-designated, interest-earning account.

**Announcements:** Libby mentioned that the New York Committee of the GCA is hosting a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party at the GCA headquarters in NYC on Thursday, October 17 from 6-9 PM. We are all invited. The cost is \$25 per person.

Libby mentioned too that she thought that using photograph storage boxes might be a more effective method for storing the BGC nametags. The large boxes which Denise had found are too deep and made finding nametags difficult.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Civic Affairs & Conservation:** The next Conservation Meeting will be on Wednesday , October 16 at Butler Meyer. Libby mentioned that the Adopt-a-Road went very well; about 12 people participated. We will try to do this 4 or 5 times a year, on Saturday mornings. There were some changes in the Town

Planning Board coverage. These are noted in the Newsletter. Finally, OBEX has recently re-opened in Westport, CT.

**Exhibitions:** There will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration in New Canaan by Gay Estes, on Friday, October 18. Details were posted on bulletin board.

**Horticulture:** Phoebe Perry reported on the Zone III Horticulture Meeting and Flower Show which took place in Fort Orange. The BGC entered 4 classes and did quite well. Members who had entries were: Libby Mossman, Nanny Wyeth, Phoebe Perry, and Gilda McGarry. The idea was to try to make flower arranging less intimidating.

Phoebe found a book at the Zone III Meeting called Flowers for Bouquets which she will get to Carol Rice as an idea for Projects to sell at our upcoming boutiques.

Phoebe also spoke about putting together kits which members could easily bring along to flower shows to quickly clean leaves and dress-up exhibits. The kits would include the following:

- \*paper towel
- \*cotton balls
- \*Q-Tips
- \*potting soil and/or pebbles (in a sealed bag)
- \*clippers (with member's name on them)
- \*black, *waterproof* pen
- \*makeup brush
- \*tweezers

There will be a bulb workshop on Wednesday, October 16 at Linda Wilson's for the Greenfingers Flower Show and for fun.

Virginia Maybank announced that there will be a workshop on making light-weight cement troughs in which to plant. Then in the Spring, there will be a workshop which involves planting the troughs with succulents or alpines. (They take a while to cure). Details TBA in Clippings.

**Membership:** Selby Ehrlich reported that there are 3 prospective new members in the works. They are in the process of approval.

**Programs:** Linda Coveny reported that Louisa Tine's lecture on October 23 at The Bedford Golf and Tennis Club (not at St. Matthew's) is going to be fantastic. She has condensed a 4-part lecture series at the NYBG on the history of botanical illustration into a lecture for the BGC.

Our next Regular Meeting will be a combined meeting with Rusticus, on Tuesday, November 12 at 9:15 AM at St. Matthew's. Martha Baker will speak on Garden Ornamentation.

### **Special Committee Reports:**

**Clippings/Technology:** Varner announced that the BGC may share our Newsletter with other clubs in order to help format new ideas for speakers, activities, etc. We will send a copy of our Clippings to all other clubs in Zone III, and hopefully receive those from all clubs that have one.

**John Jay Gardens:** Sally Whitin has a good idea for the North border of the John Jay Gardens.

**Projects:** Carol Rice asked for members' opinions on gift ideas to sell at Greensday. She is also going to look into the cost of printing notecards to sell in packs of 8 or 10 as well.

**Public Relations:** Margie Pierce is going to think about getting some PR for the BGC's roadside clean-up if it is not too close to Greensday. She will also explore getting some follow-up PR for the planting of the Bedford tubs this past summer (during drought conditions).

**Seedlings:** It was decided that sponsors should call their new members and talk to them about the need to attend meetings and fundraisers *before* it becomes an issue. Perhaps our new members do not fully understand their responsibilities. The Seedlings Committee will talk with the Membership Committee to sort this out.

**Trips and Visiting Gardens:** Kirk Ferguson reviewed plans for the upcoming trip to Woodlawn Cemetery on Wednesday, October 9. The group will meet at 9:00 AM at St. Matthew's. There will be a 90 minute tour, given by the Director, Susan Olsen. Those that wish can then go to the Botanical Gardens for lunch, afterwards. 10 – 11 people have signed up thus far.

On Thursday, October 17 there will be a trip to the Bruce Museum to see the Redoute Exhibit. Redoute was the famous 18<sup>th</sup> Century botanical artist. The group will meet at 9:15 AM at St. Matthew's. The Assistant Curator will guide the tour.

Kirk is thinking about organizing a trip to The Mount (Edith Wharton's house) in Lenox., MA, either for the BGC or for John Jay. This decorator's showcase and gardens are supposed to be well worth the trip.

**Unfinished Business:** We need to start working on an update of committee job descriptions. Bonnie will hand out current descriptions to all who do not have them.

**New Business:** The next **Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6 at Laura-Lee Montross' house.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary]