

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2002
LAURA-LEE MONTROSS' HOUSE
9:15 AM**

Present: Baker, Clymer, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Hennessy, Montross, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Redmon, Santomero, Trotta

Call to order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order and thanked Laura-Lee for hosting the meeting. In Kim Morris' absence, Libby mentioned that Kim will now e-mail the Executive Committee one week before meetings in order to remind them about the meeting and the location.

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 highlights from the budget. She and Libby plan to meet and prepare annotations on our budget in order to make it more clear for our members.

There was a question about having a \$25 surcharge for members who don't pay their dues by January 1. Bonnie Trotta suggested that Liddy send out a postcard reminder instead.

Liddy later announced that we netted \$10,106.34 from our October benefit with Tom Armstrong.

Announcements: Libby spoke briefly about our "extraordinary" benefit, commenting that Tom Armstrong was the perfect speaker for such an event. Cassy Kernan scheduled a re-cap on the evening following this meeting.

Libby also mentioned that we need to form a Project Review Committee to review the community projects planned for next summer, using our Benefit proceeds.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs and Conservation: Denise Santomero mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Road will be on Saturday, November 16. We will meet at the Bedford Oak at 10:00 AM. She mentioned that perhaps we should start doing roadside clean-ups on a weekday --- such as Thursday -- rather than on the weekends. Members agreed. Bonnie Trotta will look

into having some sort of wearable signs designed in order to show who we are and to help us gain more appreciation.

Friday, November 22 will be the trip to Cabbage Hill Farm at 9:00 AM. There will be a 25 person enrollment limit so please sign-up with Denise ASAP.

Captains still need to urge their teams to get their Town Planning Board notes to Tanya Lowe.

Libby reminded Denise that she needs to notify the Zone Chair of Conservation (ML Scalise) about our next Public Meeting, in February – she needs to know what we're doing at our Public meetings.

For the Eco-Exchange in Rye, Libby suggested that Denise submit a photo of our prize-winning Zone III (Sept. 01) exhibit, or a photo of one of our great nature walks and visits to our local sanctuaries.

Exhibitions: Liza Clymer spoke briefly about Greensday, on Wednesday, December 4 at Westmoreland. Liza will put a blurb in Clippings about bringing greens and what we plan to do. Shelly “Flickinger” Ferrall would like to do a demonstration on topiaries. Liza will explore these ideas and submit any information to Clippings.

Liza is working on a future workshop with the Enchanted Florist as well.

Horticulture: Phoebe Perry mentioned that most of the bulbs from the bulb workshop have been planted. There are some Amaryllis bulbs left. Those interested should see Virginia Maybank.

The upcoming trough workshop will be two half-day commitments on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19 and 20, at Linda Wilson's barn.

Libby asked if there was any interest in going to the Horticulture Committee Workshop at Duke Gardens (South Carolina) on February 15-19. Those interested were to see the bulletin board for information. Libby will write it up in the next Clippings.

Margie Pierce was thanked for the coverage in the Record Review of the Bedford Village tubs.

Membership: There was a vote on prospective new member, Ann Paul. The vote was unanimous. Ann was accepted into the BGC. She will be contacted after the meeting.

Programs: Linda Coveny spoke about the upcoming Tuesday, November 12 meeting with “Martha Baker” who will speak about her new book, “Garden Ornament.” This will be a combined meeting with Rusticus at St. Matthew’s at 9:15 AM. Libby will be away, so Bonnie Trotta will make announcements in her absence.

She also reminded everyone that Greensday will be on December 4 at Westmoreland.

Libby also mentioned that the Glen Arbor Golf Club Clubhouse will be available for BGC meetings after this May. Tom Lichtenstein is the general manager.

Clippings/Technology: The Rusticus Newsletter was passed around for all to see. Varner also requested that we get any Greensday information to her ASAP.

Historian: In Dottie’s absence, Libby mentioned that Dottie will bring photos to Greensday so that members can see which are being sent to the Rye meeting. She mentioned that we may need to get some photos back from Shirley Bianco who is working on them with John Stockbridge (Town Historian). We still need photos of ladies wearing hats as well.

Dee Edgar will see if her son, Jamie, can help with the voice-over for the 1932 Tape for January.

John Jay Gardens: Bonnie Trotta will look into whether or not we need to put a tarp on top of the existing compost pile.

Nominating: Dee Edgar is this year’s chair and is in the process of choosing her committee to choose next year’s President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Members at Large.

Projects: There will be books available to sell at the Martha Baker Meeting at \$40 each. The BGC will get a \$16 profit on each book. Rusticus will sell their own books. Unsold books can be returned.

We will also attempt to sell BGC cookbooks at Greensday.

Project Review: A committee will be formed to consider future community projects. They will meet in January or February. Please submit ideas to Bonnie Trotta – she will make an announcement about this at Greensday.

Public Relations: Again, Margie was commended for the great piece in the papers about the Bedford Village tubs during a drought season. Margie is working on gathering members (with their children) to hang wreaths after Greensday at Northern Westchester hospital.

Yearbook: Any leftover yearbooks will be handed out at Greensday. The rest will then be mailed.

Unfinished Business: Linda Coveny asked if anyone had a copy of her Irvington Zone report given at the Annual Meeting. She will continue to search for it.

New Business: Bonnie Trotta handed out the current Job Description sheets to committee heads. These need to be updated and returned to Bonnie for editing by January 30th. She will mail any not handed out today with a cover letter of explanation.

Next Executive Meeting: There will be no Executive Meeting in December. January 8 and February 5 Executive Meetings will both be at the St. Matthew's Vestry Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary]