

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2001
9:15 AM**

at the home of Connie Hamilton

Present: Mmes: Baker, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Hamilton, Harder, Maybank, Mitchell, Mossman, Pierce, Redmon, Santomero, Wyeth

The meeting was called to order by Libby Mossman. She welcomed everyone and thanked Connie Hamilton, our hostess.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: In Kim's absence, Libby Mossman reminded us that there will be no Executive Meeting in December. Only the Regular Meeting will take place in December (during Greensday). Libby added that as there will be no Clippings in January, a notice will be sent out at the end of December, informing members about meeting times and dates for both Executive and Regular meetings in January.

Recording Secretary's Report: Libby waived the reading of the Recording Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Liddy read the Treasurer's Report. The report was received and is filed for audit (with corrections)!

Announcements:

Libby announced that there will be a Westchester Land Trust walk to be held in Pound Ridge on Sunday, November 11.

She also ^{announced} ~~reminded~~ us that Nanny Wyeth is the new Nominating Committee Chairman, and will be filling positions expiring in 2002.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs & Conservation: Denise Santomero reminded members about tomorrow's (November 8) Marsh Sanctuary walk at 9:00 AM. The walk will be followed by a one-hour talk about the history of the March Sanctuary. 12 people have signed up thus far.

Denise also gave a brief summary of the current Planning Board issues and an update on the Seven Springs development issues.

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Tanya Lowe and Anita Stockbridge are in the process of revising the Town Board Meeting schedule and will try to get the updated information to Varner by Friday so that the revised schedule can be included in the December Clippings.

Exhibitions: Linda Coveny filled in for Liza Clymer and reminded us about Greens Day on December 5, at Westmoreland Sanctuary. She explained that there will be a RSVP card sent out as Exhibitions needs to know how many people to expect and how much greens to bring. The Enchanted Florist is planning to give a demonstration on Christmas arrangements as well.

The next Regular Meeting has been arranged by Exhibitions. It will take place at the GCA headquarters in New York City on Wednesday, January 23. ^{@ 10.30} Following a brief meeting, Preston Bailey, a renown event planner, will speak. Linda asked that the RSVP cards be returned atleast one week ahead of the meeting. The price of this event is to be announced and members are encouraged to bring guests. *Lunch will follow.*

Horticulture: Virginia Maybank reminded members about the seed workshop (propogation under lights) which will take place on Wednesday, January 30 at Linda Wilson's greenhouse. Seeds will be available for the Plant Exchange in April.

Seeds will also be available for the 2003 plant exchange!

Libby Mossman will bring seedlings from her two Kalanchoe plants as well. Libby also mentioned that there is a 3-day horticulture club and zone seminar this February, in California.

Membership: Selby Ehrlich reported that Jody Henry has resigned from the BGC as it was not the right time in her life, and that she left a generous donation to the Club. She also hopes to re-join the BGC at another time. Selby also noted that several new member

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proposals have been submitted and that it would be appropriate to bring those prospective members to Greensday.

It was also noted that Mrs. Morgan Parker died at the age of 109, on October 22, 2001. She was a member of the BGC for 62 years and was referred to as a "conservation pioneer." Dottie Harder read a lovely tribute to the committee.

Programs: Linda Coveny spoke of a Conservation Meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at St. Matthew's Church, which will be open to the public. Bonnie Harper Laurie (a native, roadside vegetation ^{plant and} coordinator) will speak about roadside planting. The meeting is free.

Linda mentioned that it is important that word get out about this meeting and the fact that it is open to the public. We would like to get some good press concerning this meeting and lecture.

Special Committee Reports:

Awards: Libby suggested that we communicate to the GCA not to frame future BGC awards but instead just give us a certificate to place in our scrapbook. While members agreed that we need not have future Club awards framed, they wondered how best to cut down on and store future paperwork.

Clippings/Technology: Varner Redmon asked that all information to go in the next Clippings be sent to her by Friday. She hopes to have it mailed in time to be received just after Thanksgiving.

Nonie Reynders is working on computerizing member information which was previously kept in the Blue Box. We will then have a seperate record of what each member of the Club has done thusfar.

Custodian: It was noted that a lot of show materials were added to the archives following the Zone III Meeting and Flower Show.

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We are working on getting shelves installed and labelled so that these materials can be stored efficiently.

Historian: Dottie Harder is working on putting together a scrapbook in which to preserve the old photos (boxes of 8x10's) that were recently discovered in the archives.

Policy: Dee Edgar asked that members let her know of any policy changes which should be updated in the By-Laws. We are hoping to put these changes, along with any Meeting motions in the Yearbook, listed by year. Dee used an example of policy in that the BGC can not make wreaths for other organizations (such as the Katonah Community Center) to sell.

Projects: Libby mentioned that the flower holders which were distributed at the Zone III Meeting were wonderful and that they might be a good item for Projects to sell at Greensday. We will find out from Anita Stockbridge where we can get more.

Public Relations: Margie Pierce asked if we could please get copies of articles to her (with Newspaper name and date) she could then send the original article to the GCA.

Trips and Visiting Gardens: Libby reported that Kirk Ferguson's trip to the Ecotarium was terrific! There were articles and photographs posted on the bulletin board. She noted that children would love this trip as there are many interactive exhibits. She also mentioned to Connie that we should send our trip information to the GCA Bulletin (as ~~it is~~ the Ecotarium was the recipient of the Founders Fund Award) showing them that the BGC made the effort to go and see it.

Unfinished Business: Left-over bulbs from the Zone III Flower Show are still available to buy. (They were brought to meeting).

New Business: Dottie Harder said that Mrs. O'Conner's 100th birthday is on December 2. ~~Should the Club send a letter?~~ Libby will check with

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Emily Fowler (a cousin) to make sure of the details.

Libby also suggested that we give Louise Talbot and Susan Treadway some sort of a gift to thank them for all of their hard work during the Zone III Meeting. It was suggested that perhaps they should be given an engraved silver frame with a photo of the Zone III Meeting inside. It was also suggested that they receive one the aprons that were given to guests at the Meeting.

The next Executive Meeting will be on January 9. In December, the Executive and Regular Meetings will be combined (on Greensday).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.