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**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
REGULAR MEETING**
~~WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002~~

~~10:00 AM~~ 9:15
VESTAL

St. Matthew's Fellowship Room

Present: Baker, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Ferguson, Maybank, Mitchell, Morris, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Redmon, Santomero, Wyeth

Libby Mossman called the meeting to order.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: While Kim has agreed to take attendance at Regular Meetings including sustaining members, she has relinquished her job of organizing members' nametags. It was decided that at the annual meeting, members will be given their nametags to take home. They will then be expected to wear their nametags at all meetings. For those who forget to bring their nametags, sticky labels will be provided.

This subject will be revisited at the next Executive Meeting on April 3.

Recording Secretary's Report: The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

A discussion came up about how to bring more money into the Club. There was some debate about hosting cocktail-party fundraisers versus raising club dues. Members seemed more inclined to raise annual dues than to host fundraisers in order to create discretionary monies.

It was decided that more discussion should follow at the April 3 Executive Meeting when we present the new budget.

Announcements: Katy Moss Warner, a new Member at Large for the GCA, is running a program on gardens for children in Garrison, on February 11. Libby had details posted on the bulletin board.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs and Conservation: Denise Santomero announced that the next Conservation Meeting will be on February 14 at the

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Beaver Dam Sanctuary, at 9:00 AM. Paul Gallay will give a talk. She reviewed the details about the February 27, public meeting at St. Matthew's at which Bonnie Harper-Lore will speak. We are inviting other, local garden clubs as well as local and state DOT/etc. officials. Ursula LaMotte will also be there.

Margie Pierce will send press releases to The New York Times, Record Review, Patent Trader and other papers as well as to the local Westchester news channel (12). Flyers will also be distributed to local schools and various "hubs" around town.

On March 7 there will be a Conservation meeting and walk through the Butler Meyer Preserve at 9:00 AM.

On April 4 there will be a Conservation meeting and walk through the Mianus River Gorge, also at 9:00 AM.

Denise mentioned that there is a problem with the Town Planning Board notes not getting to Tanya Lowe. Captains need to follow-up with their teams and remind people to submit their notes -- no matter how "informal" they are. Varner will mention this in the next newsletter.

Denise remarked that BGC members should be aware of the Sarles Street development plans and stressed the importance of attending public meetings. She will mention this at our public meeting on February 27.

Denise brought up an issue regarding whether or not the BGC should undertake one project a year (such as the Fox Senior Center or an A-Home) for which we would plant some sort of garden. After some discussion, it was decided that this was not in our best interest as follow-up and maintenance can not be guaranteed.

Exhibitions: Libby thanked Liza Clymer for organizing the January 23 meeting with Preston Bailey. There were roughly 30 people in

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attendance and Libby remarked that this was a good turn-out for a GCA/New York City meeting.

Horticulture: Libby thanked Virginia Maybank and Phoebe Perry for the great seed workshop at Linda Wilson's on January 30. Phoebe evidently called every Horticulture Committee member to encourage them to come -- apparently it worked!

They are encouraging all members to participate in the Sweepstakes on February 27. Members with entries must be there by 9:00 AM to be judged.

Membership: The committee voted on prospective new member, Catherine Jay O'Callaghan. The vote was yes! Selby Ehrlich will write Catherine a letter and Libby will call her as soon as the Club histories, yearbook and binder are available.

Programs: Linda Coveny remarked briefly on some upcoming programs: On April 17, David Culp from Sunny Borders will speak on "Textures and Transitions." There is also a Fall meeting in the works with Robin Zitter. Any ideas for interesting speakers in the future are welcome.

Special Committee Reports:

Clippings/Technology: Varner showed a sample of the newly formatted Clippings. There was some discussion about whether or not members felt that too much information was being sent in the monthly mailings. It was decided that members preferred to receive one large mailing rather than receiving things like the blue RSVP card separately.

Varner will e-mail Clippings to those who would prefer it. Any information to be included, must be received by the 15th of the preceding month.

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Custodian: There will be a sorting-out meeting at Lynn Babcock's on March 14.

Nominating: Nanny Wyeth is working on a new slate for 2003-2005. The candidates are as follows:

2nd Vice-President:	Rosemary Mankiewicz
Recording Secretary:	Storrs Cote
Treasurer:	Liddy Baker
Members at Large:	Cindy Swank
	Mimi Lines
	Cathy Smith
	Linda Wilson

These candidates and prospective offices were presented for club vote at today's meeting. All were approved. The slate will be in the June Clippings.

Trips and Visiting Gardens: Kirk Ferguson spoke about the upcoming BGC trip to Fisher's Island. The date (Thursday, July 18) was voted on and decided. The group will leave early in the morning and carpool to New London. From there, they will take a ferry to Fisher's and spend the day visiting about 3 gardens and having lunch at one of the Clubs. After a quick drink, the group will be given boxed suppers to take back on the ferry. Home by 10:00 PM.

Kirk also read about (3) GCA trips to Spain. If anyone is interested they should speak to Kirk immediately as the deadline is the end of February.

Yearbook: Betsey Johnson is sending copies to GCA headquarters, to the Zone III Chair and Vice-Chair, and to the Zone III Director. She will keep extra copies for the Archives and to give to our new members.

New Business: A new handbook on Bedford "organizations" has been put out by the committee on organizations, by Dick ten Dyke. After much

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discussion about the wording of the BGC being "by invitation only," it was decided that we should leave it alone until the next publication.

There is going to be a Westchester Land Trust Gala on June 29 in South Salem. There has been a request that 5 area garden clubs do a flower arrangement for 25 tables (5 per club) -- agreeing on a theme that would reflect the outdoors and nature. The other clubs are: Rusticus, Hopp Ground, Pound Ridge and Lewisboro. After some discussion, it was decided that the BGC does not usually contribute to other volunteer organizations. Maybe it would be in our best interest to participate this time. Volunteers; Morris, Edgar, Ferguson, Mitchell, and Coveny.

Liza Clymer will be asked to follow up on this.

Kim Morris announced that she had been asked by Kate Ginnel (of the Westchester Land Trust) to provide our BGC address list for this function. It was decided that we should address our own invitations and not provide the list.

Next Executive Meeting: There is no Executive Meeting in March. The next meeting will be on April 3 -- location to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.