

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA**

Kirk Ferguson's House

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

9:15 AM

Present: Baker, Clymer, Cote, Ferguson, Finnegan, Hennessy, Lines, Mankiewicz, Maybank, McDowell, Morris, Mossman, Pierce, Santomero, Swank, Wilson

Call to order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order and thanked Kirk for all of her delicious food.

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

Treasurer's Report: Liddy Baker presented next year's (2003-2004) budget for review: It was noted that Shirley Bianco will be taking Liddy's place as Treasurer next year. The Final budget will be voted on at the May Executive Meeting.

The following changes were made:

- It was decided that **Clippings, Schedules, Typing & Supplies** (everything relating to mailings) should be combined into one category. It was suggested that this category be given \$1,500 total. Liddy will further discuss this with Varner.
- After much discussion , it was decided that because **Pograms** is such a big draw for most members, that we should increase the Program budget. Liddy will look into increasing their budget to \$3,000.
- It was decided that we should combine our **Discretionary** funds with our **Misc. Gifts** funds and use these funds for "special" needs that we do not budget for each year.
- **Yearbook:** It was decided that the Yearbook budget could be reduced from \$1,000 to \$900.
- **Exhibitions:** Liza Clymer explained that it is difficult to get members to sign-up for exhibition workshops, particularly when they are asked to pay for the cost of the workshop. Liza suggested that

perhaps we could ask each person for \$10 per workshop and the Exhibition budget could cover the rest. It was agreed that the Exhibition budget should be raised to \$550 (in addition to the use of the interest from the Charlotte Sturtevant fund) to cover the cost of workshops.

It was also suggested that Seedlings should have to attend at least 1 or 2 workshops so that they could begin to learn about flower arranging.

- **Conservation:** It was decided that the Conservation budget be increased to \$750 because conservation will be increasingly important for future members of the BGC and it will be important to have our club represented at future nation-wide conservation meetings.
- **Seedlings:** This budget was increased to \$250 as we have decided to offer a one year's subscription to either Fine Gardening, Horticulture, or Garden Design to new BGC members. We will offer them a choice of subscriptions. It was also noted that there should be a meeting during which we write up a list of expectations and requirements for new members so that they are more actively involved and can know exactly what is expected of them.
- **Sweepstakes:** It was decided that there should be a meeting or a workshop during which members could learn to do a flower arrangement and perhaps we should do one big in-house flower show each year, rather than loads of "sweepstakes."
- **Hostesses:** It was decided to leave the hostess budget at \$300. Libby suggested that we ask members to donate food once a year for meetings, rather than sending it chits for each batch of cookies. They may still be reimbursed if need be.
- **Public Relations:** Public Relations will now be combined with **Photography** for budgeting purposes.

There was a plea by Liddy Baker to PLEASE turn in all expenses for this year's budget!

There was a vote to put any incoming cookbook money into the Project budget. The vote was unanimous (yes).

Announcements: Libby urged everyone to please read the bulletin board for important events and details:

The Teatown Plant Sale will have its opening night on Friday, May 9th from 4-8. It will also be open on Saturday, May 10th from 9-2.

The John Jay Homestead Peony Sale pick-up and Pressed Flower Workshop will be on Saturday, May 10th.

The KVIS Plant Sale pre-order form was passed around by Louise Talbot.

The Herb Society Meeting will be on April 17th at the John Jay Homestead. Ken Druse will be speaking at 10:30 AM. This is open to the public. Flyers were on the bulletin board.

Details about the Greenwich Daffodil Society Show and the Greenwich Antique Society Symposium were also posted on the bulletin board.

Standing Committee Reports:

Conservation: Denise Santomero reported that the next Conservation meeting will be on April 16 at the Beaver Dam Sanctuary at 9:15 AM. Paul Gally of the Westchester Land Trust will lead the walk.

May 14th's meeting will be at Marsh Sanctuary.

April 12th is Adopt-a-road clean-up. They will meet at the Bedford Oak at 10:00 AM.

The Town Planning Board system is being re-vamped for next year!

Exhibitions: Liza Clymer was thanked for a great workshop at the Enchanted Florist on March 12th.

Horticulture: Virginia Maybank announced that Planting Day will be on May 21 at 8:45 AM at the John Jay Barn. The May newsletter will post the following schedules:

- *Planting Day Schedule
- *John Jay Weeding Schedule for the summer
- *Village Tub Schedule for summer watering

Virginia announced that several BGC entries did very well at the Greenfingers Flower Show:

- * Amaryllis: Lela Philip -2nd
Nonie Reynders -2nd

- * Tulips: Nanny Wyeth – Honorable Mention
- * Begonias: Nonie Reynders – 2nd
Libby Mossman – 3rd
- * Club Entry – Honorable Mention – Par: Nonie Reynders (2nd
her Cerissa)

There are two upcoming trips planned: The first is on Wednesday, May 14 to Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, New York. The group will meet at St. Matthew's at 9:00 AM, and arrive in time for a guided tour at 10:00 AM. The next trip is on Monday, May 19 to Oliver Nurseries in Fairfield, CT. Lori Chips (head of the Alpine Dept.) will lead us in a workshop on planting trough gardens and later she will help select plants for our troughs.

Planting Day will be on Wednesday, May 21 at 8:45 AM at the John Jay barn. Remember to bring troughs to Planting Day to burn off the Fluff!

Programs: Susan McDowell reported that the next meeting on April 23 is an in-house meeting ("Hats and History") at which we will have an informal lunch, followed by our 1939 Video.

Historian: Libby reported on the write-up for the Bedford Town History which needs to be reviewed. Mary-Helen Kennedy agreed to submit the final write-up.

John Jay Gardens: There will be a clean-up on Friday, April 4th. The new summer weeding schedule will be in the May Clippings.

Project Review: Members were encouraged to submit any ideas for community projects that they would like to have reviewed.

Seedlings: Rosemary Mankiewicz reported that she could not locate Sarah Kowitz. Support was given.

Trips & Visiting Gardens: Kirk announced that there will be an upcoming trip to the Highstead Arboretum on June 11th. Details to follow.

Unfinished Business: Rosemary Mankiewicz proposed a meeting for Monday, May 12 for Seedlings to have an orientation at 9:00 AM, at her house.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 9:00 AM at Liza Clymer's house.

Kirk was thanked for hostessing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary