

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002  
9:15 AM  
Ward Pound Ridge Museum**

\*\*MINUTES TAKEN BY SUSAN MCDOWELL\*\*

**Present:** Clymer, Coveny, Hennessy, Maybank, McDowell, Mossman  
Santomero, Talbot, Tine, Wyeth

**Call to Order:** Libby called the meeting to order and thanked Beth Herr, the Museum Curator, for today.

Louisa Tine gave us a tour of the beautiful Luquer garden and the "Inspired by Nature" art exhibit. Louisa passed out information about her art show at Barbel in New Canaan from May 1 - May 31.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** The nametag situation was further discussed. It was decided that at each meeting, the hostesses will distribute and help collect the nametags. We will try this system one more time and then determine whether or not it works!

**Recording Secretary's Report:** The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived. Susan McDowell kindly agreed to take the minutes for today.

**Treasurer's Report:** <sup>IN</sup> Liddy Baker <sup>is absent, Libby</sup> presented the amended budget proposal for 2002-2003 to be voted on. There were a few increases from last month: Programs will get an increase from \$1,900 to \$2,500. Please see attached operating budget. The proposed budget was accepted. ~~It will be presented~~

There was a vote to increase the dues by \$15 for each level of membership. This increase was approved. Therefore, the following dues increase will occur:

Active:	\$85	-	\$100
Associate:	\$95	-	\$110
Sustaining:	\$95	-	\$110
Affiliate:	\$70	-	\$85

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These changes will be announced on May 15, Planting Day. They will also be noted in the June Clippings.

Liddy Baker checked and the BGC is too small to need an audit.

We will attach an explanation sheet/footnotes to the annual budget so that all can understand what interest from which fund goes to benefit which Standing committee. (i.e. Newell, Sturtevant etc.).

**Announcements:** Libby reminded members about the John Jay Viburnam Sale on Saturday, May 4. Dottie Harder, Denise Santomero, Connie Hamilton, Dee Edgar, Linday Coveny, Ann Catchpole-Howell and Ann Polk have offered to help.

The Teatown Plant Sale will be on Friday, May 10 (from 4-7) and Saturday, May 11 (from 9-3).

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Civic Affairs and Conservation:** Denise announced that the Adopt-a-Road clean-up on May 4 with the Chowder and Marching Club has been cancelled. *They will do this later in the month.*

The Town Planning Board has accepted the environmental impact statements from both Seven Springs and Rippowam-Cisqua School.

The next Walk and Talk will be tomorrow at the Audubon Sanctuary. *(John?)* would like help with the planting of \$5,000 worth of plants. The question came up if we would consider working with other groups (such as Rusticus) to help plant the shrubs and perennials? It was decided that we would help do the planting but that we could not help with the maintenance. Nanny Wyeth will find out how many items there are to be planted.

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The next Walk and Talk, after Audubon, will be on June 6 at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

**Horticulture:** For Planting Day, Virginia and Phoebe will call the heads of each area and the heads will then call their committee members the week before to remind them.

The Katonah and Bedford Village tubs will be planted with <sup>Sedum</sup> Autumn Joy, various grasses and Potato Vine. John Dinin said watering cans would be O.K. We are checking with John Dinin to make sure he was serious. Signs will also be made (with the help of Sam Tatnall) to go in the planters and remind people to save water! Libby will call Anita Stockbridge to have her sort out the planting of Katonah's planters, as Katonah was not on the schedule.

Libby mentioned that it would be nice to schedule tours of our members' gardens this summer. Virginia will look into this.

**Exhibitions:** Liza Clymer is going to look into some close-by flower shows for June and July. She will make a note of any local shows in Clippings. Libby will take a look at the schedule. She suggested that the Stamford Flower Show in September would be a good one to enter.

It was mentioned that we need more pots for the 2003 plant exchange. Virginia Maybank will call and get pots from Irvington.

**Membership:** There is one new member, Catherine Jay O'Callaghan. Perspective members will be considered twice a year. Lisa Hennessy and Selby Ehrlich will get a list of members who have not been attending or participating in BGC events. These members will be encouraged to either resign or rethink their membership. Libby will write a note about this in Clippings.

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Tributes to Mary Belden and Grace Reiniger will be read at our June Meeting. These will then be written up and put in the July Newsletter.

**Programs:** There was a meeting for Program Heads in New York On Tuesday, April 30. A few meetings have already been set up for next year: Louisa Tine will speak on October 16. Greensday will take place on December 4. There will be a joint meeting with Ridgefield with a flower importer from Greenwich, in January, and a luncheon meeting planned for April 16. *to prepare for the GCA Annual Meeting*

Other possibilities are Murray Douglas, "Flowers in Fabric." Also, Frank Cabot is a possibility for next February. Linda Coveny will speak with Olivia Farr, who is ~~a relative of his~~. *Niece.*

It was again mentioned that we need to find the mike stand and remote!

**Special Committee Reports:**

**Clippings/Technology:** It was decided that we will have a short July Newsletter and then no Newsletters until September.

**Custodian:** We have the 3 copies of the 1936 tape from Linda Coveny. The tape will be shown at the April 3 Regular Meeting when we "prepare" for the May GCA Annual Meeting at Rye. Dialogue with a voice-over and music will be added.

**John Jay Gardens:** The weeding schedule for John Jay will go in the June Clippings. We need to re-think the dates for the initial clean-up for next year, as it should be earlier.



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**Nominating:** Nanny Wyeth announced the new slate:

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

(to be announced) *Charly Finegan  
Creplacy Kath Smith who is  
moving*

After being voted on at the Annual Meeting, the slate will be printed in the June Clippings.

**Policy:** Libby mentioned that if the source of our GCA dues changes from club dues to fundraisers, we may need to change the By-Laws.

**Public Relations:** Margie Pierce is away, but will bring "PR" books to the June Executive Meeting.

**Trips and Visiting Gardens:** There will be a day trip to Fisher's Island on Thursday, July 25. There will be a tour of gardens and lunch, followed by drinks and dinner. We will carpool from Bedford.

**Yearbook:** Betsey Johnson needs an assistant to help her with the yearbook. She would like someone who is computer literate.

**Unfinished Business:** On June 29 is the Westchester Land Trust Benefit. Kim Morris and Dee Edgar are helping to organize a group to decorate and mail invitations.

Member pages that have been returned to Nonie Reynders will be put into the computer this summer. Copies will be handed out to the Nominating Committee, Awards Committee and the President. The Master disc will be

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updated over the summer and after the Annual Meeting when awards and new officers are announced.

The engraved picture frames for Louise Talbot and Susan Treadway should be ready for the annual meeting.

**New Business:** This year we would like to have a special recognition for Mrs. Waller. Perhaps Nancy Vincent, Dottie Harder and Polly Winans could write something to be framed. It could be a framed "proclamation" like the one done at the Farmer's Club.

Libby mentioned that October 25th would be a good time for a cocktail party for members and their husbands to raise money for GCA dues, etc. Libby will talk to Cassie Kernan about it. It will be a potluck fundraiser.

The next Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5 at Selby Ehrlich's house, in Bedford Village.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.