

**Bedford Garden Club  
Executive Committee Meeting  
201 Croton Lake Road, Katonah  
June 6, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Liza Clymer, Carol Bouyoucos, Jayni Chase, Ellen Conrad, Deirdre Glascott, Mary Kendrick, Nancy Kronenberg, Diane Lewis, Linda Merrill, Lynda Morris, Janet Robinson, Anita Stockbridge, Nancy Vincent, Holly Warshaw

**President Liza Clymer** called the meeting to order. She had just come from a thoroughly enjoyable special tour of the peony garden at new member Martha Stewart's Katonah home to which Martha graciously had invited her seedling class.

**Minutes of the May 2, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting**

Following a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report**

Liza reported in Tina Winchester's absence that the 2018-2019 budget had been finalized and would be presented for vote by the entire membership at the June 13 Annual Meeting. An investment committee composed of Tina, Natica Von Althann, Debbie Gourd and Liza will be meeting to consolidate certain categories of our financial statement.

**Horticulture**

**Robin Ashley** commented on the tremendous success of the May Plant Exchange held at Tina's barn.

She then focused on information we have received about the Spotted Lanternfly, a highly destructive insect first detected in Pennsylvania in 2014 that feeds on and destroys a wide variety of plant life. The flies are invasive and spread easily. While the solution is far from clear, we were asked to be observant and report any sightings of the brightly colored fly or its eggs. We were given information that had, in part, been emailed to our membership on June 5. Thus far, the insect has been reported only in an area of PA (now quarantined) and Nassau County.

Diane suggested that Robin prepare a short and to the point summary about the fly and what to do if sighted as a guide for her in an as yet to be arranged interview by the *Bedford Record-Review*.

**Zone III Meetings**

The 2019 Zone III meeting next May will focus on plants that like wet feet. This year, only Varner and Nancy V along with Dana contributed plant material for the competition. Ellen said that next year, a few days prior to collecting specimens, we would reach out to more members and visit potential contributors to identify what might be sent to meeting.

At the 2018 Zone Meeting in May several of our members received awards, with the Zone Conservation Award going to Ellen Conrad "For her articulate, indefatigable and enduring commitment to educate and expand public awareness of environmental conservation in Bedford, Westchester and New York State".

The floral arrangement by Carol Rice and Wendy Cushman received two major awards; they were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for their mass arrangement, as well as received the Dorothy Vietor Munguer Award for an “Arrangement of Outstanding Beauty” in a GCA flower show.

Other award-winning entries included:

- Carol Bouyoucos - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Photography, Class 5, “What’s inside that truly counts”
- Nancy Vincent – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Camassia as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ornamental Onion
- Dana Worlock – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award, Cosmos

### **Exhibits and Floral Design**

Liza and Linda, who had attended a recent committee meeting, reported in Wendy Cushman’s absence. Among the planned events for next year:

- Our own GCA show.
- A basic floral design course that the GCA is offering to its member clubs. 25 participants are required, each paying \$125. If enough of our members do not sign up, we would offer the remaining spots to Rusticus members.
- Various workshops that would be announced by the time of our first fall meeting.
- A bench class to be offered at our up-coming Annual Meeting as a way of encouraging participation in a non-threatening, fun way.

Wendy is considering forming a flower show subcommittee.

### **Civic Affairs & Conservation**

**Jayni Chase** invited us all to a planning meeting for the committee to be held on June 12 at her house. She and co-chair **Ellen Conrad** want to hit the ground running in September with as many club members as interested participating. An invitation had been emailed to the entire membership.

The same email, Ellen commented announced “Planting Day” on June 19, when a group representing this committee along with members of our Photography committee will carpool to Goshen, NY to have a hands-on learning experience with Master Farmer, Annie Farrell. Ideally, 12 – 15 of our members would go. Annie will teach us how to prepare for and plant native plants in conjunction with solar array panels to create a landscape conducive to pollinators.

Discussion on Glyphosate use and other products that can be used to clear large areas or persistent weeds. Annie Farrell uses “BurnOut”, a product made with natural ingredients.

Ellen announced that on June 11 she and Liza will be attending a climate change seminar in Millbrook sponsored by the Carey Institute. Anyone else who wishes to attend is welcome.

### **Garden History & Design**

**Carol Bouyoucos** spoke of the on-going work her committee is doing to document the gardens of BGC members Diane Lewis, Denise Santomero, and Susan Burke. The GCA she said is aware of our work on all three. We are also in the early stages of documenting Deirdre Glascott’s gardens.

### **Programs**

**Liza** reported in the absence of out-going chairman **Joyce Corrigan**. Liza along with Joyce and new chairman **Nancy Kronenberg** will meet before the end of June to begin planning for next year.

Liza said that we will continue with our timely and popular theme “Sex in the Garden” in selecting topics and speakers.

**Other Matters**

There will be a screening of *The Gardener* at Bedford Playhouse June 9 with net proceeds going to Rusticus and ourselves. The film looks back on Frank Cabot’s creation of the magnificent gardens in Quebec, *Les Quatre Vents*, which several BGC members had the opportunity to visit in June, 2017.

Linda J. Merrill  
Recording Secretary