

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2002
9:15 AM
Libby Mossman's House**

Present: Baker, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ferguson, Finnegan, Harder, Hennessy, Kernan, Maybank, Morris, Mossman, Pierce, Redmon, Santomero, Tine, Wilson

Call to Order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order. She welcomed the new Members at Large and noted that she would remind the absent ones that their presence is requested at Executive Meetings.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Kim Morris asked for a better method of taking attendance at Regular Meetings than the BGC nametags. Libby suggested that she bring a clipboard on which members could sign-in. Varner Redmon offered to create a printed list of members' names to use for taking attendance. It was decided that the nametags would only be used for "special" meetings such as the upcoming, September 18 Meeting with Frank Cabot. *Paper tags will be used for the Sept 18 meeting.*

Lisa Hennessy offered to take over the nametag situation.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: There was a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was passed. Storrs Cote passed around one of the invitations for the October 25 fundraising cocktail party. She thanked Linda Wilson for her hard work designing the invitation.

Treasurer's Report: Liddy Baker passed around the June 1 - Sept. 1, 2002 treasurer's report. She noted that we raised \$687 on the trip to Fisher's Island which Kirk Ferguson organized.

Announcements:

Libby Mossman explained that we will use the money which will be raised at the October 25 cocktail party to pay of GCA dues, rather than taking that money out of our operating budget. She said that we are hoping to net roughly \$5,000 - \$6,000. This way we won't have to raise our BGC dues again anytime soon.

to benefit additional program needs and extending expenses.

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The yearbook will arrive at the September 18 meeting, thanks to Varner and Margie Pierce, who proofread it!

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs and Conservation: Denise Santomero announced that there will be a meeting with the heads of all Planning Board "months" at her house on September 11 at 9:15 AM. She has a new schedule for this year's visits to the local nature preserves. She reminded us that the Adopt-a-Road schedules are in the September Clippings and that captains will begin calling their teams at the beginning of each month.

Exhibitions: Libby remarked that Liza organized a wonderful workshop this past summer. She also has pictures. Liza will organize our BGC entries for the Stamford Flower Show on September 20-21.

Horticulture: Virginia Maybank asked if anyone had seeds for the Stamford Flower Show on September 20-21. No-one seemed to have been successful with these. She also mentioned the Greenfingers Flower Show -- February 28, and March 1 & 2 -- is something to think about. She has a schedule and will make copies for the September 18 Meeting. She mentioned that there are some exciting classes to enter and that she will have a forced bulb workshop in November or December for Greenfingers as well.

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She mentioned that there would be a walk through Libby's garden following the meeting. Also, there will be a seed workshop in January with details to follow.

Membership: Lisa Hennessy mentioned that there are a couple of perspective new members in the works, and that all letters must be received by mid-September. Liddy Baker is working on contacting members who have not yet paid their dues. Betsey Holdsworth is being dropped from the mailing list as she has moved away and has not been in

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contact in some time. There was a vote to transfer Susan Treadway from a Regular to Associate Member. All members voted "yes."

Programs: Linda Coveny spoke briefly about the exciting new schedule of programs. She reminded members that the September 18 Regular Meeting is at the invitation of Rusticus GC. Dottie Harder offered to tell Susie Ewing (Head Hostess) to contact Leslie Needham and offer to help that day.

Libby will call Leslie Robinson to discuss inviting all local Garden Conservancy Open Day hostesses to the September 18, Frank Cabot program as well.

The BGC will supply our projector and screen, which are presently in Susan McDowell's basement. Libby suggested that we make sure it is stored in a water-free place in the future.

Cassy Kernan spoke briefly about the upcoming October 25 fundraising cocktail party with Tom Armstrong. She said there are many committees which could use volunteers and there will be a meeting at her house on September 11 at 10:00 AM.

Special Committee Reports:

Clippings/Technology: Libby thanked Varner for a wonderful September Clippings. She reminded people to please get their e-mails to Varner by the 15th of the month.

Garden History and Design: Varner spoke of the need for more PR and club-wide awareness of this relatively new GCA committee. She is soon going to the National Zone Chairs Meeting in Santa Fe, NM. It was suggested that she could write-up a blurb about this committee in the next Clippings and then people could contact Varner about forming a new committee for next year. There was some debate as to whether this

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would be a Standing Committee or not. This subject will be further explored in the future.

Historian: Old photos are needed for the Rye GCA meeting next May. People are to contact Nancy Vincent with these. It was decided that a committee will need to be formed this Fall to help organize the 1932 tape and voice-over. It was also noted that Shirley Bianco has our old Victory Garden photos for her Bedford history book.

Policy: It was decided that we could amend our By-Laws to allow us to pay our GCA dues from funds (Benefits) other than only from our BGC dues as now stipulated.

Projects: Louisa Tine passed around a copy of a booklet of Miss Luquer's mother's poems, and her accompanying landscape watercolors. It was suggested that we could make postcards from these watercolors (with the poems included on the back) as a fundraising possibility.

The original booklet is at St. Matthew's. Louisa is going to explore the copyright possibilities. *restrictions*

Libby also passed around a postcard from ^o SC Garden Club with a photograph of a member's garden on it. She suggested that we could have some made up (featuring 5 or 6 gardens, with maybe 2 copies of each) as an idea for projects. She will speak to Janet Robinson about this.

Trips and Visiting Gardens: Kirk Ferguson spoke about her successful trip to Fisher's Island and thanked all 25 members who participated. She especially thanked the Rusticus women who helped with the driving and hostessing on-island. A photo album was passed around and members were encouraged to add to it.

She spoke about the upcoming trip to Woodlawn Cemetery on Wednesday, October 9. The group will meet at 9:00 AM at St. Matthew's. It is about 35 minutes away and has beautiful trees, sculpture

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and architecture. There will be a 90-minute guided tour followed by lunch at the Botanical Gardens.

There is also a trip on Thursday, October 17th to the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT. The group will leave from St. Matthew's at 9:00 AM for a guided tour of the art exhibit.

Kirk mentioned that there is also a trip on December 3rd to Glass Flowers in Cambridge, MA which is being run by the Bruce Museum.

She is working on a trip to Newport as well.

Yearbook: The yearbook will be out by the September 18, Frank Cabot meeting.

New Business: Louisa Tine mentioned that there will be an art and photography show and sale from September 29 - October 10 at Westchester Community College, to benefit the Native Plants Center. Information was posted on the bulletin board.

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Bonnie ~~MacDonald~~ will mail out the current **Job Descriptions** to all Committee Heads for updating by the end of January. Jeannie Witmer probably has the disc with the old descriptions on it that could be used to amend. Copies will be given to the President and the Nominating Committee.

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Betty Wamsley has the 2nd letter for the Millbrook GC application for the Founders Fund Award.

The next Executive Meeting will be on October 2 at Kirk Ferguson's house. The November 6 meeting will be at Laura-Lee Montross's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.