

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001
9:15 AM
at the home of Bonnie Trotta**

Present: Mmes. Baker, Clymer, Cote, Coveny, Edgar, Ehrlich, Hamilton, Harder, McDowell, Mitchell, Morris, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Talbot, Trotta, Redmon, Wyeth

The meeting was called to order by the president, Libby Mossman. She thanked our hostess, Bonnie Trotta.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: It was decided that rather than Kim Morris (Corresponding Secretary) having to call each committee head each month, that the Chairman of each committee should call Varner Redmon by the 20th of each month with any notices for the next month's Clippings.

Varner's email address is: **VREDMON@OPTonline.net**.

Attendance postcards will still be sent out during months which have no Newsletters. It was stated by Libby Mossman that it is important to know the number of those attending regular meetings while hostesses for executive meetings should expect 17 - 20 attendees.

Recording Secretary: Storrs Cote has agreed to fill in for Joyce Espy as Recording Secretary this coming year.

Treasurer's Report: Liddy Baker reviewed her report. Please see attached.

Announcements:

- An enthusiastic thank you letter to the BGC from the recipient of the *Student Conservation Association* Scholarship was read by *Liddy Baker*. *SCA. Entice for her* *Student Conservation Association* *Spring cost each year is \$250.*
- The President explained that there will be a bulletin board present at each regular and executive meeting -- posted with any new news and

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happenings each month. The clipboard will still be circulated for things like "thank you" notes.

- The President thanked Margie Pierce for taking the July minutes and Betty Wamsely for submitting the photograph of the BGC's annual meeting to the Record Review.

- ^{Libby} Liddy Baker also commented that there is plenty of BGC stationary available -- both large and small sheets and envelopes.

- The Vestry room at St. Matthew's will be available for meetings without charge during the months of ^{winter} January and February. The Fellowship room is also available for a fee of \$175. ^{plus \$50 for chair set-up.} ^{about = rare this registrable.}

Zone III Meeting: Louise Talbot spoke about the upcoming Zone III meeting. Please see the attached agenda.

- She mentioned that the "Trade Roots" theme will be present on all printed material as will the map logo. 90 people are scheduled to attend thus far. It was also mentioned that this is the biggest zone meeting in the United States and that we are in fact the biggest zone. 100% of all active ^{BGC} members will be involved in this meeting in some form or another. A list of all active members and their jobs will be printed and distributed at the September 19 meeting.

- Louise also mentioned that Mrs. Waller will not be able to attend any of the meetings but that she will send some written remarks to be read at the opening dinner. Mrs. Waller will also be hosting a small tea on Tuesday ^{Sep 25} for about 10 of the garden club heads.

- Finally, everyone was encouraged to help wherever possible.

- A \$1MM GCA Ins. Policy will be in effect to cover the use of the JJ Homestead during the meeting.

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Standing Committee Reports:

- **Civic Affairs and Conservation:**

It was mentioned that we must be sure to do a good job with the Adopt-A-Road program and be sure to pick-up all trash by the Zone Meeting -- BGC signs ^{as own} will ~~be~~ posted there.

There was a question as to who would take over Obex. It was decided that Anita Stockbridge would be asked.

Each member of the Garden Club will be asked to cover a Town Planning Board Meeting once a year and report to the BGC. *Conser, Conlee*
There will be team captains assigning members to meetings for each month. *and reminding them.*

The Highway Department has promised to clean up Bedford's Exxon Station by the Zone Meeting. Kim Morris will call Betty Wamsley regarding the untidy trash container located at the Bedford Oak.

The containers for Mt. Kisco's Senior Center are being constructed.

The heads ~~of~~ of the Civic Affairs and Conservation Committee have been asked to sit at the Head Table at the Zone Meeting on Wednesday, September 26: *either Anita or Denise will attend.*

- **Exhibitions:** Liza Clymer has arranged for a workshop at the Enchanted Florist in Katonah at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 12. The fee will be \$40/person and there is a 10 person limit.
- **Horticulture:** Phoebe Perry spoke of a semi-softwood cutting workshop at Linda Wilson's greenhouse scheduled for September 12.

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There will also be a seed workshop on January 30, also at Linda Wilson's, for the plant exchange.

Phoebe also mentioned that there will be ¹ roadtrip to the Cloisters for a morning tour with more information to follow at the September 19 meeting.

A schedule of Fall Programs will be ^{included} ~~printed~~ in the next Clippings.

The Bedford Village tubs will need to be spruced up by the Zone Mtg.

The Shannon Triangle needs only small improvement because of future plans for a traffic circle.

The Heads of this committee are also invited to sit at the Head table at the Zone Meeting on September 26.

Phoebe Perry also noted that the Zone III Flower Show needs more help!

Dee Edgar mentioned that the "Prairie Fire" Peppers will be judged in "suitable" sized pots -- up to the everyone's discretion. The Garden Club's name needs to be on the bottom of each pot. They also need any cut roses, astors and salvia ^{and others for the} flowers as well. ^{Phoebe + Connie + Pamela will work} ~~ON THE WARDIAN CASE.~~

- **Membership:** Selby Ehrlich reviewed the following changes in membership: Kate Putnam and Robin Purcell have been changed from active to affiliate. ^{She confirmed that} Katie O'Boyle and Barbara Kerst have resigned.
- **Programs:** During the September 19th meeting, presentations will be made by the committee chairs to review upcoming

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plans for the members.

Louise Talbot will also give a Zone III update.

Mimi Mitchell has unearthed a Luquer watercolor from the archives which will be ^{shown} put on display at St. Matthew's for all to see at the September 19th meeting. *and donated to St. Matthews for permanent display.*

Special Committee Reports:

- **Clippings/Technology:** The President noted that Varner Redmon did a beautiful job on the computer with the new Clippings. Varner asked that everyone should feel free to submit anything interesting to fill in any holes.

Kim Morris volunteered to make a master list of members and their committee choices and submit it to Clippings.

Selby Ehrlich showed us her new notebook in which she will keep all BGC paperwork (which will now be punched with 3 holes) This idea will be further discussed at the September 19th meeting.

- **Correspondent to GCA Bulletin:** Connie Hamilton plans to have several conferences with Caroline Niemczyk for Publicity. She has also submitted information to the New York Times regarding the Zone Meeting. There will also be a piece submitted to the GCA Bulletin following the Zone. Two photo sessions have also ^{were} been discussed. *my.*
- **Custodian:** There was an Archive clean-out in August. The new shelves are to be installed shortly on which everything can be stored in an organized (and labeled) manner. Special thanks went to Mmes. Baker, Harder, McDuffie, Mitchell, Redmon, Rice

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and Vincent. There were wonderful photographs from the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's found which will be on display at the Zone III Mtg.

Libby ^{mored} ~~suggested~~ that the BGC buy an acid free photo album in which to keep these photos. The motion was passed.

- **Historian:** Dottie Harder brought up the recent article in the Record Review about the filth around the Bedford Hills train station and asked what the BGC could do about this unfortunate situation. Libby Mossman suggested that the Civic Affairs and Conservation Committee think about a solution and present it to the club after the Zone III Mtg. -- maybe at Green's Day. Dotty agreed to speak with (Lee Roberts)? and report back to the Club on September 19. ✓

Dotty also mentioned that there is a wonderful little book on the history of Bedford Hills available for sale at Furman Printing in Bedford Hills.

- **John Jay Gardens:** Libby asked that everyone be sure to check their schedules for weeding at John Jay so that the gardens will look their best for the Zone III Mtg.
- **Seedlings:** Proposers should be sure to call their new members before September 19 to be sure they attend out first meeting. A suggestion was made that the list of requirements for new members (as read by Selby Ehrlich) be posted in the October Clippings.
- **Trips and Visiting Gardens:** There is a flyer in the Newsletter regarding the October 24 trip to the Ecotarium in Worcester, Mass. People were encouraged to sign up.

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- **Yearbook:** The yearbooks should be ready for the October 17 meeting.
- **New Business:** Connie Hamilton volunteered to host the executive meeting on November 7 at her house. The January and February meetings will be at St. Matthew's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.