

1918

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 April 24th - Mrs Deumont - Mrs Harsden or "Pines"
 May 8th - Mrs Eddy - Mr Harsden - "Pool + Rock - Garden"
 May 22 - Mr Rowan Taylor (Brooklyn Botanic Gardens) "Wood + Flower Garden"
 June 12 - Mr Cleas. Totty - Madison N.J. Chrysanthemums
 June 27 - De Leonard - Plainfield - Dahlias

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 May 14 - Mrs Dumbau - Mrs Birney - "Spring flower show"
 May 28 - Mrs Tapp - Mrs Philo - Gardens Park + Present
 June 11 - Kenyon Gardens, Mrs Cook - talk of the work for
 June 20 - Mrs Sullivan - Mrs Laber - "The Home and the Garden"
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 October 23 - Mrs Baynes - at Congregational Parish Home -
 (Illustrated) "Wild Birds - How to attract them"

1915

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Minutes of Annual Meeting - 1918

The Annual meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was held at Mrs Gilbert's, March 20th. at half-past three o'clock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read an account of the year's work, and the Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$31.10, which was also accepted.

Mrs Herring gave an opening address, & Mrs Hubbard presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows: For President - Mrs F. O. Herring

vice-presidents Mrs H. K. Steens

Mrs J. B. Bennett

Mrs F. W. Talto

Secretary & Treasurer - Mrs R. H. Morrison

Executive Committee Mrs H. O. Fleming

Mrs R. C. Barnhart

Mrs W. A. Couler

Motion was carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire ticket.

Mrs Herring made a charming speech of acceptance and Mrs Warren moved a rising vote of thanks to Mrs Herring for her work during the past year, and her gracious acceptance of the presidency again.

this season. The resignation of Miss Evans was announced, with regret, and also that Mrs Francis Frost had been elected a member of the club. Plans were discussed for the evening meeting to be held at Mrs Stevens on April 16th. Mrs Harding agreed to give a talk on poems on April 24th. Motion was carried that only liquid refreshment might be served at meetings. Motion was carried that at the discretion of the Executive Committee one dollar admission might be charged for lectures, the money to received to be devoted to some patriotic object.

Elizabeth Taliaferro - per F.C.H.

Approved April 24th.

April 10th. 1911

An evening meeting of the Garden Club was held at Mrs J. R. Stevens, on April 10th, to which each member of the club was allowed to bring a guest. Mr Robert Pyle of West Grove Pa. gave an illustrated lecture on "Roses at Home & Abroad". Many beautiful colored pictures were shown, among the most interesting a series taken of an extensive rose-garden, out-side of Paris, belonging to Monsieur Traveres. After the lecture refreshments were served and those present thanked Mrs Stevens for a very pleasant evening.

Fanny C. Moore - Secy

April 24 - 1915

A meeting of the Garden Club was held at the residence of Mrs Bennett on April 24th

There were 41 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The subject of having occasional meetings open to the public was re-discussed. A straw vote showed a large majority opposed to open meetings and it was decided to consider re-

sponding the motion in favor of open meetings which was passed at the meeting of the Garden Club on March 25th. It was decided not to

issue new booklets this year. The resignation of Mrs McMullan and Mrs Jelic were received with regret, Mrs Pierre Maki and Mrs Harry McGee were elected to fill the two vacancies.

Meetings here-after may be arranged alphabetically. It was decided to continue Mrs Herring's membership

in the Woman's National Farm & Garden association and the secretary was instructed to send subscription.

The question of assisting a farm unit during the summer was discussed and a committee will be

appointed by Mrs Herring to decide the matter.

It was decided to send flowers during the summer
to the Base Hospital at Colerick. Weekly
service in charge of a special committee will be
arranged.

Mrs Harding gave a most interesting talk on
flowers, after which refreshments were served.

Fanny C. Morrison

Approved May 8th.

May 8th. 1918

On May eighth the Garden Club met at the residence of Mrs C. B. Eddy.

In the absence of Mrs Herring Mrs Anna Stevens presided, twenty-four members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs Stevens presented a ballot from the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association for election of officers for the coming year. The Secretary was instructed to return the ballot, as requested, to Mrs Bangs Steward, Secretary of the association. The question of open meetings was again discussed. Mrs Foster suggested that members of the Club might ask the hostess of the occasion for permission to bring a guest, \$1. being paid for such privilege. Mrs Huntington thought we might adopt the plan of the Musical Club and have occasional meetings to which each member might bring a guest.

There being no further business Mr Harrison gave a very interesting lecture on Pools, and Rock-gardens.

Fanny C. Morrison Secy.

Accepted May 22nd.

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On May 22nd the Garden Club met at the residence of Mrs Mellick. Thirty members were present. Mrs Herring announced with regret that Mrs Wilder would not be able to speak to us. Mrs Wilder sent an invitation to the members of the club to visit her garden near Suffern.

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The Garden Club met at Mrs Van Roskerck's on June 12th. 27 members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs Herring announced that the Keenon gardens would like to have gifts of plants. The question of holding a flower show in the fall was discussed. A straw-vote showed that most of those present thought that it would take too much time that had better be given to war-work.

There being no further business Mrs Herring introduced Mr Charles Zotty who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on *Phrysanthemums*.

Fanny C. Morrison. Secy

Accepted June 27th.

June 27th - 1919

A meeting of the Garden Club was held at Mrs Quinn's residence on June 27th.

Twenty-one members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs Herrick announced that Miss Hyde would have the meeting on the 20th of September and that a dahlia - show might be held on that occasion, ^{experts} confined to ^{the} members of the Club, and Dr Leonard. Each member might invite a guest. Further details to be arranged later. There being no further details Mrs Herrick introduced Dr Leonard who gave an interesting talk on dahlias. The talk proved not only delightful but most instructive and Dr Leonard having given his afternoon to the Club a rising vote of thanks was given by the members to the speaker for his kindness.

Meeting adjourned.

Fanny C. Morrison Secy

Approved July 17th

July 17th. 1915

A meeting of the Garden Club was held at Mrs Couvres July 17th. Fourteen members present - As it was a showery afternoon the meeting took place in the charming drawing-room instead of Mrs Couvres' delightful garden. After the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted Mrs Herring said that there were many matters of interest to the Club which could be discussed in an informal way as we had no lecturer. The first matter was the sending of jelly to the Fruit and Flower Mission. A motion was then passed that each member of the Club be asked to give two glasses, or more, to the mission, & Mrs Pittman volunteered to look after the collection & carrying of the jelly. The President spoke of the meeting at Miss Hyde's on Sept - 25th, & asked that five dollars in flowers be sent - Mrs Herring spoke of the advisability of engaging Mr Ernest Barnes for our October meeting - the price being high it was questioned whether we

had better spend a large sum unless the
lectures were given for the benefit of the
Red Cross. It was then decided to have an
August meeting -

Mrs. Hersey talked of the advisability of
suspending the meetings of the Club until
the end of the war unless we could do
some practical war work, this thought to
be kept in the minds of our members until
the closing autumn meeting -

A motion was passed that a committee be
appointed to take flowers to the hospital until
the return of Mrs. Kushever who has the
matter usually in charge. She suggested was
made that each member having vegetables in
her own garden should send some to the
Day Nursery. Mrs. DeZeff asked for roots
& shrubs for the Kensington Parcels & spoke of
the sale of vegetables there during the
summer. An appeal was made for extra
gifts for the Needlework Guild. Mrs. Hersey
asked for men's old shirts to be made into
children's dresses for the Belgians by a committee at her
own home. The meeting then adjourned -
Accepted Sept 25 -

Fanny C. Moran Sec

September 11th 1915

On Sept. 11th the Garden Club met at Mrs Stillmans. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Announcement was made that the Executive Committee had decided to discontinue the Club membership in the Women's Farm & Garden Association. The Club was then reminded that the next meeting would be a Flower Show at the residence of Mrs Helen Hyde, and that each member was requested to bring specimen flowers in containers. Motion was carried that the next meeting should be our last until called together again by the Executive Committee. Mrs Herring gave an interesting account of her visits to the Base Hospital at Colona where she carried over flowers for the sick and wounded, always in the name of the Garden Club. Mrs Van Borschel suggested that cuttings & shrubbery be donated to relieve the barren appearance of camps near here. Motion was carried that Mrs Herring should appoint a committee to work with her in making gifts of flowers and plants.

to hospitals and camps - There being
no further business the meeting adjourned.

Fanny C. Moore Secy

September 25th 1919

An unusually interesting meeting of the Garden Club was held at Miss Bygdes on September 25th. Twenty five members were present, also many guests invited to enjoy our exhibition of dahlias. Mrs Keening opened the meeting, and described her visits to the Base Hospital at Colonia, bringing gifts to the soldiers, she also told of taking gifts of flowers to the Public Library.

A motion was carried to thank Mrs Keening for her work at the Hospital and to ask her to continue her visits there during the winter. A discussion as to methods of growing dahlias followed. The meeting soon adjourned as every one was anxious to see the lovely flowers displayed in Miss Bygdes sun-parlor. Among the exhibits greatly admired were Mrs Keening's new growing, the greatest variety. Mrs Banow had some very fine dahlias, and those sent by Mrs Tule, Mrs Bellick, Mrs Connor & Mrs Clumbout were very beautiful and gave pleasure to every one present.

After enjoying the flowers we were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served and it was generally felt that this our final meeting was one of the pleasantest of the season.

Fanny C. Morrison Secy

A discussion was held on what would be good work for our Club in the line of "Town Improvement" - it was thought to begin with the care of the City Park would be a step in the right direction.

The President will appoint a Committee to have the matter in charge. Mrs. Hering spoke of the growth of the park at Rantam, of many of her experiences there, the summer house is completed and furnished. Mrs. Mead has given four large wicker chairs (from the P. H. S. building that is being dismantled at the Camp) for the use of the Convalescing soldiers in the summer house. The Secretary was instructed to send a note of thanks to Mrs. Mead.

Committees were appointed for the Flower Show to be held on September 20th.

Mrs. Hanson Chairman of Management of Centre

Mrs. Mellick on Plant Committee.

Mrs. Warren, Chairman of Decorating

Mrs. Conner - " for tables for exhibits.

Mrs. Otterson Publicity Chairman.

Mrs. Hering said she would ask Mr. Leonard assist in the Classification of Exhibits.

Elizabeth A. Tallman