Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 1996

The meeting was opened at 1:25 pm by President Diana Madsen in her home.

Present were Mmes. D. and E. Madsen, Peek, Loiseaux, Hackman, Weil, Vivian, S. Kroll, Lang, Turner, Booth, Shepherd and Trimble.

Treasurer’s Report: Operating Account : $4236.93
Community Account : $7623.38

Anne told us the $2115 our club needs for the Annual Meeting in 1999 could come out of the Operating Account with no member assessment.

Anne will also look into using a different bank, since the United National Bank no longer returns checks, only images, which does not show endorsements. Anne thinks we need the checks, since we are not audited on a regular basis.

Conservation: Barbara will submit a picture of the Shakespeare Garden as Historic Preservation, since after discussion it was decided the garden should be considered as such, since we have been honored by Historic Preservation for it.

Concerning a club conservation project, we will consider giving a scholarship /grant to a high school or college student to study the environment. This could work for us; Rumson is doing this. The battery recycling idea couldn’t really work for us because NJ is one of three states that already has mandatory battery recycling.

Exhibitions: Nina will bring in pictures from the flower show. We have been encouraged by Barbara Hindricks to enter the NY Flower Show, with themes from Broadway Shows and Shakespeare’s plays, in March. Barbara has very kindly offered to give a workshop which will be at Nina’a Feb. 14.

Horticulture: Sally Kroll showed the challenging schedule for the Rumson show in September.

The speaker Wednesday will be Lois Himes of Westport CT, who will speak on "Color in Your Garden."

Program: Barbara reminded us of the brunch this Sunday at the Kroll’s.

Nominating: Joan needs to know who went to which Annual Meeting.

Shakespeare Garden: Evie wishes someone could give us a monthly update on birds, as there used to be in the past.

Fundraising: Jeanne reported there will be a meeting Jan. 24 to decide on the fundraiser this year, maybe something to do with the Shakespeare Garden, such as herbs.
President: Diana took names of who is requesting Judging Guides. She informed us of several flower shows in the area that are not GCA sponsored.

Sally Booth requests any ideas on Medal Awards; these could be Zone or Club Awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted

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Exhibitions: Nine will bring in pictures from the flower show. We have been encouraged by Barbara Hindricks to enter the NY Flower Show, with themes from Broadway Shows and Shakespeare’s plays, in March. Barbara has very kindly offered to give a workshop which will be at Nine's Feb. 14.

Horticulture: Sally Kroll showed the challenging schedule for the Rasmus show in September. The speaker Wednesday will be Lois Himes of Westport CT, who will speak on “Color in Your Garden.”

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Nominating: Joan needs to know who went to which Annual Meeting.

Shakespeare Garden: Evie wishes someone could give us a monthly update on birds, as there used to be in the past.

Fundraising: Jeanna reported there will be a meeting Jan. 24 to decide on the fundraiser this year, maybe something to do with the Shakespeare Garden, such as herbs,
Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 1:25pm by President Diana Madsen in her home.

Present were Mmes. D. and E. Madsen, S. and N. Kroll, Vivian, Turner, Hackman, Weil, Shepherd, Booth, Peek and Trimble.

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to show the annual assessment could be tried for a year "to see how it goes."

Treasurer’s Report:  Operating Account: $4236.93
Community Account: $7623.38
Anne is still checking into changing banks.
The board discussed the Annual Brunch. Sally Kroll did the majority of the work necessary at the brunch held in January at her home. The board decided this party would be considered as a hostessing requirement. Each meeting now will have three hostesses, including the Annual Brunch. The president of the club is exempted from hostess duties. This will spread the cost around among three members instead of two, and also ensure every member hostess one meeting/party each year.
The date of the brunch, the Sunday before Super Bowl, worked fine, and it was suggested that in the future a 50/50 raffle be held.

Second VP: Jeanne informed us of a possible fundraiser in connection with the store Richard Roberts Ltd., in Scotch Plains. Our club would receive 15% of all sales over a certain period of time in exchange for publicity, the sending of cards to our friends, and staffing the shop for two nights. Jeanne will ask if we can do this at a future date since the club needs more time to consider the proposition.
Jeanne also reported the club will sell geraniums again this year for our fundraiser, with Sally Booth again generously donating her back porch as distribution site on May 6.

Conservation: Barbara told us Sally Price, Executive Director of the Pine Barrens, will speak to us on Wednesday.
Barbara will submit the picture of the Shakespeare Garden from the book to Historic Preservation.
Concerning the scholarship idea for our conservation project that was discussed at our last board meeting, Barbara is reluctant to pursue this idea, which is similar to one she already did some years ago. Nina will call and get information on scholarship courses, which might be appropriate for the teachers in Plainfield whose classes we visited last year.

Exhibitions: Nina thanked all who attended and participated in the workshop in her home February 14. Ramona, Bernice, and Sally Booth and Jeanne, all submitted entries that Barbara Hinrichs, of the Englewood Garden Club, critiqued. Ramona will enter Class
III in the NY Flower Show. Tucker, Joan and Jane audited the workshop.

Horticulture: Sally Kroll reported on the Zone Hort meeting she attended. Our club could be interested in the same workshop, which was on propagation.

Nominating: Nina will attend the Annual Meeting with Diana.

Program: Sally Booth reported Nina will run the March meetings since Diana will be out of town.

President: Diana passed around a folder containing information on various workshops, flower and garden shows in which members might be interested.

Budget: The board voted unanimously to assess each member $15 a year for the next three years to cover our obligatory cost of the 1999 Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tucker Trimble
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 1996

First Vice-President Nina Weil opened the meeting at 1:25 pm in her house. President Diana Madsen was absent from the meeting.

Present were Mmes. E. Madsen, Burner, Lang, S. Kroll, Shepherd, Booth, Vivian, Weil, Hackman and Trimble.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Operating Account: $4666.93
Community Account: $7422.96

Anne read a letter she will send to affiliate members advising them of the annual, for three years, assessment of $15 to meet our obligation of $2115 for the GCA Annual Meeting in 1999.

Fundraiser: Concerning the geranium sale, Sally Booth advised us we cannot exchange colors with the distributor, Dryers Farms. Please return the completed forms to Jeanne by April 18. Each member is required to sell two dozen geraniums.
Anne suggested the money we make by selling flowers to ourselves be put towards the annual party.

The board discussed the number of hostesses needed at each meeting. This number could vary depending on the meeting. After discussion, it was decided that hostesses for the annual party pay for set-ups, invitations and help (and members be assessed for the liquor; maybe $15.) Anne has graciously offered her house for next year’s party.

Corresponding Secretary: The board accepted with regret the resignation of Jeanette Morse.

Conservation: Nina read a letter from The Newark Conservancy requesting volunteers and money. Some GCA clubs are pretty involved, and the Conservancy is in our budget. The board decided a field trip to the conservancy could be a way to become more involved. Joan suggested a small committee visit first.

Exhibitions: Nina reported Ramona received a third in the NY Flower Show and we are all so proud of her. Betty was on the Passing Committee, and Nina and Sally Kroll were Clerks. Nina showed pictures of arrangements she took at the show.

Program: Barbara is firming up the program for next year, and asked us all to consider hosting a meeting in our homes. The Garden Club of the Oranges has requested we have another joint meeting next November. March, which is typically a small group, could be field trip. We may try to have a speaker from the Audobon Society speak about birds.
Shakespeare Garden: Evie reported generally the percentage of workers is better than in the past. Spring clean-up is April 17.

President: Nina told us the importance of the vote for the Founder's Fund. This is the only time in the GCA where every member has an opportunity to vote.
Nina informed us of various flower shows and demonstrations in the area we might find of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 20, 1996

Vice-President Nina Weil opened the meeting at 12:15 pm. President Diana Madsen was absent from the meeting.

Nina thanked Barbara Lang and Sally Booth for making the arrangements for a very successful tour of Cook College’s Marine Biology program.

Nina also requested we please RSVP in a more timely manner to the meeting hostesses.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The budget was unanimously approved for next year.

Second Vice-President: Jeanne reported on the geranium sale. Order forms are due to Jeanne by April 18, and there will be no color exchanges to the distributor, Dryer’s Farms. Pick-up will be the week of May 6.

Corresponding Secretary: The club accepted with regret the resignation of Jeanette Morse.

Conservation: Nina reported for Barbara. The Greater Newark Conservancy has a campaign to renovate the Metropolitan Baptist Church to house, among other things, gardening demonstration sites, and we have been requested to volunteer time and money.

Exhibitions: The Daffodil Show is April 26-27 and we need members to volunteer to do an arrangement, not to be judged. There will be a workshop at the Frelinghuysen for flower arranging and horticulture April 12.

Nina announced we will have to participate in the Zone Show in September; more information will be forthcoming.

Ramona received a third in the NY Flower Show for her interpretation of A Winter’s Tale.

Nina thanked Betty for being on the Pasing Committee, and Nina and Sally Kroll were Clerks at the Show.

Program: Barbara reported the April meeting will be Opening Day at the Shakespeare Garden, followed by a casual lunch at Marty Samek’s

Shakespeare Garden: Evie told us to bring pruners and weeders to the garden.

Scholarships: Bernice told us about the Clara Carter Higgins Scholarship, founded in 1964, and which has been assimilated into and administered by the GCA Summer Environmental Scholarship since 1993.
Hospital: Mary Ann Gonder, Betty and Sally Booth will go and take greens to the hospital.

We voted the monies raised by the Growing Fund and the Harvest Show be awarded to The Greater Newark Conservancy, The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, and The Delaware Bay Shore Center, in that order. We also voted to continue the Growing Fund.

President: Nina reported on various flower shows and demonstrations of interest to the club. The Somerset Hills House Tour will be on June 6. A sign-up sheet for Partners for Plants was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.
Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 1996

President Diana Madsen opened the meeting at 1:30 pm in her home.

Present were Mmes. D. and E. Madsen, S. and N. Kroll, Shepherd, Hackman, Lang, Weil, Swain, Peek, Turner, Booth and Vivian.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Account: $3416.13
Community Account: $7231.79

Members will not be assessed $15 for the Annual Party; instead, there will be a raffle to cover this expense.

Corresponding Secretary: Anne reported for Jane. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Affiliate Member Mrs. James R. Bird.

A committee of Bernice, Anne, Diana and Joan was appointed to review the by-laws.

Second VP: Jeanne reported geranium orders are now due.

Conservation: Barbara and Diana attended a meeting in Summit on composting. Our Freeholders have hired someone to restore our local lakes. We discussed the value of the Shakespeare Garden as our conservation project. Maybe we could go back to the Cedarbrook School. Barbara handed out a questionnaire due May 8. The two types of projects we want to do are Conservation and Education for the Community. Maybe we could use the Shakespeare Garden as our main project and a new project that could interest new members.

Exhibitions: Nina reported Tucker attended a flower arranging workshop on Friday. Betty and Elizabeth will provide an arrangement for the daffodil show, and Mary and Penny will assist. Our May speaker will be Angie Austin at Sally Krolls. Nina reminded us of Fall Shows; the Harvest Show, September 17-18 the Zone Meeting, Sept. 25-26, and the Joint Flower Show with the Garden Club of the Oranges in November, the theme being "Christmas All Around the House."

Horticulture: Sally passed out copies of the schedule for the Zone Show in Rumson. We have to enter every category.
For the Annual Meeting May 21 Betty will contribute 5 plants, and Sally 2. Next year’s plants will include variegated color shrubs, ground covers and perennials. It was suggested we do a workshop in June on these.

Program: Barbara reported we may want to change some dates in the calendar. Our December meeting will be Friday, Dec. 13, to visit GCA Headquarters. The November meeting will cost $123 for the speaker, and $5 for each member for lunch.
Every member will have to be a hostess each year. There will be three for each meeting, and four for the brunch and picnic. There will be a sign-up for these meetings. We still need houses for April and June.

Shakespeare Garden: The raindate for opening day is Thursday. Please bring pruners, weeders, gloves and boots.

The possibility of a newsletter was discussed.

President: Diana announced the dates of several shows and plant sales of interest to the club. On April 22 and 24: Partners For Plants; Diana will go on Monday and Toddy will go on Wednesday. Diana will order Judging Guides.

We will vote on the Founder's Fund on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Vivian for Tucker Trimble
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 1996

President Diana Madsen opened the meeting at 1:30 pm in her home.

Present were Mmes. D. and E. Madsen, Lang, Vivian, Weil, Peek, Burner, Turner, Shepherd, Loiseaux, S. Kroll, Hackman, Booth and Trimble.

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended to show a raffle will be held at the Brunch.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Account: $2527.58
Community Account: $7260.86
Anne reported reminder notices for dues need to be sent to a few members.

Second VP. Jeanne reported everyone was happy with the quality of the geraniums. Club members sold 698 geranium, 51 dracaena, and 155 vinca plants. Jeanne thanked Sally Booth for offering her back porch for pick-up, and all of us members for selling the plants.

Corresponding Secretary: The board accepted with regret the resignations of Affiliate Members Mrs. John R. Wells and Mrs. Henry J. Hibshman.

Conservation: Barbara reported there was no response to her questionnaire regarding a conservation project. Barbara Lang will contact a teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, and Diana and Nina will call the third grade teachers at Cedar Brook School in Plainfield to see if any of them would be interested in a "train a teacher" concept. As to the questionnaire, members will be asked to fill them out at the general membership meeting before they leave.

Exhibitions: Nina thanked Elizabeth and Betty for their arrangement for the Daffodil Show, and also Mary and Penny who assisted them. Angie Austin cannot attend Wednesday's meeting, so Betty very kindly arranged for Mrs. Bruce Blaisdell, Zone Exhibitions Chair, to come and judge a challenge class. Sally Booth, Bernice, Barbara Sandford and Mary Ann Gonder will be the arrangers. Nina will have schedules for the November flower show in June.

Horticulture: Sally Kroll is getting the plants together for Diana and Nina to take to Newport. Evie donated 2 Korean Lilac, Betty 2 Elaeagnus, and Sally Kroll a Dianthus and a Daylilly.

Program: The June meeting will be held at Barbara Lang's lovely home.

Shakespeare Garden: Evie reported the turnout since opening day has not been good, despite trying to accommodate people's schedules by working on several Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have received no help from the park despite letters and calls. Evie told us "We need people at the garden."
President: Diana thanked everyone who came to the tea-party at Macy's, which, however, was not at all what we expected. It was agreed that our President's impeccable manners on that occasion proved the theory that a lady can always handle any situation. Penny, Jane Craig and Mary are going to participate in the next Partners For Plants. It was suggested we go as a group to Wave Hill; Sally Booth will call and get information. Diana passed around notices concerning house and garden tours of interest to the members. The Annual Reports are due at the June meeting, including a job description, and 46 copies are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tucker Trimble
Recording Secretary.
Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 1996

President Diana Madsen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm in her home.

Present were Mmes. D. and E. Madsen, Vivian, Burner, N. Kroll, Peek, Loiseaux, Hackman, Turner, Booth, Weil and Trimble.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was not available.

Second VP: Jeanne read her report about the success of our geranium sale. Our profit was $1251.19.

Corresponding Secretary: Jane is updating the yearbook, so please let her know of any changes.

Conservation: Barbara Peek received five responses to her questionnaire. All made good suggestions in several areas including recycling and composting. Diana read Barbara Lang's report as to Cinny McGonigle's interest in our "train a teacher" project. A student in the Environmental Club at Roosevelt Intermediate School formally requested our help in the form of $300 for a butterfly garden to be planted by the school. Joan proposed we adopt this as a pilot project. Nina seconded, and the proposal passed unanimously.

Exhibitions: Nina reported her committee, consisting of herself, Betty, Jeanne and Carroll recently met to discuss the three shows in the fall. Additionally, Nina announced there will be an in-house show in March to be critiqued, not judged. We will need plants for the Harvest Show, and everyone is encouraged to attend the lectures, since our club is in charge of this area.

Horticulture: Diana read Sally Kroll's report, and passed around a sign-up sheet for the Rumson Show and next year's plant exchange.

Shakespeare Garden: Evie reported the garden is looking great, and told us of a tour of the garden. Since the turn out for the tour was small, and yet involved so much preparation, it was suggested we open the garden to the public next summer, perhaps for two days. We will continue to work Wednesdays and Thursdays until mid-August. Evie and a Shakespeare Garden Committee recently met and decided it might be beneficial to divide the garden into areas with each member being responsible for that area. We could try it for two years.

President: Diana reported we have been asked to provide arrangements for the Plainfield Public Library, and the suggestion will be brought up at Wednesday's meeting. The general feeling of the board was that our manpower is so limited we might be unable to fulfill the commitment. Diana also reported we have two new Zone IV reps: Elizabeth for Medal Awards and Sally Kroll for PR.
Barbara Sandford was cited in the Zone IV newsletter for her work on Scenic NJ. The board discussed whether or not we should continue to be members of the Garden Club of NJ. There are only three GCA clubs in NJ who currently pay dues. The next dates for Partners For Plants are July 15 and 17. There is a by-law committee which is looking at potential by-law changes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tucker Trimble
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
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June 19, 1996

President Diana Madsen opened the Annual Meeting at 10:15 in Barbara Lang’s lovely home, and read a prayer written by Murray Rushmore.

The Annual Reports were distributed and accepted unanimously.

There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

General Membership Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Operating Account: $6144.87
Community Account: $8130.70
Anne Shepherd told us the amount in the Operating Account is unusually high because our GCA dues have not yet been paid.

Second VP: Nina Weil reported for Jeanne Turner the profit from our geranium sale was $1251.19. Congratulations to Jeanne for doing such a great job.

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Burner sent a letter to Affiliate Member Mrs. Murray Rushmore, Jr. on the death of her husband, and read aloud Ginny’s response. Jane is updating the yearbook, so please let her know of any changes.

Conservation: Barbara Peek reported on several items of local interest, and said she had received five responses to her questionnaire about a conservation project. Barbara Lang read a request from the Environmental Club at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. They are asking for $300 to help them plant a butterfly garden at the school. This could be a conservation project for our club. After discussion the club approved the $300 in funds and the manpower needed to help supervise the planting of the garden.

Exhibitions: Nina reminded us of the three shows in the fall, and what our requirements are. Additionally, there will be an in-house mini flower show in March to be critiqued, not judged.

Horticulture: Diana reported for Sally Kroll. We need more growers for the plant exchange, and we should start now. A sign-up sheet for the Rumson Show was sent around.

Program: Barbara Lang and Mary Ann Gonder have done a great job on the program for next year.

Shakespeare Garden: Evie Madsen told us about a disappointing turn-out for a tour of the
garden. Since there is so much work involved in preparing for a tour, it was suggested maybe next summer we could open the garden to the public for two days. We will continue to work Wednesdays and Thursdays through mid-August.

Scenic NJ: Barbara read a report from the Garden Club of NJ, and thanked all the garden club members who have helped with Scenic NJ.

Betty Hackman told us about the Growing Fund. All the members received an envelope for a response. Betty encouraged us to attend the lectures at the Harvest Show since our club is arranging the speakers.

Visiting Gardens: Sally Booth reported on a very successful tour of Wave Hill.

President: Diana announced the next date for Partners For Plants is July 15. Our two new Zone IV reps are Elizabeth Loiseaux for Medal Awards, and Sally Kroll for PR. There has been a request from the Plainfield Public Library that our club provide weekly arrangements for their front desk, but we decided, after discussion, not to do this, since our manpower is so limited.

The Zone IV newsletter cites Barbara Sandford's work on Scenic NJ. It was decided that, after next year, it might be a good idea for our club plant exchange to take place at the May meeting, instead of the June meeting, since that month would be better for the plants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 to enjoy Diana and Nina's slides from the Annual Meeting and to enjoy a delicious lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tucker Trimble
Recording Secretary