Plainfield Garden Club
General Meeting Agenda
January 19, 2000

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General Meeting  
January 19, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at the Crescent Ave. Church.

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report: We have an Operating Account Balance of $6763.72, and a Community Account Balance of $3932.13. The wine raffle earned $390. Morven thanked us for a check of $100.

Conservation: Diane and Penny will continue to report each month.

Flower Arranging: Carol Keating announced the joint flower show which is scheduled for April 4th and 5th. Title for the show is, “Imagine the Future”. Classes were described and members were asked to sign up before February 20th. The Englewood Club invited us to a flower arranging lecture on February 3.

Horticulture and Shakespeare Garden: Mary brought plants and asked members to take home a challenge plant of their choice. We were asked to write down names of plants taken. The workshop for stuffed topiaries was well attended. Mary Kent passed around a brochure for the topiary frames. The topiary must be an animal, real or imagined. Topiaries will be exhibited in November, 2000, at the flower show, “Turning Leaves”.

Civic Projects: Nina Weil spoke about the N.J. Committee Meeting and noted that six clubs submitted grant proposals and all were approved. Next year we will submit a proposal to extend the watering system. Grants ranged from $500 to $2000. Nina reported that the Plainfield Garden Club will be in charge of providing a speaker for the Harvest Show on September 15. Nina reminded members that it’s not too late to send money for the “Growing Fund”; we have until March. The Newark Conservancy Gala will be held May 5. If you’re interested in attending speak with Nina.

Second VP: Jeanne Turner reported on the progress of “Shakespeare in Bloom”. The show will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10 to 4 and will include period music, Cyrus Hyde, and an art sale by the DuCret students. The DuCret students are also designing a flyer. Coffee and lunch will be served. The girl scouts, Richard Roberts, and the Garden Club will have tables with items for sale.

Program: Betty Hackman thanked Martie Samek for providing her beautiful home to host the brunch. The day’s hostesses, Mary Kent, Bernice Swain, and Peggy Tyler.

Scholarship: Bernice Swain spoke about a GCA scholarship which is awarded in Tropical Botany with the purpose of preserving tropical forests. This award funds two graduate scholars yearly. Bernice passed around a brochure describing a garden tour in England. Interested members were asked to speak to her.

Other Business: Barbara Sandford was unable to attend the meeting but she wants us to know, “Every litter bit hurts”.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30. Following the business meeting Jeanne Will presented a lecture with slides titled, “South African Wildlife Safari”.

Phyllis Alexander  
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Agenda
February 16, 2000

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February 16, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at the Crescent Ave. Church.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Shepherd reported balances of $6,038.72 in the Operating account and $3,910.35 in the Community account. The budget was approved at the February meeting since we do not have a meeting in March. Anne noted that funds in our Community account are low, and we must strive to make enough to cover what we disburse.

Second VP: Jeanne Turner emphasized that we need help from everyone for a successful "Shakespeare in Bloom" on June 10th. A sign-up sheet was circulated for committees. We will have workshops on Thursdays to make items to sell at the Garden Club table. Betty Hackman is helping with ideas for items, and Jeanne announced she is open to ideas and suggestions. Everyone is to make a batch of chocolate chip cookies for lunch on that day. Phyllis Alexander announced that we will also have baked goods for sale. If you would like ideas for recipes call Phyllis.

Founders Fund: Sally Kroll read condensed versions describing three projects, and members voted for their preference. Zone 10's Garden Club of Shaker Heights was the winner with their project titled, "Thriving in the City" which included an urban garden for teaching conservation and organic gardening methods.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter reported on a meeting she attended at Cook College about the bioengineering of plants. She briefly discussed biogenetic research being conducted at Rutgers, and concerns that the basic function of inter-relation of plants and animals is being lost.

Flower Arranging: Beth Harbaugh passed around a sign-up sheet for the joint flower show with the Oranges to be held in April. She also passed out a brochure for the "Metamorphosis" flower show to be held on June 1 and 2 in Morristown.

Program: Betty Hackman thanked hostesses and reminded us of the April 5th joint meeting with the Oranges. Diane and Penny were thanked for arranging the speaker for the day, Maureen Ogden.

Civic Projects: Nina Weil and Barbara Sandford met with Cheryl Bullock to discuss possible beautification projects in Plainfield. Cheryl suggested a spot at the corner of Front
St. and Park Ave. under some trees where we could possibly plant pachysandra. Mary Kent will look at the site and provide some ideas and we will work on this project in April or May.

Nina also announced she is working on the program for the Greater Newark Conservancy Gala and she will send order forms for members to solicit ads.

Admissions: Diana Madsen encouraged us to think of new members. Diana has a new members packet.

Scholarship: Bernice Swain reported on a GCA exchange of British and US students. This program annually funds two graduate students in horticulture, landscape architecture, and related fields.

Other Reports:

Barbara Sandford expressed concerns about 40 acres next to a pond in Edison which are slated to be developed into a mall. She would like our help in developing the land into a park instead. She also informed us of the proposed route 92 connection between the turnpike and route 1. We do not want to see this built because it will go through meadows and wetlands in the six mile area surrounding Princeton and Rocky Hill. Barbara is accepting membership applications for Scenic NJ.

From the Archives: Joan Vivian has two books containing Garden Club memorabilia. In 1965 the Plainfield Garden Club celebrated their 50th anniversary party, and this year will be our 85th anniversary.

Also from the archives: In April, 1960, Mrs. King attended a meeting in New Vernon to hear more about the jet airport proposed for the Great Swamp.

Other Business: Tucker announced a Somerset Hills House Tour to be held on Thursday, May 25.

The Garden Club of the Oranges will hold an "Antique Road Show" fund raiser. Admission is $40.00 which will include lunch and appraisal of one item.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00. Penny Tyler introduced the speaker, Maureen Ogden.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Attendance  Feb. 16

Williams
Swain
Larceaux
Burner
Vivian
St. Wiglon
Ashbrook
Cardon Kemp
Elizabeth Harbaugh
Zandra Ferguson
B. Peak
Penny Taylor
Jennifer Higgin
JamesTurner
The meeting was called to order at 10:35 p.m. at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum by the president, Tucker Trimble.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Secretary: Anne Shepherd reported that the Community Account balance was 3,888, and the Operating Account balance was 5,903.72. She handed out the bills for the dues.

2 VP: Jeanne Turner distributed flyers for "Shakespeare in Bloom" asking members to distribute and mail them.

Phyllis Alexander wants members to bake for the Bake Table. Bernice Swain will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for the lunch. Elva Bush is doing the Publicity. The GCA Bulletin, Plainfield, Pfosh etc.

Program: Betty Hackman thanked Nina Weil, Carroll Keating, Jeanne Turner and Bernice Swain for their help for this meeting.

Raffle tickets to help pay for the flowers used in today's demonstration were sold. Nina announced that the speaker for the May meeting will be Cheryl Bullock. Nina is working on next year's programs, and is looking for volunteers to host in their homes.

Flower Arranging: Beth Harbaugh said she and Carroll thanked all members who signed up to do arrangements for what was to have been a flower show today, a joint meeting with the Garden Club of the Oranges. This was canceled due to the death of their president, Liz Gruen, on Sunday. Their members did not attend the meeting either. A few members of the Englewood Club did come.

Ramona Ferguson has entered the Zone Show: Class 3, a Pedestal Arrangement. Beth was looking for members to do a pedestal arrangement for the Daffodil show.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter reported on attending the meeting in Washington last February. The format was primarily on Open Spaces funding. To reach our representatives she said e-mail is better than a letter. The phone is better to ask a question, and say you will call back in a week for the answer.

Plant Exchange for GCA Annual Meeting: Susan Fraser and Diane Carpenter are locating the plants from members to send to this meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed for at live topiary workshop to be held April 12 at Mary Kent's. Horticulture for the Zone Mtg (June 1 and 2) is needed.

Shakespeare Garden. Mary Kent announced that April 19 is the opening day. All members are to attend. An alternate day (in addition to Wednesday's) was discussed. Members are required to work in the garden 6 times during the season, otherwise they will be asked to pay $10 for each time missed. Mary had plants on a table for members to take—from her greenhouse.

Civic Projects: Nina Weil passed a sign-up sheet for the Gala for the Newark Conservancy.

Scholarship: Bernice Swain reported.
Zone Chairman: Diana Madsen said the new GCA scarf will be for sale at the Zone Mtg.

Scenic America: Barbara Sandford discussed the changing landscape of the Blue Star Memorial Drive (which was planted 45 years ago). A very large mall is being constructed in Watchung.
She also discussed the preservation of Scenic Rt. 29 from Titusville to Frenchtown, and the desire to stop trucks from using this road.

President: Tucker Trimble said she will certainly miss Liz Gruen, who she had worked with this past year.
A get well card for Ann Wigton and a birth congratulations card for Jennifer Higgins were passed around to be signed.

The speaker was Jane Gottschalk from Haverford, PA. who spoke and gave a demonstration of “Botanical Design”—a good variety of flower arrangement. She suggested “The Art of Floral Design” by Nora Hunter as a good book to have.

Attendance: Keating, Harbaugh, Turner, Reid, Sandford, Carpenter, Hackman, Trimble, Swain, Bush, Loizeaux, Samek, Burner, D. Madsen, Shepherd, Kroll, Fraser, Peek, Vivian, Weil.

Joan Vivian
Plainfield Garden Club
Membership Meeting May 17, 2000

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Plainfield Garden Club
General Meeting
June 14, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the general meeting to order at the home of Nina Weil. Minutes of the May meeting were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Shepherd reported an Operating account balance of $9178.72, and a Community account balance of $3810.11.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jane Burner passed around a sheet for corrections and additions to yearbook information.

**Flower Arranging:** Carol Keating and Beth Harbough attended the Zone meeting. Ramona Ferguson entered the zone show and received honorable mention. She thanked the club for the privilege.

**Conservation:** Diane Carpenter reported on the Clean Ocean Action. A company has expressed interest in strip mining gravel from the ocean floor between Long Branch and Belmar. This would effect a 100 mile square area. The Clean Ocean Action group would like clubs to join to support their efforts in opposing this strip mining. Our club agreed to support the committee.

Diane circulated two articles about heirloom seeds and the importance of saving them for future generations. She distributed cards to inform members about the Asian Longhorn Beetle. Maple trees are their favorite habitat, and trees must be killed if beetles are found in them.

**Horticulture:** Mary Kent announced that Tucker Trimble won third place at the zone show. Betty Hackman also won a 3rd for her “Parent and Child”, and Mary Kent and Sally Booth won a 3rd for their window box arrangement that consisted of coleus, fuscia, trailing lystimachia, and ivy gold heart. The exterior of their window box was covered with moss.

Mary distributed schedules for upcoming shows. Each member must donate three plants for the Harvest Show plant sale; we must contribute a total of 30 plants. The show will be held on September 15 to 17, from 11 to 5. General rules for flower arranging, hort. and photography were distributed. Mary also announced that we received 17 points at the GCA Plant Exchange.

We may someday produce a booklet about the plants and herbs in the Shakespeare Garden.

Nina Weil will be doing some weeding and planting at a location at Front and Park Ave. She will ask for volunteers to help.
Plainfield Garden Club
General Meeting, June 14, 2000

**Shakespeare Garden:** Bernice Swain will be in charge of the area around the pergola and steps.

**First VP:** Jeanne Turner thanked members for their help on “Shakespeare in Bloom.” Amounts received:
- Garden Table: 939.50
- Coffee: 60.00
- Lunch: 372.25
- Plant Table: 277.00
Total is approximately $1648, however Cyrus Hyde and Richard Roberts are still to report earnings.
Jeanne received a standing ovation from members for her excellent job. Elva Busch was also commended for her work on publicity. She will write a thank-you note to Dan Damon for his help. We also received a Proclamation from the Mayor and his staff stating that June 10 was “Shakespeare Day” in Plainfield.

**Other Reports:** Barbara Sandford returned $5000 that was loaned to the Committee of New Jersey. She reported on the problems concerning garbage trucks carrying trash on route 29. There have been two major accidents. The governor has banned trucks from traveling on small roads, but unfortunately trucks change their license plates to out of state to get past this ordinance. If anyone is interested in working on this issue please call Barbara.

**Annual Meeting:** Tucker Trimble reported on the annual meeting held in Cleveland and said it was an honor and privilege to attend. Barbara Sandford also went and attended her high school reunion while she was there. Tucker and Barbara shared pictures with members.

Betty Hackman thanked hostesses and Nina for opening her home.

Tucker thanked Evie Madsen and Betty Hackman for 30 years of membership in the Garden Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. Following the meeting members bought plants at the club plant exchange and enjoyed lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance: June 14.

Mary Kent
Truitt Trumbly
Peg Taylor
Mary Ann Gander
Sally Boo
Bernice Swain
Diane Carpenter
Bill Harbaugh
Corin Keating
Joan Viron
Max McCullough
Jane Buinin
Draa Madsen
Betty Hackman
Eliza Kompeaux
Cora Wadson
Phyllis Alexander
Barbara Sandford