Plainfield Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Wed., October 20, 1999

The regular meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Tucker Trimble at 9:40 AM at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, New Jersey.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Elva Busch. The following corrections were made:
- The flower arranging meeting is being chaired by Carroll Keating and Beth Harbaugh.
- In the President's Report, Nina Weil was thanked for her gifts of bottles of perfume, rather than perfume bottles.
- Under the conservation report, the word “esed” was changed to “eased.”

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Second Vice President Jeanne Turner reported on the progress of Shakespeare in Bloom. All members will be asked to do a task in conjunction with the fund-raiser. Jeanne reported that the club will attempt to have increased publicity this year. Jeanne read a list of probable attendees at the event. Other items being considered are a coffee and snack table, a garden club table with headdress wreaths for sale, and the sale of herb breads.

Treasurer Anne Shepherd reported a balance of $6038.22 in the operating fund and $3851.77 in the community fund.

Conservation Chairman Penny Taylor reported on her attendance at a zone meeting on conservation held Oct. 7. She shared the key issues discussed at the meeting which included water and biotechnology. Penny stated that we will receive greater information in our water bills and she distributed the GCA brochure “Drinking Water Safety” to the members. GCA is compiling a notebook of materials regarding biotechnology including the bioengineering of seeds. She also discussed the GCA conservation reading list and suggested a conservation book club for the PGC. Penny announced that the GCA Conservation meeting in Washington, DC will take place Feb. 29 and March 1. October 19 is the date of the clean-up at Roosevelt School. Penny passed around the Backyard Conservation magazine for members to see.

Under Flower Arranging, Beth Harbaugh reported on the progress of the In House Flower Show to be held Nov. 17. All is proceeding well with only one additional entry needed in the Backyard Habitat class. Six judges will be coming to view the show.
For Horticulture, Mary Kent brought challenge plants for distribution to the members.

Mary also reported on the Shakespeare Garden. At least one more session will be needed in the garden and will take place Wed., Oct. 27. Members were reminded to move digitalis seedlings to the back of the bed. Mary passed a sign-up sheet for composting.

For Civic Projects, Nina Weil reported that an herb identification project will be done at the Shakespeare Garden with a local girl scout troop on Sat., Oct. 30. Members were asked to participate.

Under Announcements, Tucker discussed the favorable reaction to the day’s new meeting format of a coffee, rather than lunch.

She also discussed our liaison with the Newark Conservancy. Nina will be heading this liaison for the club and reported on proposed projects in Newark and the fund-raising gala to be held May 5. Materials regarding the proposals were passed around.

November 8 will be a zone meeting for numerous committee chairs and officers. A newspaper article about Donna Hackman was distributed to the members. Hostesses for the meeting, Barbara Peek and Anne Shepherd were thanked by Tucker.

Diana Madsen, Zone IV Chairman, reported that the GCA plant exchange for 2001 will be to submit six plants from the same plant family.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM. After a brief recess, Mary Kent introduced the speaker, Helen Mageau from the Arboretum, who presented a workshop on propagating native cuttings and seeds.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Busch
1. June McLeel
2. Ron Delaney
3. Luza Brown
4. James Turner
5. Sally Kroll
6. Richard Hodson
7. Joan Vivian
8. Jane Burner
9. Barbara Peek
10. Mary Kent
11. Bertrice Swain
12. Anne Shepherd
13. Tracy Taylor
14. Susan Thunder
15. Samantha Twiss
16. Beth Hanley
17. Tammy Tingle

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Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Agenda
November 15, 1999

Welcome

Minutes

Treasurer

First VP

Second VP

Corresponding Secretary

Flower Arranging

Horticulture and Shakespeare Garden

Conservation

Civic Projects

Program

Newsletter

Other Business

President

Liz Shrews
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
November 17, 1999

Welcome

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Conservation

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Horticulture

Shakespeare Garden

Civic Projects

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Scholarship/Visiting Gardens

Other Business/Reports

President
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
November 17, 1999

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

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as read.


**Conservation:** Chairman Penny Taylor recognized Barbara Sandford, President of Scenic New Jersey as instrumental in the fight against billboards on route 287. Barbara also distributed her letter expressing grave concern about NJDOT’s plans to build a four lane highway which will go through protected wetlands in South Brunswick Township.

Penny announced the Butterfly Garden at Roosevelt School is tucked in for the winter.

If anyone would like to attend the Washington conservation meeting please let Penny know by December 10th.

**Flower Arranging:** Beth Harbaugh thanked Betty Hackman, Elisabeth Loizeaux, Bev Reid, and Joan Vivian for their assistance with the flower show. She also thanked all who entered the show.

At the Zone meeting it was suggested that clubs engage in more impromptu flower arranging. A suggestion was made that we do more casual flower arranging, perhaps before a meeting where a novice could be paired with a more experienced flower arranger. This is also a good way to get to know new members.

**Horticulture:** Tucker announced that ivy plants would be sold for members to make topiaries for future exhibits. Mary Kent gave a presentation describing various types of forms available for topiary and sources where they can be purchased.

A topiary workshop will be held on January 13 at 10:00 at the Arboretum. The fee to attend is $10.00. This workshop is in preparation for a show scheduled for next November, titled, “Turning Leaves”.

The theme of the flower show scheduled for June 1 and 2 is “Metamorphosis”. Mary described the different classes which will be included.

Several club members displayed and spoke about their topiaries from Ken Selody’s meeting.

**Shakespeare Garden:** Mary Kent and Evie Madsen have been giving presentations about the garden. They recently spoke to the AAUW.

**Civic Projects:** Nina Weil displayed pictures of the Scavenger Hunt held in the garden with the Girl Scouts. Nina plans to submit pictures using the Shakespeare Garden as an outdoor classroom for Project 2000. She also announced we would like to help the Girl Scouts with their community clean-up project.

Plans are underway for the Greater Newark Conservancy Gala to be held on May 5. It will be held at the Newark Club adjacent to NJPAC.
Program: Betty Hackman thanked hostesses Barbara Sandford, Ramona Ferguson, Mary Ann Gonder, and Susan Fraser. She also thanked the flower committee.

Betty announced the December meeting will be for wreath making, a workshop which was requested by members. Club members were reminded to bring clippers and greens and pinecones to share. This will be a coffee meeting.

Betty reported a letter was received from the Smithsonian acknowledging documentation of Bev Reid’s garden, “Boxwoods”. Penny Taylor is currently in the process of documenting a Westfield garden.

Scholarships/Visiting Gardens: Bernice Swain announced two new scholarships for graduate students which will be sponsored by GCA. One scholarship provides annual funds of $5000 for the study of Coastal wetlands. The other provides $2000 annually for the study of tropical plants in landscape architecture. Bernice reported on gardens which other clubs have visited, and requested that club members speak to her if they have any ideas for garden trips they would like to take.

Other Business: Barbara Sandford distributed copies of her letter to the governor. She stated she would like to see a moratorium on building highways. Barbara asked members to tell their friends who live along route 287 to lobby to protect the highway against billboards, and to urge them to enlist help from their local governments to oppose them.

Tucker reported she attended the Zone meeting for club presidents. She said we might want to consider some fund raising to cover the cost of our programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10. After a brief recess the flower show judges critiqued the entries.

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance

Nov. 17

Bernice Swain
Dkoosh
Ann Wighton
Jennifer Higgins
Barbara Peck

Bernie Engstrom
Penny Taylor
Diane Carpenter
Cheryl Khatz
Elizabeth Loyeaux
Karen Delaney

Susan Indiana

Mary Ann Gonder
Peggy Kyle
Phyllis Alexander
Attendance 11/17/99 with a Flower Show.

Mary Kent
Sally Kroll
Diana Hadsen
Eri Wasson
Jane Buerner
Reg Tyler
Toole Poir
Bitty Hareman
Merv Hartaugh
Sally Booth
Bill Mill
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
December 8, 1999

Welcome

Minutes

Treasurer

Corresponding Secretary

Second VP

Conservation

Flower Arranging

Civic Projects

Program

Other Business

President
Attendance - Dec. 5

Lisa Trail
Toby Rose
Jean Urran
Bretta Hackman
Sally Book
Marie Samol
Bernice Swain
Phyllis Alexander
Joanna Turner
Pam Hudson
Elva Busch
Jennifer Higgins
Amber Tipton
Tina Elrod
Mary Kent
Diana Carpenter
Dudley Trumb
B. Peck
Jane Berner
Ann Wighton
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
December 8, 1999

The regular meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order at the Crescent Ave. Church by President Tucker Trimble.

Minutes of the November 17th meeting were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is $6,615.22 in the Operating Account and $3,845.99 in the Operating Account.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mrs. Richard Gonder’s membership status will be changed from “active” to “sustainer”.

**Conservation:** Diane Carpenter gave an overview of a notebook containing reports compiled by the National Legislative Committee on Conservation. She and Penny Taylor will present a different section at each meeting so members can learn more about subjects such as how we can advocate for preservation of land and habitats, and how we can keep plants and seeds from becoming lost.

**Flower Arranging:** Our in-house show was a great success and Tucker read the list of awards. Barbara Hendricks, judge, wrote a note congratulating the flower show committee and thanked exhibitors for their efforts. The judges were impressed with our talent.

**Civic Projects:** Nina Weil announced the city clean up sponsored by local churches. She also told about the Greater Newark Conservancy which is focused on the urban environment and will combine education with entertainment. It will be located within walking distance of NJPAC, 5 colleges, and the Newark Museum.

**Program:** Betty Hackman announced the topic of our next meeting will be “South African Wildlife Safari” presented by Jeanne Will. Hostesses Joan Vivian, Anne Wigton, and Evie Madsen were thanked.

**Other Business:** Joan Vivian brought her interesting Ornithogalum to share with us, and Evie Madsen brought her beautiful twin ivy topiaries to decorate the refreshment table.

Bernice Swain informed us of the Rome scholarship in landscape architecture sponsored by the GCA in order to give us a better understanding of how our money is being spent. The Rome Scholarship was established in 1928 and funds one graduate fellow annually.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00. Following the business meeting the club members shared materials and made Christmas wreaths.

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary