Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
September 15, 2000

First Vice President Mary Kent conducted the meeting since Tucker Trimble was ill. The meeting was held at the Frelinghysen Arboretum.

Minutes of the June 14th meeting were accepted as read.


Second Vice President: Jeanne Turner reviewed profits from “Shakespeare in Bloom”. She reported that all receipts for reimbursement need to be turned in before a final total can be calculated. Jeanne said that she would like to have a discussion of suggestions for next year’s “Shakespeare in Bloom”. Jeanne read Elva Busch’s report on publicity and noted that we continue to reap the benefits of Elva’s excellent efforts. The Star Ledger and Courier News have included articles and Channel 12, a Star Ledger station, presented a program on the Shakespeare Garden that included many club members. Nina Weil informed us of the computer web site which Dan Damon has created.

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Burner has distributed yearbook inserts. Please let her know if you have not received one.

Jennifer Higgins has a new address: 187 Old Short Hills Road, short Hills, 07078. Her telephone is 973-258-0336. Her fax number is 973-258-0337.

Flower Arranging: Carol and Beth have sent all members packets for the “Turning Leaves Flower Show” to be held on November 3, 2000. Club members were encouraged to enter.

Horticulture: Sally Booth and Mary Kent encouraged members to enter the horticulture division. Mary also mentioned that we will plan to have a workshop to propagate plants for the next annual meeting. A sign up list for responsibilities in the Shakespeare Garden was circulated.

Civic Projects: Nina Weil will need help in planting ivy at the Front Street beautification site. Since there are so few members on the Civic and Conservation committees they may join forces to work together.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter reported we have until February 1, 2001 to submit a photo of a project to the Eco-Exchange. It was agreed that we submit photos of Ricky Lang’s project in the Watchung Reservation. Unfortunately, during last summer’s drought many trees died. A motion was passed to approve an amount up to $200.00 to replace some of the trees.

Diane provided club members with copies of letters to send to the US Army Corps of Engineers to protest the 2.45 million square foot mega-mall in the Hackensack Meadowlands. It was suggested that this tract be designated as a wildlife refuge instead.

Diane reported on the Asian Long-horn beetle and said that as far as we know this destructive insect has not spread. Diane will provide more literature about this insect at our next meeting.

Following the business meeting, Donna Hackman presented an inspiring program on creating an English Garden.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance  Sept. 15

Mary Kent
Karen Delaney
Nan Shull
C. Kroll
Martie Saneck
Sally Booth
Bill Horbaugh
Diane Franks
Jane Barnett
Barbara Peck
Jean Turner
Juan Vivian
Kathie Carpentier
Anne Shepherd
Diana Madsen
Phyllis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
October 18, 2000

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Plainfield Garden Club
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October 18, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church. Tucker welcomed and introduced guests who were invited by several of our members.

Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Operating Account Balance = $7513.88, Community Account Balance = $2,695.25.

**Horticulture and Shakespeare Garden:** Mary Kent reminded members about the "Turning Leaves" flower show scheduled for November 3. Volunteers from our club will be needed for a passing committee. Unfortunately we do not have any topiaries ready to enter in the show. An alternate day, Tuesday, October 24, has been scheduled for work in the Shakespeare garden.

**Flower Arranging:** Our upcoming flower show scheduled for January, 2001 has a fashion theme. Beth Harbaugh circulated a sign-up sheet for participants. Tucker and her daughter Kate are entering the "Turning Leaves" show.

**Conservation:** Diane Carpenter gave us an update on the Hackensack Meadowlands proposal. The Mills Corporation, the company that hopes to build the mega-shopping center, has denied five proposals to date. The deadline has been extended for protest letters with counter suggestions to make this area a wildlife refuge. Diane reminded members to use only organic fertilizers and pesticides to lessen pollution run-off. Diane circulated a lovely letter sent by Christie Dawson thanking our club for helping to sponsor her work through the Student Conservation Association.

If anyone is interested in attending the yearly conservation meeting please contact Diane.

**Other Reports:** Barbara Sanford reminded us of Scenic America and stated that this is a viable organization that is making progress. If you are interested please let Barbara know.

Sally Kroll, public relations committee, presented several articles that were a result of Elva Busch's excellent efforts in getting publicity for Shakespeare in Bloom. Sally thanked Elva and asked members to give any publicity articles they might find in the newspapers to Sally.
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Tucker Trimble announced that she has received copies of all yearbooks from other New Jersey GCA clubs. We can review them for examples and ideas for our programs. Following the business meeting, Walter Fisher presented a workshop on forcing spring bulbs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance  Oct. 18

Diane Carpenter
Bernice Swain
B. Andrews
Des Hamilton
Sally Kroll
Jane Burner
Diana Madsen
Martie Samek
Elva Burke
Carolyn Young
Jeanne Burns
Carroll Keating
Karen Delaney
Trudy Timby
Mary Ann Gadder
Peg Taylor
Phyllis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
November 15, 2000

President Tucker Trimble welcomed club members at the home of Phyllis Alexander. Prior to the business meeting, Barbara Sanford read a memorial to Helen "Mac" Eaton who died on October 20, 2000.

Minutes of the October 18th general membership meeting were read and accepted without correction.

**Conservation:** Diane Carpenter presented a follow-up report on our eco-exchange project. Ricky Lang will write a formal letter requesting our help in restoring the area in the Watchung Reservation where many of the trees he planted died during the 1999 drought.

Cindy Ziff will be our conservation speaker in January. Diane asked members to let her know if they have any particular concerns about ocean water, and she will ask Cindy to cover these areas in her talk.

**Flower Arranging:** Carol Keating announced that Tucker Trimble won three awards for her interpretation of a painting at the Turning Leaves Flower Show. Tucker and Kate Miller received a Blue ribbon, the Puckett Award, and Best in Show. Mary Kent received honorable mention for her Ilex branches. The theme of our in house flower show scheduled for January 17th is, "Fashion and Flowers". Members were encouraged to participate and a sign up sheet was circulated.

**Horticulture and Shakespeare Garden:** A Shakespeare Garden committee sign up sheet was circulated since there are still some leadership positions open for several areas of the garden. Several varieties of seeds and some Eglantine Rose cuttings were distributed in preparation for the May plant exchange. Mary Kent referred members to Ken Druse’s new book that gives good instructions for propagation, and club members were urged to attempt propagation of some plants of the Rosaceae family for the upcoming plant exchange.

On December 1, 2000 seventh grade students from Greenbrook are scheduled to visit the garden in preparation for planting their own Shakespeare Garden.

**Civic Projects:** Nina Weil reported that our first civic project in the city was completed. Daffodil bulbs and pachysandra have been planted around a maple tree outside Crescent Avenue Church. Nina asked Dan Damon about obtaining a water truck and the possibility of investigating a military surplus vehicle.

Barbara Sanford has beautified a circle on East Seventh Street with plantings, and she will soon be replanting it with kale and winter pansies.
Plainfield Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
November 15, 2000  

**Program:** Nina passed out directions to Duke Gardens and provided a list of restaurants to members.

At the December meeting we will be making two wreaths, one for ourselves and one for charity.

**Other Reports:** Jennifer Higgins needs reports for the newsletter no later than Friday, November 17th.

Bernice Swain announced that a thank you has been received from the Interchange GSA fellowship committee.

Betty Hackman announced the Crescent Avenue Church Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday, December 2nd.

Diana Madsen introduced her guest, Nancy Palumeri.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. Following the business meeting members went on a tour of Duke Gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Alexander  
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
December 6, 2000

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President
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
December 6, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church. Guests were introduced and Tucker thanked hostesses.

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as read.

Second VP: Jeanne Turner announced she had several copies of “William Shakespeare and the Globe Theater” for sale.

Program: Nina Weil brought several books on biodiversity for interested members. She also brought some daffodil bulbs for members to take. Nina announced that the Coalition for the Homeless would be happy to take any extra wreaths members make today. Nina and Karen Delaney have copies of suggestions for club hostesses. These suggestions are helpful for members hosting meetings in Crescent Avenue Church.

Flower Arranging: Beth Harbaugh announced that our January flower could be considered a “dry run” for the Englewood show scheduled for May since the theme for both shows is “Flowers and Fashion”. A sign up sheet was circulated and Beth said she hopes everyone will participate and enjoy the show.

Horticulture/Shakespeare Garden: Mary Kent has seeds and hardwood cuttings for members to propagate for the plant exchange. Mary announced that 70 Greenbrook School students came in two shifts to visit the Shakespeare Garden. They are planting a knot garden at their school and are using our garden as a resource. The children and teachers were an impressive group and very interested in the Shakespeare Garden. Mary brought some cuttings from her greenhouse to give away to interested members.

Newsletter: Jennifer Higgins announced that she will include a new section in the newsletter with information about members. She said, “this is a good way to brag about each other” and it will also include information about affiliate and sustaining members. Jennifer was thanked for her interesting newsletter.

Other Reports: Diana Madsen asked for members to give her any PR materials. Diana Madsen circulated pictures of Duke Gardens. Joan Vivian brought her favorite holiday plant to share, a beautiful Christmas Cactus.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15. Following the business meeting members made wreaths.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Alexander
Corresponding Secretary
Attendance  Dec 6

Susan Fraser
Barbara Peck
Sally Kroll
Jennifer Hozime
Jan Derrin
Jane Burns
Francine Turner
Marie Samek
Betty Hackman
Nina Meal
Sona Bass (guest)
Beverly Swain
E. Lopeaux
Elva Busch
Beth Harbaugh
Thee Delany
Mary Kent

Gloriana Ferguson

Truman Trimbly