Plainfield Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
January 17, 2001

President Tucker Trimble welcomed members and guests to the meeting at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church. Guests were introduced.

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anne Shepherd reported an operating balance of $7,488.35 and a Community Account balance of $4,201.68.

**Second VP:** Jeanne Turner reported that the June 2nd date has been approved for our Shakespeare in Bloom program. Elva Busch has already started working on publicity.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jane Burner asked members to please let her know of any significant events so she can respond with written notes as quickly as possible.

**Program:** Nina Weil thanked Karen Delaney for hosting the club brunch at her home and she thanked hostesses. Nina and Karen are starting to work on the program for next year and will welcome any suggestions. A home is needed for next year’s brunch. Members were reminded of Laurie Appet’s flower arranging talk and workshop scheduled for the February meeting.

**New Jersey Committee:** Nina and Mary Kent are representatives to the New Jersey Committee. This year our club and the Morristown Garden Club are responsible for the plant sale at the Harvest Show. This show is scheduled for September and members will be needed to help on several committees.

**Conservation:** Diane Carpenter announced that she has contacted Toni Watts, head of the Plainfield High School science department. Toni Watts would be delighted to receive our help in funding two botany projects that are currently underway. One project involves hydroponics and the other is an experiment using vegetable oil as humus to deter evaporation in soil.

Diane invited any members interested in attending the annual conservation national convention in Washington, DC. She reported this is an exciting convention that will take place the last weekend in February.

Diane also reported that she toured the NJ turnpike with a committee of other NJ GCA members to determine areas for beautification. The committee made suggestions for plantings that will be made to celebrate the turnpike anniversary.

President Trimble thanked Diane for her hard work. She announced that $250 will be placed in the budget to fund the Plainfield High School botany project. Members will vote on this budget.
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**Flower Arranging:** Joan Vivian and Elizabeth Loizeaux were thanked for their help on the passing committee, and Beth Harbaugh was thanked for fixing the pedestals. Carol Keating and Beth Harbaugh thanked members for participating in our in-house show, and they encouraged members to sign up for the Englewood show scheduled for May.

**Horticulture/Shakespeare Garden:** Mary Kent will look up information regarding our bulb workshop and when to bring bulbs into the house. Mary announced that she still has seeds for royal azalea and rosa rugosa. She encouraged members to review the Englewood schedule and start thinking about what to enter. In February there will be a Shakespeare Garden meeting to start plans for the spring. Mary demonstrated her personal method of organizing information in her garden.

Tucker thanked Beth and Carol for their work on the flower show and hostesses were thanked. Following the business meeting members viewed the flower show.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance  Jan. 17

Anna Tilk
Kathy Andrews - guest
Todd Jones
Jim Madsen

Bill Fisher
B. Peck
D. Shepherd
J. Burner
B. Hackman

Joanne Turner
Sally Kroll
Mary Kent
Peter Delaney
Susan Gacke

Jeanne Blythe
Germaine Fitzgerald

Betty Herbert
Elva Busch
D. Madsen
Elizabeth Vojeaux
Tucker Thomas
Jean Vinson
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
February 21, 2001

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

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer: Anne Shepherd distributed copies of the 2001-2002 budget. She explained that in the community account we are spending more money than we take in. Also, we earned less interest on this account. Previously, we received donations and we are not getting them as frequently. A suggestion was made that we try to encourage members to make donations to the club. At the close of the business meeting the budget was approved by the general membership. Anne was thanked for her diligent work preparing the budget.

Second VP: Jeanne Turner distributed photographs she took at our January flower show. She discussed plans for the upcoming “Shakespeare in Bloom” and said a meeting will be held to discuss ideas. We will continue to have music and an artist at the event. Our bake sale from last year was profitable.

Susan Holack, president of “Friends of Sleepy Hollow” would like club members to give her creative suggestions for planting perennials and annuals at the Netherwood train station. We asked if the Shakespeare garden could be a location on the FOSH house tour, however the group is not planning a tour this year.

Founders Fund: Sally Kroll read three choices for this years’ fund which included an environmental education project, a swamp nature park, and a Dakota Indian heritage trail medicine garden. The project that received the most votes from our membership was the traditional Dakota medicine garden in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Conservation: The club approved a grant of $250 for a research project at Plainfield High School. Diane Carpenter announced that students will fill out a proposal form for their botany projects and we will vote on a choice. Diane read a letter from Ricky Lang giving details of how the new trees he intends to plant will be maintained. We have approved to donate $75.00 to replace trees that died during the drought.

Horticulture/Shakespeare Garden: Mary Kent is planning a meeting on Feb. 28th to discuss sources and plants seen at the Cloisters Garden. Mary needs six different plants for the plant exchange in May and asked if members have any plants growing. Mary has seeds for potentilla and geum, members of the rosacea family.
Civic Projects: Nina Weil and Betty Hackman met with Toni Watt, science dept. chairman, to discuss plans for the atrium in Plainfield High School. They are planning to plant some colorful flowers in this area where there already are some hollies, rhododendron, and dogwood. Barbara Sanford and the beautification committee originally planned this garden. Nina also has plans to look into a sprinkler system for this area.

Plans for next year’s program are in progress, and members were asked to call Karen Delaney or Nina if they have any suggestions for speakers.

Admissions: Members were reminded that March 1st is the deadline for letters.

Diana Madsen also announced there will be a lecture and historic plant sale at Morven on May 5th. There are opportunities to help in the garden at Morven if anyone is interested. The Summit Speech School is also planning a fund raiser and information about this will be included in the newsletter.

Public Relations: Sally Kroll gave out color coded maps showing zones for the Garden Club of America. Sally plans to hold “one minute garden spots” at each meeting.

Newsletter: Jennifer has e-mail addresses for almost all garden club members. The newsletter is being successfully sent by e-mail to save postage.

Flower arranging: Judges from our in-house flower show sent thank-you notes and said how much they enjoyed our arrangements.

Other Reports: The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is planning a brunch and flower arranging demonstration by On Thai to be held at the PCC on April 26th.

A letter was received from Joan Eckert, an affiliate member, and she sent regards to her friends.

Hostesses Evie Madsen, Joan Vivian, and Joan Burner were thanked.

Following the business meeting Nina Weil introduced the speaker, Laurie Appel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance  Feb. 21

Nina Stein
Diane Carpenter
Jeanne Jarve
Diana Madsen
Elva Busch
Sally Kroll

Brenda Ferguson
Ann Dykes
Mary Kay
Elisabeth Vogeaux

Jean Verrin
Sue Berrin
Eve Madsen
Sandy Booth
Ann Whinton
Betty Redman
Bernice Swain
Martie Samuel
Barbara Peck
Phyllis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
April 18, 2001  

The general membership meeting was held at the home of Nina Weil following the Shakespeare Garden opening clean-up. First Vice President Mary Kent conducted the meeting and thanked hostesses.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer: Community Account = 3953.91, Operating Account = $6789.35.

Second VP: Jeanne Turner reviewed plans for Shakespeare in Bloom and gave each member 25 flyers to distribute. Bernice Swain will give a flower arranging demonstration and Susan Frasier will speak on landscaping. A meeting will be held on May 11 at 1:00 at Jeanne’s house to further discuss plans.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter announced that checks have been sent to Plainfield High School students and Ricky Lang. At some time in the future, a Plainfield HS student, Tiffany Stevens, would like to come to a meeting and explain how she is using the money for her botany project.

Diane reported on the annual convention she attended in Washington. She brought handouts about legislative updates for interested members. Diane said the annual meeting is an excellent way to find out what is happening around the country in the area of conservation.

Some topics of interest that Diane mentioned were: the treatment of SUVs as cars instead of trucks in order to cut down on pollution, Meadowlands development which is supported by gubernatorial candidate Schundler, air emissions from factories in the Midwest, CARA conservation funding, the Zone IV alliance group which is a nonpartisan group working for conservation, and ANJEC, whose representatives speak to groups to disseminate information.

Flower Arranging: Carroll Keating is entering an arrangement in the Daffodil Show and Diana Madsen has entered a photograph in the Englewood Show.

Mary Kent thanked workers in the Shakespeare garden and said our goal is to have a chart for each section of the garden. Mary read a schedule for our horticulture show scheduled for May and circulated a sign-up sheet.

Mary Kent described some plants she is growing. She brought specimens of Dwarf fuschia, Lottie Hobbie; a sweet plum standard, and a begonia named Weltonensis. Mary feeds her plants ¼ strength fertilizer all year long.
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General Membership Meeting Cont.
April 18, 2001

New Jersey Committee: Nina Weil announced that she and eight other club members attended a meeting for the Harvest Show plant sale where we are working with the Morristown Garden Club. Susan Frasier has put the plant list on a database to help organize their purchase. Barbara Peek is in charge of scheduling workers.

Nina announced that the committee approved all requests for project grants.

Program: Nina Weil passed around a sign-up sheet for hostesses next year. We still need a home for the brunch. The brunch was discussed and the date was changed from January to February 3. The possibility of a fund raiser was discussed for that date.

Civic Projects: Club members Nina Weil, Betty Hackman, and Diana Madsen met with Toni Watt, science coordinator, and several Plainfield High School students and planted pansies in the atrium.

Public Relations: Sally Kroll explained the status of membership in the GCA. Clubs make up the GCA, not individual members. Our club is a member of GCA but individual members are not.

Newsletter: Jennifer Higgins urged members to submit reports.

Nominating: The new slate of officers was announced.

President: Mary Kent
First VP: Diana Madsen
Second VP: Jeanne Turner
Corresponding Secretary: Jane Burner
Treasurer: Anne Shepherd
Recording Secretary: Elva Booth

Other Reports: Betty Hackman requested that members let her know if they are aware of any gardens that merit documentation in the Smithsonian.

Mary Kent discussed plant donations for the Harvest Show plant sale and said we need to donate 35 plants. The plants must be in saleable condition.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Attendance  April 18th

Diana Carpenter
Joan Vuran
Betty Hackman
Diana Madsen
Sally L. Kroll
Carol Koebling
Pats Madsen
Jeanne Turner
Sally Boos
Janice Frase
Karyn Delaney
Wanda Mcel
Reg. Tophin
Elva Busch
Janet Huggins
Mary Kent
Rhylis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2001

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Attendance May 16

Janet Steele
Peg Tyler
Ann Madison
Elva Busch
Diane Carpenter
Sally Krall
Dinah Hudson
Mary Ann Quander
Jean Vernon
Barbara Swan
Betty Hackman

Jeannie Turner
Ann Wigton

Sandra Ferguson
President Tucker Trimble welcomed members to the general meeting at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on May 16 and thanked hostesses Sally Booth, Sally Kroll, and Barbara Peek.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as read.

**Treasurer** Report: On the absence of Anne Shepherd, Tucker read that we have $6,789.35 in the Operating account and $3,894.98 in the Community account. A donation has been sent to the Redwoods in memory of Virginia Frost.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jane Burner would like members to give her any updated information for the yearbook.

**Second VP:** Jeanne Turner reviewed plans for Shakespeare in Bloom and passed around a sheet for members to sign up for jobs. Bernice Swain and Susan Fraser will be our speakers. Baked goods were discussed.

**Admissions:** Diana Madsen announced we are inviting four new provisional members to join. Diana also announced that Donna Hackman’s garden was featured in the May issue of “Southern Accents” Magazine. Diana showed her photograph of a red prayer plant that she entered in the Englewood Flower show. Her photograph received honorable mention.

**Conservation:** No report.

**Flower Arranging:** We need an entry for the Harvest Show to be held in September.

**Horticulture/Flower Arranging:** A trough garden submitted by Betty Hackman and Phyllis Alexander received second place at the Englewood Flower Show. Diana Madsen received honorable mention for her photograph.

**NJ Committee:** Members of our club met with the Morristown club to make plans for the plant sale at the Harvest Show. We will begin visiting nurseries to shop for and order plants.

**Program:** Nina Weil announced that plans are almost complete for our next year’s program. We still need a home for the April meeting following the spring clean-up. We also need a hostess for the brunch.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer Higgins will schedule closing and release dates for the newsletter next year.
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General Membership Meeting
May 16, 2001, cont.

Other Reports:

Toni Watt notified us that Tiffany Stevens received a gold medal from the NAACP sponsored program for her botany project. Hopefully Tiffany will come and speak to our club.

Since Nina Weil sponsored planting pansies in the Plainfield High School atrium, the Parker Greenhouse has donated forsythia bushes and more pansies. The hallway outside the atrium will be renamed in honor of our veterans and a reception will be held in the courtyard. Toni Watt is going to ask for money from the school to do more landscaping outside.

Bernice Swain has contacted the visiting gardens chairman in Hawaii to possibly arrange for Diana Madsen to visit some gardens during her trip there.

Barbara Sanford read a memorial for Virginia Frost who died recently. Virginia Frost joined our club in 1939 and was an honorary member.

Following the business meeting, Nina Weil introduced our speaker, Cindy Affleck who gave tips for exhibiting in flower shows. Cindy is a flower arranger and judge who has exhibited at the Philadelphia Flower Show since 1980. Cindy is also an incoming director of GCA.

Our Horticulture show was also scheduled on this date, and judging was conducted during this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Alexander
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Annual Meeting
June 6, 2001

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Attendance - June 6

Jean Varian
Karen Delaney
Beth Harbaugh
Truman Trimby
Pete Hade
Sally Booth
Ann Wixson
Mary Ann Gander
Darlene Koster
Nancy W. Plumecki
Glenn Larum
Jane Burner
Kathy Andrews
Blanca Hadsen
Silly Knoll
B. Peek

Alva Erick
Diane Carpenter
Renee Taylor
Bty. Hackman
Vera Kind
Mary Kent
Barbara Sanford
Phyllis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club
June 6, 2001


The meeting was opened by President Tucker Trimble at 10:25 AM. The meeting was held in the Shakespeare Garden. New members Kathy Andrews, Darlene Kasten, and Nancy Plumeri were introduced by Admissions Chair Diana Madsen and welcomed to the club. Another new provisional member is Lauren Shepard.

Annual Meeting
President Trimble opened the annual meeting at this time. She read her President’s Report. There were no other reports. The annual meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.

Business Meeting
Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Elva Busch in the Recording Secretary’s absence. There was no Treasurer’s Report. Corresponding Secretary Jane Burner reported that she needs an update of names of club members. A card will be sent to Toddy Pond’s son. Toddy passed away recently.

Shakespeare in Bloom
Chairman Jeanne Turner thanked all club members for their efforts in the recent Shakespeare in Bloom event. She especially thanked speakers Bernice Swain and Susan Fraser for speaking at the event and to Betty Hackman for all her special help.

Admissions
Diana Madsen announced that the new provisional members are to arrive at the meetings ½ hour early for sessions regarding various aspects of the club.

Nominating
Chairperson Joan Vivian announced the following slate for 2001-2003:
President – Mary Kent
1st Vice President – Diana Madsen
2nd Vice President – Jeanne Turner
Recording Secretary – Elva Busch
Corresponding Secretary – Jane Burner
Treasurer – Anne Shepherd
Anne Wigton moved that the slate be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Conservation
Diane Carpenter reported on the proposed boat trip through the Meadowlands. She recommended that members take the trip during the summer months and to check the
Internet for details or to call her. She also reported that the Asiatic Longhorned Beetle (AL Beetle) is in New Jersey. Diane will be leaving the area soon and relinquishing her role in conservation for the club. A new chairperson will be needed.

**Flower Arranging**
Beth Harbough reported on the Harvest Show in September.

**1st Vice President Report**
Mary Kent discussed sign-ups for workers at the Harvest Show. She also distributed challenge class plant seeds for the show. Sally Booth has basil plants for members to grow. Mary also distributed seeds and seedlings for other varieties.

**Shakespeare Garden**
Mary Kent thanked all the workers for their efforts in the garden in preparation for the Shakespeare in Bloom on June 2. She announced that the alternate day for working in the garden this summer will be Thursdays. Mary announced that a trip to The Cloisters will take place on Thurs., June 14th for interested members. A dedication and reception will be held for the Shakespeare Garden at the College of St. Elizabeth on Wed., June 20. Our club will be represented at the event.

**New Jersey Committee**
Nina Weil reported that the club’s committee for the Harvest Show will be purchasing plants for the show. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to work at the show. Tent managers will be needed as well.

Nina also reported on the atrium garden project at the high school. Susan Fraser did a design for the garden. The funding for this project came from the New Jersey Committee’s grant. Nina described the establishment and workings of the committee. Projects are presented by clubs in the state and voted upon by the committee for funding. Nina introduced Dan Damon, Plainfield’s Public Information Officer.

**Program Committee**
Nina Weil reviewed next year’s programs. The brunch will not be held this year in lieu of other proposed activities including those surrounding the 75th anniversary of the club. The club is anticipating a patrons’ cocktail party to be held the night before the Shakespeare in Bloom event. Sites for this event were discussed. The date for next year’s Shakespeare in Bloom will be Sat., June 1.

**Club Awards**
President Trimble announced several new awards for the club. They include the following:

1. Betty Hackman Award
   The first annual award, given by the Flower Arranging Chairpersons, was awarded to Phyllis Alexander. Her award was a beautiful container for arranging.
2. Evie Madsen Award  
This new award will be given yearly by the Horticulture Chairpersons. It was given 
this first year to Peggy Tyler. The award was a trowel.

3. Barbara Sanford Award  
This new annual award is given by the Conservation Chairpersons. This year's 
Winner was Nina Weil who was presented with a glass vase with pansies on it.

Tucker then presented the following awards, the ABCD awards: 
Jane Burner for all her help during Tucker's term of office.
Anne Shepherd for her duties as Treasurer. (Anne was not present.) 
The President's Silver Trowel Award was given to Diane Carpenter for her vision in 
recommending that the club establish a scholarship at Plainfield High School.

Further awards were then given by Sally Booth. They were the following: 
Past Presidents' Award was given to Diana Madsen. It was a sterling silver bowl. 
The GCA Awards were then presented by Sally. Dan Damoň was given a commendation 
for all his assistance to the club and community. Mary Kent was presented an Achievement Award for her chairmanship of Horticulture. Jeanne Turner was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her work on Shakespeare in Bloom.

Mrs. C. Northrup (Althea) Pond, deceased member  
Tucker Trimble led the club in a moment of silence in honor of recently deceased 
member Toddy Pond.

Tucker then passed the gavel of leadership to new President Mary Kent. Members were 
wished a happy summer recess. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. A delicious 
luncheon prepared by members Jeanne Turner, Mary Kent, Peggy Tyler, and Phyllis Alexander was then enjoyed. A plant sale of member donated plants followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Busch 
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem