Plainfield Garden Club
Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 2003

The executive board meeting of the PGC met at the home of President Mary Kent on January 14, 2003. The meeting convened at 12:55 PM. Present were M. Kent, D. Madsen, N. Weil, S. Booth, P. Alexander, K. Andrews, J. Vivian, and E. Busch.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were read by Elva Busch in the recording secretary’s absence and approved. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer’s Report
Kathy Andrews reported the following balances:

- Operating Account: $8,545.04
- Community Account: $6,441.14

President Kent requested that future Treasurer’s reports should include total receipts and disbursements for the month. The topic of dues for active members and sustaining members was discussed. It was noted that twelve members still need to pay for missed times working in the garden for last season. A discussion of the dispersal of the donation from Mr. Thomas Corcoran was held. Delegates’ registration fees for the GCA Annual Meeting will be paid by the club.

Mary announced that copies of the book *Flowers for Bouquets* has been purchased by the club. The board agreed to request that members pay $13.00 each for the copies, with the club making a small profit on the sales. A list has been generated of interested members.

Plainfield High School Project
Nina Weil discussed remaining available funding for the project and possible future plantings.

New Jersey Committee
Joan Vivian reported that the total profit from the plant sale held in the fall of 2002 in conjunction with the Harvest Show was $4,698.69. She announced that the show will not be held in 2003 because of declining attendance, declining entries, and the requirement of large numbers of people to staff the show. Instead, a one day program called “Garden Lullaby” will be held on Sept. 20. A concert will be included and there will be a one day plant sale. There will be an attempt to increase the publicity surrounding this event.

Conservation
Chairperson Elva Busch reported that she and Darlene Kasten will be attending the Legislative Day on Thurs., Jan. 16 in Trenton. She outlined the agenda for the day. The club is still seeking a representative for the GCA Washington meeting which will be held Feb. 25-27. She discussed the Conservation Quiz with the board.

Admissions
Chairperson Diana Madsen read the letters of endorsement for Mandy Zachariades. The board voted favorably to invite Mandy to become a member. She will be contacted soon.
Awards
Chairperson Sally Booth discussed Certificates of Appreciation as well as other possible awards to be granted in the future. A subcommittee composed of Joan Vivian, Nina Weil, and Sally will work on ideas for awards. Sally announced that she has the new GCA Directory of Awards.

Horticulture
Phyllis Alexander, Horticulture Chairperson, announced that the Terrarium Workshop will be held on Jan. 29. She discussed the details of the workshop, including the fact that the terrariums produced will be eligible for the club’s Horticulture Show. She reminded members to review her most recent newsletter article and to send comments on the invasives position paper to her.

Announcements
Members will be reminded in the newsletter that cell phone use during meetings is prohibited. Also, members will be asked to let hostesses know if they are bringing guests to meetings. The newsletter deadline will be January 31.

Fund Raising
A discussion was led by President Mary Kent about the topics of possible fund-raisers. The types of fund-raisers being considered include:

1. A speaker with a luncheon with admission being charged.
2. An advanced order plant sale.
3. A plant sale at the Shakespeare Garden in conjunction with the Plainfield Historical Society’s House & Garden Tour planned for Sunday, June 1, 2003.

Phyllis Alexander agreed to contact the Historical Society to discuss the feasibility of having the sale. Further discussion about fund-raisers will be held at the general membership meeting.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Busch
Recording Secretary Pro-tem
Plainfield Garden Club
General Meeting January 15, 2003

The January General Meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Mary Kent at 9:45 AM at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mary thanked our hostesses for the meeting; Jeanne Turner, Kathleen Smythe, Jane Burner, and Sally Booth.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

Public Relations-Chairman Sally Kroll reported on current GCA projects and distributed a list of these projects and a brief description of each one.

Corresponding Secretary-Jane Burner read thank-you notes received Denise Jefferson, Science Content Supervisor, at Plainfield High School and the Mobile Meals organization.

New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America – Jane Burner announced that the Frelinghuysen Arboretum has discontinued the Harvest Show. A one day event, "Garden Lullaby," will take its' place on September 20, 2003 which will include a concert, workshops, garden tours and a plant sale.

Admissions – Diana Madsen introduced our new member, Mandy Zachariades, a Master Gardener from Westfield.

Conservation- Chairman Elva Busch congratulated Darlene Kasten for her speedy and correct answer to the December conservation question. The Highlands Stewardship Act which failed to pass in the last Congress will be reintroduced in this session. Darlene Kasten will join Elva in Trenton on January 16th for Legislative Day.

Flower Arranging- Tucker Trimble invited interested members to join her in interpreting a Native American sculpture to create the Plainfield Garden Club’s submission to “Art in Bloom” at the Montclair Art Museum during the week of April 8-13. As part of the Museum’s fund raising effort our club will be among fifteen that have been asked to participate by interpreting a work in the Museum’s collection.

Horticulture- Phyllis Alexander reminded members that Mercer O’Hara would conduct a terrarium workshop on January 29, 2003. We should be propagating plants for the annual meeting plant exchange May 4-6 in Rye, New York.

Program- Darlene Kasten circulated a list of programs so that members could select a date for hostessing. She suggested that some Board meetings take place on the same day as the general meetings. A photography show schedule was included for sign-up. Darlene requested speaker suggestions from the membership.

Newsletter- Susan Fraser announced that the regular deadline would apply for February.
Nominating- Joan Vivian asked that committee notebooks and other materials be passed to current chairman for review. Some committee chairmen do not have a job description.

Civic Projects- Nina Weil announced a committee meeting at her home on January 23, 2003 for all interested members. Nina would like to schedule a dedication ceremony for the courtyard at Plainfield High School.

Treasurer’s Report- Ann Shepherd reported a balance of $8,535.04 in the Operating Account and $ 6,1441.14 in the Community Account.

Second Vice President- Jeanne Turner informed the membership that Nancy Wright of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum wishes to schedule a visit to the Shakespeare Garden. Phyllis Alexander announced that the Shakespeare Garden will be included on the Plainfield House and Garden tour on June 1, 2003. We may have a plant sale at the Garden in conjunction with the tour. Darlene Kasten suggested a luncheon and book signing be considered as a fund raising event. Interested members were asked to volunteer for a committee to explore fund raising projects.

Announcements- Sally Booth informed members of a Garden Club of America trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming in July, offerings by the New York Botanical Garden, and other trips available to PGC members. She will additional information to us.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. A program on annuals presented by Michael Ruggiero followed the meeting.
February Executive Board Meeting  
Plainfield Garden Club

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Kent at her home on February 10, 2003 at 12:50 PM. Members attending the Board meeting were Ann. Shepherd, Elva Busch, Mary Kent, Jane Burner, Susan Fraser, Darlene Kasten, Joan Vivian, Sally Booth, Nancy Plumeri, Tucker Trimble, Kathy Andrews and Judy Buehler.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report  Ann Shepherd reported a balance in the Operating account of $7,592.50 and a balance of $6,672.76 in the Community account.

Annual Budget Presentation  Treasurer Ann Shepherd distributed a detailed proposed budget for 2003-2004. The disbursements for next year’s programs were discussed. The Finance Committee recommended an increase in the Program budget to $1,000.00 and suggested that monies for programs not be collected at meetings. In addition, the following items were addressed by the Board:

1. Shifting the start of the fiscal year to June 1st from May 1st.
2. Raising dues.
3. Sending The Garden Club Yearbook as an E-mail attachment to save on printing and postage. The budget for printing and postage could then be reduced to $350.00.
4. Charging the cost of a program to the community account if a donation is made to a charity or community group in place of paying a speaker’s fee.
5. No money was allotted to the Horticulture or Flower Arranging Committees.
6. An allotment of $100.00 for upkeep of the Plainfield High School Courtyard
7. Maintenance of The Shakespeare Garden as a budget expense.
8. Members must notify the treasurer of a change in status by April 1st.

The Board voted to pass the budget and to present it to the membership at the February General Meeting. A decision on changing the start of the fiscal year was tabled until April.

Nominating  Joan Vivian suggested that The Plainfield Garden Club form a long range planning committee to develop leaders for the various committees. She encouraged us to seek interested new members to serve as co-chairmen of each group.

Second Vice President  Jeanne Tuner announced plans for the Shakespeare Garden to be included on the Historical Society House and Garden Tour on June 1, 2003. We will use this event as a fund raising opportunity by selling plants. We will require tables and we may need a tent. A committee has been formed to investigate fund raising activities for 2003-2004.
President Mary Kent suggested that the chairmen of Garden History and Design, Horticulture, Flower Arranging and Programs meet to discuss future plans. We intend to have next year’s flower show in May. Mary led a discussion of Service-Pro and recommended that we enter into a formal contract with the owner.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2003

The monthly meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was held at Plainfield Country Club.
The meeting was called to order by President Mary Kent at 9:55am.

Jane Burner/Corresponding Secretary- no report

Jeanne Turner/2nd Vice President- Jeanne advised the membership that Phyllis Alexander has looked in to the 'Secret Garden Tour' in Plainfield to be held on Sunday, June 1. The Plainfield Garden Club will hold open the Shakespeare Garden and hold a plant sale with all proceeds to go the club. Plans are still tentative. Tickets will cost $25 for non-members and $20 for members of the Plainfield Garden Club.

Diana Madsen Admissions- no report

Elva Busch/Conservation- Elva has discount coupons for the NJ Flower Show as well as program lists for the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, which were distributed. Elva reported on Legislative Day held last month in Trenton and attended by Elva and Darlene Kasten. Washington Conservation Meeting to be held in Washington next month and attended by Diana Madsen. Answer to Conservation Quiz was the black bear by Phyllis Alexander, who won by 2 minutes. Darlene Kasten won bonus points for naming our Legislators. Urban Sprawl initiative continues. PGC has been approved for 'Arbor Day' request for 6 deciduous tress and 10 Norway spruces to be used at the Plainfield High School Atrium and Cedar Brook Park. Thanks to Diana.

Tucker Trimble/Flower Arranging - The Flower Arranging Committee will meet to determine the schedule for next November's Flower Show. Tucker announced a possible May workshop on flower arranging using flowers from Members' Gardens. 'Art in Bloom' is in April at the Montclair Museum; people involved will meet to review responsibilities.

Phyllis Alexander/1st Vice President- not present

Darlene Kasten/Program Coordinator. Darlene has collected all photos for the Photography Show to be brought to the judges. The Judges were unable to
attend today's meeting. Results and feedback will be brought to the April Meeting. Plan is for 1-2 Photography Shows for next year.
April Meeting location has been changed to Mandy Zachariades home.
Nancy Plumeri announced she has tickets for the Philadelphia Flower Show and preview coffee for Thursday March 6.
NJ Botanical Garden Trip is planned for May 21. Cost is $8 per person; please bring check or cash to April Meeting.

Susan Fraser/ Newsletter - not present

Nina Weil/Civic Projects - There will be an opening day at the Plainfield High School Atrium as well as a clean up day. Dates will be announced. Also there will be a dedication Ceremony to be scheduled after Memorial Day weekend, held after 3:00 pm.

Sally Boothe/ 'Field Trip Lady' - Sally suggested a Field Trip to 'Sculpture in Bloom' in the Princeton area. Also, highly recommended the Lecture Series at the New York Botanical Garden, which will be held again on March 13.

Tucker Trimble, Cathy Andrews, and Jane Burner/Finance Committee - Distributed Proposed Budget for 2003-2004. Reviewed and took questions from the floor. Discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to approve Proposed Budget as presented. Vote taken by show of hands.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:30 am

Slideshow, speaker, and workshop on Houseplants followed.

Respectfully submitted by
Bernadette Neill
April Executive Board Meeting of The Plainfield Garden Club
April 14, 2003

The Executive Board meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order at 1:20 PM at the home of President Mary Kent. Present at the meeting were Mary Kent, E. Loizeaux, D. Booth, D. Kasten, T. Trimble, S. Kroll, A. Shepherd, N. Weil, P. Alexander, J. Turner, E. Busch, D. Madsen, J. Vivian, B. Hackman, and J. Buehler.

The minutes of the February meeting were read, discussed and approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Ann Shepherd reported a balance of $7,206.37 in the Operating Account and $6,731.38 in the Community Account. $900.00 has been allotted for programs in the 2003-2004 budget. A payment of $25.00 has been made to Union County to pay for a permit to sell plants at the June 1st Historical Society House and Garden Tour.

Announcements - The Executive Board has decided to include a March meeting in the 2003-2004 calendar. The 2003 Annual Meeting will take place in May. President Mary Kent proposed that we select co-chairman for each committee to ease transition into the leadership positions. Diana Madsen reminded members to respond to each month’s hostesses if they will not attend a meeting or if they will be attending with a guest. Mary Kent continues to contact those members without e-mail via fax and sends hard copies of Club information to out-of-town members. Sally Booth presented a Beds and Borders Catalogue for wholesale purchase of flowers. The web address is www.bedsandborders.com. Tucker Trimble will chair a fund raising committee for the next year. She suggested a silent auction and dinner with a well-known speaker as a wonderful opportunity to raise money in support of a scholarship fund.

Second Vice President - Jeanne Turner announced that we may be charged $100.00 as a permit fee by Union County to participate in the June 1st Garden Tour. Mary Kent and Jeanne Turner will contact County personnel to object to any charge.

Programs - Darlene Kasten reported that two photography shows are included in next year’s program schedule.

Admissions - Diana Madsen noted that the Princeton Garden Club has developed a provisional program and that we might consider creating a new member program ourselves.

Conservation - Elva Busch thanked Diana Madsen for her masterful report on the Washington Legislative meeting held in March. Diana’s report was sent to all Zone IV clubs.

Flower Arranging - Tucker Trimble thanked Ann Shepherd and Jeanne Turner for assisting her with an interpretive floral arrangement presented at a fund raising event for the Montclair Museum. The College Women’s Club of Westfield was the beneficiary of a
design presentation by Chairman Trimble and Bernadette Houston. Three shows will be held in our zone next year. The Betty Hickman award will be presented on the basis of a point system.

Civic Projects-A Spring clean up is scheduled for 3:00PM today at the Plainfield High School Atrium. The school’s Art Department is creating invitations to the Atrium dedication scheduled for May 28th. Plainfield High School will receive several young Norway spruce trees to be planted in an open area on school grounds in celebration of Arbor Day. Community Project monies will fund the planting of these trees.

Horticulture-Phyllis Alexander reminded members to attend the April 16th meeting at the home of Mandy Zachariades. Our horticulture show will take place there. We may consider a joint show with another club sometime in the future.

Nominating-Joan Vivian presented the Slate of Officers for next year.
President-Mary Kent
Vice President-Phyllis Alexander
Second Vice President-Jeanne Turner
Treasurer-Kathy Andrews
Corresponding Secretary- Susan Fraser
Recording Secretary- Judy Buehler
Members at Large-Jane Burner and Ann Shepherd

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
April General Meeting  
Plainfield Garden Club  
April 16, 2003

The April meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order at 12:05PM by President Mary Kent at the home of Mandy Zachariades in Westfield, New Jersey. The minutes of the February meeting had been sent via E-mail. There were no additions or corrections made at the meeting and the minutes were accepted as sent. Three members will receive hard copies because they couldn’t open the file as formatted. Recording Secretary, Judy Buehler, will attempt to format the minutes as E-mail rather than as a file and will have four copies on hand for members who don’t receive a copy of minutes of the April meeting.

Treasurer- Ann Shepherd passed out yearly dues bills.

Corresponding Secretary- no report.

Second Vice President- Jeanne Turner shared information about Mansion in May. Garden Club days are May 15, 20, and 27. For details please call 973-543-9408. On April 26th a daylong program is available to all members at the Reeves- Reed Arboretum. Contact Jeanne for more information. The Plainfield Garden Club will hold a plant sale at the Shakespeare Garden on June 1, 2003 in conjunction with the Historical Society House and Garden Tour. Please sign up to help at the sale. President Mary Kent will contact Union County to discuss permit fees.

Admissions- No report

Conservation- Elva Busch thanked Diana Madsen for representing The Plainfield Garden Club at the Washington DC legislative meeting and for her detailed report on the event. Elva informed the members of efforts by the New Jersey Homebuilders Association to oppose the Governor’s planned growth initiative. Although the vote against drilling for oil in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge failed in The United States House of Representatives, Elva remains hopeful that the Senate will oppose the bill. Voting against drilling was Representative Michael Ferguson of the Seventh Congressional District. Elva encouraged members to call or write to Mr. Ferguson’s office to thank him for his vote using the address and telephone number that she provided.

Representative Michael Ferguson  
Seventh Congressional District  
2333 Morris Avenue Suite B-8  
Union, New Jersey 97083  
908-686-5576

Flower Arranging- Tucker Trimble and Bernadette Houston presented a flower arranging demonstration for the College Women's Club. At the Montclair Museum’s “Art in Bloom” fundraiser Tucker, Ann Shepherd and Jeanne Turner created an
interpretive floral arrangement. Chairman Trimble announced that she would chair a fund raising event next year.

**Horticulture**- Chairman Phyllis Alexander thanked Sally Booth and Betty Hackman for passing and Mandy Zachariaides for hosting the show and meeting at her home. An in-house show is scheduled for May of next year. Please remember that there will be a plant exchange at the annual zone meeting.

**Shakespeare Garden**- Workdays are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Susan Fraser is researching plants appropriate to the garden.

**Civic Projects**- Nina Weil thanked those members who participated in the Plainfield High School Atrium clean up. The plants are doing well. The dedication ceremony for the Atrium is scheduled for May 28, 2003 at 4:00PM. Susan Fraser is working on a new design, which will incorporate the plant materials that were donated last fall.

**Program**- Darlene Kasten and Nancy Plumeri announced plans for next year’s schedule. They presented an overview of meeting sites and program topics. Look for E-mail from them containing a revised list. Barbara Sanford is leading a tour of Stillman Garden on June 12th. The annual meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2003. Please sign up for the New Jersey Botanical Gardens Tour scheduled for the same date.

**Newsletter**- Susan Fraser encourages all members to review the newsletter for schedules and events.

President-Mary Kent
First Vice President- Phyllis Alexander
Second Vice President- Jeanne Turner
Treasurer-Kathy Andrews
Corresponding Secretary- Susan Fraser
Recording Secretary- Judy Buehler
Members at Large- Jane Burner and Ann Shepherd

Mary Kent encouraged members to sign up for PGC standing committees. We are developing a system of co-chairmen for continuity. Tucker Trimble has accepted the position of Archive Committee Chairman. The Plainfield Garden Club voted to change the date of the June meeting from June 4, 2003 to June 11,2003. We were reminded that the date of the Daffodil Society of America Show is April 25th at the Freylinghuysen Arboretum.

**Garden Club of America Zone IV Director**- Diana Madsen reported that The Garden Club of America has accepted The Late Bloomers Garden Club of Jacksonville, Florida into membership. The Garden Club of America Bulletin will include a July issue.
Plainfield Garden Club Horticulture Show
Wednesday, April 16, 2003
At the home of Mandy Zachariades
436 Hillside Avenue, Westfield

All entries will be passed at 9:00am
Judging will begin at 9:30am

Class I: Bulbs
   a. Daffodils: a single stem
   b. Tulips: a single stem
   c. Other bulbs

Class II: Cut Branches
   a. Flowering trees: one branch not to exceed 24 inches
   b. Flowering shrubs: one branch not to exceed 18 inches

Class III: Wildflowers: grown in your own garden
   a. Cut specimens
   b. Pot Plant

Class IV: House Plants
   a. Topiaries or trained plants
   b. Begonias
   c. Succulents or cactus
   d. Any other house plant

Class V: Terrariums
A terrarium consisting of a minimum of three species of plants. Plants may touch sides of the glass container. Key card or diagram identifying plant material is required.

Class VI: “Aged to Perfection”
A plant that has been in the exhibitor’s possession for at least three years. To be judged as a Par Class. Include compatible saucer if appropriate.

Class VII: Par Class
An exhibit of outstanding horticultural merit that does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the schedule. To be judged against perfection.

All official GCA horticulture rules will apply. Please review your Flower Show and Judging Guide yellow book, Chapter II.
Attendance 4-16

Mary Kent ✓
Trudy Troncy ✓
Darlene Kelley ✓
Diana Madsen ✓
Nancy Planer ✓
Brenda Bell ✓
Kathy Brown ✓
B. Peele ✓
Jean Vivian ✓
Marnie Samel ✓
Phyllis Alexander ✓
Elva Busch ✓
Valerie Rogers ✓
Betty Hackman ✓
Mona Weil ✓
Sally Kroll ✓
Jeannie Turrent ✓
Susan Fraser ✓
Judy Buehler ✓
Sally Booth ✓
Mandy ✓
Teresa ✓
May Executive Board Meeting May 19, 2003
Plainfield Garden Club

The May Executive Board meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Mary Kent at her home in Westfield, New Jersey at 1:00 PM. Present at the meeting were Mary Kent, Sally Booth, Nina Weil, Ann Shepherd, Sally Kroll, Joan Vivian, Betty Hackman, Tucker Trimble, Jane Burner, Darlene Kasten, and Judy Buehler.

The minutes of the April meeting were read, revised and approved. The Board may award prizes based on a point system.

Treasurer's Report- Ann Shepherd reminded Board members that dues should be paid by June 1, 2003. The balance in the Operating account is $7,073.39 and the balance in the Community account is $6,793.23. These balances are for end of month and end of year.

President Mary Kent requested that annual reports be limited to 150 words and be submitted in triplicate by June 1, 2003. Ann Shepherd suggested that the Corresponding Secretary report any changes in membership status in her report. Since the Plainfield Garden Club will lack a quorum at the May general meeting, the Annual meeting will be postponed until June.

Second Vice President- Jeanne Turner led a discussion of PGC participation in the June 1st Historical Society's Garden Tour. Members of the PGC will arrive at the Shakespeare Garden at 11:00 AM. We will staff the garden, label plants, prepare the bathroom, sell plants, and hand out brochures and act as greeters.

Program- Darlene Kasten announced that the 2003-2004 program schedule is in place, including the addition of a March meeting. The program and a list of hostesses will be available in the yearbook.

Horticulture- Mary Kent asked that members sign up to participate in the Autumn Festival at the Freylinghuysen Arboretum on September 20th. September 19th is set aside for set-up and delivery of plants. Donated plants should be labeled with care instructions and common names as well as Latin names.

Shakespeare Garden- Since the Garden will be on the Historical Society tour we will inform members of additional workdays in the garden via E-mail.

Fund raising- Chairman Tucker Trimble announced plans for a silent auction, brunch and challenge flower arranging competition for men on November 23, 2003 at Plainfield Country Club. Tickets for this event will cost $75.00 per couple.

Civic Projects- Nina Weil gave out invitations to the dedication of the Plainfield High School courtyard produced by the PHS Graphic Arts students. The event is scheduled for
May 28, 2003 at 4:00 PM. Home Economics students will serve refreshments to the invitees.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
May General Meeting
Plainfield Garden Club
May 21, 2003

The May meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by Tucker Trimble at 10:20 AM in the visitor’s center of Skylands Manor in Ringwood, New Jersey.

A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they had been e-mailed to members.

Treasurer—no report

Conservation—Co-chairman Valerie Roger reported that invasive plants continue to be a topic of study by the GCA. A Code of Conduct regarding these plants is being developed. Dr. Sara Webb will report on the nature and severity of the problem at Drew University on June 10, 2003 at a meeting sponsored by the Garden Club of Madison. Please contact Valerie for information on the meeting. Elva Busch attended the GCA annual meeting in Rye, New York where she heard Dr. Jonah Underwood of INFORM INC. speak about fossil fuel, transportation, and technology. Mrs. Roger informed members that Duke Farms Park would open for tours beginning in June.

Horticulture—Zone IV clubs will participate in a one day Autumn Festival at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Plainfield Garden Club members will staff booths and donate twenty-five plants. We will be selling plants at the Shakespeare Garden on June 1st during the Historical Society garden tour.

Program—Darlene Kasten reviewed plans for the 2003-2004-program schedule. Board members will host the March meeting at Judy Buehler’s home. Locations for the January and April meetings are yet to be decided. The position as assistant chairman of the Program Committee is available for the coming year.

Civic Projects—Kathy Andrews reminded members to attend the dedication of the courtyard garden at Plainfield High School on May 28, 2003 at 4:00 PM. Judy Buehler distributed a schematic of the Shakespeare Garden along with a list of plants in the west border of the garden.

Fund Raising Chairman Tucker Trimble thanked her committee members and led a discussion of the event they have planned. On November 23rd The Plainfield Garden Club will host a brunch and silent auction at Plainfield Country Club. Members will be asked to donate a service or item to be auctioned at the event. Tickets will cost $75.00 per couple. The committee goal is to raise $2000.00-$1,000.00 to scholarship, $500.00 to program and $500.00 to fund a project.

Invitations were distributed to members for the Spring Garden Tour sponsored by the Greater Newark Conservancy and the courtyard dedication at Plainfield High School.
There being no further business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. After the meeting the members toured Skylands, the New Jersey State Botanical Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary

Members present
Roger, V.
Trumble, T.
Madson, D.
Kaster, D.
Buehler, J.
Andrews, K.
Zacaraides, M.
June Board Meeting
Plainfield Garden Club  June 2, 2003

The June board meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Mary Kent at 1:00 PM at her home in Westfield, New Jersey. Present were Mary Kent, Ann Shepherd, Sally Booth, Nina Weil, Jane Burner, Tucker Trimble, Darlene Kasten, Jeanne Turner, Betty Hackman, and Judy Buehler.

A motion was made and carried to dispense with the regular business meeting. The June Board meeting focused on the continuing activities of the major committees, staffing concerns for all committees, and planned activities for the 2003-2004 year.

Tucker Trimble is continuing to chair the Flower Arranging committee and requests a co-chairman. Phyllis Alexander will head Horticulture with Darlene Kasten as her co-chair. The board discussed asking the chairmen of our four major committees to serve as members of the Program committee. Betty Hackman reported on our need for a photographer to document area gardens for the Garden History and Design Committee. She also requests a co-chair. Fifty dollars is available as a line item in the budget to document gardens.

Since many of next year’s Board meetings are scheduled for the hour before monthly general meetings, we must eliminate unnecessary discussion. President Mary Kent recommended that each member of the Plainfield Garden Club serve on two committees in order to maximize our limited manpower.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
June General Meeting  
June 11, 2003  
Plainfield Garden Club

Please note this addition to the May minutes. Treasurer Anne Shepherd reports a balance of $7,073.39 in the Operating Account and a balance of $6,793.23 in the Community Account.

Thank you to Darlene Kasten for taking minutes at the June meeting in my absence.

President Mary Kent called the June meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club to order at 10:00AM. Jane Burner welcomed Joan Hunziker back to the area.

President Kent called the annual meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club to order. Second Vice-President, Jane Burner reported that the PGC membership is 42: 28 active members, 5 sustainers and 9 affiliates. The President presented her annual report, as did the Treasurer. Copies of these reports were given to those present. Please contact Mary Kent should you wish to obtain copies of these reports. The annual meeting was adjourned and the June general meeting resumed.

Treasurer- Anne Shepherd reported a profit of approximately $600.00 from our plant sale during the House and Garden tour sponsored by the Plainfield Historical Society.

Conservation- Valerie Roger presented information on three invasive plants in our area, which should be controlled. They are Norway Maple, Crimson Pygmy Barberry, and Euronymous. The Stonington Garden Club has sent us a book on Earth friendly alternatives. Please contact Mrs. Roger to order your copy.

Flower Arranging- Tucker Trimble announced that our joint meeting with the Garden Club of the Oranges in September would feature a flower show for appreciation. Arrangements of flowers from our gardens, or the Shakespeare Garden should be displayed in teacups.

New Jersey Committee- Mary Kent reminded members that a one-day plant sale to benefit the New Jersey Committee would take place on September 20, 2003.

Shakespeare Garden- Darlene Kasten and Diana Madsen will document and map the garden, photographing the plants as they bloom this summer. Members are asked to contribute horticultural information on the plants which can be included on the planned website.

Program- Mrs. Kasten announced a visit to Stillman Gardens on Thursday, June 12th. Bernice Swain read a description of the Gardens and their fascinating history.

Newsletter -The deadline for the next newsletter is June 25th. Susan Fraser, editor in chief, will decide how best to utilize photos submitted for publication.
Nominating- Joan Vivian presented the proposed slate of officers to the membership.

2003-2004
President- Mary Kent
First Vice President-Phyllis Alexander
Second Vice President-Jeanne Turner
Recording Secretary-Judy Buehler
Corresponding Secretary-Susan Fraser
Treasurer-Kathy Andrews
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In addition, Mary gave a gift of appreciation to Betty and Bob Hackman for their many years of dedicated service to the Plainfield Garden Club.
President Kent gave a brief report on the Garden Club of America Annual Meeting held on May 4, 5 and 6 in Rye, New York, and she thanked our June hostesses Tucker Trimble, Sally Kroll, Bernice Swain and Carroll Keating.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
June General Meeting June 11, 2003
Plainfield Garden Club

Please note this addition to the May minutes. Treasurer Anne Shepherd reports a balance of $7,073.39 in the Operating Account and a balance of $6,793.23 in the Community Account.

Thank you to Darlene Kasten for taking minutes at the June meeting in my absence.

President Mary Kent called the June meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club to order at 10:00AM. Jane Burner welcomed Joan Hunziker back to the area.

President Kent called the annual meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club to order. Second Vice-President, Jane Burner reported that the PGC membership is 42: 28 active members, 5 sustainers and 9 affiliates. The President presented her annual report, as did the Treasurer. Copies of these reports were given to those present. Please contact Mary Kent should you wish to obtain copies of these reports. The annual meeting was adjourned and the June general meeting resumed.

Treasurer- Anne Shepherd reported a profit of approximately $600.00 from our plant sale during the House and Garden tour sponsored by the Plainfield Historical Society.

Conservation- Valerie Roger presented information on three invasive plants in our area, which should be controlled. They are Norwegian Maple, Crimson Pygmy Barberry, and Euronymous. The Stonington Garden Club has sent us a book on Earth friendly alternatives. Please contact Mrs. Roger to order your copy.

Flower Arranging- Tucker Trimble announced that our joint meeting with the Garden Club of the Oranges in September would feature a flower show for appreciation. Arrangements of flowers from our gardens, or the Shakespeare Garden should be displayed in teacups.

New Jersey Committee- Mary Kent reminded members that a one-day plant sale to benefit the New Jersey Committee would take place on September 20, 2003.

Shakespeare Garden-Darlene Kasten and Diana Madsen will document and map the garden, photographing the plants as they bloom this summer. Members are asked to contribute horticultural information on the plants which can be included on the planned website.

Program- Mrs. Kasten announced a visit to Stillman Gardens on Thursday, June 12th. Bernice Swain read a description of the Gardens and their fascinating history.

Newsletter- The deadline for the next newsletter is June 25th. Susan Fraser, editor in chief, will decide how best to utilize photos submitted for publication.
Nominating- Joan Vivian presented the proposed slate of officers to the membership.

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