January 19, 2005
The Plainfield Garden Club

President Kathy Andrews called the general meeting to order at 9:45 AM at The Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, New Jersey.
A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from our December meeting.

Treasurer’s Report- Phyllis Alexander reported on December transactions. As of December 31, 2004 total cash on hand was $21,891.41. Please send Mrs. Alexander any Shakespeare Garden monies. Since the Finance Committee will meet on January 27, 2005 all Committee Chairmen should send budget requests to Mrs. Alexander before that date. Please be aware that we must husband money for Zone and Annual meetings.

Program- Mandy Zachariades thanked the January hostesses; Sally Booth, Janet Burchett, Susan Fraser and Julie Shortridge. Mrs. Zachariades reminded members that the February Board and General meetings would take place at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, not Plainfield Country Club as listed in our yearbook.

Corresponding Secretary- Susan Fraser read a “thank you” letter from Mobile Meals for our donation of festive tray decorations.

Second Vice President- Tucker Trimble displayed photos of a new member workshop she held at her home in November. Mrs. Trimble announced that the Spring Plainfield Partners Show House has been cancelled. We may participate if The Partners reschedule for Fall 05. Mrs. Trimble will chair a committee to study possibilities for Shakespeare in Bloom this June.

Admissions- Diana Madsen encourages members to think about possible candidates. The admissions committee will be calling each of us.

Civic Projects- Nina Weil continues to work through Mrs. Hillel at the High School. Her students will be helping to maintain the atrium. Mrs. Weil will contact Mr. Brown about continuing work in the atrium as community service for students interested in horticulture. This may fulfill a requirement for graduation. Nina showed the members a possible project for her committee that was brought to her attention by Lorraine Ciemniecki. A family shelter- halfway house in Elizabeth, New Jersey is in need of plantings.

Conservation- Diana Madsen presented the Invasive of the Month- Lesser Celandine and its native alternatives. The Conservation Committee will meet on January 26, 2005 at the Plainfield Library. Janet Burchett presented the Conservation report and distributed National Park Service information. President Bush has signed the federal Highlands Legislation and the seven month moratorium on imposing “Fast Track” legislation is still in effect. In addition, the council appointed to oversee the Highlands Act is considering charging developers a premium if they build more houses per acre than current zoning.
allows. Diana Madsen and Elva Busch will attend the National Affairs and Legislation meeting in Washington next month. Citizens of New Jersey burn eleven million gallons of gas each day, up from 10 million gallons last year. Sprawling land use is the primary culprit.

Flower arranging- Jeanne Turner thanked participants in “Shakespeare in Bloom” and invited members to view the arrangements after our meeting. Mrs. Turner thanked Bernice Swain and Evie Madsen for their excellent “Tussie Mussie” workshop.

Garden History and Design- The Committee has completed research and organized slides for the submission of Skillman Garden to The Smithsonian.

Photography- Darlene Kasten announced a photography show next month entitled “Greetings from the Garden State.” Please see Darlene for details.

Horticulture- Darlene Kasten took a poll of members regarding their use of REAL DIRT. More seeds will be ordered for interested members.

Newsletter- Susan Fraser needs your information by February 1,2005.

There being no further business before the membership, Mrs. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
Plainfield Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2005

The Feb. 16, 2005 board meeting was called to order by our president, Kathy Andrews at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian church at 8:15 AM. In attendance were; Jeanie Turner, Phyllis Alexander, Susan Fraser, Sally Booth and Tucker Tremble.

Secretary: The minutes were approved having been sent by e-mail

Treasurer: Phyllis Alexander reported that we have $5,084.67 in operating funds and $16,642.50 in Money Market funds.

The budget: Due to a scheduling conflict the budget committee was unable to present the budget to the board and general membership in January as stipulated by the by-laws. As a result a motion was presented and seconded to amend the by-laws temporarily to enable the budget to be presented to the board and general membership in February. The board accepted the budget with some minor changes as proposed. Flower arranging was allocated $100.00 not $50.00 and conservation $150.00 not $200.00. The Community Fund was changed to allocate the Great Swamp $25.00 and the New Jersey Conservation Assoc. $50.00. A motion was proposed and seconded to approve the May 1, 2005—April 30, 2006 budget. It will be presented to the general membership in Feb. to be approved in March.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Fraser read 2 letters from members who both wish to become sustainers. The are Anne Shepherd and Jane Burner. Their requests were accepted with regret.

Shakespeare in Bloom: Tucker Trimble reported that Shakespeare in Bloom will take place in a modified fashion on June 4, 2005. There will be tours of the garden and a pre-order (plus extras) plant sale. There will be no food or entertainment. The hours will be 10AM to 2PM. The night before there will be a preview party for members and guests. The cost will be $15.00. It will be called Shakespeare in Bud.

New Business: It was requested that programs next year not be scheduled for holidays or conflicting GCA meetings. It was moved and seconded that the June meeting be changed from June 8th to June 9th due to conflicting GCA meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.
Respectfully submitted,
Sally Booth
Secretary pro temp.
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Subject: Plainfield Garden Club Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2005

The Plainfield Garden Club February Monthly meeting minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church at 10:00AM on Wed. February 16, 2005 by the president, Kathy Andrews. 6 guests were introduced.

Secretary: The minutes were dispensed with as they had been sent by e-mail.

Treasurer: Mrs. Alexander reported that we have $5,084.67 in the operating fund and $16,642 in money market funds for a total of $21,727.15 cash on hand.

Budget: At the board meeting a temporary by-law change was approved to change the presentation of the budget to the general membership from January to February. The new budget was presented to the general membership. It proposes that the dues be raised $20.00 per year per member for active and sustaining members. Affiliate members dues will remain the same. We will vote on the 2005-2006 budget in March.

Corresponding Secretary: In Susan Fraser's absence Kathy Andrews read a letter from "our" student at the Student Conservation Association. She thanked us for our contribution which enabled her to have a very successful summer with them.

Shakespeare in Bloom: Tucker Trimble reported that Shakespeare in Bloom will take place on Sat. June 5th. It will be a scaled down affair with garden tours and a pre-ordered (plus extras) plant sale. The time will be 10AM to 2 PM. On the preceding evening there will be a kick off party called Shakespeare in Bud. There will be a charge of $15.00 per person for the party.

Civic Projects: Bernice Swain suggested that we might donate trees from the Arbor Day foundation to Habitat for Humanity. They are working on or have built 26 or 27 homes in the Plainfield Area. It was also noted that they could use shrubs.

Conservation: Please read the Conservation Chronicle that came by e-mail. It has very important information in it. It will explain the Highland Fast Track Legislation. This legislation must be repealed and we filled out postcards to be sent to our government officials to ask them to do so. The Chronicle also explains the Peddie Island Issue. Please read about it and contact your officials.

Bev Gorman gave a talk about Purple Loostrie, the "purple field monster" It is another invasive species that is lovely to look at but hard to control. It should not be sold in nurseries as it is a terrible menace when it gets out of the garden and chokes out native species.

Flower arranging: Jeanne Turner thanked everyone for entering the flower show in Jan. The winners were.
Class 1: First Romona Furguson and Jeanne Turner  
Second: Tucker Trimble  
H. M. Sally Booth

Class 2: First: Diana Madsen  
Second: Mary Kent  
Third: Phyllis Alexander  
H. M. Mandy Zachariades

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Class 3: First: Janet Burchett  
    Second: Lorainne Ciemniecki  
    Third: Sandy Lawrence

Horticulture: In Darlene Kasten's absence, Sally Booth gave a few hints. It is almost time to sow larkspur, poppy (not oriental poppy) seeds, batchelor buttons and cosmos seeds outside. You can even sow them on top of snow. Next fall try sowing sweet peas outside. They might come up in the spring if it is not too cold a winter. They like cold weather.

Scholarship: Bernice Swain announced that the Benjamin Blackburn $5,000.00 scholarship applications are due now. If you know any students wishing to apply to let her know.

Founders Fund: Many Zachariades read the 3 projects for this year. We will vote on them at our next meeting. Full descriptions of the projects are on the GCA website.

New business: Our June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, not the 8th, due to GCA meetings in NYC that conflict.

Carroll Keating presented Katherine Toland of Greystone Designs, a special events floral designer. She created a number of arrangements for us which were raffled off.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.
Respectfully submitted,

Sally Booth  
Secretary pro tem

3/2/2005
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Andrews.

**Treasurer's Report** – As of February 28, the balance in the checking account was $5021.67. Total cash on hand was $21,673.75 ($16,652.08 Money Market Balance). The proposed budget for '05-'06 was distributed for discussion. Dues will be raised. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed budget.

**Corresponding Secretary** – A letter from former member Elizabeth Harbaugh requesting reinstatement to the Plainfield Garden Club was read to the Board members. A motion was made and seconded to accept her request with pleasure.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** – Plans are moving ahead for the Shakspeare-in-Bloom fundraiser.

**Zone Chairman's Report** - Zone Chairman Tucker Trimble informed the Board that it has been decided to shorten the Annual Meetings by one day. This will not take effect for 2 years, due to prior contracts that have been signed. This year's Plant Exchange will be the last held at an Annual Meeting. Future exchanges will be held at the local level.

**Civic Projects** – The date for the spring clean up for the Atrium at Plainfield High School will be set with Mr. Gearhand.

**Conservation Report** – The report will be given at the Membership Meeting. It will include an update on a few issues. Subscriptions for Conservation Watch could be increased for Zone IV. It was requested that a check-off box be added to the dues statement for those wishing to have a subscription (additional cost would also be included).

**Flower Arranging** – Chris Giflos will be speaking at the Metropolitan Museum on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Visiting Gardens** – Two trips have been planned. The first is a trip on May 12 to the Conservancy Garden with lunch afterwards at GCA plus a tour of Gracie Mansion. The second is a trip on June 10<sup>th</sup> to Wave Hill.

**Shakspeare Garden** – There will be a committee meeting before April to determine what Union County can do for the garden.

**Horticulture** – The schedules for the Daffodil Show were distributed. The show will be on Friday April 22 and Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sally Booth is co-chair of this year's show.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting.
President Kathy Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

Phyllis Alexander, Treasurer, distributed the proposed budget and noted that there was to be a dues increase. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget for '05-'06, and seconded.

Second Vice-President Tucker Trimble reported that Shakspeare In Bloom was scheduled for Saturday June 4th, and that Save the Date Cards had been mailed for the party the night before, where something 'special' would be auctioned off.

Tucker also attended the meetings at GCA in New York in her capacity as Zone Chairman, and reported that the Annual Meeting will be reduced by one day beginning with the 2008 Annual Meeting, and that this would be the last year of the Plant Exchange at an Annual Meeting due to problems with sudden Oak death and invasives. Exchanges will be held at the local level and at Zone meetings.

Civic Projects - Nina Weil announced that the Spring Clean-up at the High School Atrium would be either Friday April 15th or Monday the 18th.

Conservation - Elva Busch said the "Conservation Chronicle" would be staggered mid-month to Club members to avoid all information from the club coming at once.

The Senate is poised to approve the drilling in Alaska which GCA has opposed for the past 25 years. This drilling is slated to be done on the Coastal Plain which is a smaller area where animals habitat would be closer to the drilling area.

The EPA has passed a new ruling to reduce mercury emissions up to 70% called the 'Clean Air Mercury Act'.

The NJ Audubon Society is now in favor of reducing the population of deer in NJ as the herd is now estimated at 200,000.

On April 8 there will be a follow up on the invasives lecture held at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Barbara Sandford reported on the 'Invasive of the Month' the Norway Maple tree.

Horticulture - There will be a workshop on Plant Exchange info to be held at Darlene Kasten's house on March 29 at noon. Plants for the Annual Meeting's Plant Exchange will be chosen at that time.

Visiting Gardens - Sally Booth has organized two trips for our club this spring. The first will be Thursday, May 12 to NY to the Conservancy Garden, lunch at GCA, and a tour of Gracie Mansion. The second will be a trip to Wave Hill on Friday, June 10th. Sign up sheets were circulated.

Photography - There will be an informal show at the May meeting with one of the classes to be 'The Christos Gates'.

Shakspeare Garden - Announcement of a committee meeting and invitation to anyone else who might be interested to attend.
The three Founder's Fund candidates were reviewed, and our club voted to submit the Perry Street project from Trenton and Stonybrook Garden Club as our choice.

Program - The April meeting will be a Spring Clean-up at the Shakspeare Garden with meeting and lunch to follow at Sandy Lawrence's house.

Scholarship - Bernice Swain informed the club of two scholarships available for qualified students. The first is the Blackburn Scholarship of $5,000 which requires that the student be studying Botany or a related field in an accredited college. The second was the Rome Academy Scholarship of $5,000 which requires graduate work in the field of Landscape Architecture. The deadline for application is April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted for J. Buehler,

Sally Kroll
Plainfield Garden Club Board Minutes
April 18, 2005

The April Board meeting of The Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Kathy Andrews at her home in Plainfield, New Jersey at 12:50 PM. President Andrews passed around her copy of the Zone IV Newsletter for Spring and suggested that all Board members download it for interesting information and scheduled Zone IV events.

The Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March Board meeting since they were e-mailed to all Board members.

Treasurer- Phyllis Alexander distributed copies of her report. Total cash on hand as of March 31, 2005 was $21,214.19. Yearly dues bills will be sent out this month and should be paid by April 30, 2005. The GCA has amended its' dues bills to simplify payment for membership. Rosters will be updated as necessary. The Plainfield Garden Club will still collect partial payment of dues for new members. The board discussed a possible deadline for proposing new members. We will begin a new member orientation in January 2006.

Corresponding Secretary- We received invitations to The Reeves Reed Plant Sale and Auction, the May 6th flower show at the Garden Club of Trenton, The New Jersey Daffodil Show at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, and The Montclair Art Museum’s “Art in Bloom.” Please see Kathy Andrews for details.

Second VP- Jeanne Turner announced that a local artist will create a rendering of The Shakespeare Garden to be auctioned at “Shakespeare in Bud.”

Admissions- Diana Madsen read proposing and seconding letters on behalf of a candidate. The Board voted to invite Mrs. Edward Welsh to become a member of The Plainfield Garden Club. Diana noted that we need revised new member packets and additional flower show and judging guides for the handbooks.

Civics- Nina Weil supervised the Spring clean-up and planting in the High School Atrium on April 15th. We are holding some small trees in the Atrium for Habitat for Humanity.

Conservation- Elva Busch will report on Wed.

Flower Arranging- Jeanne Turner announced that the Trenton Garden Club will hold a small flower show on May 5, 2006.

Garden History and Design- Darlene Kasten will schedule a May meeting.

Horticulture- Mrs. Kasten requested plants for the Plant Exchange at the GCA Annual meeting. Mrs. Alexander will submit Sweet Bay Magnolia. Please take Daffodils to Sandy Lawrence’s home by 8:30 AM on Wed., April 20th.
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Thanks, Darlene. Looks great! See everyone tomorrow. Kathy

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Subject: minutes from Board meeting

Kathy - Here are the minutes as such. Feel free to edit before passing them on to Susan. Darlene

The May 16, 2005 board meeting was called to order by our president, Kathy Andrews at her home at 12:45 PM. In attendance were Jeanne Turner, Phyllis Alexander, Sally Kroll and Darlene Kasten.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer: Phyllis Alexander reported that we have $2550 in operating funds and $16,673.98 in Money Market funds. Phyllis reported on disbursements and receipts. Phyllis noted that the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2004-2005 is due at the general meeting on Wednesday.

Shakespeare in Bloom: Kathy reported for Tucker that the Shakespeare in Bloom committee will meet for lunch after the general membership meeting on Wednesday. Plant Sale orders are due at that time.

Admissions: Kathy Andrews will deliver the admissions packet to Elaine Welch.

Conservation: Julie Shortridge and Phyllis Alexander will report on their assigned invasive plants at the general membership meeting. Kathy passed around the current issue of the Conservation Chronicle.

Flower Arranging: Jeanne Turner reported she had received a schedule for the Garden Club of Morristown's small flower show in September. Congratulations were made to Jeanne and Nina Weil on their second place award in the Trenton Garden Club's Full Circle Small Flower Show.

NJ Committee: Kathy Andrews read a letter from Ann Gates with regards to the Plant Sale on September 30th at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

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Horticulture: Darlene Kasten reported that the Horticulture Committee met to prepare for the upcoming Horticulture Show scheduled for this Wednesday's meeting. The committee has planned a propagation workshop on June 15 at the Reeves Reed Arboretum for PX plants. A sign-up sheet will be available at the general membership meeting. Our PX plants at Annual Meeting were awarded 14 points.

Garden History and Design: Darlene Kasten reported that the committee met to finalize our recommendation of Stillman Gardens. The committee expects to recommend the garden shortly.

Newsletter: Kathy Andrews asked that articles be submitted by June 1 to Susan Fraser.

Photography: There will be an exhibit at the general membership meeting on photographs taken by members of the Gates in Central Park. Darlene reported she had been awarded a second in the Trenton Garden Club's Full Circle Small Flower Show.

Program: Kathy Andrews read a report by Carroll Keating describing the program plans for next year. She and Mandy Zachariades are finalizing the schedule.

New Business: Kathy Andrews reported on an invitation to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in St. Louis in October and read a letter by the chairs of Annual Meeting 2010 to be held in Zone IV.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.
Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Kasten
Secretary pro temp.
2005 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Plainfield Garden Club was called to order by President Kathy Andrews at 10:10 AM at Plainfield Country Club. Mrs. Andrews read her annual report recapitulating all of the projects and activities undertaken by our members. Phyllis Alexander presented the Treasurer's Annual Report. As of April 30, 2005 total cash on hand was $23,084.42. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM.

May General Membership Meeting

Mrs. Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Nina Weil introduced her guest, Jackie Owens and Mandy Zachariades introduced her guest, Leah Kay.

Treasurer- Phyllis Alexander reported that total cash on hand as of April 30, 2005 was $23,084.42.

Shakespeare in Bloom- Tucker Trimble distributed packets of flyers to the membership advertising Shakespeare in Bloom and explained the sign-up procedure for scheduling on June 4th. An artist, Louis Lanzafama, a jewelry vendor and a photographer will be at the garden during the event. Mary Kent collected plant sale order forms.

Conservation- Elva Busch thanked Mary Kent and Kathy Andrews for their reports on the Conservation Program at the Annual Meeting and Susan Fraser for her e-mails on invasive plants. From the Annual Meeting- Grass eaten by calves in ANWR will be threatened by oil drilling. If tires in the USA were upgraded to high quality we could save seven billion barrels of oil per year. Keep in mind that GCA members are a powerful lobby for conservation and change. Elva informed us that the moratorium on "Fast Track" ends in July. Perhaps some initiative will be proposed to prevent the moratorium from lapsing. The Star Ledger carried an editorial about this concern and Elva will keep us informed. Phyllis Alexander presented "The Invasive of the Month," Garlic Mustard, and Elva distributed a paper on the April invasive, Tree of Heaven, describing it as tenacious.

Flower Arranging- Jeanne Turner showed us photos of arrangements created by PGC members that have won ribbons in recent shows. At the Trenton Garden Club Show Nina Weil and Jeanne won a Red Ribbon for their entry. On September 27th The Garden Club of Morristown will sponsor a small flower show entitled "Weather Report."

Garden History and Design- Darlene Kasten announced that she is prepared to send a packet to the archivists at The Smithsonian.

Photography- Mrs. Kasten thanked members for their "Gates" photos. She discussed plans for a photography workshop to be held during Shakespeare in Bloom.
Horticulture- The PGC received 14 points at the plant exchange. After 2006 plant exchanges will take place on the zone level. On June 15th a propagation workshop is scheduled at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

New Jersey Committee- Forms will arrive soon for the presale of shrubs. The actual sale, a workshop and lunch are scheduled for September 30th at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. The charge for the event is $25.00.

Newsletter- Please submit your articles to Susan Fraser by June1.

Visiting Gardens- Sally Booth announced several spectacular GCA tours. See her for dates and details. Our Wave Hill expedition is scheduled for June 10th.

Nominating- Nina Weil presented the slate of officers for 2005-2006.
President-Kathy Andrews
1st VP-Darlene Kasten
2nd VP-Tucker Trimble
Rec. Sec.-Judy Buehler
Corr. Sec.-Susan Fraser
Treas.-Phyllis Alexander
The members voted unanimously to accept the slate as presented.

Mrs. Andrews read her report on the Annual Meeting. Diana Madsen, Mary Kent, Darlene Kasten and Tucker Trimble attended with Mrs. Andrews. Tucker Trimble and Darlene Kasten were recognized for their floral and photographic design awards. Mrs. Andrews thanked the hostesses for May, Ramona Ferguson, Tucker Trimble and Nina Weil.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Judith C. Buehler
Recording Secretary
June 2005 General Membership Meeting Plainfield Garden Club

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Andrews at the home of Mandy Zachariades in Westfield, New Jersey at 10:20 AM. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as E-mailed.

Mrs. Andrews asked all members to serve on two committees for next year and to sign the committee roster with their selections.

Treasurer- Phyllis Alexander presented her monthly report. Cash on hand as of May 31,2005 was $22,365.99.

Shakespeare in Bud- Tucker Trimble thanked her committee and donors for helping make the cocktail party on June 3rd a great success. Forty-four people attended and a profit of $2,269.16 was realized.

Shakespeare in Bloom- Sixty one people signed in to view the garden. Mrs. Trimble reported that those who attended did so because they saw our signs in the area or were informed about the event by friends. Publicity in local papers was not a factor in attendance. Mary Kent reported that the presale and Shakespeare in Bloom plant sale garnered a profit of $1,636.62. There are some beautiful note cards still available for purchase. Mrs. Kent thanked members for their hard work in preparing for Shakespeare in Bloom.

Admissions- Diana Madsen reported that Lauren Shepherd is rejoining the club.

Conservation- Elva Busch asked those who have difficulty receiving The Conservation Chronicle to contact her. The last Chronicle for the year was completed during the week of June 9th. Elva has created a summer reading list for conservation aficionados that was e-mailed on June 8th. Elva informed the members that the Joint Comm. On Taxation has proposed changes to the tax code that would eliminate or reduce incentives to donate land for conservation. The national committee suggests that we contact our Senators and write “letters to the editor” expressing our concern. Elva will e-mail instructions from Carol Stoddard of the national committee on how to write a “letter to the editor.” The next Conservation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13th at the Plainfield Public Library. The Invasive of the Month was Burning Bush presented by Mary Kent.

Flower Arranging- Jeanne Turner thanked her committee for their active participation in this year’s activities. The Garden Club of Morristown will sponsor a flower show entitled “Weather Report” in September at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Contact Jeanne for details.

New Jersey Committee- Bernadette Neill and Jane Burner reminded members that orders placed by June 25th for the “must have” shrubs sale sponsored by The NJ Committee of the GCA will be available for pick-up on September 30th at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.
Newsletter- Susan Fraser announced that the next official newsletter would be e-mailed in September.

Visiting Gardens- Sally Booth has organized an outing to Wave Hill on Friday, June 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Buehler
Recording Sec.