Ode to the Blossoms of Plainfield Garden Club.

To the Blossoms of Plainfield Garden Club, we number just a few.

Each has her place and pretty face and each blossom makes a tree.

First Phyllis Alexander (I will do it ABC), our wonderful ex-president and horticulture chair.

She gave her home to help us all show off our many talents,

and smiled sweetly, without malice, when our muddy shoes tramped through her pretty palace.

Next is Kathy Andrews, a very busy bee, big in the zone and always known to lend a helping hand.

She stepped up to chair conservation with a smile a sweet as honey. Her sound advice is solid and you know you can rely, anything that Kathy does she achieves with utmost style.

Sally Booth, an unsung heroine with garden lore a plenty. Her gifts of plants grace many a home, her steady advice a treasure trove. She does her best to get us all to participate, no small feat I fear, but many of us have daffodils that grow back every year, thanks to Sally and her relentless quest to raise some Plainfield money!

Janet, oh Janet, a good friend to many. She chaired the Founders fund this year, a good cause for the future. Her ready wit and sense of humor are always fun to see. She stepped in to help out Kathy with the conservation commit-tee.

Our Treasurer is indeed a treasure, she keeps our boat afloat! Her fiscal care is beyond compare. That is not her only talent. Photography and garden design make her a well rounded figure, I mean that in the nicest way Lorraine, DON’T get any thinner!
Quiet little Ginny toils away alone, don’t think we haven’t noticed all the work that you have done. Your calm demeanor inspires us to work and not complain. We eagerly await next year’s fun with all the planning going on, our programs will be stellar.

An occasional visitor to the club is our Patti Dunstan. She loves to help with “Shakespeare stuff” and has a winning attitude. Unfortunately for us we have to share her with a JOB! Oh Patti, your graciousness is so inspiring, Please try to come whenever you can , we know you like to lend a hand.

Our corresponding secretary and photography co-chair is still quite new to PGC. We tried our best to nurture her and give her lots of jobs, but Marty just smiles gamely and takes it all in stride, she always wants to try ,she has such a positive attitude, it really makes you smile.

Ramona, our legal eagle and flower arranger par excellence, she tries to come and visit us and always is a welcome guest. Where would our fabulous website be without Ramona and her free...........advice!

Karla, oh Karla, we miss you at our meetings, we understand you have a real job. Too bad we’d rather you come to play with us. The New Jersey Committee misses you too but there will always be a place for you.

To a welcome newer member, Roberta, we are all agog to see the untold things you will bring to the PGC. You have a quick and ready wit and a wonderful talent. We hope you’ll stay and find your way to make your mark in Plainfield’s heart.
Now guess who I’m describing, a most amazing worker bee, she wields the glue that keeps us all clued in on all the things that matter. Oh, not another email I can hear you say, but how else would you know that Shakespeare garden fines are due today. Yes, it is our dear Susan, a wonder to behold: the website, the garden and history, how she does it all is a mystery. She gave up sleep last week.

Mary Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow? With all the things that run rings around us all in the horticulture show! She speaks botanic Latin and saves so many seeds, she always is encouraging us to “just try to grow this please!” She is an enthusiastic gardener, a zone judge and a buff of all things in the Smithsonian related to garden stuff.

When everyone entered the flower show, it was an unheard of thing. What paragon of persuasion, what genius of brain, it was our Susan Lorentzen who came up with the game. Just pick a paper out of the hat. Oh no, before you know it, you are entered in the flower show, class 3 with the title “poets “

She has an air of practicality that helps keep us all in line. And helps out every time she’s asked, a clever girl with lots of class!

Diana has been a member since way in the last century ! .She has had so many jobs she must be a 103! A very busy lady held in high esteem, her presence in the GCA was awarded at the Zone. Photography is her current job a thing she loves to do, but her value lies in the sound advice she can speak from first hand knowledge.

One of our busiest ladies, I don’t know how she does it, but Bernadette has provided us with a most entertaining year. The programs have been marvelous; let everybody cheer! Her name is on so many lists , judging and admissions too, every “i” is dotted, every “t” is crossed, and all with such style and wit. Her ingenuity is amazing. I just want her gros grain ribbon.
The sign! The sign! Oh Lauren, I hope you had some fun. I don’t want to add up the hours you have given to the sign. But it will all be worth it, as you help to leave a legacy of the "NJ Women’s Historic Trail" for everyone to see. So many decisions to be made and each one a major hurdle, as you had to talk to Roger Clark. Oh rather you than me.

Just like Oprah, I have a Gail and she means the world to me. She is an enthusiastic learner and loves to weed the garden, but her secret is that she will talk to you and listen! We threw her in the deep end, right off the bat you see: NJ Committee representative and 2nd VP, Shakespeare in Bloom and the cocktail party are her bailiwick. We are in for a really good time, party giving is her schtick! I think that you will all agree that Gail is an asset with her positivity.

Next, who do we have? Hmm! A multi-talented and Indy-pendant person. Flower arranger, gardener, Zone director and Judge. I hear you gasp, who could do all that stuff, is it super woman? It is our very own Tucker, one of Plainfield’s many treasures. A sensitive and kindly friend, a Shakespeare garden buff.

Now comes a gentle Lady, a history connoisseur, her love of all things in the past keeps us grounded in the present, Her pretty nosegays win awards, her gracious notes a thing to keep. Dear Jeanne, you inspire us to be more lady like, with clean hands and knees, even when working sweatily in the Shakespeare garden, oops I forgot, ladies don’t sweat, they glow!

Barbara dear Barbara, you are the matron of the club. We love our Aunty Litter and we do so enjoy your stories. We never pass a billboard without giving it the evil eye. We shake our fists at them and cry Your days are numbered you unsightly blemish.

we’ll get Barbara to do her thing. Her long ambition is for us all to see a thing as lovely as a tree!
A woman of artistic talent, the wreath you made for old Drumthwacket, it graced the door of the Governor’s palace. Of course I am talking about dear Elaine, flower show, admissions and new members, you wear your hats with great aplomb. Your signature taste is never wrong.

So that is it, my ode is done. I really want to thank you, each and every one. Next year is our Zone meeting, lots of work for all of us. I know you will never fail to inspire with your talents and lust for life and fun!