In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting of the New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Lydon, Jr., at 9:40 A.M. on Thursday, September 5, 1991 in the Haggerty Education Building at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Present were:

Englewood
Morristown
Plainfield
Orange
Princeton
Rumson
Short Hills
Somerset Hills
Stony Brook
Summit
Trenton

Frelinghuysen Arboretum/Somerset Hills

Will,
Booth
Appel, Stuart, Nottingham
Uhl
Ellwood, Hertz, Johnsen
Eddy,
MacDonald,
Lawrence
Lydon, Quantz,
Convery, Critchlow, Richards,
Schmunk

Strong

The minutes of the June 10 meeting were read, amended and approved. Mrs. Strong gave the Treasurer's report.

Balance T. Rowe Price Fund as of 7/31 $21,339.73
Balance Somerset Trust Co. $536.28
Total Balance $21,876.01

Harvest Show.

Lunch - Mrs. Nottingham announced that 200 lunches will be prepared. About 50 of those will be for the judges and clerks and 150 will be sold for $5.00 each. Lunch will be served in the downstairs classroom and 8 round tables will be set up in the room. Lunch will consist of a sloppy joe sandwich, potato chips, fruit and vegetables and a brownie. Iced tea and coffee will also be available. It was decided that if the amount taken in from the sale of the lunches would not cover the cost, the clubs would each be asked to make a small contribution to make up the difference.

Plant Sale - Mrs. Will reported that many unusual plants will be for sale. She will receive plants from Jim Cross, Dr. Orton, Buck Gardens and possibly Princeton Nurseries. The clubs are each asked to provide at least 30 plants. Mrs. Will will give a small talk on a local radio station on the plant sale. Mrs. Schmunk asked if all workers at the sale could wear a green shirt or apron.
Speakers - Mrs. Eddy reported that the speakers are all set and she especially hopes for a good turnout for Dr. Cathey on Friday afternoon.

Publicity - Nancy Strong was interviewed on WFME-Radio and it was aired three times. She asked that any publicity in newspapers or magazines be clipped and given to her or Paula Stuart.

Entries - Nancy also reported that all the arrangement classes had been filled and some people even had to be turned away!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John W. Stuart
Recording Secretary
In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting of the New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Lydon, Jr., at 9:40 A.M. on Thursday, September 26, 1991 in the Haggerty Education Building at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Present were:

Englewood
Morristown
Plainfield
Oranges
Princeton
Rumson
Short Hills
Somerset Hills
Stony Brook
Summit
Trenton
Frelinghuysen Arboretum/Somerset Hills

Hinrichs
Murray, Will
Sandford
Stuart, Nottingham
Eglin
Ellwood, Hertz
Gordon, Gifford

Lawrence
Lydon

Strong

Mrs. Lydon asked that each member present introduce herself.

The minutes of the September 5 meeting were read and approved.

Harvest Show.

Plant Sale
Mrs. Will reported that the plant sale was a great success and made a profit of $5,831.50. She thanked the clubs for their contributions, as well as the arboretum which donated about 300 plants. Dr. Orton donated two truckloads to the sale, including 14 of his new introduction dogwood tree, not yet on the market! Princeton Nurseries also gave a large number of trees and shrubs. We also bought a truckload from Environmental. Mrs. Will reported that everything went very smoothly, but that there was a problem of staffing the plant sale on Saturday. There were no helpers from the clubs on that day and we had to rely on the Frelinghuysen staff. This should not be necessary and should be addressed next year.

Lunch
Mrs. Nottingham reported that the lunch was a success, although not financially. We prepared for 225 lunches; 140 were sold and about 60 were distributed free. After donations, there still was a shortage of $40.99. She will recycle the plastic cups and plates. Betsy wanted to know if it would be acceptable to lose $100 - $200 on the lunches? She thanked Mrs. Strong and the staff of the arboretum for all the help they provided. Nancy mentioned
that the Morris County Park Commission would be willing to pay for the lunches of the judges and clerks. Helen Hesselgrave, Director of Education at the Arboretum, told Nancy that there will be a tent next year, either to be used for the plant sale or for lunch. Betsy Nottingham volunteered to be in charge of the lunch again next year and Mrs. Lydon was happy to accept.

Speakers
Nancy Strong reported that 1000 people attended the show each day, for a total of 2000. The attendance for the speakers was as follows:

- Whelan: 108
- Cathey: 93
- Hamilton: 93
- Glattstein: 53

The Committee considered these disappointing figures, although the Arboretum representatives did not think these to be bad. Maybe we should invite less prominent speakers, as most people seem to be interested in the show and not necessarily go to the lectures. Nancy expressed the feeling of the Arboretum that the topic of the lectures is more important than the prominence of the speakers. Mrs. Will suggested that we invite both Jim Cross and his wife next year. They could each give a lecture. Mrs. Cross is a designer of romantic gardens, often with swimming pools incorporated.

The reports of Mesdames Eddy and Buchsbaum showed that $140 was made from selling chances for the arrangements by Kathy Whelan. The cost for the four speakers was $1150 plus travel expenses. Beard School was extremely cooperative in letting us use their auditorium again. The low attendance figures maybe could be improved by more publicity at the show itself, as well as having people around guiding the public to the auditorium. Nancy thought that two speakers on Friday and one on Saturday would be sufficient.

Publicity
Paula Stuart reported that the show was mentioned in the different New Jersey magazines and had good coverage in the Newark Star-Ledger. Helen Brunet put an additional notice in on the day of the show. Nancy Strong was interviewed on a radio show. It is difficult to trace results in the 47 newspapers and 32 radio stations which received a press release.

Treasurer’s Report
Nancy Strong reported that the total profit from the Harvest Show amounted to $3,988.54. (as compared to $3,191.66 in 1990)

Mrs. Lydon asked for a motion for the Committee to be involved with the Harvest Show in 1992. Mrs. Gordon made such a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Nottingham and the motion was passed unanimously.
The dates of the next Harvest Show will be Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 1992.

As the Committee does not have to take a decision before the end of the year as to how to spend some of its money, the next meeting was set for Thursday, January 9 at 9:30 A.M. In case of snow, the date will be January 30 at the same time. Mrs. Gordon suggested this meeting would be a good time to hear a report of the Newark Conservancy program.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John W. Stuart
Recording Secretary
In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting of the New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America was called to order by the Treasurer, Mrs. N. J. S. Strong, at 9:35 A.M. on Thursday, January 9, 1992 in the Haggerty Education Building at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Present were:

Englewood
Morristown
Plainfield
Orange
Princeton
Rumson
Short Hills
Somerset Hills
Stony Brook
Summit
Trenton
Frelinghuysen Arboretum/Somerset Hills

Haines, Tucci
Murray, Will
Vivian
Stuart, Donovan
Eglin, Peters, Uhl
Hertz
Gordon, Gifford, Roberts
MacDonald
Proctor
Solmsen
Schmunk

The minutes of the September 26 meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Strong gave the Treasurer's report:

Balance T. Rowe Price Fund $25,662.64
Balance Somerset Trust Co. 1,130.73
Total Balance $26,393.37

Harvest Show:

Nancy Strong asked for volunteers for the different committees for the upcoming Harvest Show. She and Paula Stuart will do the publicity again. Betsy Nottingham had already earlier volunteered to do the lunch and Ellen Donovan again will help her. Sara Jane Gordon offered to do the program. No volunteers were found to do the plant sale and representatives were asked to inquire within their clubs if anyone would be interested. Three people would be a good number. Ginny Schmunk is willing to again do the job of getting volunteers.

Speakers

Mrs. Will reported that Jim Cross and his wife have been invited. They would like to come on Friday. Connie Cross could talk about plant groupings for small areas and Jim will talk about specific plant material which hopefully will also be available in the plant sale. As Lois Poinier had already agreed to speak on Friday morning, Sara Jane Gordon will try to switch this to
Saturday morning at 11 A.M. Her subject is "How big will it grow?" Nancy Strong will put the names of the speakers and their topics in the schedule.

Proposals for possible contributions from our funds.

1. Greater Newark Conservancy. Sally Solmssen (Summit Garden Club) and Carol Roberts (Short Hills Garden Club) drew attention to the article on the Conservancy in the latest GCA Newsletter. Our Committee gave $2,500 last year which represented half of the cost for the development of a littered lot. Eight clubs contributed an additional $1,900 for a total of $4,400. They showed slides of our lot which now has been cleaned up and fenced in. It is bordered by two schools and a single-parent home and close by is a senior citizen center.

Five schools are now involved in the Conservancy’s Youth Education Program. This program helps educate students, teachers and parents to prepare and take care of abandoned lots and make these outdoor gardens into “living laboratories”.

The government has granted 4 VISTA workers for the program. Total cost for these workers for a full year is $12,000. As the government has only allotted $3,000, an additional $9,000 is needed for this program and our support was asked.

2. Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Helen Mageau of the Arboretum outlined the proposal for a home demonstration garden containing native plants. Six similar gardens have been completed and several more are planned. This garden would contain plants that are easy to grow in our New Jersey soil. A plaque in the garden would indicate our contribution. Total cost is estimated to be $2,000 - $3,000.

3. Isles, Inc. Edith Eglin and Lockie Proctor made us aware of an organization similar to the Newark Conservancy which has been active in Trenton since 1981. Its’ Greening Program helps community groups "adopt" vacant city lots to develop into gardens and beautify their neighborhood. There are now over sixty flourishing gardens in the city. An educational program for students is in place. As this type of activity is so very similar to the one in Newark which we are supporting, Edith suggested it would maybe be a good idea to do the same for a city in the southern part of the state. She would like us to consider a contribution of $2,000.

4. Dr. Orton. Sara Jane Gordon reported that Dr. Elwin Orton of Rutgers University is out of funds in his research program on the fingerprinting of the new dogwood hybrid he has developed. We have given Dr. Orton a total of $5,000 over the past two years and she would like us to consider a contribution of $500 this time.
6. Skylands. Betsy Haines asked us again to consider supporting our State Botanic Garden. She thought it would be very appropriate for the Committee to support Skylands. It is a spectacular place with many different gardens and a wonderful crabapple vista. Judy Tucci said that we have been asked to underwrite the restoration of the annual garden at the east vista. The cost would be $2,000 - $3,000.

A discussion ensued about how much money we should distribute this year. The committee is not bound to $5,000 although it was suggested that we should keep our original seed money intact as much as possible and only distribute our income. A motion by Edith Eglin to give away $8,000 did not pass. As there is a balance in our account of nearly $26,400, a motion was passed to spend $6,400, leaving a balance of $20,000. It was decided that a mail-in ballot will be enclosed with the minutes to all the members of the committee on which they will have to rank the importance of the projects proposed. This ballot will have to be returned to the Chairman and at our next meeting we will vote on the amount(s) to spend on either one or more of these proposals in conjunction with the rankings.

Jeanne Will remarked that Dr. Orton has been so supportive of our committee that she feels we should at least give him some funds to continue his work. Edith Eglin noted she was not in favor of the Drumthwacket project as it is not educational. Sara Jane Gordon moved that we remove Drumthwacket from consideration and the motion passed.

Nancy Strong pointed out that it will be very important for all the members of the committee to be present at our next meeting in order to vote on the amounts.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25 at 9:30 A.M. Please note the change in the day of the week from our usual schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John W. Stuart
Recording Secretary
The meeting of the New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Austin, at 9:35 A.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 in the Haggerty Education Building at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Present were:

- Englewood
- Morristown
- Plainfield
- Orange
- Princeton
- Rumson
- Short Hills
- Somerset Hills
- Stony Brook
- Summit
- Trenton
- Frelinghuysen Arboretum/Somerset Hills
- Tucci
- Murray, Will
- Sandford, Vivian
- Stuart, Donovan
- Uhl
- Ellwood, Hertz, Johnsen
- Gordon, MacDonald
- Austin
- Lydon
- Convery, Schmunk
- Strong

The minutes of the January 9 meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Strong gave the Treasurer's report:

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Mrs. Austin announced the ballot results:

1. Frelinghuysen Arboretum
2. Greater Newark Conservancy
3. Dr. Orton
4. Isles, Inc.
5. Skylands

Mrs. Strong said that $2,000 would be sufficient for the garden at the Arboretum. Mrs. Hertz made a motion to allot $2,000 to the Arboretum. Motion seconded by Mrs. McDonald and passed.

Mrs. Tucci proposed to split the rest - $4400 - among the other four. Mrs. Uhl thought that the feeling at the last meeting was not to give small amounts to many. Mesdames Gordon and Sandford felt that Skylands would not be helped by a small amount and that the upcoming Zone Meeting would help us to get more of a perspective on Skylands and we therefore would be able to consider it better next year. Mrs. Murray said she would rather support the first three projects well and go on to others next year.
It was noted that Dr. Orton has always been very supportive of our plant sale and Mrs. Johnsen made the motion to give Dr. Orton $1,000. Motion was seconded by Joan Murray and passed.

Sara Jane Gordon made a motion to award the remaining $3400 to the Newark Conservancy. A further discussion ensued on giving token amounts to both Isles and Skylands. Mrs. Schmunk said that Isles, of course, needs money, but that it can wait. Mrs. Johnsen asked if it could be suggested at the Zone Meeting in Englewood that one could make a contribution to Skylands in appreciation of the Zone Meeting. The Zone Meeting would give Skylands good exposure. Mrs. Vivian thinks Skylands needs better promotion, such as the Newark Conservancy has. Mrs. Austin said that both Skylands and Isles will be seriously reviewed and considered next year if they do not receive anything this year.

Mrs. Johnsen seconded the motion on the floor and it passed. The Chairman will send a letter to all club presidents informing them about the committee’s decisions.

Harvest Show

Nancy Strong announced that Dr. Benner will speak at 1 P.M. on Saturday on his maintenance-free garden subject and that the Arboretum will pay his fee.

Mrs. Donovan volunteered to do the plant sale and will get help from Mrs. Lydon.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John W. Stuart
Recording Secretary