



COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

Minutes of Meeting of March 12, 2003
Barrington Area Library

ATTENDANCE:

COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLASS: Polly Grafton, Nancy Bohren
COUNTRY HOME AND GARDEN CLUB: Marianne Lutz, Ellen Anderson
FIELD AND FLOWER CLUB: Irene LaCesa, Caryl Johnson,
Lorraine Westcott
THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Connie Bischof
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Betty McLaughlin,
Jane Heidkamp
GREEN THUMBS: Daria Sapp
VILLAGE PLANTERS: Jan Hilgers, Dorothy Nelson
CONSERVATION: Sam Oliver
GUESTS: Joyce Palmquist, Beth Raseman

President Dorothy Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:45AM and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2003 meeting as mailed. A motion was so made, seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Caryl Johnson

Caryl passed out copies of her report for the period of Jan. 8, 2003 to March 11, 2003 showing a balance carried forward of \$4659.40. She also passed out copies of the Budget for the fiscal year 1/8.03 to 1/13/04 which shows projected changes in the Cash Balances. Caryl stated that she sent a notice to all our garden clubs re dues and assessments. President Dorothy thanked her.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dorothy read a thank-you letter from Mary Bates for the gift certificate from Pasquesi's in thanks for the help she gave us on the Beautification Certificates.

Dorothy then skimmed over a letter from P. Denise Israel, a past president of the Council, with copies passed around for all. the gist of which was that a national event called MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY is coming up on October 18. She is enlisting the entire community to help recycle electronics, toxic liquids, etc. and to help pick up trash on our highways.

Daria Sapp suggested that somebody has to pick up insurance for that. We should contact the villages to see if they have the necessary insurance. The GCI has insurance. Dorothy will bring it up again at the May meeting.

Another letter was received from HANDS OF HOPE for all our garden clubs re the third annual Barrington Country Faire on June 20 and 21. Detailed info will come later. HANDS OF HOPE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the critical needs of women and children around the world who face disease, poverty and persecution.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lorraine Westcott stated that her club is having a plantsale at the Jewel on May 10 at 8:00 AM. Daria Sapp's club is having a plant sale at Langdendorf Park on May 17 at 9:00 AM.

STILLMAN:

In mark's absence Daria Sapp stated that they are still cutting back brush every Thursday.

Betty McLaughlin brought up the fact that landscaping is needed at the High School. They have no money for it. A committee is working on it, and plans have been drawn up. Her garden club was shown the plan of the proposed landscaping. The idea is that a club might contribute to one of the locations. They would like an impressive garden at the entrance of the school. Her club is setting aside \$5100.00 for this. Betty said that she would prefer flowering shrubs rather than flowers. Others agreed. Connie Bischof asked if water is available. Dorothy wondered if the Horticultural Department at the school would get involved. NO! The school has dropped that program. Daria asked if they have a projected budget? Betty said \$16,000.00. Betty passed around a sign-up sheet. Connie Bischof suggested we have the presentation at a Council meeting. Betty will try to set it up for the May meeting. Dorothy thanked Betty.

Beth Raseman, Village Trustee and Memorial Park Chair was introduced. We all received a letter from her dated February 27 regarding the Memorial Park. They have some landscapers who have signed up at their March 9th meeting to contribute some trees and the planting but will need more money to fill in the gap. Is anyone interested? Benches are available and will be engraved with the contributor's name. They are the same benches as in Streetscapes and are \$825. a piece. Any club interested will be included in their April report.

President Dorothy read a report from Kathy Coffman re Streetscapes. National Garden Week is the first full week of June. Kathy said they will have hanging baskets all the way west on Main Street this year. Connie Bischof stated that her club does the train station. They will come up with a plan soon. Re Northwest Highway ... The Village will evaluate how the plant material survived the winter before considering installing additional landscaping on the highway.

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Kathy thought it would be nice if a tree was donated to the Memorial Park on behalf of the Council. They will have a plaque listing contributors or names on a brick. Dorothy asked for feelings. Jan Hilgers thought we should do a donation from the Council. Daria Sapp thought we should take this back to our clubs.

President Dorothy then had to leave the meeting due to a family medical emergency, and Caryl Johnson took over.

Caryl introduced our next guest Joyce Palmquist, Executive Director of BACOA or Barrington Area Council on Aging. She distributed copies of their newsletter called SENIOR ADVISOR plus a notice re their Village Garden Walk on Sat. June 28 from 10:00 Am to 3:00 PM - \$15.00 per person - starting at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. They need help in locating gardens for the walk, spreading the word and looking for volunteers to man the gardens the day of the event. BACOA has an annual budget of \$300,000, and the question was raised as to just what the organization does. When reading the newsletter, what they do is quite impressive. But Joyce did state that they give classes for caregivers. They have Meals on Wheels, have socialization times at the Park District for seniors, home visits, etc. Marianne Lutz stated that they were wonderful in helping her Mother reduce the cost of her medical prescriptions.

Irene LaCesa asked if we could act as judges of the gardens, which some thought was a good idea. Betty McLaughlin thought that judging could be a 2-edged sword. Some people will not enter if they think they are going to be judged. If you do, it, just don't advertise it. Caryl thanked Joyce Palmquist.

CFC: Sam Oliver

Sam thanked Betty McLaughlin for the butterfly garden material she put together. We should make that material available to anyone who wants it. Betty warned that there is an awful lot to putting in a Butterfly Garden. Don't destroy milkweed in the fall as it is the primary plant for butterflies.

Sam sent around copies of the CFC NEWS which is always great reading as well as a HOLD THE DATE notice for the 15th Anniversary of the Flint Creek Savanna on July 12. She then brought up the Wetlands situation in this country. She passed around an ACTION ALERT article by the Policy Director of REP AMERICA, the national grassroots organization of Republicans for environmental protection. The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers may adopt federal rule changes this year that could reduce protection for wetlands across the nation. They are asking people to write letters calling on the Federal Government to take a conservative approach and avoid rule changes

that would accelerate draining or pollution of wetlands. A sample letter is attached. Caryl thanked Sam.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK: Marianne Lutz

Marianne had her first meeting and was disappointed that it was poorly attended. She has received the seed packets called Plants of Distinction, and have set the date for distributing them. A banner will go up in the Village. They would like to have a small plant distributed with Meals on Wheels in honor of National Garden Week. Connie Bischof wondered if we couldn't have a stand at the Library also. Talk to Amy about it.

ARBOR DAY: Jane Heidkamp

They have arranged for the trees and shrubs. Cost is \$65.00 each for nine schools. At this cost they are over our budget of \$500.00 Each club gives \$1.00 apiece - maybe it should be \$2.00. Jane needs two volunteers from each club for April-25 and 24.

BEAUTIFICATION: Connie Bischof and Donna Baker

They need one member from each club and they will have a meeting in May.

OLD BUSINESS:

Daria Sapp stated that they used to get a ROSTER showing committee rotation. Caryl Johnson produced one, and Ellen will send copies with the mailing of the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. Next meeting is May 14, 2003 ... Refreshments will be served by COUNTRY HOME AND GARDEN CLUB.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN ANDERSON