

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

March 18, 1986 Meeting

The meeting, which was held at Langendorf Field House, was called to order shortly after 9:30 a.m. by President pro tem Andee Carponelli, who distributed the agenda. In attendance were: Sam Oliver, Citizens for Conservation; Bonnie Murray, Country Home & Garden; Alice Jepson, Margaret Kerr and Margie Lou Moran, Countryside Class; Fran Colburn, Betty Simpson and Kathi Davis from Green Thumbs; Elaine Wright and Andee Carponelli from Field and Flower; Maryjo Garre, Garden Club of Barrington; Betty McLaughlin from Little Garden Club; and Ginny Schomburg from Prairie State.

Andee asked for any changes to the List of Representatives. The name of Fran Colburn was added as representing Green Thumbs. Countryside Garden Class has new yearbooks, copies of which will be given to Council President and Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 21, 1986 were read, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Betty McLaughlin reported a savings account balance of \$312.52 as of December 21, 1986 with no additions since that time. The checking account balance of the previous meeting was \$342.85. Since that time the following clubs have paid dues: Field and Flower, \$40.00; Countryside Garden Class, \$45.00; Country Home and Garden Club, \$46.00; and Little Garden Club of Barrington, \$50.00, to bring the checking account balance up to \$523.85. Combined account total stands at \$863.37. The following have not paid current years' dues: Garden Club of Barrington, Village Planters Garden Club, Prairie State Garden Club and Green Thumbs of Barrington. Betty stated it would be appreciated if the representatives from the above clubs would advise the club Treasurers of the following: 1986 dues include \$10.00 membership plus \$1.00 additional for each active club member as assessment to cover council expenses in sponsoring the Arbor Day program.

Conservation Sam Oliver spoke of the highly successful Maple Syrup trip in which an entire busload of children and adults participated. CFC has received many requests from adults expressing interest in Animal Tracks activities and plans to expand the program to include them. She provided extra copies of the Winter Newsletter for those who might not have gotten them, and read excerpts from it concerning the Prairie Restoration Project. She then introduced Tom Vanderpoel who provided more detail on the acquisition of the land and the necessity for such projects, distributed a timetable which covered various aspects of the program, a description of volunteer assignments, and a sign-up sheet. Representatives were asked to take the information back to their clubs to determine interest. Betty McLaughlin passed around a recent Readers Digest article on wildflowers as an example of what restoration can do. Tom suggested that CFC would be offering tours of existing projects when wildflowers were in bloom to give volunteers a glimpse of what virgin as well as restored prairie is all about. Clubs can call CFC to make arrangements. Volunteer lists should be returned to Tom.

New Business: Due to time constraints, at this point Andee introduced Margie Lou Moran, Chairman of the Arbor Day program. Representatives drew names of schools for which their clubs would be responsible, as follows: Hough, Country Home and Garden; Grove, Garden Club of Barrington; Lines, Field and Flower; Sunny Hill, Little Garden Club; Countryside, Village Planters; Roslyn, Green Thumbs; and North Barrington and St. Annes, Countryside Garden Class. It was determined that the club chairing the project would also pick up the additional school left without a club by the withdrawal of Prairie State. Margie Lou handed out packets of information which included a letter to the club president outlining responsibilities, instructions to the volunteers, a letter to be sent to the school principal, and information to be presented to the 4th grade children receiving the trees. In Margie Lou's absence, Countryside Garden Class will assume responsibility for the project. Margaret Kerr provided directions to Georgia Pavin's house where the bagging will take place. Numbers of trees necessary for each school were given out; Club Presidents should call schools around April 1 to confirm and update the numbers. Publicity for the project was discussed; Sam Oliver noted that Roslyn Principal Mr. Price has one of the trees originally planted and that this might be an angle for a news release. Countryside Garden Class will set up the Library display. Andee provided bags donated by Gail Feerer.

(For the sake of order, the minutes will continue with the New Business portion of the meeting.)

Planter Box co-chairmen are Mary Gallagher and Helen Withrow; Assistant chairmen are Marilyn Jedd and Dottie Connolly. Four or five volunteers are needed from each club; names should be sent to Helen Withrow. The date for the planting is May 21, 1986. Volunteers should meet behind the bank.

Andee read a letter prepared by members of Prairie State, which stated their intent to dissolve their club. They also stated that a sizable portion of their Treasury would go toward the purchase of a large tree to be planted at the Library in recognition of the club and the remainder would be divided among those clubs which their members would join. A discussion of a realignment of the Council was held, including a possible revision of the by-laws to accommodate future situations of this nature. A committee to study such revisions will be formed. Maryjo Garre motioned that rotation advance to the 1988-89 schedule. After discussion, the motion was seconded and approved. Green Thumbs will provide a President, Little Garden Club and Country Home and Garden will provide a Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Kathi Davis agreed to serve as President.

As the result of the printer using an incorrect addressee, an outstanding printing bill from the flower Show was presented by Ginny Schomberg. Maryjo Garre will check into the situation. Andee read a letter from Country Home and Garden requesting that Carol Horschke be reimbursed for expenses incurred in conjunction with providing hostesses and refreshments. After discussion, Andee directed that Betty McLaughlin prepare a check in the amount of \$45.00 payable to Carol.

Andee reported receiving a call from Myla Brian of the Library, requesting 4 to 6 centerpieces to be used in conjunction with a guest author program on April 11 and 12. After discussion as to whether participation might set a precedent, it was decided that Andee would send a letter declining on the grounds of "lack of resources".

Andee will continue to try to contact Mary Hernandez, recipient of last year's Trees for Tomorrow Scholarship to ask her to talk of her experiences in the program.

Old Business: Flower Show Special Fund. Andee reviewed the proceedings of the previous meeting concerning the assessment of \$1.00 per club member to defray the cost of Flower Shows, with such funds being held in a separate account and if not used within a certain period of time, returned to the Clubs. Since several clubs have not had the opportunity to discuss the matter, it was tabled until the May meeting.

Announcements: The council was reminded about Landscape Design Study Course II, State Convention, Flower Show School Course I, National Council Convention, a job opening at Old Mill Flower and Garden, and an offer from Griffen Gallery to talk to clubs on hand-blown cut-glass.

Maryjo announced that the BADC has obtained Dr. Hamilton, Horticulturist from Rutgers and authority on Community Landscape Beautification to speak at its May 28, 8:00 p.m. meeting at the Methodist Church on Hough St.

On behalf of the Council, Betty Simpson thanked Andee Carponelli for her outstanding services as President during the past two years.

Ginny Schomburg announced that there were still unclaimed ribbons from the Flower Show.

The meeting was adjourned by the President. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 20 at the park at 9:30.

Kathi Davis,
Secretary

AGENDA
COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS
MARCH 18, 1986

1. Roll Call - names and clubs. Any changes? Any new yearbooks?
from 247 W. Coolidge 381-1481
2. Minutes - Jan. 21, 1986 - Kathy Davis
3. Treasurer's Report - Betty McLaughlin
4. Conservation - Sam Oliver
5. Old Business
 - a. Council Dues - Special assessment for future flower shows - Vote
 - b.
 - c.
6. New Business
 - a. Arbor Day: Chairman-Margie Lou Moran (381-2923)-Countryside Garden Class
Assistant-Denise Israel (381-9414)-Village Planters
Date, place and time for bagging?
Drawing for schools--
ARBOR DAY IS FRIDAY APRIL 25, 1986!!
 - b. Planter Boxes: Chairmen-Mary Gallagher (381-1131) & Helen Withrow (381-4205)
Assistant-Marilyn Jedd (526-7930) & Dottie Connolly (526-5532)
4-5 volunteers per club needed
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1986 -- place and time?
 - c. Prarie State letter re state of club
 - d. Country Home and Garden letter re reimbursement for Flower Show
 - e. Library Request for 4-6 centerpieces for guest authors on April 11-12.
Sat. afternoon, wheeling - wine & cheese. Transfer to R.H. for dinner
 - f. Trees for Tomorrow Scholarship winner from last year - Mary Hernandez
Mrs. has not heard from
 - g.
7. Announcements
 - a. Landscape Design Study Course II - April 7,8,9
 - b. State Convention - April 14
 - c. Flower Show School Course **I** - April 29,30
 - d. National Council Convention - May 25, 26, 27, and 28
 - e. Job opening at Old Mill Flower and Garden, Lake Zurich -ANN BERG, 438-5671
 - f. *April, May, June - p.t.*
 - g. *Griffin Gallery - hand blown cut glass*

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 20, 1986 at the park at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Hamilton
Spokane development Council - speaker from Lutzers
on horticulture - Tuesday May 20, 8 p.m. Methodist
Ch. on Saught St.