The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Andee Carponell.

Roll Call: J. Thorne, Mary Reiber of Prairie State; A. Carponell, Elaine Wright of Field and Flower; Maryjo Garre, Garden Club of Barrington; Betty Simpson, Fran Cilburn of Green Thumbs; Maryann Weir, Martha Given, Margaret Kerr of Countryside Garden Class; Bonnie Murray, Susan Peterson of Country Home and Garden; Penny Horne of Garden Club of Barrington and Little Garden Club; Betty McLaughlin, Nancy Hamill, Little Garden Club; Denise Israel of Village Planters; Pamela Knight of Four Seasons.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Betty Simpson; Amount in Checking Acct. is $126.62 and in Savings Acct. is $675.21

Conservation - Sam Oliver. Andee reported in Sam's absence that the Council has a recipient of the Trees for Tomorrow award, Michael Thistle of Wauconda. However, a second candidate from Wauconda responded and Field and Flower Garden Club will sponsor this young man by themselves. A very gracious letter of thanks was received from recent awardee, Mary Hernandez. Pieter Clayton, the 1988 recipient, was to speak to the Council today, but his transportation from Evanston was too difficult to arrange.

Classes for 4th to 6th graders will be conducted on the Herron living on Baler's Lake in early May. Interested persons were to contact the Crabtree Nature Center, Wendy Paulson. Donations to the Wildlife programs are deductible from income tax. Further information obtained from Dept. of Conservation, Div. of Forest Resources and Natural Heritage, 521 S. Second St., Lincoln Tower Plaza, Springfield, IL, 62701.

NEW BUSINESS: A letter of resignation from the Council was received from Four Seasons Garden Club stating a limit on financial and activity involvement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Arbor Day: Maryjo Garre and Asst., Maryann Weir. Four people from each Club to help bag on Wed., April 22 at 10:00 AM, Parking Lot near the re-cycling center. One person to deliver trees to Schools on Friday. School Assignments to Clubs as follows: Garden Club of Barr., Lines School; Little Garden Club - St. Annes; Green Thumb - Grove; Field & Flower - Roslyn; Prairie State - Hough; Village Planters - N. Barrington; Country Home & Garden - Countryside School; Countryside Garden Club - Sunny Hill.

Planter Boxes: P. Knight, Mary Gallagher, Helen Withrow. Four volunteers from each Club to meet at E. parking lot of the new Bank Bldg., near the playground on May 22 at 11:00 AM. Supplies will be disbursed there. A new source of soil is needed because $10 per planting is the maximum allowed, per Carol Beasy of Chamber of Commerce. Boxes are in need of repair and replacement, so sure of these services is being sought. No M. Logan used to make new boxes for $35 each.

BARRINGTON FLOWER SHOW: Maryjo Garre, Chairman. The new show theme is to be called "Le Des Baux Arts," broadening the scope of the show to Drama (Romeo & Juliet as the focal idea), Ballet (Swan Lake), Painting (an 18" X 24" Canvas of dried arrangement collage) Architecture as a house tour of Homes.
Decorating straw hats with flowers, Modern Music (Jazz) Classical Music (Handel's Messiah), Poetry (Robert Frost poem), Sculpture (Rock Children) by Marty Scruple, Oriental (Madame Butterfly), Special features: Education (Wine Making Exhibit, Marsh, Kerr) Northern Ill Herb Society, the Art of Cooking with Herbs. Two exhibits regarding National Council's Objectives (a) Art of Preserving National Resources - a Water Exhibit; (b) Preservation of National Treasures - reconstruct of Statue of Liberty, or a demonstration of the effects of Acid Rain. The Planter Box competition was dropped.

In the Junior Division Denise Israel is Chairman. It is now called the Youth Division, expanded to two levels - Jr. Div grades 1 through 6, Intermed. Div. Grades 7 through 9. There will be three classes for each; Decorating Straw Hats, Ethiopia Benefit (Scarborough Fair); Grapevine Wreaths "We are the World" Also a picture by a local artist, Ruth Mead.

Classes by Ruth Wood to teach juniors to handle plant materials, arrange bouquets in bottles, jugs, etc. Park District. It will tie in with R. Mead's picture. Each child need make only one entry. Recruit entrants from Clubs, H-H Club, using organized talks, enter articles in the Courier. Emphasis placed on R. Wood's classes, the first to be in mid-April.

Maryjo summed up the two major changes in the Show this year as the expansion of the Jr. Div., and keeping the class entries to 9 instead of 12, with the hope of increasing the feeling elegance and quality of entries. Safety of displays in a Table setting category raised concern, so a Welcoming Entrance Bouquet was suggested. Both changes were put to a motion, seconded and passed unanimously.

Maryjo will shorten the description in the program to cut expenses, and will use a home word processor over the phone to typeset the program.

Following positions have not been filled. Dismantling, properties, publicity, Program/Printing, and Fund Raider Chairman

B. McLaughlin spoke on the Flower Show for the future. She suggested obtaining advertisers/sponsors be listed on the back of the Flyer. Patrons would be charged $10 each, tax deductible. To be discussed further at the May meeting. Linda Kenyon's husband volunteered to put on an Audobon Print program at the Country Club of Barrington as a fund raiser.

Maryjo is looking for a simple logo for the show which could be colored with Magic Marker. She will have a kick-off meeting April 18 for newspaper journalists, members of the Show committees to be invited for lunch afterwards.

FLOWER SEED SOURCE - Old time and new seeds and plants available from Country Garden, Rt. 2, Grivitz, Ills., 5/1/1. $2.00 per catalog.

BARRINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Barbara Benson requested the Clubs decorate the rooms of the Society for Christmas open house. General reaction of Council was "No" for time being because of an already filled schedule of Christmas projects.

GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS CONVENTION CENTIPEDES: Penny Horne. For Luncheon and dinner affairs starting April 11. Straw Hats on Hat Stand decorated with ribbon and dried flowers. Theme is "Salute to Spring." The pieces will be sold after the luncheon for $10.00 each, extras to be sold at the Flower Show Boutique. A donation of $10% of sales will be returned to the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Motion made and passed by Penny and Denise Israel, Unanimous.
Report on District IX Flower Show - P. Horne. It was an excellent show and eight garden Clubs has representatives at the show.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL SUPPORT: There are not enough judges; since it takes 3 years to complete the necessary five courses members are encouraged to participate in classes. Stress that they do not have to be judges to enjoy the class material. District IX offers a raffle to finance a class for two people. Margaret Kerr pointed out that the school need not run every year, but let registrants accumulate. Penny thanked the Clubs for the raffles, and attendance of District IX show. Pam Knight recommended the landscape design course.

New President Elect of Garden Clubs of Illinois is Eva Shriver, former editor of Garden Glories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Field and Flower has a plant sale scheduled for May 11, perennial plants, from 8AM to 12 noon at Jewel Center parking lot. Clumps of hardy perennials.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting May 21, 1985