

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS  
Minutes of May 21, 1985 Meeting, Langendorf Park

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Andee Carponelli. In attendance were: J. Thorne, B. Keck of Prairie State; Pamela Knight of Four Seasons; Betty Simpson, Fran Colburn, Green Thumbs; Margaret Kerr, Martha Given of Countryside Garden Class; Susie Peterson of Country Home and Gardens; Sam Oliver from Citizens for Conservation; Elaine Wright, A. Carponelli of Field and Flower; Pat Ballot, Little Garden Club; Mary Jo Garre, Garden Club of Barrington; Mary Reiber, Prairie State; Denise Israel, Village Planter.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and corrected from March 19 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Betty McLaughlin: There is \$668.48 in the Chicking Acct, \$684.37 in the Savings Acct. Three Clubs still must send in dues. Mr. Bert Andresen is to be re-imbursed \$19.49 for materials to make Straw hat centerpiece racks.

PUBLICITY/HISTORIAN: Helen Withrow - no report

FLOWER SHOW, Mary Jo Garre; Mary Jo thanked Pat Ballot for her Barrington Courier article on drying flowers for the Flower Show's Flemish Oil paintin category. It appeared on May 2. Pat received several awards at the Little Garden Club's Show, and designed the logo for the ICE HOUSE Show this fall.. Her comments regarding the last show were as follows: Craft items such as needlepoint did not sell well enough to justify the labor involved. Foods, especially baked goods, did very well. Stress recruiting two representatives from each Club to make phone calls for donations for the Boutique. Total expenses two years ago were \$349.40, and taken in \$1,548; Tussy Mussies alone netted \$500.00. Herbs and aromatics are needed, especially scented geraniums, artemesia, lavender, miniture roses, verbena, Balm, mint, tarragon basil, sage oregano, etc. NO DRIED MATERIALS WANTED. Baked goods are wanted for Thursday delivery especially. Jams and jellies added for Friday and Saturday. Each representative should put in two hours at the Boutique, and all members should donate something.

BARRINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB Speaker Barbara Reeves. Volunteers to perform small services for the elerly and/or needy are being recruited by the Women's Club to help these people who live alone with such things as trips to the store, clearing walkways, changing light bulbs, minor maintainance in yards and home. Barbara has set up a telephone "clearing house" service to match volunteers with requests for help. Nothing is scheduled on a regular basis, just donation a short periods of time. Call Angela Smith, Council of Aging Persons, 382-2181, to register in her Master File. One requirement is a legal clearance from Citizens for **Diabilities**.

FLOWER SHOW: Mary Jo has issued the Flower Show Club assignments to each Club representative; seven hostesses from each Club, two volunteers each on Horticulture set up; Hospitality; On June 17 participants in the Youth Division will learn to make straw wreathes, dry flowers and attatch ribbons for the fourth of July door decors. Then they adva<sub>n</sub>ce to Grape Vine wreathes on their own for the Show. Deadline for registration, June 13. A publicity chairman is still needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Mary Jo, Sam Oliver and M. Weir said the project display at the Library was completed satisfactorily

Planter Box, Pam Knight. Project was very successful. 54 boxes, including new ones. They received a good price from Pitas Greenhous on plants, lower than 1984. The Village approved \$11.00 per plantings. Individuals presented their empty boxes by 10:30 on the 22. A problem in 1986: Olson Distributing does not want to store the 40 pound bags of mix, which must be picked up by the Clubs.

CENTERPIECES, GARDEN CLUB OF ILL CONVENTION: The price on the hats was dropped from \$15. Nineteen out of 25 were sold at the meeting, Andee will update the remaining six for sale at the boutique. Pictures of the convention are available for Club Scrapbooks. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Bert Addressson for making the Hat stands.

Ruth Wood was thanked for her donation of time for the Flower Arrangement Classes, as was the Park District for donating the room.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Landscape Project, Hillside Rd, Rt. 14; Speaker Bob Silhan, Village Budget. A beautification Master Plan includes the East side plus West Campground, pluss railwar rite of way and State right of way around Baker's Lake and Rt. 14, as well as Gateway, E. side of Eastern Ave, south side of Rt. 14. A cost sharing plan is proposed, presenting a log for property owners who participate. Blue prints of the plan have been sent out for bids on the work. When bid has been received the village pays 50%, owners can set up an 8% loan from the village for his cost. They hope momentum will build as incremental steps are completed. Eight properties are to start May 1985, ready in the Fall. Then t ey hope it will be an on-going project run by the Village Council. Business owners can enter into the program when they are able, rather than be committed immediately to the project, as would be the cas if the beautification program were to become an Ordinance. As of now, there are two programs; Bakers Lake area described above, Cook County Forest Preserve. Participants last year were the bank, News Agency, Remax, Lighting Unlimited for the Jewel Park area along 14. The work was done by Northern Lil. Landscape Co. The low bidder on the new work is Ill. Contractors, Bartlett, Ill. B. McClaughlin questioned the work planned per page 3 of bulueprints handed out at meeting.

Village Beautification - Carol Beasy, President of Chamber of Commerce was the speaker. Generally the planter boxes were well received, but there were mixed responses, some merchants planting their own boxes. The Village president, Dave requested support for more flowers for the triangle at the South end of the town, which is the entrance into the community. The parkway also needs more sod. Strong landscaping is needed at 14 and 59 (Jewel Park Corner). Maintainance and some planning would be done by various service organizations in town i.e. Lions. He has a list of volunteers who will give necessary support. P. Knight suggested the State might help in costs. Sources of water must also be considered, otherwise the village must use tank trucks of water.

Meeting Adjourned.