

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

Minutes of meeting of September 11, 2002
Barrington Area Library

Present were:

COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB: Nancy Bohren
COUNTRY HOME AND GARDEN CLUB: Kathy Coffman
Sam Oldenburg, Ellen Anderson
FIELD AND FLOWER GARDEN CLUB: Irene LaCesa, Lorraine
Westcott, Caryl Johnson
THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Donna Baker, Pat Ballot
Connie Bischof
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Betty McLaughlin
GREEN THUMBS: Daria Sapp
VILLAGE PLANTERS: Judy John, Dorothy Nelson
CONSERVATION: Sam Oliver, Mark Spreyer
NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK: Gloria Johnson

President Dorothy Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM and asked that we stop for a moment of reflection on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Dorothy then announced that she is able to continue on as president of the Council which pleased us all.

President Dorothy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8th meeting as mailed. Sam Oliver stated that the survey of the Barrington Area to learn the desires and needs of the local residents was conducted by Health Systems Research and not the CFC. She noted that "open, green spaces" was third after, of course, low crime and good schools.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was then made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Caryl Johnson

Caryl passed out copies of her report for the period of 5/9/02 to 9/10/02. The total Council assets are \$4722.63. She pointed out that there was a charge of \$154.00 for 200 brochures and 1000 seed pkg. labels for National Garden Week. There are enough unused brochures that can be used next year. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded and passed.

Ellen Anderson read two letters - one from Michael J. Miller enclosing a check for \$408.00 which was 10% of the evening's sales at "Lalique in the Garden Old and New" which he held in his store in honor of National Garden Week. His store was beautiful with flowers everywhere.

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The other letter was to Kathleen Amatangelo from Susan Daniel, Calligrapher, thanking us for the flowers we sent her.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It's never too soon to think about Christmas. The decorations will be the same as last year.

North Shore Magazine is doing an article on Kitchen Gardens and are looking for some to photograph. They want a pretty vegetable garden. Does anyone know of such a garden? Dorothy suggested that we bring this up at our next meetings. If one or more are located, please call Dorothy or Laurie Grano - 847-247-0369. She needs by the end of September.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

STILLMAN: Mark Spreyer

Mark passed out the Stillman Newsletter for Autumn 2002 and copies of his column called The Naturalist. In it he discussed the sad state of some of our children today because they are afraid of nature. His article is titled "Irrational fears of nature." Quoting Mark: When autumn begins to chill the air, how often do you see kids wait for a school bus outside? What I see are kids waiting in a heated car at the end of their driveway. From there, perhaps with headphones on, they hop into a heated bus. Hard to see a hawk soar or watch a squirrel bury acorns when you aren't even allowed to wait outside a few minutes for the bus." We're raising a group of young people who are scared of the outdoors. The West Nile Virus has not helped of course.

Daria Sapp who is the head of our prairie volunteers urged us all to come see the prairie.

Connie Bischof asked what to do with dead birds? Bury them.

The question was raised as to whatever happened to the Barrington Community Foundation that raised money as an endowment to be used for erosion? Sam Oliver said it is still in existence. Another question: Is everything OK at Baker's Lake? Yes.

CFC: Sam Oliver

Sam Oliver distributed copies of the CFC NEWS to all present. It is an amazing, comprehensive report of all that the CFC is doing. She announced that they are starting childrens' classes again this September through May and passed out the class schedule.

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CFC is having a celebration called AUTUMN on the PRAIRIE on Grigsby Prairie's 15th Anniversary and National Public Lands Day on Sat. Sept. 28 at 9AM to 1Pm. All were urged to attend.

CFC was a recipient of funds raised by North Barrington's Run-thru-the Woods last Sunday. Senator DURBIN was asked to come. He did - to Flint Creek Savannah. He talked to the children about conservation. He saw Chicago Wilderness first hand and will bring it up in Congress.

They are planning a demonstration garden so that people can walk the path. They are going to refurbish the Silo and hope to get the silo observatory finished for Flint Creek's Savanna's 15th anniversary celebration.

Dorothy Nelson thanked Sam for her wonderful report.

Daria Sapp stated that there are 2500 acres in Barrington Hills Flint Creek that they are restoring by removing buckthorn and other such as mustard grass.

VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION: Kathy Coffman
Thank you!! The plants were planted!! Kathy commended the village and the volunteers. They were good natured. The first shift had to dig pretty hard to plant, but' the second shift brought in a roto-tiller. She had a Proclamation for the Village which she read. Kathy thought the timing of the planting was right, being the first day of National Garden Week. The village has done a good job of watering. Pasquesis went to great length. They donated a portion of the cost of the hanging baskets. Everyone agreed that the baskets are beautiful. The second phase of Streetscapes starts next year. The baskets will be west on Main Street - all the way! Kathy recommended that the village receive a special award. They will! The Public Works Dept. was so helpful in the planting. They sent a letter saying how nice it was to work with the ladies. Our next step is to meet with the village to evaluate the program. Kathy thanked all!

Carol McClintock gave us a list of things she has kept in case anyone wanted any.

Dorothy Nelson's club is having a flower show next year.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK: Gloria Johnson
Gloria thanked everyone for their help. A letter from Media Relations of the Ice House is to be sent to Marianne Lutz.

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ARBOR DAY: No one here

We don't yet know who the chair will be next April, but the assistant will be from Field and Flower.

BEAUTIFICATION: Jan Hilgers is out of town

The assistant for 2003 will be from Green Thumbs. Pat Ballot said the award certificates have been printed. Mary Bates donated all the printing expenses. The members of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce will receive their awards on September 24 at Governor's Park. All garden clubs are invited. Non-Chamber members will receive their awards at our next meeting on November 13. The village also is being awarded for the Veteran's Memorial. Kathy Coffman stated that actually our club, Country Home and Garden, did the Memorial in honor of our 50th Anniversary.

Dorothy Nelson said we should honor Mary Bates. All agreed that a gift certificate in the amount of \$50.00 to Pasquesis would be appropriate.

Kathy asked for stationery to write to Pasquesis. Dorothy Nelson said she would look for it.

WATER COMMITTEE:

Daria Sapp said that Kathleen Amatangelo is the rep from the Council to the Water Resource Committee of BACOG and that she will give a monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam Oliver said that maybe some award should be given to Nature's Habitat of North Barrington School. A number of schools have copied this. North Barrington School is going to receive "special recognition" from the Chamber as District 220 is a member.

Pat Ballot brought up the question of publicity for the Council. LIFESTYLES is good. We can submit some pictures to them. Donna Baker and Jan Hilgers will share. Publicity is only to show that our Council is working to beautify Barrington.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, and GREEN THUMBS is scheduled to provide the refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



ELLEN ANDERSON