# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING November 2, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 2, 2009 at the home of Anne Kraus. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present: Katie Alford, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

Jessica thanked Anne Kraus for hosting the meeting.

The minutes of the October Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Mimi Milward announced the Finance Committee met to propose allocations for our annual contributions. There was discussion about including Raven Run in the donations. Callie Keller then made a motion to amend the proposed allocations to give Raven Run \$200 and to lower McConnell Springs to \$100. Ginny May seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Donations will be as follows:

Arboretum	\$300
Ashland	\$200
Ashland Neighborhood Association	\$15
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100
Fayette Alliance	\$200
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200
McConnell Springs	\$100
Shakertown	\$200
Raven Run	\$200
Total	\$1,515

Mimi announced that an additional \$1,500 has been earmarked for our pending Zone VII meeting to be held here in 2013.

Mimi reported a balance of \$10,940.22. The Bluegrass Winners Account has a balance of \$18,498.46. The Assistant Treasurer's Account has a balance of \$1,244.07.

The Friends of the Garden Party made a profit of \$6,635.42. Edie and the committee did a great job of keeping expenses down and hosting a lovely party. Our donations were down 44%, and the art was down 47%.

Mimi announced that the Sallie Johnston estate has bequeathed \$1,000, which has been put in the Endowment Fund.

There are six members who have not contributed to the Endowment Fund. We have met the monetary requirement to receive matching funds, but we do not have the 100%

participation required. The three active members and three affiliate members have all been notified about their lack of participation.

The \$50,000 Perkins Scholarship money has not been received yet. Barbara Young and Katie Alford are going to work to see if we can broaden the wording to include more than botany. Barbara explained that for us to have a totally independent scholarship we need \$55,000.

# **Committee Reports:**

Admissions: Ginny May read the following list of board members who are allowed to vote for new members: Jessica Nicholson, Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Anne Arvin, Callie Keller, Mimi Milward, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Kim DeCamp, Leslie Baldwin, Mary Montague, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams. A vote was taken by written ballet.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp reported that there is a Conservation Committee meeting next Tuesday at 10:00 at her home. The purpose is to set goals for the next year's Conservation Committee.

Travel expenses for attending conservation, horticulture, zone and annual meetings were discussed. Jessica suggested that some guidelines should be set for travel expenses.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague and Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for working two days planting bulbs. They suggested that anyone interested in changing parteres for the next work season should let them know, and they will pass it along to the next chairmen.

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Rockcastle River Trading Company. Anyone wishing to carpool should meet at 9:30 at Idle Hour. The hostesses are Kathy Courtney and Betsy Bulleit. Please RSVP to Betsy at 266-1583 or <a href="mailto:bbulleit@hilliard.com">bbulleit@hilliard.com</a>. Marcia announced that the Christmas Tea will be at Glenna Graves' home on Winchester Road on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The hostesses will be Glenna Graves, Lucy Foster and Martie Mayer. Please RSVP to Martie at 509-4200 or <a href="mailto:martiemayer@aol.com">martiemayer@aol.com</a>.

**Special Projects:** Betsy Bulleit reminded everyone what good gifts our cookbooks make. She also reported that this year the <u>Bluegrass Winners</u> outsold <u>Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners</u>.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks reported there are three upcoming trips for the Gardens of St. Louis and Chicago, Gardens of Middlesburg, Charlottesville and Orange, Virginia, and Alaska. Details will be in "The Bloomin' News."

Ginny reported the results of the voting for new members. Philippa Fogg and Taylor Fister will be invited to join our club. Callie will write each of them a letter of invitation.

The next Board Meeting will be at Kathy Courtney's home at 6 Deepwood Drive on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mary Montague will host the January meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Van Balen Acting Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING October 12, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 12, 2009 at the home of Marcia Slabaugh. Vice President Barbara Young presided and called the meeting to order. There were 15 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Ginny May, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the September Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Barbara thanked Marcia Slabaugh for hosting the meeting.

On behalf of the Finance Committee Barbara reported that the committee met to consider the best way to administer the \$50,000 bequeath from the Velma Perkins estate, which was earmarked for a botany scholarship. It was decided to work with GCA in their existing botany scholarships. Barbara will pursue the best avenue with GCA so that we will be ready when the monies do come in. The gift will be invested in a CD, presumably yielding over \$2,000 annually. We can be active in directing local students to apply for the scholarship.

The Friends of the Garden Party profit was \$6,635.42. Edie Gess and her committee did a wonderful job of keeping the cost minimal and hosting a lovely party. Donations were down 44% and Art was down 47%.

Sallie Johnston's estate gave the Garden Club of Lexington \$1,000. The money was added to the Endowment Fund, and a note of thanks has been written to Kathy Dalton.

The Endowment lacks six members who have not participated. They will be notified again and made aware of the loss of \$25,000 if we do not have 100% participation.

Our annual contributions totaling \$1,415 were discussed at the committee meeting and will be presented at the November Board Meeting. \$1,500 was earmarked for the pending Zone meeting.

# **Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** The Board suggested possible candidates for the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull award.

**Archives:** Wende Bell will work with committee Chairman, Janie Pappas, to consider putting old documents and pertinent information on microfilm.

Assistant Treasurer: The balance in the Assistant Treasurer's account is \$1,436.40.

**Publications:** Lauren Van Balen announced that our members received the following awards at the Paducah Flower Show, which she attended with Jessica Nicholson:

Katie Alford	Blue and Best of Show	Magnolia
Betsy Hillenmeyer	Blue	Toad Lily
	Blue	Anemone
	Red	Endless Summer Hydrangea
	Yellow	Firetail
Mott Nicol	White	Winterberry Holly
Jessica Bell	Yellow	Beautyberry
Lauren Van Balen	Red	Photograph of Sensitive Fern
Judy Philpott	Yellow	Dahlia
Lauren Van Balen	Red	Challenge Flower Arrangement
&Jessica Nicholson		

**Admissions:** Ginny May emphasized that Board Members must attend either the September or October Board meeting in order to vote in November for the new members. She reread the list of non-voting Board Members and noted that according to the Bylaws, Board Members unable to attend the November meeting may vote by written ballot, which she will mail if requested. Ginny then read the applications for membership for the second reading.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp announced that the Committee will meet in November to propose goals for next year.

Flower Show: Chairman Leslie Baldwin received hearty applause and congratulations for a job well done. She commented that a good article in the Herald Leader helped to promote good attendance at the Flower Show. Kathy Courtney kept a guest book to note those who attended the show. Over 100 attended the first day. Kathy offered a special thanks to Katie Alford for hosting a lovely dinner for the judges. Keene Place asked to keep the displays created by Kim DeCamp and Brenda Barrett to use on other occasions. A list of awards received by members will be in "The Bloomin' News."

Garden Project: Mary Montague announced that this week all the beds will be put to rest for the winter, and she reminded that bulb planting day will be October 28. Barbara encouraged everyone to participate. Mary reported that Tom Wilson has worked in the garden to remove a hackberry from behind the back wall and to trim other plants. The fate of the Lace Bark Elm will be discussed and determined in the spring. She noted that Tom Wilson was very helpful and enthusiastic.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett thanked the Board for sending her and Anne Kraus to Chicago for the Shirley Meneice Workshop. Both felt the experience was extremely rewarding, and she encouraged everyone to attend a future workshop. She commented that others clubs frequently have small flower shows and proposed that we do the same. Brenda congratulated Janie Pappas for her award for her Kentucky Coffeetrees, which she grew and nurtured in a bathtub, and announced that she will nominate the Coffeetree for a GCA Horticulture award. She encourage reading "The Real Dirt" on the GCA website, which has exceptional, interesting articles.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Greenhouse. John Michler will speak on "Making Your Garden Ready for Spring."

**Public Relations:** Kathy Courtney will send pictures from the Flower Show to GCA for the "Bulletin."

#### **New Business:**

Barbara announced that Mary Warren has an opportunity to rent a greenhouse to winter plants and has asked if the club would be interested in housing our plants in it in the future. Mary Montague will talk to her and get a proposal.

Barbara suggested that our membership email list should be used for Garden Club purposes only and should not be shared.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Anne Kraus, 1441 Lakewood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING August 31, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, August 31, 2009 at the home of Anne Arvin. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the July Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Anne Arvin for hosting the meeting.

# **Committee Reports:**

**Admissions:** Chairman Ginny May reminded the members of the Board that, according to the By-laws, no member may cast a vote for any prospective member unless she has attended either the September or October Board meeting and that confidentiality is most important. Jessica read the list of non-voting members of the Board. Ginny then read the applications for membership.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp reported that she has spoken with Bill Campbell regarding the conservation accomplishments that were a part of the restoration of Keene Place, and the committee is working to complete the storyboard noting those features. She proposed asking Congressman Ben Chandler to speak to the club on conservation issues and legislation on the forefront in Washington.

**Flower Show:** Leslie Baldwin announced that the program for the next general meeting will be a mock flower show. Martie Mayer shared brochures from a European style floral market, The Cutting Garden, which can be an option for purchasing flowers for Flower Show designs.

Katie Alford brought posters announcing the Flower Show and asked all Board members to sign up to display them at designated places in the community.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague requested that everyone take special care to put the garden in tiptop shape before the Garden Party. The bulb planting day is scheduled for October 28, and the rain date is November 4.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett announced that she and Anne Kraus will be attending the Shirley Meneice Workshop.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next general meeting will be Thursday, September 17 at Idle Hour Country Club. Nancy Bishop and Libby Brown will be the hostesses.

**Special Projects:** Jessica reported that chairmen Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams concluded that having a booth at the Louisville Gift Show was successful because they were able to introduce and promote our cookbooks. They had a lot of positive feedback about the books.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$5,871.90 in the Assistant Treasurer's Account.

**Garden Party:** Edie Gess announced that she has received 120 acceptances for the Garden Party. Martie Mayer has ten artists who have agreed to contribute art to be auctioned at the Party. Edie has sent reminder postcards to all who have signed up to bring hors d'ouevres to the party.

# **New Business:**

Jessica announced that she and Lauren Van Balen will go to the Paducah Flower Show on September 26 and will take our entries. She encouraged everyone to send an entry and noted that it is necessary to include the botanical and common name with horticulture entries as well as personal information about growing the plant.

The next Board Meeting will be October 12 at Marcia Slabaugh's home, 1904 Lakes Edge Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING July 6, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, July 6, 2009 at the home of Callie Keller. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 16 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, and Lauren Van Balen.

The minutes of the June Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Callie Keller for hosting the meeting.

# **Committee Reports:**

**Assistant Treasurer:** On behalf of Anne Kraus, Jessica reported a balance of \$5,502.40 in the Assistant Treasurer's Account.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague circulated a signup sheet for the peony beds as well as a copy of the plants and materials which may be added to the compost pile. These instructions will also be put in "The Bloomin' News."

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the Annual Picnic will be July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Ashland. The speaker, Susan Dumaine, will talk about preparing plants for the Horticulture division of the Flower Show. The hostesses will be Melodye Kinkead and Louise Parker.

There will be no August meeting.

**Garden Party:** Edie Gess circulated a signup sheet to contribute food for the Garden Party, which will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Martie Mayer confirmed that art will again be auctioned at the party and will not be confined to garden related art. She will send out letters to the potential artists. It was suggested that the invitations note that art will be available at the party.

#### **New Business:**

Jessica announced that Lauren Van Balen will be our representative for the Zone VII Meeting, which will be September 27 - 29 in Paducah. There will also be a Flower Show in conjunction with the Meeting, and we are responsible for submitting at least three horticulture entries and one photography class. The deadline for entries is July 27. Information on their schedule will be on the GCA Website.

Jessica reported that it has been determined that the \$50,000.00 bequeath from Velma Perkins was intended for our club. Our primary role will be to administer a botany scholarship.

Ellen Chapman announced that Ann Hagin Michel has presented our club with a check for \$500.00 from the proceeds of the Ashland Garden Party. The dinner in our garden which was auctioned at the party brought \$3,500.00, the highest price paid for any of the donated dinners. Sam Sears will cater the dinner, which was bought by Ben Maufmann.

Ellen also reported that, adding memorials, we are only a few hundred dollars from reaching our goal for matching the \$25,000.00 donation that required 100% portions to the second seco

participation.

The next Board Meeting will be August 24 at Anne Arvin's home, 1752 Keene Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF Lexington BOARD MEETING June 1, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, June 1, 2009 at the home of Lauren Van Balen. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 14 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Margaret Cowgill, Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the May Board meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Lauren Van Balen for hosting the meeting.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,487 in the Operating Account and over \$17,000 in the Cookbook Account. Seasonal pushes keep the cookbook sales up to compensate for slower times between. Trip and meeting expenses are covered by the Assistant Treasurer's Account. It was suggested that we sell cookbooks at the Flower Show.

Mimi noted that she has discussed the terms of the \$50,000 bequeath to the Garden Club from Velma Perkins with attorney Jim Philpot, who advised that the funds must be invested and allocated for a botany scholarship. The Board discussed various means of administering the funds. Mimi will continue to research the original intentions of the benefactress.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Flower Show:** Jessica announced that a story board, highlighting the restoration of Keene Place and the geothermal heat and conservation issues they addressed, will be featured at the Flower Show. The programs for the Flower Show have been printed and were available at the meeting.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett discussed plans to create a story board for the Flower Show spotlighting the tree inventory at Keene Place using color photographs and perhaps inhouse printing and Photo Therapy.

**Garden Project:** Mary Louise Fisher reported that signups are needed for working in the peony beds for later dates.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$7,234.77 and noted that all dues have been paid. She sent reminder notices before the deadline to those who had not paid.

Jessica shared a note from Maryjo Garre, GCA President, thanking the Garden Club for our contribution to the Centennial Founder's Fund.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Katie Alford. The guest speaker will be Martha McClellan from Knoxville, who will talk about flower arranging. Hostesses are Margaret Cowgill and Carol Jackson.

**Garden Party:** Jessica announced that the Garden Party is scheduled for Thursday, September 10. Chairman Edie Gess would like to have a co-chairman. Martie Mayer will help again with the Art Auction.

Corresponding Secretary: On behalf of Callie Keller, Jessica shared two notes of resignation. A note from Sarah Carolyn Sanderlin was read. Anne Kraus made a motion to accept her resignation. Brenda seconded the motion, which passed. A note from Gay Van Meter was read. Mimi made a motion to accept her resignation with regret. Margaret Cowgill seconded the motion, which passed.

The next Board Meeting will be July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Callie Keller's home, 2012 Hart Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING May 4, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 4, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mimi Milward. First Vice President Barbara Young presided and called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the April Board meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Barbara thanked Mimi Milward for hosting the meeting.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported that appropriate funds will be transferred into the operating account for garden expenses. She announced that our accountant Lindy Karns is a finalist for the Women Leading Kentucky Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award.

Kim DeCamp announced that she is working with Callie Keller and Jessica Nicholson to have the Club's database accurately updated by June 1.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Admissions:** Ginny May reminded everyone that the admissions deadline is August 1.

**Conservation:** Kim has been communicating with the Kentucky Buffalo Clover specialist, who will come to Ashland to work with the clover there, perhaps transplanting some of it.

On the national front the focus has been on evaluating conservation needs and determining which programs should be reinforced and which should be changed.

**Flower Show:** Leslie Baldwin announced that our October garden show has been granted permission to give awards. The title for the show will be "The Garden of Lexington Presents the Winner's Circle, Hoofbeats through Thyme." It will be categorized as a Small Flower Show.

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Ellen Chapman's home. The hostesses are Katie Alford and Judy Philpot. The Iris Society will present the program.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett reported that the Hort Committee will put together a brochure documenting the tree inventory at Ashland. Barbara agreed to photograph some of the important trees in various stages during the summer. The Kentucky Coffeetree seedlings will be exhibited at the Flower Show. When they are ready to be transplanted, some will be placed in appropriate places throughout the community.

Brenda recommended the Shirley McNeice Workshop, which will be September 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> and is sponsored by the Glenco Garden Club, Chicago.

**Special Projects:** Benny Williams asked the Board to remember the two cases of books available from the cookbook swap with the Annapolis Junior League. Betsy Bulleit asked everyone to take our cookbook with them when shopping to show potential vendors. Kim Lake at the Cookbook Office can follow up. It was suggested that we market the books at the Woodland Park Arts Fair. We will be allowed to exhibit and promote our books at the Farmers Market for \$10 three times a year.

**Archives:** Janie Pappas noted that a memorial article for Harriet Holladay will be added to the Archives.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$6,634.77. To date eight actives and five affiliates have not paid dues.

**Scholarship:** Katie Alford announced that from March 2008 to March 2009 GCA has received 184 donations totaling \$135,470. This year's Martin-McLaren Interchange Fellow is Jason Lattier from our zone. Katie asked for recommendations for the E. A. Hull Award which recognizes individuals who work in horticulture with children under sixteen years of age.

Barbara noted that as a result of the exchange program with England, we will have a student in England and one from England will be here. The June/July issue of the "Bulletin" highlights the GCA scholarships.

**Visiting Gardens:** Kathy Brooks announced that the 2009 GCA garden trips are full. It is possible to sign up on the "interested list" for 2010 trips. She circulated brochures for the 2009 Kilgore Garden Tour in Anchorage and Pewee Valley.

**Garden Project:** Mary Louise Fisher noted that workers are needed in the peony beds later in the summer. For reference there is a documented list with pictures of the Saunders peonies which are in the garden.

#### **New Business:**

Anne Kraus suggested asking the Pomegranate Company to make aprons with derby silks to sell and to wear when touting our cookbooks. Margaret Cowgill will pursue possibilities for aprons and other items.

Margaret suggested asking Harriett Dupree to offer menus using recipes from the cookbooks at her Entrée Vous shop.

On behalf of President Jessica Nicholson, Barbara noted that it has become difficult to find affiliates to serve refreshments in the garden. Suggestions included asking actives who are not able to work in the garden to contribute, keeping beverages in a refrigerator in the shed, asking affiliates to be in charge of the signups, circulating a signup at meetings for both actives and affiliates to contribute, and inviting affiliates to have refreshments with us.

The next Board Meeting will be June 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Lauren Van Balen's home, 3860 Lemons Mill Pike.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING April 6, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, April 6, 2009 at the home of Kathy Brooks. Ellen Chapman, Past President, called the meeting to order. There were 15 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Wende Bell, Betsy Bulleit, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. The minutes of the March Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Conservation:** Martie Mayer reported that the Conservation Committee will meet in the garden on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. with a rain date of April 27.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin announced that the schedule for the Flower Show, which is to be held October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Keene Mansion, will be printed and suggested that entries for the container division should be started six months ahead. A guideline book, GCA Flower Show and Judging Guide, is available online. "The Bloomin' News" will have more details. Katie Alford showed a copy of the GCA quarterly magazine, "GCA by Design" and suggested that this would be an excellent source for Flower Show guidance and inspiration.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague thanked those who helped to open the peony beds. They are asking advice regarding the removal and replacement of the Lace Bark Elm which was damaged during the ice storm. Different varieties of replacement trees were considered. Covering the peonies with cloth to protect them from freezing was also discussed.

**Program:** Martie announced that the next meeting will be a Wildflower Walk on April 6 at Kathy and Butch Ellingsen's home. Everyone is asked to meet at 10:30 a.m. at St. Hubert's Episcopal Church on Grimes Mill Road. Frances Cox and Meg Sprow are the hostesses, and box lunches will be provided. In case of rain the Wildflower Walk will be cancelled, and meeting arrangements will be announced in "The Bloomin' News."

**Special Projects:** Benny Williams reported that as a result of a Cookbook Swap with the Junior League of Annapolis, we have one case each of their two cookbooks, and they have one case of each of our cookbooks. Our books with the jockey silks, which they will market prior to the Derby, were appealing to them.

Following a connection made at the Kentucky Crafted Show, we have an opportunity to market our cookbooks at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisville Gift Show. The fee for the booth is \$595.00. Benny noted that participating in the earlier show was valuable in marketing our books, and we have had several follow up sales. Betsy Bulleit added that the sell of cookbooks is on the rise, and it is especially helpful to keep our books in front of the vendors. Barbara Young made a motion to obtain a booth at the Louisville Gift Show. Lauren Van Balen seconded. The motion passed.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$4,134.77 and noted that dues should be paid by May 15.

**Founder's Fund:** Martie announced that at the Annual Meeting our club chose the French Broad River Project, Imagine...turning a junkyard into a park, and she has mailed in our preference.

**Scholarship:** Katie Alford reported that she received a letter from Sue Thompson thanking the club for our gift to the GCA Scholarship Fund.

Barbara announced that one GCA scholarship recipient is from UK and one is from Louisville. She suggested that both might be interesting speakers for our meetings and noted that a Power Point presentation, which she has put together, is available for programs as well.

**Visiting Gardens:** Kathy Brooks announced that the Cincinnati Flower Show will be April 16<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at the Symmes Township Park. Speakers will include Helen Dillon, known as Ireland's Most Famous Green Thumb, and Melinda Myers, a noted garden author. The Historic Garden Week in Virginia will be April 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

Ellen reported that Jessica has received a request from Dick DeCamp, President of the Ashland Foundation Board, to make the garden available for a catered dinner for eight to be auctioned at their fund raising garden party. Benny made a motion to comply with their request and allow the dinner for a maximum of eight people to be served in the garden with John Martin, who knows the garden well, as the recommended caterer. Wende Bell seconded. The motion passed.

It was also decided to offer one each of our cookbooks and one each of the Annapolis Junior League cookbooks as items for the auction.

Ellen announced with regret that Scotty Walton has died and noted that she has been a very special garden club member and will be missed.

Ellen thanked Martie for hosting the meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be May 4 at the home of Mimi Milward, 1640 Ashwood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, January 5, 2009 at the home of Mary Montague. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 17 members present: Anne Arvin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Benny Williams.

Jessica thanked Mary Montague for hosting the meeting.

The minutes of the December Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported a balance of \$8,912.50 in the Operating Account and a balance of \$792.77 in the Assistant Treasurer's account. She reported that the Finance Committee has allocated the following contributions:

Arboretum	\$200.00
Ashland	\$100.00
Ashland Neighborhood Association	\$15.00
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100.00
Fayette Alliance	\$200.00
GCA Scholarship	\$200.00
McConnell Springs	\$100.00
Raven Run	\$100.00
Shakertown	\$100.00
Total	\$1,115.00

The brick repair work is being done.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Callie Keller circulated a signup sheet to complete the Board Meeting hostess schedule.

**Admissions:** Ginny May announced that there is one vacancy for membership. She will put a reminder in "The Bloomin' News" that any resignations should be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp reported that there is a recycling facility at 1306 Versailles Road which receives electronic and appliance items.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague shared a copy of the advertisement in the GCA "Bulletin" featuring our new cookbook and also the "Clay's Beacon" article highlighting the garden at Ashland.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett announced that there will be a Horticulture Seed Propagation Workshop on February 19th at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Florist. Participants are asked to bring seeds from Kentucky Coffee trees as well as any other plants which might be of interest. Brenda will send a reminder card and put an announcement in "The Bloomin' News."

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next general meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The hostesses are Kathy Brewer and Kim DeCamp. Ann Price Davis, Zone VII Chairman from the Glenview Garden Club in Louisville, will present the program "Influences and Obsessions." Marcia circulated a list of upcoming meetings and encouraged those who had not hosted meetings in 2008 to sign up to host.

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# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING September 17, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Libby Brown and Nancy Bishop.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the July meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported that several members have not yet contributed to the Endowment Fund and emphasized that we must have 100% participation in order to receive a \$25,000 contribution to the fund. She noted that the bequeath of \$50,000 to the Garden Club from the Velma Perkins estate must be used annually to fund a botany scholarship.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CONSERVATION: Kim DeCamp reported that the storyboard noting the conservation issues addressed in the renovation of Keene Place will be on display at the Flower Show. Commenting that her job as Conservation Chairman is to educate the members regarding conservation issues, she announced that she has invited Congressman Ben Chandler to speak at a future meeting about national conservation concerns.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague noted that the garden was in wonderful form for the Garden Party and commended the members for a job well done. The peony bed has been closed for the year. Bulb planting day has been scheduled for October 28, and the rain date is November 4.

PROGRAM: Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Florist, and John Michler will speak about preparing the garden for a beautiful spring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica announced that twelve GCA judges will be here for the Flower Show, including Kay Steffee, who has lived in Lexington and was a member of our club. Martie Mayer has information regarding a new source for flowers for the show, The Cutting Garden, which is billed as Lexington's first European style floral market.

Jessica announced that Cheekwood Garden, in concert with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is hosting a 2009-2010 Symposia, which will include Arlene Levy. The Orchid Society Show in Louisville will be October 24 and 25.

Jessica and Lauren Van Balen will be attending the Paducah Garden Club Flower Show and will take any specimens to be entered in the show. Entries can include annuals and perennials which must be annotated with the botanical and common names.

Jane Stilz thanked Edie Gess for doing a superb job chairing the successful Garden Party and also Margaret Cowgill for preparing to host the party at her home in case of rain.

Jessica turned the meeting over to Leslie Baldwin, Chairman of the Flower Show, who orchestrated a mock flower show in preparation for our Show to begin October 5. Using volunteers who will work at the show, Leslie explained how entries will be processed and offered tips for presenting a perfect entry.

Margaret Cowgill is organizing the lunch for the judges and for the workers and asked for volunteers to bring contributions.

Katie Alford will host a dinner for the judges on Sunday night at her home, and Celeste Neuman has arranged for DaRae & Friends to cater the dinner.

Brenda Barrett offered suggestions for determining the botanical and common names for horticultural entries and announced that those Kentucky coffeetrees which members have successfully propagated will be exhibited and then shared with the community as a part of the 2013 GCA Celebration. She asked that those who have the trees take good care of them and keep notes on when each was planted.

Sheilagh Hammond encouraged members to enter the flower arrangement classes and noted that there will be set ups for twenty-four arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and a delicious luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING July 16, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Ashland for the Annual Picnic. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Melodye Kinkead and Louise Parker.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved as read.

Jessica confirmed that a notice has been sent to all members who have not yet paid their two year contribution to the Endowment Fund.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSERVATION:** Kim DeCamp announced that the Conservation Committee will meet in August to design a storyboard noting the pertinent renovation accomplishments at Keene Place.

Tara Littlefield, a botanist with the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission, has propagated several plants of Running Buffalo Clover, which members may plant at their homes.

**FLOWER SHOW:** Leslie Baldwin thanked those who brought flowers arrangements for the picnic.

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Mary Montague reported that there are still unfilled slots in the peony bed schedule.

**PROGRAM:** Wende Bell noted that there will be no August meeting.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Betsy Bulleit offered for sale the cookbooks, <u>Thyme to Entertain</u> and <u>Tide and Thyme</u>, which our club received in the cookbook exchange with the Annapolis Junior League.

Betsy announced that we will participate in the Louisville Gift Show on August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to market our cookbooks and asked for a volunteer for each day to man the booth.

**HORTICULTURE:** Brenda Barrett circulated the brochure, "Do You Speak Latin?" and discussed identifying plants by their Latin names, noting that each plant has a genus and species name. The species describes one feature of the plant. All horticulture entries in the Flower Show must have their Latin name attached when entered. Brenda also discussed the Emerald Ash Borer, which is moving into our area and

attacking ash trees.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Callie Keller announced that the next Garden Club Board Meeting will be on August 31<sup>st</sup> at Anne Arvin's home.

Admissions: Jessica announced that the admissions deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica reported that Lauren Van Balen will represent our club at the Zone VII Annual Meeting, which will be September 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> in Paducah. There will be a Flower Show in conjunction with the meeting, and we are responsible for three or more horticulture entries and one or more photography entry. The entry deadline is July 27.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Marcia Slabaugh, who introduced our speaker, Susan Dumaine, who spoke on preparing horticulture entries for the Flower Show. She congratulated our club on our printed schedule and shared her words of wisdom for having a successful show in October, advising that we keep it as simple as possible.

Following her talk, a delicious box luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted,

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING January 15, 2009

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# GCA LEGISLATIVE MEETING, WASHINGTON, DC - 2/23-26, 2009

# KIM DECAMP, CONSERVATION CHAIR

- **Powerful meeting**; Thank you for the privilege to represent our club (along with Mimi Milward).
- **300 women** from across the US, including Hawaii.
- 4 days, Washington, DC.
- **Key Focus**; Legislative updates on key environmental topics.

The new administration has elevated the focus and priority of the environment to new level of importance

Speakers included: (over 20 speakers total in 3+ days).

Lisa Jackson - "Newly appointed" Administrator of EPA.

"Put enforcement power back into the EPA".

Congresswomen Barbara Boxer - D-Cal. (Climate Change bill).

Congressman Jim Oberstar - D -Minn. (Restoration of Clean Water Act).

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse – D-Oregan (V-Chair of Energy Indep. Committee) – he rides his bike to Capitol Hill each day.

Tom Lovejoy - President, Heinz Ctr. for Science, Econ. and Environment.

- Mimi and Kim Individual meetings with Offices of McConnell, Bunning, Chandler and Yarmuth.
- Each Zone had a poster presentation of conservation projects for clubs across the US.

Topics discussed:

**The Economic Stimulus Package** – Money to go to renewable energy programs, "green jobs" and energy efficiency programs.

Energy retrofits for low income housing (ie. windows/doors).

Energy efficiency and renewable energy research grants (wind/solar/clean coal).

Tax incentives - wind and solar energy.

Energy efficiency grants for schools.

Rebates for "smart appliances".

Grant Program for electric vehicle technology.

Funds to modernize US water system (Wastewater and sewer system facilities).

#### Add'l Topics:

Goal is to utilize **Science** to guide the research, programs legislative efforts.

Climate Change/Global Warming - Alternate Energy Policy.

Cap and Trade - put price on carbon (reduce carbon emissions or pay for it).

**Omnibus Lands Bill** – Protect and expand public lands and national parks; Also protect oceans and waterways.

**Restoration of the Clean Water Act**. Introduced 30 years ago...need enforcement to preserve our resources for future generations.

**Super Tax -** Tax Petro Chemical "hot spots" and use funds for cleanup efforts.

**Water Trust Fund** – Clean up waterways and support green components (Pharmaceutical surcharge).

Mountain Top Removal - Task Force in Dept. of Interior.

# GCA policy regarding National Legislative Affairs:

The Garden Club of America supports independent, academic, peer-reviewed scientific research as the basis for formulation of responsible public policy and legislation, as well as appropriate funding to ensure quality results.

# **GCA Position Papers and Committee Focus Areas:**

- Clean Air
- Clean Water
- Global Warming
- National Park System
- Preservation of Native Plants
- Public Lands Mgmt.
- Transportation Legislation
- Waste Reduction

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2009

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Jessica thanked Mary Montague for hosting the meeting.

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Ashland	\$100.00
Ashland Neighborhood Association	\$15.00
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100.00
Fayette Alliance	\$200.00
GCA Scholarship	\$200.00
McConnell Springs	\$100.00
Raven Run	\$100.00
Shakertown	\$100.00
Total	\$1,115.00

The brick repair work is being done.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Callie Keller circulated a signup sheet to complete the Board Meeting hostess schedule.

**Admissions:** Ginny May announced that there is one vacancy for membership. She will put a reminder in "The Bloomin' News" that any resignations should be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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The minutes of the January Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Kathy Brooks for hosting the meeting.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported that 22 members have yet to contribute to the Endowment Fund. Ellen Chapman explained that one hundred percent of the membership must participate in order to receive an offer of matching funds. Callie Keller suggested sending a personal note to each member who has not contributed. Almost \$7000 was donated in memorials in 2008, which has been placed in the Endowment Account.

# **Committee Reports:**

**Admissions:** Ginny May will put an announcement in "The Bloomin' News" to remind members of the deadline for resignations.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin announced that the theme for the Garden Club Flower Show will be "The Garden Club of Lexington Presents the Winner's Circle, Hoof Beats through Thyme." The show will be October 5 and 6. The next meeting of the Flower Show Committee will be March 13 at Leslie's home.

Garden Project: Mary Louise Fisher reported that our recently planted Lace Bark Elm took a big hit during the ice storm. She and Mary Montague will obtain estimates to replace the tree if it is determined that it cannot be saved. April 1 is the scheduled date for opening the peony beds and April 8 the date for opening the garden.

Mimi reported that Ann Hagin Michel is searching for funds to clean up tree debris at Ashland after the ice storm. After some discussion Mimi made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to Ashland for tree cleanup and trimming. Brenda Barrett seconded. The motion passed.

Ellen Chapman proposed helping arborist Tom Wilson with a volunteer cleanup workday at Ashland

**Horticulture:** Brenda reported that the Horticulture Committee Workshop to plant Kentucky Coffeetree and other seeds was very successful, and she thanked those who have taken containers home to nurture the seedlings.

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the Annual Luncheon Meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. The hostesses are Mo Ethington, Dottie Cordray, and Anne Arvin.

Special Projects: Benny Williams reported that marketing our cookbooks at the Kentucky Crafted event at Freedom Hall was worthwhile. Approximately \$2000.00 was taken in for books sold. She concluded that it was beneficial to remind vendors that our books are available and that many people picked up ordering information. Callie noted that people from other areas in Kentucky were often not aware we have two books. It was suggested that we ask someone with a booth at the Blue Grass Trust Antique and Garden Show to display or sell the cookbooks.

**Founder's Fund:** Martie Mayer announced that the membership will vote for 2009 Founders Fund Award at the Annual Meeting. The three proposals are:

- 1. The French Broad River Project, Imagine...turning a junkyard into a park proposed by The French Broad River GC.
- 2. The Restoration of a Native Field Habitat proposed by The Garden Club of Palm Beach.
- 3. The Gateway: Openlands Lakeshore Preserve proposed by the Garden Guild of Winnetka.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks announced that the Philadelphia Flower Show is March 1-8, and the Garden Club of Charleston Annual House and Garden Tour is March 27-28. A highlighted speaker at The Blue Grass Trust Antique and Garden Show, March 13-15, will be Mary Palmer Dargan, a nationally acclaimed lecturer.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$334.77. She suggested moving the deadline date for paying dues. It was decided that dues must be paid by June 1.

#### **Old Business:**

In order to officially endorse the Garden Club Flower Show, Benny moved that the Garden Club hold the October 2009 Flower Show. Ginny seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica requested that all Board members submit a report on the year's activities so she can make a thumbnail sketch at the Annual Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Jessica will pursue options for reprinting the Ashland Garden Brochure, which could include information about the cookbooks.

Ellen related Lucy Breathitt's suggestion that we reprint "Winter Bouquets," a booklet printed in 1961 on old fashioned methods for drying flowers. Ellen has talked with Gay Redding regarding the plates for the cover and will look into reprinting options and costs. She suggested selling the book at our Flower Show and at Ashland.

Jessica reported that Dick DeCamp, on behalf of the Ashland Henry Clay Memorial Foundation Board, has expressed his interest in working closely with the Garden Club. In response to a request from the Ashland Board, it was agreed to leave the Garden open for their summer fundraising party. We will not contribute an item for auction or be responsible for table arrangements.

Kim DeCamp reported on the GCA Legislative Meeting which she attended with Mimi. Both found the meeting to be especially impressive with the focus on conservation and environmental age ecology. She noted that GCA has positive, defined positions on many important issues for today's world. She concluded, "We have the potential to make a difference, and we have an obligation to make a difference if we want to be a part of this club."

The next Board Meeting will be April 6 at Martie Mayer's home, 2560 Jones Nursery Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING April 6, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, April 6, 2009 at the home of Martie Mayer. Ellen Chapman, Past President, called the meeting to order. There were 15 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Wende Bell, Betsy Bulleit, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. The minutes of the March Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Conservation: Martie Mayer reported that the Conservation Committee will meet in the garden on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. with a rain date of April 27.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin announced that the schedule for the Flower Show, which is to be held October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Keene Mansion, will be printed and suggested that entries for the container division should be started six months ahead. A guideline book, GCA Flower Show and Judging Guide, is available online. "The Bloomin' News" will have more details. Katie Alford showed a copy of the GCA quarterly magazine, "GCA by Design" and suggested that this would be an excellent source for Flower Show guidance and inspiration.

Garden Project: Mary Montague thanked those who helped to open the peony beds. They are asking advice regarding the removal and replacement of the Lace Bark Elm which was damaged during the ice storm. Different varieties of replacement trees were considered. Covering the peonies with cloth to protect them from freezing was also discussed.

**Program:** Martie announced that the next meeting will be a Wildflower Walk on April 16 at Kathy and Butch Ellingsen's home. Everyone is asked to meet at 10:30 a.m. at St. Hubert's Episcopal Church on Grimes Mill Road. Frances Cox and Meg Sprow are the hostesses, and box lunches will be provided. In case of rain the Wildflower Walk will be cancelled, and meeting arrangements will be announced in "The Bloomin' News."

**Special Projects:** Benny Williams reported that, as a result of a Cookbook Swap with the Junior League of Annapolis, we have one case each of their two cookbooks, and they have one case of each of our cookbooks. Our books with the jockey silks, which they will market prior to the Derby, were appealing to them.

Following a connection made at the Kentucky Crafted Show, we have an opportunity to market our cookbooks at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisville Gift Show. The fee for the booth is \$595.00. Benny noted that participating in the earlier show was valuable in marketing our books, and we have had several follow up sales. Betsy Bulleit added that the sell of cookbooks is on the rise, and it is especially helpful to keep our books in front of the vendors. Barbara Young made a motion to obtain a booth at the Louisville Gift Show. Lauren Van Balen seconded. The motion passed.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$4,134.77 and noted that dues should be paid by May 15.

**Founder's Fund:** Martie announced that at the Annual Meeting our club chose the French Broad River Project, Imagine...turning a junkyard into a park, and she has mailed in our preference.

Scholarship: Katie Alford reported that she received a letter from Sue Thompson thanking the club for our gift to the GCA Scholarship Fund.

Barbara announced that one GCA scholarship recipient is from UK and one is from Louisville. She suggested that both might be interesting speakers for our meetings and noted that a Power Point presentation, which she has put together, is available for programs as well.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks announced that the Cincinnati Flower Show will be April 16<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at the Symmes Township Park. Speakers will include Helen Dillon, known as Ireland's Most Famous Green Thumb, and Melinda Myers, a noted garden author. The Historic Garden Week in Virginia will be April 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

Ellen reported that Jessica has received a request from Dick DeCamp, President of the Ashland Foundation Board, to make the garden available for a catered dinner for eight to be auctioned at their fund raising garden party. Benny made a motion to comply with their request and allow the dinner for a maximum of eight people to be served in the garden with John Martin, who knows the garden well, as the recommended caterer. Wende Bell seconded. The motion passed.

It was also decided to offer one each of our cookbooks and one each of the Annapolis Junior League cookbooks as items for the auction.

Ellen announced with regret that Scotty Walton has died and noted that she has been a very special garden club member and will be missed.

Ellen thanked Martie for hosting the meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be May 4 at the home of Mimi Milward, 1640 Ashwood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING April 16, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Kathy and Butch Ellingsen's home. After a hike to enjoy the beautiful spring wildflowers growing in profusion on their Kentucky River property and a delicious luncheon on the patio, President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Frances Cox and Meg Sprow and also Kathy Ellingsen for welcoming us to her home and for sharing her wildflowers with us.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise Fisher reminded those who have not signed up to work in the peony beds to do so.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit encouraged *everyone* to be an ambassador for the cookbooks and to always be on the lookout for potential vendors. She recommended that each member keep several copies of the books in her car to show and reminded everyone that sales of the books provide the means for maintaining the garden.

FINANCE: Treasurer Mimi Milward reinforced Betsy's call to get to work and emphasized the importance of selling the cookbooks in order to have funds to maintain the garden. She also stressed the importance of sending our contributions for the Endowment Fund.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$4,534.77 and noted that dues are due May 15.

PROGRAM: Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at Ellen Chapman's home at 10:30 a.m. The program will be presented by the Iris Society.

ADMISSIONS: Ginny May asked that any change of status of membership be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Martie Mayer presented a gift to Kathy Ellingsen and again thanked her for her hospitality.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING May 4, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 4, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mimi Milward. First Vice President Barbara Young presided and called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the April Board meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Barbara thanked Mimi Milward for hosting the meeting.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported that appropriate funds will be transferred into the operating account for garden expenses. She announced that our accountant Lindy Karns is a finalist for the Women Leading Kentucky Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award.

Kim DeCamp announced that she is working with Callie Keller and Jessica Nicholson to have the Club's database accurately updated by June 1.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Admissions: Ginny May reminded everyone that the admissions deadline is August 1.

Conservation: Kim has been communicating with the Kentucky Buffalo Clover specialist, who will come to Ashland to work with the clover there, perhaps transplanting some of it.

On the national front the focus has been on evaluating conservation needs and determining which programs should be reinforced and which should be changed.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin announced that our October garden show has been granted permission to give awards. The title for the show will be "The Garden of Lexington Presents the Winner's Circle, Hoofbeats through Thyme." It will be categorized as a Small Flower Show.

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Ellen Chapman's home. The hostesses are Katie Alford and Judy Philpot. The Iris Society will present the program.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett reported that the Hort Committee will put together a brochure documenting the tree inventory at Ashland. Barbara agreed to photograph some of the important trees in various stages during the summer. The Kentucky Coffeetree seedlings will be exhibited at the Flower Show. When they are ready to be transplanted, some will be placed in appropriate places throughout the community.

Brenda recommended the Shirley Meneice Workshop, which will be September 19-21<sup>st</sup> at the Chicago Botanic Garden and is sponsored by the Glencoe Garden Club.

**Special Projects:** Benny Williams asked the Board to remember the two cases of books available from the cookbook swap with the Annapolis Junior League. Betsy Bulleit asked everyone to take our cookbook with them when shopping to show potential vendors. Kim Lake at the Cookbook Office can follow up. It was suggested that we market the books at the Woodland Park Arts Fair. We will be allowed to exhibit and promote our books at the Farmers Market for \$10 three times a year.

Archives: Janie Pappas noted that a memorial article for Harriet Holladay will be added to the Archives.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$6,634.77. To date eight actives and five affiliates have not paid dues.

Scholarship: Katie Alford announced that from March 2008 to March 2009 GCA has received 184 donations totaling \$135,470. This year's Martin-McLaren Interchange Fellow is Jason Lattier from our zone. Katie asked for recommendations for the E. A. Hull Award which recognizes individuals who work in horticulture with children under sixteen years of age.

Barbara noted that as a result of the exchange program with England, we will have a student in England and one from England will be here. The June/July issue of the "Bulletin" highlights the GCA scholarships.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks announced that the 2009 GCA garden trips are full. It is possible to sign up on the "interested list" for 2010 trips. She circulated brochures for the 2009 Kilgore Garden Tour in Anchorage and Pewee Valley.

**Garden Project:** Mary Louise Fisher noted that workers are needed in the peony beds later in the summer. For reference there is a documented list with pictures of the Saunders peonies which are in the garden.

#### **New Business:**

Anne Kraus suggested asking the Pomegranate Company to make aprons with derby silks to sell and to wear when touting our cookbooks. Margaret Cowgill will pursue possibilities for aprons and other items.

Margaret suggested asking Harriett Dupree to offer menus using recipes from the cookbooks at her Entrée Vous shop.

Barbara, on behalf of President Jessica Nicholson, noted that it has become difficult to find affiliates to serve refreshments in the garden. Suggestions included asking actives who are not able to work in the garden to contribute, keeping beverages in a refrigerator in the shed, asking affiliates to be in charge of the signups, circulating a signup at meetings for both actives and affiliates to contribute, and inviting affiliates to have refreshments with us.

The next Board Meeting will be June 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Lauren Van Balen's home, 3860 Lemons Mill Pike.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING May 21, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Ellen Chapman's home. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the April meeting which were approved as read.

Jessica thanked Ellen Chapman for welcoming us to her home and the hostesses Katie Alford and Judy Philpot.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLOWER SHOW: Leslie Baldwin announced that the Flower Show Committee will meet Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Keene Mansion.

ADMISSIONS: Ginny May announced that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to change membership status. The deadline for admissions is August 27.

HORTICULTURE: Brenda Barrett reported that Keeneland has completed an inventory of the trees surrounding Keene Place. The Garden Club will include a display at our Flower Show highlighting the information, and Barbara Young will periodically take photos of many of the trees in various stages to be used in the display. Brenda reminded everyone to care for their Kentucky Coffeetrees.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit announced that our club has participated in a cookbook swap with the Annapolis Junior League, and we have, available for sale, one case each of their cookbooks, Of Tide and Thyme and A Thyme to Entertain. They have one case of each of our cookbooks.

FINANCE: Treasure Mimi Milward announced that Velma Perkins has bequeathed to the Garden Club the sum of \$50,000 as a corpus of a scholarship fund in honor of her mother, Gertrude Perkins, "with the stipulation that the sum be duly invested in the type of funds appropriate for trust investments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the income to be used, at least annually, to award a scholarship for the study of botany to a student of the club's choice." We will be able to put the gift in the Endowment Fund and use the funds as stipulated.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$7,234.77.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise Fisher noted that the peonies are being deadheaded. Helen Breckinridge brought our first refreshments for the workday, which were

especially welcomed. In order to make carting refreshments to the garden easier, Mimi asked for a donation of a refrigerator to be kept in the Garden shed for ice and drinks. Louise Parker suggested leaving cups and a cooler in the shed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kathy Brewer announced that Liberty Hall and the Garden Club of Frankfort are joining to host this year's "Living in History Home and Garden Tour, Stained Glass and Blooms" on May 29 and 30. Lucille Carloftis and glass artist Brook White will be included in the program.

Jessica shared a note sent by Ann Price Davis expressing appreciation for the garden clubs and their many contributions. She ended, "A grateful heart a garden is."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

After an introduction to Ellen's iris collection and a visit to her beautiful flower garden and her most impressive vegetable garden, a delicious box lunch was served. Ellen introduced Annette Milch, our speaker from the Iris Society, who gave a very informative and interesting talk on irises and joined us for a brief tour of Ellen's iris bed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF **VELMA PERKINS**

I, Velma Perkins, of 100 Neighborly Way, Apt. 306, Somerset, Kentucky, 42503, being of full legal age and of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare the following to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills by me heretofore made.

ITEM I: I direct that my just debts and funeral expenses, including all costs of administration and inheritance taxes, if any, be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable after the time of my decease.

ITEM II: I hereby give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$50,000.00 to the University of Kentucky College of Law, with the principal office being 620 South Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506, as the corpus of a scholarship fund in honor of my Father, J. M. Perkins, with the stipulation that the corpus will be duly invested in the type of funds appropriate for trust investments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the income to be used, at least annually, to award a scholarship for the study of law to a student of the University's choice.

In the event this trust fails in its essential purpose for any reason, then, in that event, the corpus and any unspent income shall be distributed to those persons/entities named in my residuary clause herein.

ITEM III: I hereby give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Garden Club of Lexington, Inc., a nonprofit Kentucky corporation, with the principal office being P.O. Box 22095, Lexington, KY 40522, as the corpus of a scholarship fund in honor of my Mother, Gertrude Perkins, with the stipulation that the corpus will be duly invested in the type of funds appropriate for trust investments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the income to be used, at least annually, to award a scholarship for the study of botany to a student of the Club's choice.

In the event this trust fails in its essential purpose for any reason, then, in that event, the corpus and any unspent income shall be distributed to those persons/entities named in my residuary clause herein.

ITEM IV: I hereby give, devise, and bequeath, the sum of \$50,000.00 to my cousin, Stella Hargis Hail, to be hers, absolutely, in fee simple, per stirpes.

VELMA PERKINS

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## GARDEN CLUB OF Lexington BOARD MEETING June 1, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, June 1, 2009 at the home of Lauren Van Balen. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 14 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Margaret Cowgill, Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the May Board meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Lauren Van Balen for hosting the meeting.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,487 in the Operating Account and over \$17,000 in the Cookbook Account. Seasonal pushes keep the cookbook sales up to compensate for slower times between. Trip and meeting expenses are covered by the Assistant Treasurer's Account. It was suggested that we sell cookbooks at the Flower Show

Mimi noted that she has discussed the terms of the \$50,000 bequeath to the Garden Club from Velma Perkins with attorney Jim Philpot, who advised that the funds must be invested and allocated for a botany scholarship. The Board discussed various means of administering the funds. Mimi will continue to research the original intentions of the benefactress.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Flower Show: Jessica announced that a story board, highlighting the restoration of Keene Place and the geothermal heat and conservation issues they addressed, will be featured at the Flower Show. The programs for the Flower Show have been printed and were available at the meeting.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett discussed plans to create a story board for the Flower Show spotlighting the tree inventory at Keene Place using color photographs and perhaps inhouse printing.

**Garden Project:** Mary Louise Fisher reported that signups are needed for working in the peony beds for later dates.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$7,234.77 and noted that all dues have been paid. She sent reminder notices before the deadline to those who had not paid.

Jessica shared a note from Maryjo Garre, GCA President, thanking the Garden Club for our contribution to the Centennial Founder's Fund.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Katie Alford. The guest speaker will be Martha McClellan from Knoxville, who will talk about flower arranging. Hostesses are Margaret Cowgill and Carol Jackson.

**Garden Party:** Jessica announced that the Garden Party is scheduled for Thursday, September 10. Chairman Edie Gess would like to have a co-chairman. Martie Mayer will help again with the Art Auction.

Corresponding Secretary: On behalf of Callie Keller, Jessica shared two notes of resignation. A note from Sarah Carolyn Sanderlin was read. Anne Kraus made a motion to accept her resignation. Brenda seconded the motion, which passed. A note from Gay Van Meter was read. Mimi made a motion to accept her resignation with regret. Margaret Cowgill seconded the motion, which passed.

The next Board Meeting will be July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Callie Keller's home, 2012 Hart Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING June 18, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, June 18th at 10:30 a.m. at Katie Alford's Home. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked Katie Alford for hosting the meeting in her home and also the hostesses Margaret Cowgill and Carol Jackson for the luncheon.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSERVATION**: Kim DeCamp announced that the Conservation Committee will meet to design a storyboard noting the conservation accomplishments achieved in the renovation of Keene Place. The board will be displayed at the Flower Show in October.

**HORTICULTURE**: Brenda Barrett noted that invasive plants such as Kudzu, Garlic Mustard, and Honey Suckle Bush will not be permitted in the Flower Show. She circulated the Arboretum's list of invasive plants. The Horticulture Committee will prepare a storyboard for the Flower Show spotlighting the tree inventory at Keene Place.

**FLOWER SHOW**: Leslie Baldwin distributed copies of the printed schedule for the Flower Show and reported that the committee met June 8, and plans are well underway for the Show.

**GARDEN PROJECT**: Mary Louise Fisher reported that many of the guests at the Ashland Garden Party will stroll through the garden and requested that all the partieres be put in top shape on the Wednesday workday before the party.

**PROGRAM**: Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next meeting will be the Annual Picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Ashland. Susan Dumaine will speak about how to prepare plants for the Horticulture division of the Flower Show. The hostesses will be Melodye Kinkead and Louise Parker.

GARDEN PARTY: The Garden Party will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Edie Gess is looking for a Co-chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Jessica reported that she was asked for information and an update on our garden and peony beds for a KET series on places in Kentucky which featured Ashland.

Jessica announced with regret the resignations of Sarah Carolyn Sanderlin and Gay Van Meter.

Mimi Milward announced that she has an updated list of those who have contributed to the Endowment Fund for this year and last year and asked that anyone who has not yet contributed \$100.00 each year as committed please do so.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Jessica introduced Martha McClellan, a GCA member and Flower Arranging Judge from Knoxville, who created several exemplary and truly amazing arrangements, explaining as she worked how to plan for and design arrangements for the Flower Show. Her demonstration was followed by a delicious luncheon prepared by our hostess Margaret Cowgill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING July 6, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, July 6, 2009 at the home of Callie Keller. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 16 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, and Lauren Van Balen.

The minutes of the June Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Callie Keller for hosting the meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

Assistant Treasurer: On behalf of Anne Kraus, Jessica reported a balance of \$5,502.40 in the Assistant Treasurer's Account.

Garden Project: Mary Montague circulated a signup sheet for the peony beds as well as a copy of the plants and materials which may be added to the compost pile. These instructions will also be put in "The Bloomin' News."

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the Annual Picnic will be July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Ashland. The speaker, Susan Dumaine, will talk about preparing plants for the Horticulture division of the Flower Show. The hostesses will be Melodye Kinkead and Louise Parker.

There will be no August meeting.

Garden Party: Edie Gess circulated a signup sheet to contribute food for the Garden Party, which will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Martie Mayer confirmed that there will again be a silent auction at the party for artists' paintings, which will not be confined to garden related subjects. She will send out letters to the potential artists. It was suggested that the invitations note that the paintings will be auctioned at the party.

#### **New Business:**

Jessica announced that Lauren Van Balen will be our representative for the Zone VII Meeting, which will be September 27 - 29 in Paducah. There will also be a Flower Show in conjunction with the Meeting, and we are responsible for submitting at least three horticulture entries and one photography class. The deadline for entries is July 27. Information on their schedule will be on the GCA Website.

Jessica reported that it has been determined that the \$50,000.00 bequeath from Velma Perkins was intended for our club. Our primary role will be to administer a botany scholarship.

Ellen Chapman announced that Ann Hagin Michel has presented our club with a check for \$500.00 from the proceeds of the Ashland Lawn and Garden Party. A catered dinner in our garden which was auctioned at the party brought \$3,500.00, the highest price paid for any of the donated dinners. Sam Sears will cater the dinner, which was bought by Ben Kaufmann.

Ellen also reported that, adding memorials, we are only a few hundred dollars from reaching our goal for matching the \$25,000.00 donation that required 100%

participation.

The next Board Meeting will be August 24 at Anne Arvin's home, 1752 Keene Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING July 16, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Ashland for the Annual Picnic. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Melodye Kinkead and Louise Parker.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved as read.

Jessica confirmed that a notice has been sent to all members who have not yet paid their two year contribution to the Endowment Fund.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSERVATION:** Kim DeCamp announced that the Conservation Committee will meet in August to design a storyboard noting the pertinent renovation accomplishments at Keene Place.

Tara Littlefield, a botanist with the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission, has propagated several plants of Running Buffalo Clover, which members may plant at their homes.

**FLOWER SHOW:** Leslie Baldwin thanked those who brought flowers arrangements for the picnic.

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Mary Montague reported that there are still unfilled slots in the peony bed schedule.

**PROGRAM:** Wende Bell noted that there will be no August meeting.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Betsy Bulleit offered for sale the cookbooks, <u>Thyme to Entertain</u> and <u>Tide and Thyme</u>, which our club received in the cookbook exchange with the Annapolis Junior League.

Betsy announced that we will participate in the Louisville Gift Show on August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to market our cookbooks and asked for a volunteer for each day to man the booth.

**HORTICULTURE:** Brenda Barrett circulated the brochure, "Do You Speak Latin?" and discussed identifying plants by their Latin names, noting that each plant has a genus and species name. The species describes one feature of the plant. All horticulture entries in the Flower Show must have their Latin name attached when entered. Brenda also discussed the Emerald Ash Borer, which is moving into our area and attacking ash trees.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Callie Keller announced that the next Garden Club Board Meeting will be on August 31<sup>st,</sup> not on August 24<sup>th</sup> as announced at the July Board Meeting, at Anne Arvin's home.

Admissions: Jessica announced that the admissions deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica reported that Lauren Van Balen will represent our club at the Zone VII Annual Meeting, which will be September 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> in Paducah. There will be a Flower Show in conjunction with the meeting, and we are responsible for three or more horticulture entries and one or more photography entry. The entry deadline is July 27.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Marcia Slabaugh, who introduced our speaker, Susan Dumaine, who spoke on preparing horticulture entries for the Flower Show. She congratulated our club on our printed schedule and shared her words of wisdom for having a successful show in October, advising that we keep it as simple as possible.

Following her talk, a delicious box luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted,

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## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING August 31, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, August 31, 2009 at the home of Anne Arvin. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the July Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Anne Arvin for hosting the meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

Admissions: Chairman Ginny May reminded the members of the Board that, according to the By-laws, no member may cast a vote for any prospective member unless she has attended either the September or October Board meeting and that confidentiality is most important. Jessica read the list of non-voting members of the Board. Ginny then read the applications for membership.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported that she has spoken with Bill Campbell regarding the conservation accomplishments that were a part of the restoration of Keene Place, and the committee is working to complete the storyboard noting those features. She proposed asking Congressman Ben Chandler to speak to the club on conservation issues and legislation on the forefront in Washington.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin announced that the program for the next general meeting will be a mock flower show. Martie Mayer shared brochures from a European style floral market, The Cutting Garden, which can be an option for purchasing flowers for Flower Show designs.

Katie Alford brought posters announcing the Flower Show and asked all Board members to sign up to display them at designated places in the community.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague requested that everyone take special care to put the garden in tiptop shape before the Garden Party. The bulb planting day is scheduled for October 28, and the rain date is November 4.

**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett announced that she and Anne Kraus will be attending the Shirley Meneice Workshop.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next general meeting will be Thursday, September 17 at Idle Hour Country Club. Nancy Bishop and Libby Brown will be the hostesses.

**Special Projects:** Jessica reported that chairmen Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams concluded that having a booth at the Louisville Gift Show was successful because they were able to introduce and promote our cookbooks. They had a lot of positive feedback about the books.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$5,871.90 in the Assistant Treasurer's Account.

**Garden Party:** Edie Gess announced that she has received 120 acceptances for the Garden Party. Martie Mayer has ten artists who have agreed to contribute art to be auctioned at the Party. Edie has sent reminder postcards to all who have signed up to bring hors d'ouevres to the party.

#### **New Business:**

Jessica announced that she and Lauren Van Balen will go to the Paducah Flower Show on September 26 and will take our entries. She encouraged everyone to send an entry and noted that it is necessary to include the botanical and common name with horticulture entries as well as personal information about growing the plant.

The next Board Meeting will be October 12 at Marcia Slabaugh's home, 1904 Lakes Edge Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING September 17, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Libby Brown and Nancy Bishop.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the July meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported that several members have not yet contributed to the Endowment Fund and emphasized that we must have 100% participation in order to receive a \$25,000 contribution to the fund. She noted that the bequeath of \$50,000 to the Garden Club from the Velma Perkins estate must be used annually to fund a botany scholarship.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CONSERVATION: Kim DeCamp reported that the storyboard noting the conservation issues addressed in the renovation of Keene Place will be on display at the Flower Show. Commenting that her job as Conservation Chairman is to educate the members regarding conservation issues, she announced that she has invited Congressman Ben Chandler to speak at a future meeting about national conservation concerns.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague noted that the garden was in wonderful form for the Garden Party and commended the members for a job well done. The peony bed has been closed for the year. Bulb planting day has been scheduled for October 28, and the rain date is November 4.

PROGRAM: Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Florist, and John Michler will speak about preparing the garden for a beautiful spring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica announced that twelve GCA judges will be here for the Flower Show, including Kay Steffee, who has lived in Lexington and was a member of our club. Martie Mayer has information regarding a new source for flowers for the show, The Cutting Garden, which is billed as Lexington's first European style floral market.

Jessica announced that Cheekwood Garden, in concert with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is hosting a 2009-2010 Symposia, which will include Arlene Levy. The Orchid Society Show in Louisville will be October 24 and 25.

Jessica and Lauren Van Balen will be attending the Paducah Garden Club Flower Show and will take any specimens to be entered in the show. Entries can include annuals and perennials which must be annotated with the botanical and common names.

Jane Stilz thanked Edie Gess for doing a superb job chairing the successful Garden Party and also Margaret Cowgill for preparing to host the party at her home in case of rain.

Jessica turned the meeting over to Leslie Baldwin, Chairman of the Flower Show, who orchestrated a mock flower show in preparation for our Show to begin October 5. Using volunteers who will work at the show, Leslie explained how entries will be processed and offered tips for presenting a perfect entry.

Margaret Cowgill is organizing the lunch for the judges and for the workers and asked for volunteers to bring contributions.

Katie Alford will host a dinner for the judges on Sunday night at her home, and Celeste Neuman has arranged for DaRae & Friends to cater the dinner.

Brenda Barrett offered suggestions for determining the botanical and common names for horticultural entries and announced that those Kentucky coffeetrees which members have successfully propagated will be exhibited and then shared with the community as a part of the 2013 GCA Celebration. She asked that those who have the trees take good care of them and keep notes on when each was planted.

Sheilagh Hammond encouraged members to enter the flower arrangement classes and noted that there will be set ups for twenty-four arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and a delicious luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING October 12, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 12, 2009 at the home of Marcia Slabaugh. Vice President Barbara Young presided and called the meeting to order. There were 15 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Ginny May, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the September Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Barbara thanked Marcia Slabaugh for hosting the meeting.

On behalf of the Finance Committee Barbara reported that the committee met to consider the best way to administer the \$50,000 bequeath from the Velma Perkins estate, which was earmarked for a botany scholarship. It was decided to work with GCA in their existing botany scholarships. Barbara will pursue the best avenue with GCA so that we will be ready when the monies do come in. The gift will be invested in a CD, presumably yielding over \$2,000 annually. We can be active in directing local students to apply for the scholarship.

The Friends of the Garden Party profit was \$6,635.42. Edie Gess and her committee did a wonderful job of keeping the cost minimal and hosting a lovely party. Donations were down 44% and Art was down 47%.

Sallie Johnston's estate gave the Garden Club of Lexington \$1,000. The money was added to the Endowment Fund, and a note of thanks has been written to Kathy Dalton.

The Endowment lacks six members who have not participated. They will be notified again and made aware of the loss of \$25,000 if we do not have 100% participation.

Our annual contributions totaling \$1,415 were discussed at the committee meeting and will be presented at the November Board Meeting. \$1,500 was earmarked for the pending Zone meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** The Board suggested possible candidates for the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull award.

**Archives:** Wende Bell will work with committee Chairman, Janie Pappas, to consider putting old documents and pertinent information on microfilm.

Assistant Treasurer: The balance in the Assistant Treasurer's account is \$1,436.40.

**Publications:** Lauren Van Balen announced that our members received the following awards at the Paducah Flower Show, which she attended with Jessica Nicholson:

Blue and Best of Show Magnolia Katie Alford Toad Lily Blue Betsy Hillenmeyer Anemone Blue Endless Summer Hydrangea Red Yellow Firetail Winterberry Holly White Mott Nicol Beautyberry Yellow Jessica Bell Photograph of Sensitive Fern Lauren Van Balen Red Dahlia Judy Philpott Yellow Challenge Flower Arrangement Lauren Van Balen Red &Jessica Nicholson

Admissions: Ginny May emphasized that Board Members must attend either the September or October Board meeting in order to vote in November for the new members. She reread the list of non-voting Board Members and noted that according to the Bylaws, Board Members unable to attend the November meeting may vote by written ballot, which she will mail if requested. Ginny then read the applications for membership for the second reading.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp announced that the Committee will meet in November to propose goals for next year.

Flower Show: Chairman Leslie Baldwin received hearty applause and congratulations for a job well done. She commented that a good article in the Herald Leader helped to promote good attendance at the Flower Show. Kathy Courtney kept a guest book to note those who attended the show. Over 100 attended the first day. Kathy offered a special thanks to Katie Alford for hosting a lovely dinner for the judges. Keene Place asked to keep the displays created by Kim DeCamp and Brenda Barrett to use on other occasions. A list of awards received by members will be in "The Bloomin' News."

Garden Project: Mary Montague announced that this week all the beds will be put to rest for the winter, and she reminded that bulb planting day will be October 28. Barbara encouraged everyone to participate. Mary reported that Tom Wilson has worked in the garden to remove a hackberry from behind the back wall and to trim other plants. The fate of the Lace Bark Elm will be discussed and determined in the spring. She noted that Tom Wilson was very helpful and enthusiastic.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett thanked the Board for sending her and Anne Kraus to Chicago for the Shirley Meneice Workshop. Both felt the experience was extremely rewarding, and she encouraged everyone to attend a future workshop. She commented that others clubs frequently have small flower shows and proposed that we do the same. Brenda congratulated Janie Pappas for her award for her Kentucky Coffeetrees, which she grew and nurtured in a bathtub, and announced that she will nominate the Coffeetree for a GCA Horticulture award. She encourage reading "The Real Dirt" on the GCA website, which has exceptional, interesting articles.

**Program:** Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Greenhouse. John Michler will speak on "Making Your Garden Ready for Spring."

**Public Relations:** Kathy Courtney will send pictures from the Flower Show to GCA for the "Bulletin."

#### **New Business:**

Barbara announced that Mary Warren has an opportunity to rent a greenhouse to winter plants and has asked if the club would be interested in housing our plants in it in the future. Mary Montague will talk to her and get a proposal.

Barbara suggested that our membership email list should be used for Garden Club purposes only and should not be shared.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Anne Kraus, 1441 Lakewood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING October 15, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Michler's Greenhouse. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order. Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting which were approved as read.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: Jessica announced that the Garden Club has received a \$1,000 bequest from Sallie Johnston's estate.

The Finance Committee will work with GCA to invest the \$50,000 bequeath from the Velma Perkins estate and to administer the botany scholarship. We will encourage local students to apply for the scholarship.

FLOWER SHOW: Jessica shared a thank you from Chairman Leslie Baldwin to all who worked so hard to make the Flower Show a huge success. Keene Place has asked to keep the storyboard displays created by Kim DeCamp for Conservation and Brenda Barrett for Horticulture to use on other occasions.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague announced that this week all the beds will be put to rest for the winter, and she reminded that bulb planting day will be October 28. She commended Tom Wilson, who trimmed trees at the garden and removed a hackberry tree, for being especially helpful and enthusiastic. The fate of the Lace Bark Elm will be discussed and determined in the spring.

HORTICULTURE: Brenda Barrett thanked the club for sending her and Anne Kraus to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Workshop in Chicago. Anne commented that people ought to be standing in line to go and noted that they were treated like queens. Both felt that the workshop was exceptional.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit reported that there was great success selling cookbooks at the Flower Show.

PROGRAM: Wende Bell announced that the next meeting will be November 19.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary Montague announced that there will be an Ikebana demonstration at the Arboretum and at the UK Art Museum in October.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Wende Bell, who thanked the hostesses Kathy Dalton and Jane Stilz. She introduced our speaker John Michler, who spoke on "How to Prepare Your Garden for Spring."

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 2, 2009 at the home of Anne Kraus. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present: Katie Alford, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Barbara Young.

Jessica thanked Anne Kraus for hosting the meeting.

The minutes of the October Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Mimi Milward announced the Finance Committee met to propose allocations for our annual contributions. There was discussion about including Raven Run in the donations. Callie Keller then made a motion to amend the proposed allocations to give Raven Run \$200 and to lower McConnell Springs to \$100. Ginny May seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Donations will be as follows:

Arboretum	\$300
Ashland	\$200
Ashland Neighborhood Association	\$15
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100
Fayette Alliance	\$200
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200
McConnell Springs	\$100
Shakertown	\$200
Raven Run	\$200
Total	\$1,515

Mimi announced that an additional \$1,500 has been earmarked for our pending Zone VII meeting to be held here in 2013.

Mimi reported a balance of \$10,940.22. The Bluegrass Winners Account has a balance of \$18,498.46. The Assistant Treasurer's Account has a balance of \$1,244.07.

The Friends of the Garden Party made a profit of \$6,635.42. Edie and the committee did a great job of keeping expenses down and hosting a lovely party. Our donations were down 44%, and the art was down 47%.

Mimi announced that the Sallie Johnston estate has bequeathed \$1,000, which has been put in the Endowment Fund.

There are six members who have not contributed to the Endowment Fund. We have met the monetary requirement to receive matching funds, but we do not have the 100%

participation required. The three active members and three affiliate members have all been notified about their lack of participation.

The \$50,000 Perkins Scholarship money has not been received yet. Barbara Young and Katie Alford are going to work to see if we can broaden the wording to include more than botany. Barbara explained that for us to have a totally independent scholarship we need \$55,000.

## **Committee Reports:**

Admissions: Ginny May read the following list of board members who are allowed to vote for new members: Jessica Nicholson, Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Anne Arvin, Callie Keller, Mimi Milward, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Kim DeCamp, Leslie Baldwin, Mary Montague, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams. A vote was taken by written ballet.

**Conservation:** Kim DeCamp reported that there is a Conservation Committee meeting next Tuesday at 10:00 at her home. The purpose is to set goals for the next year's Conservation Committee.

Travel expenses for attending conservation, horticulture, zone and annual meetings were discussed. Jessica suggested that some guidelines should be set for travel expenses.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague and Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for working two days planting bulbs. They suggested that anyone interested in changing parteres for the next work season should let them know, and they will pass it along to the next chairmen.

**Program:** Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Rockcastle River Trading Company. Anyone wishing to carpool should meet at 9:30 at Idle Hour. The hostesses are Kathy Courtney and Betsy Bulleit. Please RSVP to Betsy at 266-1583 or

Marcia announced that the Christmas Tea will be at Glenna Graves' home on Winchester Road on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The hostesses will be Glenna Graves, Lucy Foster and Martie Mayer. Please RSVP to Martie at 509-4200 or

**Special Projects:** Betsy Bulleit reminded everyone what good gifts our cookbooks make. She also reported that this year the <u>Bluegrass Winners</u> outsold <u>Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners</u>.

**Visiting Gardens:** Kathy Brooks reported there are three upcoming trips for the Gardens of St. Louis and Chicago, Gardens of Middlesburg, Charlottesville and Orange, Virginia, and Alaska. Details will be in "The Bloomin' News."

Ginny reported the results of the voting for new members. Philippa Fogg and Taylor Fister will be invited to join our club. Callie will write each of them a letter of invitation.

The next Board Meeting will be at Kathy Courtney's home at 6 Deepwood Drive on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mary Montague will host the January meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Van Balen Acting Recording Secretary

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING November 19, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rockcastle River Trading Company. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Betsy Bulleit and Kathy Courtney.

Treasurer Mimi Milward presented the following allocations for the Annual Giving Donations:

Arboretum	\$300
Ashland	\$200
Ashland Neighborhood Association	\$15
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100
Fayette Alliance	\$200
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200
McConnell Springs	\$100
Shakertown	\$200
Raven Run	\$200
Total	\$1,515

Mimi announced that an additional \$1,500 has been earmarked for the pending Zone VII Annual meeting, which our club will host in 2013.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the October meeting which were approved as read.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit asked for volunteers to sell our cookbooks and to bake recipes from the books at the Keeneland Christmas Gift Shop on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Martie Mayer noted that everyone will need to help with cookbook sales for the 2010 World Equestrian Games, and Kathy Courtney suggested that it will be important to upgrade our system for collecting payment for the books when they are sold.

Jessica announced the following slate of officers to be voted on at the January Meeting:

President	Barbara Young
First Vice President	Mott Nicol
Second Vice President	Jessica Nicholson
Recording Secretary	Katie Alford
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Bishop
Treasurer	Ellen Chapman
Admissions	Anne Kraus

Awards Conservation Flower Show Garden Project Horticulture Program Bloomin' News **Special Projects** 

Archives Garden History and Design

Assistant Treasurer Founder's Fund

Public Relations/GCA Bulletin Rep

Scholarship Visiting Gardens Garden Party

Garden Party Art

Mary Montague Mimi Milward Kathy Brooks

Brenda Barrett and Jane Stilz

Lucy Foster

Martie Mayer and Lauren Van Balen

Kim DeCamp Kathy Courtney Janie Pappas

Mary Louise Fisher

Meg Sprow Amy Kessinger Elizabeth Schnabel Luanne Milward Ginny May Margaret Cowgill

Martie Mayer

Ginny May announced that Taylor Fister and Philippa Fogg will be welcomed as new members at the Christmas Tea.

Jessica announced that the Christmas Tea will be December 17 at Glenna Graves' home.

Anne Arvin shared a note from a Flower Show judge complimenting our club on an excellent show and generous hospitality, and she noted that we have received many similar notes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to our host at the Rockcastle River Trading Company, Jon Carloftis, who is noted as "Kentucky's Home Grown Garden Guru" and as a well known container garden designer and author of garden books. He escorted us on a tour of the grounds and talked about his new book featuring Kentucky gardens which is now being published and which will include the Ashland garden. He also regaled us with his plan to honor a spur-of-themoment request to decorate for Christmas the enclosed courtyard at the Blair House in Washington. He then treated us to a scrumptious luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

Slate of Officers 2010-2012

President: Barbara Young

1st VP: Mott Nicol

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jessica Nicholson

Recording Secretary: Katie Alford

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Bishop

Treasurer: Ellen Chapman

Admissions: Anne Kraus

Awards: Mary Montague

Conservation: Mimi Milward

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett & Jane Stilz

Horticulture: Lucy Foster

Program: Martie Mayer & Lauren Van Balen

Bloomin' News: Kim DeCamp

Special Projects (Cookbook): Kathy Courtney

Archives: Janie Pappas

Garden History and Design: Mary Louise Fisher

Assistant Treasurer: Meg Sprow

Founder's fund: Amy Kessinger

Public Relations/Bulletin Rep: Elizabeth Schnabel

Scholarship: Luanne Milward

Visiting Gardens: Ginny May

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill (Martie Mayer – Art)

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2009

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 7, 2009 at the home of Kathy Courtney. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 16 members present: Katie Alford, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the November Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Jessica thanked Kathy Courtney for hosting the meeting.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported that our cookbook sales are down. We sold 30,000 this year, while last year, 52,000 were sold and 82,000 the year before. She also reported that our investments are steady and improving compared to last year. The finance committee will meet to discuss paying for various meetings and travel expenses. Mimi asked that Committee Chairmen give her projected or anticipated expenses for the future so that she can include them in the budget. The Garden Operating Account balance is \$9,410.50; the Bluegrass Winners Account balance is 423,872.73; and the Business Basics Checking Account is \$477.15.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Admissions:** There was brief discussion about the By-Laws reference to voting on new members.

**Awards:** Janie Pappas reported that awards will be presented at the March Annual Meeting.

**Garden Project:** Mary Montague and Mary Louise Fisher reported that the roses have not been put to bed yet, and any help would be appreciated. Brenda Barrett will email us to let us know when the work will be done.

**Publication:** Kathy Courtney suggested that the new Chairman write an article on the cookbooks and include photos.

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**Horticulture:** Brenda Barrett reported on the GCA tree project for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Our club has propagated the Kentucky Coffeetree, and we should consider nominating it for a Horticulture Award.

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The next Board Meeting will be January 4<sup>th</sup> at Mary Montague's home, 241 South Hanover Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Van Balen Acting Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING December 17, 2009

The Garden Club of Lexington gathered December 17 at the home of Glenna Graves for the annual Christmas Tea. Lucy Foster and Martie Mayer were co-hostesses. We welcomed our new members Taylor Fister and Philippa Fogg. Glenna's home was beautifully and festively decorated for the holidays, and all enjoyed the lovely setting and the elegant holiday tea. Each guest left with a special feeling of the Christmas celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

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# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING January 4, 2010

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**Treasurer's Report:** Mimi Milward said that she had received \$50,000 from the estate of Mrs. Perkins. It has been deposited in the Harris Trust Bank. Our other accounts are doing fine. There was incomplete information about cookbook sales. Only two people have not yet contributed to the endowment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Callie Keller circulated the membership list for the Directory and asked everyone to check and update. DOB will not be included this time.

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**Admissions:** Ginny May is planning a luncheon for new members. The date is to be decided.

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# JESSICA NICHOLSON GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Each year, as new memberships open up, we welcome new members into our club. This year we invited Callie Keller's daughter, Taylor Fister and Phillipa Fogg. Soon they will have a meeting to learn about the responsibilities and privileges of being an active member of Garden Club of Lexington. I thought this would be a good time for all active members to look these over and renew our commitments as well.

#### An active member:

- 1 Regularly attends monthly meetings.
- 2 Works in Ashland Garden on Wednesdays from spring through fall.
- 3 Hostesses a General Meeting about every 2 years.
- 4 May vote.
- 5 May serve on the Board and is expected to serve when asked, if possible.
- 6 May represent our Club as a delegate to GCA Zone and Annual Meetings when asked.
- 7 Should participate in club projects such as cookbook sales and flower shows.
- 8 May sponsor a candidate for membership after being an Active member for at least 3 years and must wait at least 2 years to sponsor again after sponsoring a candidate who is accepted for membership.
- 9 Enjoys all the benefits of association with Garden Club of America: visitation to Headquarters, Visiting Garden trips and service on a national committee.

## An Affliliate Member:

1 – Must be approved for Affiliate membership by the Board after having met the eligibility requirements which are 1) member of longstanding of GC of

Lexington (15 years); 2) willing participation and service when asked; 3) hostess on a regular basis.

- 2 May attend all meetings and serve as hostess of meetings.
- 3 May attend lectures sponsored by the GC of Lexington or GCA.
- 4 May enjoy the use of Headquarters of GCA.
- 5 Is entitled to exercise the privileges of the Visiting Gardens program of GCA.
- 6 May not vote, hold office, represent the GC of Lexington as a delegate to a GCA Zone or Annual Meeting, or serve on a national committee.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING January 21, 2010

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Wende Bell, Marcia Slabaugh, and Benny Williams.

Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the November and December meetings which were approved as read.

Jane Stilz circulated a list of members to be used for the Directory and asked each member to check her information.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CONSERVATION: Kim DeCamp reported that she will go to Washington next month for the Legislative meeting and thanked the club for sending her. She will report on the experience at the March meeting.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise Fisher announced that the new chairmen will be changing garden parterre assignments and suggested that anyone who wishes to continue with her present assignment should let the chairmen know.

HORTICULTURE: Brenda Barrett reported that a committee including Lauren Van Balen, Lucy Foster, Jessica Nicholson, and Elizabeth Schnabel will be taking Kentucky Coffeetree seeds and seed pods to schools in the area. The first school will be Veterans Park Elementary, where they will take seeds to 120 fourth graders. Brenda recommended the book <u>Bringing Nature Home</u>, which she noted was an eye-opening book describing the relationship between what we are planting in our gardens and the demise of some wildlife.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Kathy Courtney is sending information to the "GCA Bulletin" noting our Kentucky Coffeetree project.

VISITING GARDENS: Kathy Brooks announced that GCA is sponsoring a garden trip to Italy on September 19-30.

PROGRAM: Wende Bell reminded that there will be no February meeting. The Annual Meeting will be March 18 at the Idle Hour Country Club.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica presented the following slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee:

President

First Vice President Second Vice President Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer
Admissions
Awards
Conservation
Flower Show
Garden Project

Horticulture Program Bloomin' News

Bloomin' News Special Projects Archives

Garden History and Design

Assistant Treasurer Founder's Fund

Public Relations/GCA Bulletin Rep

Scholarship Visiting Gardens Garden Party

Garden Party Art

Barbara Young

Mott Nicol

Jessica Nicholson

Katie Alford

Nancy Bishop

Ellen Chapman

Anne Kraus

Mary Montague

Mimi Milward

Kathy Brooks

Brenda Barrett and Jane Stilz

Lucy Foster

Martie Mayer and Lauren Van Balen

Kim DeCamp Kathy Courtney Janie Pappas Mary Louise Fisher

Meg Sprow
Amy Kessinger
Elizabeth Schnabel
Luanne Milward

Ginny May

Margaret Cowgill Martie Mayer

Kim DeCamp made a motion to accept the slate as presented by the nomination committee. Martie Mayer seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the slate was accepted as presented.

Martie Mayer presented the following 2010 Founder's Fund Award Finalists:

Train + Trees: Restoring New Haven's Urban Canopy, New Haven, CT, Zone II, proposed by The Garden Club of New Haven, seconded by The Litchfield Garden Club.

Planting Native Trees at Storm King Wavefield, Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY, Zone III, proposed by Ulster Garden Club, seconded by Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties.

The Urban Farm and Produce Stand, Wilmington, DE, Zone V, proposed by Garden Club of Wilmington, seconded by West Chester Garden Club of PA.

A written vote was taken by the membership to determine our Club's vote. Martie reported that The Urban Farm and Produce Stand was the Club's choice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Wende Bell, who introduced our interesting, informative and entertaining speaker,

Dewey Hollister, who gave a slide presentation of his trip to Ecuador, the land of eternal spring, with its many species of flowers. He left copies of the English magazine, "Country Life," and joined us with his wife Lisa for a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

Recording Secretary



# 2010 FOUNDERS FUND AWARD FINALISTS

~ Vote for One ~

To be voted on by each and every GCA clubs' members.

Each club's results are due to GCA Headquarters no later than April 1, 2010.

The award of \$25,0000 will be presented to the winner at the Annual Meeting in New Brunswick, NJ, May 14, 2010. Runners-up will receive \$7,500 each.

# Training + Trees: Restoring New Haven's Urban Canopy New Haven, CT Zone II Proposed by The Garden Club of New Haven Seconded by The Litchfield Garden Club

The objective is to plant 1,000 trees in New Haven in 2010, where approximately 500 trees are lost per year. The Founders Fund Award would provide salaries for a GreenSkills Manager who will oversee the program and its expansion, for Yale Forestry Graduate Students skilled in species selection who will conduct the training, and for stipends for apprentices and high school students. An at-risk population will be stabilized and the tree canopy will be restored, greatly enhancing the urban community as well as improving the beauty and health of the environment.

# Planting Native Trees at Storm King Wavefield Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY Zone III Proposed by Ulster Garden Club Seconded by Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties

This project combines issues of conservation and horticulture with the opportunity to participate in the completion of an earthwork sculpture – *Wavefield* - by the acclaimed artist and environmentalist Maya Lin, designer of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, DC. The 11-acre *Wavefield* is comprised of 7 monumental rows of undulating hills evoking 15' ocean waves. The Founders Fund Award would provide for the purchase and planting of trees to transform a bare field overlooking the *Wavefield* into a forest canopy. All trees will be native to New York and appropriate to the upland site.

# The Urban Farm and Produce Stand Wilmington, DE Zone V Proposed by Garden Club of Wilmington Seconded by West Chester Garden Club of PA

In its first year (2009), the urban farm provided the opportunity for 13 families, bridging 3 generations, to grow and harvest their own fresh organic produce. The produce stand is managed by *Camp Fresh* innercity youth who are community spokespeople for healthy lifestyle choices. The Founders Fund Award would provide essential dedicated resources for staff and volunteers to expand food production by building more raised beds to involve more families, to build a hoophouse to extend the growing season and enable farmers to start their own seedlings, to build a tool shed and to develop a business plan for the farm's produce stand.

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING March 1, 2010

The Joint Boards of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, March 1, 2010 at the home of Jessica Nicholson. Jessica presided and called the meeting to order. There were 22 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Brooks, Ellen Chapman, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Lucy Foster, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Elizabeth Schnabel, Jane Stilz, Lauren Van Balen, and Benny Williams.

Jessica welcomed the new Board Members.

The minutes of the January Board meeting which were circulated via email were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported that Annual Financial Statement will be presented at the March meeting. She is working with the new Finance Chairman to transfer the books. Our club has received the \$50,000 bequeath from the Velma Perkins estate, which was earmarked for a botany scholarship. Barbara Young is conferring with the GCA Scholarship Committee to confirm that the scholarship will include the term "botany" in order to honor the intent of the bequeath.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** Janie Pappas announced there are awards which will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported that she and Mimi Milward attended the GCA Legislative Meeting in Washington in February. She thanked the Board for sending them to the meeting which brought them up to date on conservation issues that come before the Legislature and gave them the opportunity to meet with Senator Mitch McConnell and Representatives Ben Chandler and John Yarmuth. More than 300 GCA members attended the meeting. Kim will give an in depth report at the Annual meeting.

Flower Show: Jessica shared the GCA Evaluation of our Flower Show. The mainly positive evaluation complimented most aspects of the show and concluded by saying that our show had entered the "Winner's Circle of Flower Shows."

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett presented Jim McFarland's proposal for trimming, fertilization, and care of the garden for the coming year. There was an increase in the cost, over \$1,000, from last year, primarily for the boxwood trimming. Mary Montague commented that Jim has been very cooperative and always concerned about doing the job well. It was decided to ask him to continue. Brenda and Jane Stilz will meet with the heads of the parterres on Wednesday, March 3 at 9:00 at Jane's home. Brenda proposed establishing "Refreshment Captains" for each week to provide the refreshments for the workers in the garden.

Program: The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 18.

**Special Project:** Benny Williams announced that Bluegrass Winners is now on Facebook. Specific dishes from the cookbooks will be recommended for each season and for various occasions, and the site will include blurbs on what is going on in the garden. The goal will be to encourage the use of our cookbooks.

**Public Relations:** Kathy Courtney reported that articles from our club will be appearing in "The GCA Bulletin."

**Visiting Gardens:** Kathy Brooks urged the members to support the Blue Grass Trust Antiques and Garden Show on March 12-14. The speakers will be Charles Faufree, a noted interior designer and Sumpter Priddy, a dealer and scholar on Southern antique furniture.

## **New Business:**

Jessica read a note of resignation from Mo Ethington. Nancy Bishop moved that we accept her resignation with regret. The motion passed.

Jessica also read a note from Linda Carey requesting a change of status from Active Member to Affiliate. Callie Keller moved that we accept her change of status as requested. The motion passed.

Janie Pappas announced that the Ashland Foundation has again asked to have access to the garden for a dinner to be offered at their auction for their Garden Party on June 19. Ellen Chapman made a motion that we honor their request and allow permission to use the garden. Kim seconded. The motion passed.

Jessica asked that the past chairmen pass along all pertinent information to the new chairmen.

Anne Kraus offered congratulations and commendations to our members who designed floral arrangements for Art in Bloom. Sarah Davis organized the design committee, and she and our members Jessica Nicholson, Leslie Baldwin, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Kathy Brooks, Amy Kessinger and Ellen Chapman contributed arrangements for the event. All received accolades and commendations for their designs.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 5.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin

Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING April 5, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, April 5, 2010 at the home of Nancy Bishop. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were twenty members present: Barbara Young, Mary Louise Fisher, Brenda Barrett, Nancy Bishop, Mott Nicol, Kathy Brooks, Jane Stilz, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Amy Kessinger, Mimi Milward, Elizabeth Schnabel, Ginny May, Anne Krauss, Lauren Van Balen, Lucy Foster, Kim DeCamp, Jessica Nicholson, Ellen Chapman, and Katie Alford. The minutes from the March board meeting were approved. Barbara thanked Nancy for hosting the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Chapman reported balances of \$5,537.89 in the Garden account, \$3,577.15 in the Dues account, and \$26,220.43 in the <u>Bluegrass Winners</u> account. The cookbook account is down but that is expected with lower book sales after the initial distribution of <u>Entertaining With Bluegrass Winners.</u> Maintaining Ashland Garden requires approximately \$20,000 annually and this is provided from our cookbook account.

Ellen and Mimi Milward met with our Merrill Lynch financial advisor, Fred Keller, to discuss our accounts.

Kim Lake, <u>Bluegrass Winners</u> office manager, needs someone available on Tuesdays to sign checks. Barbara will sign signature card at Fifth-Third Bank and she reminded the treasurer that she is responsible for sending memorial contribution notification letters to appropriate people.

**Corresponding Secretary**: Nancy Bishop will send a note to Martie Mayer expressing sympathy on the death of her father. She circulated a sign-up list for board meeting hostesses.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus reminded us of the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for membership status changes.

Conservation: Mimi Milward reported that the compost pile at the Garden has been tilled and needs to be used. A center divider is in place allowing the right side of the pile to contain ready to use compost and the left side holds fresh green material not yet composted. It was suggested that educational signs be installed on the compost pile.

Flower Show: Jessica encouraged us to become more involved with the photography classes in Garden Club flower shows. It is a relatively easy way to submit more entries and everyone appreciated the idea that we might have an instructional club program on photography.

There will be a flower show at this year's zone meeting September 22 in Richmond, Va. It was suggested we have a flower show at the 2013 Zone meeting we will host. **Garden Project:** Brenda Barrett circulated sign-up lists for peony bed workers and for Wednesday garden refreshments. Work will begin in the peony beds for everyone on

April 7<sup>th</sup>. Work in parterres will begin April 14<sup>th</sup>. Brenda encouraged everyone to arrive at the Garden at 9:15 for an educational time of "Share and Learn".

**Horticulture:** Lucy Foster will invite her friends who are nursery owners and professional gardeners to drop by Ashland Garden on Wednesdays to answer our questions and give advice.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen announced the next meeting to be a wildflower walk April 15<sup>th</sup> at Floracliff Nature Sanctuary on Cedarcreek Lane. Hostesses are Kathy Brooks and Ginny May.

May 20<sup>th</sup>: E. Stephen Hein Florist – dried flower arranging demonstration 6:00 p.m.

June 17<sup>th</sup> : Gardens of Liberty Hall – Frankfort,Ky

July 15<sup>th</sup>: Jon Carloftis – Ashland Garden

September: possibly combined with working in garden to ready for World Equestrian Games- date undetermined

October 21st: Chip Calloway, nationally recognized landscape architect

Suggestions were to invite Glenview, Paducah, and Kanawha Garden Clubs and to look into Shakertown as a possible venue for this important speaker's engagement.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill asked for the date for this year's party and

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> was selected. Proceeds from last year's party were significantly down due to lower attendance. Expanding the guest list was discussed and it was decided to keep the focus of the party as it is, for "friends of the garden", at this time. There was a suggestion to raise the price for attending.

**Archives of American Garden History and Design:** Mott Nicol suggested researching Libby Brown's garden as a possible project.

**Public Relations:** Elizabeth Schnabel and Lauren Van Balen have organized planting Kentucky Coffee tree seeds with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Veterans Park Elementary, Sayre School, and The Lexington School. Elizabeth will photograph and document these projects for an article for the GCA Bulletin.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward suggested we pursue having a scholarship meeting when possible.

**Visiting Gardens:** Kathy Brooks announced the historic Anchorage, Ky Garden Tour on June 12-13 and offered brochures of this event.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Having had no contact from vice-mayor Jim Gray's office, it was felt we have no obligation to host an event for the World Equestrian Games this fall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Jessica has been contacted for our dates for the 2013 Zone meeting to be approved by GCA headquarters. Suggested dates are Sept.15-18, 22-25, or Sept.29-Oct.2.

-Members of the 2013 Zone Meeting planning committee are:

Chair -Jessica Nicholson, Barbara Young, Mott Nicol, Ellen Chapman, and Lauren Van Balen.

The next board meeting will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Katie Alford's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING April 15, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, April 15 at Floracliff Nature Sanctuary, a Kentucky state nature preserve in Fayette County. Beverly James, the preserve manager, led us on an informative wildflower hike to the stream. Afterward we enjoyed a brown bag lunch in the preserve's late 1700's log cabin.

President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 11:45 and thanked the hostesses, Ginny May and Kathy Brooks. The March meeting minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported a dues account balance of \$5,562.68. Assistant treasurer Meg Sprow reported there are 16 members who need to pay dues by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney reported cookbook sales among members are down. She will have cases of cookbooks with her at all times and encouraged members to purchase Entertaining With Bluegrass Winners for \$19.00 a book and the original Bluegrass Winners for \$14.00 a book. Marketing postcards will be available for members to give businesses along with a cookbook. This simple way for a business to order books by filling out the card and dropping it in the mail was planned to improve sales.

We have been contacted about having a booth for cookbook sales at a May 15<sup>th</sup> city fair near Louisville. Kim Lake, cookbook office manager, can be hired to work this event.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen announced the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at Stephen Hein Florist at 6:00 p.m. for a dried flower arranging demonstration. Our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Liberty Hall in Frankfort, Kentucky.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Barbara has received the Zone VII September meeting brochure and flower show schedule. Each club has to submit at least 1 photography entry and she encouraged us to consider this opportunity. Schedules were given to those interested. We will have horticulture entries and Kathy Brooks, flower show chairman, and her committee will discuss ideas for floral arrangement entries. Leslie Baldwin will attend the September meeting with Barbara as our delegate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MMEETING May 3, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 3, 2010 at the home of Katie Alford. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked Katie for hosting the meeting. There were 22 members present: Barbara Young, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Brenda Barrett, Kim DeCamp, Kathy Courtney, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Ginny May, Jane Stilz, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Janie Pappas, Mary Louise Fisher, Lauren Van Balen, Elizabeth Schnabel, Margaret Cowgill, Amy Kessinger, Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Meg Sprow, and Katie Alford. The minutes from the April board meeting were approved as emailed.

**Treasurer:** Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances: Garden-\$2,281.24; Bluegrass Winners- \$27,577.29; Dues - \$5,877.15.

**Second Vice President:** Jessica Nicholson informed us that our zone chairman is to be invited to one of our general meetings. She also provided membership information forms for those who have not yet completed one.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nancy Bishop circulated a sign-up sheet for board meeting hostesses. The July board meeting is rescheduled for July 12th and the September board meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Reminders for monthly board meetings will now be sent in e-mail instead of postcards.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Ginny May made a motion to accept Carol Jackson's request for membership status change to affiliate. Jessica Nicholson seconded the motion and it was passed.

**Conservation**: A discussion was held about our club's conservation efforts. Our main project is maintaining the garden and peony beds at the Ashland Estate. We also identify and protect the endangered Running Buffalo Clover on the Ashland grounds, as well as work to eliminate the invasive euonymous in the garden.

Garden Project: Jane Stilz made a plea to please refrain from putting anything other than garden waste in the bin labeled "Yard Waste" – no string, latex gloves, etc. There is a trash bin for what has not been cut, pulled or cleared from the garden.

The euonymous under the taxus hedge needs to be eliminated and this could be a project for the Boy Scouts.

**Program:** The May 20<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be at Stephen Hein Florist at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Janie Pappas and Elizabeth Schnabel.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney reported cookbook sales as follows: January - \$1776, February- \$206, and March- \$3200. She stressed the importance of every club member purchasing the books to give as gifts and to give to businesses for publicity. A case of cookbooks, 5 of each edition, can be purchased from her for \$150.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Jessica has submitted the dates Sunday, September 29- Tuesday, October 2 (leaving on Wednesday, October 3) for our 2013 Zone VII meeting in Lexington. She is waiting for approval from the GCA Executive Committee.

- Barbara has the schedule for the September 2010 Zone VII meeting flower show in Richmond, VA. She encouraged us to enter the photography classes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Barbara asked for an interested member to serve as our club's "photography contact" to the zone photography program chairman (under the Flower Show Committee). Ginny May volunteered to serve in this capacity.

The next board meeting will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at Jane Stilz's home. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON **GENERAL MEETING** May 20, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, May 20 at Stephen Hein Florist at 6:00 p.m. Delicious appetizers from Entertaining With Bluegrass Winners were enjoyed during the evening. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 6:20 and thanked Steve Hein, Janie Pappas, and Elizabeth Schnabel for hosting the meeting.

Recording secretary Katie Alford suggested that general meeting minutes be emailed to members and not read at each meeting. Corrections to the minutes should be emailed to the secretary and will be noted at the next meeting. It was agreed to disperse minutes in this manner. Anyone may request a mailed copy of the minutes if she wishes.

Treasurer: Mimi Milward gave the treasurer's report for Ellen Chapman. She reported the following account balances: Garden -\$2,686.14; Bluegrass Winners -\$27,703.15; Dues - \$7,377.15. Mimi asked that everyone turn in receipts for garden expenses to Ellen. It is very important that "in kind" donation receipts also be given to Ellen. We need a complete record of garden expenses -both donations and reimbursements.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Admissions: Anne Kraus is accepting admission applications until the deadline of August 28. The deadline for change of membership status is June 1.

Conservation: Mimi Milward informed us that a list of what is acceptable in the compost bin is posted at the garden. She also has available a list of the most important vegetables to buy organically.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks announced that each member will bring a flower arrangement to the July 15th meeting at Ashland Garden with Jon Carloftis. The theme will be "Out of Our Sheds". She encouraged us to be very creative using a container related to gardening - watering cans, pots, garden shoes, etc. We will be inviting guests to this meeting.

Program: Martie Mayer announced the June meeting at Liberty Hall in Frankfort, hosted by Joy Hinkle and Sarah Davis. Anne Gay, Celeste Neuman, and Anne Kraus volunteered to hostess the July meeting..

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney reminded us of our responsibility to sell and promote our cookbooks. She encouraged everyone to buy a cookbook to give to a retailer along with the new brochure that includes a perforated postcard for placing an order. Cookbooks can be purchased from Kathy in the garden on Wednesdays. Garden: Brenda Barrett passed sign-up sheets for the peony bed work days and for

garden refreshments.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Barbara has schedules for the September zone meeting flower show in Richmond , Va. The photography entry deadline is July 22 but some classes will fill before then.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jane Stilz expressed her thanks for being sent as a delegate to the annual meeting in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She and Barbara found the meeting very informative and gained many ideas for our club to consider in planning the 2013 zone meeting in Lexington.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Following the meeting, Steve Hein gave a very informative demonstration of how to dry flowers using silica sand. He created a beautiful arrangement using some of his dried blooms and a variety of foliage. Everyone enjoyed his creative presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING June 7, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, June 7, 2010 at the home of Jane Stilz. First Vice-President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked Jane for hosting our meeting. Members present were Ellen Chapman, Anne Kraus, Kathy Courtney, Meg Sprow, Janie Pappas, Brenda Barrett, Lauren Van Balen, Nancy Bishop, Jane Stilz, Amy Kessinger, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Kathy Brooks, Luanne Milward, Margaret Cowgill, and Katie Alford.

The minutes of the May board meeting were approved as emailed.

**Treasurer:** Ellen Chapman reported that funds have been transferred to our Garden account giving us a balance of \$12,397.91 to cover expenses for brick work in Ashland garden. She also reminded us of the importance of reporting all Garden Club related expenses including garden (plants,etc.), travel, garden party donations, etc. with receipts or notes for in kind gifts. These are pertinent documentation for our 501 C-3 tax status.

Letters were read from two active members, Glenna Graves and Kathy Brewer, requesting changes in membership status from active to affiliate member. The motion to accept each request was made, seconded, and passed. A discussion followed about the apparent change in our club's policy from previously when a resigned member was asked, as an honor, to become an affiliate member, to the present practice of a member requesting to have her membership status changed from active to affiliate member.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus encouraged us to propose candidates for Garden Club membership. She advised us of the responsibilities and requirements of membership. All proposals are to be made confidentially. The deadline for proposals is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:** Ellen Chapman reported that the finance committee has met with Lyndie Carns and planned for a restricted endowment fund that will fund activities such as travel to Garden Club meetings and community education efforts.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks reported that her committee has planned a club flower show for the July 15 meeting at Ashland Garden. The theme is "Out of Our Garden Sheds", to be carried out with the incorporation of garden tools, flower pots, etc. in our creative arrangements.

**Garden Project:** Brenda Barrett asked us to take a critical look at the hornbeam hedges in the garden. The trees are in decline and it costs over \$1,000 annually to maintain them. We can continue this expense or we can remove them and develop a new plan for that area.

The brick repair work in the garden should be finished soon.

Horticulture: We need 3 horticulture entries for the Zone meeting in September.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen announced the June17 meeting will be at Liberty Hall in Frankfort, Ky., July 15 meeting will be with Jon Carloftis at Ashland Garden, and the September meeting will be Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> combined with work in the garden. This will be in preparation for our Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> "Friends of the Garden" party.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney reported cookbook sales of \$3628.32 in April. They were down \$1300 in May.

Brad Cowgill would like to sublease our cookbook office space at times other than Tuesdays when our cookbook office manager, Kim Lake, is there.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward reported she will read the bios of two area students who have won GCA scholarships at our next general meeting.

**Garden Party:** Margaret Cowgill asked that anyone wishing to add a name to the invitation list for our garden party, please give the name and address to her.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mott Nicol will discuss with publicity chairman, Elizabeth Schnabel, ideas for an informative presentation of the garden club's contribution of maintaining Ashland garden and our appreciation of financial assistance in this endeavor. This would be displayed at our "Friends of the Garden" party in September.

It was suggested we increase our membership annual club dues.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING JUNE 17, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met on June 17, 2010, at the Liberty Hall Historic Site in Frankfort, Kentucky at 10:30 a.m. After a wonderful guided tour of the Liberty Hall garden, Barbara Young called the meeting to order on the porch of the Orlando Brown House. The minutes were approved as read via e-mail. Barbara thanked hostesses Sarah Davis and Joy Hinkle.

The treasurer's report provided an estimated balance of \$12,000. Please turn in all garden expense receipts to Ellen Chapman.

Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Bishop, reported a change of membership status from active to affiliate for Kathy Brewer and Glenna Graves.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Admissions: Anne Kraus said that the admissions deadline is Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has been a sponsor for a candidate who was elected to membership within the last three years is not eligible to propose a candidate this year (see By-laws Sec. 3.c.) This includes Jessica Nicholson and Katie Alford. Anne urged everyone to think of possible candidates for admission to membership!!

**Flower Show**: Kathy Brooks asked everyone to bring an arrangement to the July15th meeting which will be a picnic at Ashland Garden. The theme for the flower show is "Out of Our Sheds". Arrangements can be done using watering cans, garden shoes, etc. Jon Carloftis will speak and introduce his new book.

**Garden Project:** Brenda Barrett said that the brick work will be completed by tomorrow. She thanked our finance committee as well as the GCL members for their commitment to this project.

**Horticulture:** The peonies have had a fungal disease that spreads easily. Lucy Foster is diligently working on this problem. The Snap Shot used to control the weeds in the peony bed has worked well.

Garden Party: The "Friends of the Garden" party will be Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

Bring a friend to the July meeting. The 2013 GCA Zone meeting will be in Lexington October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are in the early planning stages. Registration will be \$175. Paducah, Ky hosted the meeting last year and 76 people attended and \$30,000 was spent.

Barbara again urged us to think about possible candidates for membership. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A delicious box luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kraus, Acting Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING JULY 7, 2010

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, July 7, 2010 at the home of President Barbara Young. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. and Barbara thanked everyone for coming early. The minutes from the June board meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer, Ellen Chapman, reported a balance of \$765.35 in the business checking account before the transfer of additional funds.

Jessica Nicholson reported GCA Executive Committee approval of the dates October 1 & 2, 2013 for the GCA zone meeting to be hosted by our Club in Lexington.

Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Bishop, reported the resignation of GCL affiliate member Dorothy Wachs. Her resignation was accepted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus encouraged everyone to thoughtfully propose candidates for GCL membership and reminded everyone of the August 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. All proposals are confidential.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks encouraged everyone to participate in the July 15<sup>th</sup> club flower show at the meeting in Ashland Garden. The "Out of Our Garden Sheds" theme should inspire some very original creations. Arrangements should be accompanied by a card listing the plant materials used.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward read the bios of two new GCA scholarship recipients. **Garden Project:** Brenda Barrett asked that everyone avoid blocking the sprinkler heads when placing new plants in their parterre. The brick work is complete.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen and Martie Mayer announced the July 15th meeting at Ashland Garden with Jon Carloftis. Members may invite a friend to attend. Jon has invited us to have coffee at his home, 155 Chenault Road, and view his garden that day from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

The September meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, in the garden following an important work day preparing for the Friends of the Garden Party on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should be in the garden at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11:00. The October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will now feature a presentation on organic farming by Elmwood Farm. Chip Calloway would charge \$6,000 to provide a program and is not an option for our meeting.

The November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be flower arranging and the Christmas Tea will be December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Publication:** Kim DeCamp asked that we spread the word for anyone who wants to receive a mailed copy of The Bloomin News to contact Kim.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney reported that cookbook sales are slightly up. The new publicity/order forms developed by Benny Williams are now ready.

**Garden Party:** Margaret Cowgill reported there might be Plein Air artists painting in the garden this Wednesday. Five members of this artists' organization have each donated a painting to the Garden Party silent auction.

The next Board meeting will be at 9:30a.m., Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at Jessica Nicholson's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Chapman, Acting Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING JULY 15, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 15 at Ashland Garden for a picnic in the garden and flower show. Guests were invited to join us for the meeting and lunch. Members participated in an in-club flower show with the theme, "Out of Our Garden Sheds". There were many wonderful arrangements exhibiting creativity and originality.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Young at 10:45 a.m. Barbara thanked our hostesses, Anne Gay, Anne Kraus, and Celeste Neuman, and welcomed our guests, each of whom was introduced by her hostess. Approval of the June minutes was suspended to next month due to email complications.

Janie Pappas surprised two guests, Dick DeCamp and Lucy Graddy Smith, with the presentation to each of a Garden Club of America award. Mr. DeCamp was awarded a GCA nonmember Club Civic Improvement Commendation for a lifetime of dedicated service to improving life in Lexington and central Kentucky in countless areas, including historic preservation. Lucy Graddy Smith received a GCA nonmember Club Historic Preservation commendation for painstaking restoration and maintenance of an historically significant family garden, "Welcome Hall". This garden is documented and archived by GCA at the Smithsonian Museum. Interestingly, Lucy's grandmother also received this award from GCA.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney displayed the new tri-fold cookbook publicity/order form. She suggested that each member buy a cookbook to give to a retail business along with the new order form. We must work more diligently on cookbook sales.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks commended all members who created an arrangement "out of their garden shed". There was a strong display of talent and creative detail among the arrangements.

**Horticulture:** Lucy Foster offered schedules for the September zone meeting flower show to anyone interested. Our club must have three horticulture entries.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward announced there are two recipients of GCA scholarships in Louisville, Ky. She read the bio of a Grosscup Scholarship recipient, Micah Stephens. **Garden Party:** Margaret Cowgill provided a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide food for the Garden Party on September 9<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and program co-chair, Lauren Van Balen, introduced her long-time friend, Jon Carloftis, our speaker. His new book, <u>Kentucky Gardens</u>, which includes our project, Ashland Garden, was the topic of Jon's entertaining talk. His delightful presentation was filled with good advice and a generous dose of humor. In addition to discussing the production and purpose of his book, Jon also encouraged us to visit his "garden" built on a parking lot for the upcoming Alltech World Equestrian Games at the Lexington Horse Park.

Following the program, a delicious picnic lunch was provided by our hostesses.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. in the garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING August 30, 2010 (September Meeting)

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jessica Nicholson. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked Jessica for hosting the meeting. Members present were Barbara Young, Mott Nicol, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Nancy Bishop, Anne Kraus, Janie Pappas, Mary Louise Fisher, Kathy Brooks, Mary Montague, Lucy Foster, Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Ellen Chapman, Jane Stilz, Jessica Nicholson, and Katie Alford. The minutes from the July board meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following balances: Garden - \$4,928.15; Cookbook - \$16,236.85; Dues Checking - \$2,154.20. GCL has received \$2,000 from the estate of GCL member Harriett Holladay for the maintenance and improvement of the Ashland Garden.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus read the guidelines for GCL membership. She reminded us that only officers and standing committee chairmen who have been present at the September (Aug.30<sup>th</sup>) or October board meetings will vote on new members. The vote will be taken at the November meeting with no proxy votes. Anne and Nancy Bishop read the candidate proposal forms. Letters of recommendation were also read followed by discussion.

**Flower Show:** Barbara Young thanked Kathy Brooks for a wonderful July flower show at our meeting in Ashland Garden. Kathy said that Joy Hinkle, Sarah Davis, and Leslie Baldwin will do flower arrangements for the Garden Party. They need one more volunteer. Leslie Baldwin will enter a floral arrangement in the September zone meeting flower show.

**Garden Project:** Jane Stilz asked everyone to come to the garden early on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> to have time to work before our general meeting. Brenda Barrett has catalogs of bulbs for everyone to select for their parterres.

**Horticulture:** Lucy Foster will coordinate 3 horticulture entries for the Sept. zone meeting.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen reminded us of the September meeting on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the garden. Barbara Young said we need to invite Mary Denny, Zone VII chairman, to a meeting, possibly inviting Louisville and Paducah to the same meeting. Sybil Sylvester, a Birmingham, Al floral designer, was suggested as a possible program speaker. We need to have a conservation speaker for one program and also include a scholarship recipient speaker at a meeting.

**Special Projects:** We hope our cookbooks are going to be sold in the LV Harkness VIP tent at the World Equestrian Games.

**Archives of American Garden History and Design:** Mary Louise Fisher is working on a garden to submit.

**Garden Party:** Martie Mayer said we need 100% member participation in the garden party. Members may attend, provide food, and/or make a donation for the purchase of tenderloins.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Barbara Young reported that our club's annual dues are among the lowest in Garden Club of America. She suggested that the Finance committee consider a recommendation that we raise our dues from \$100 to \$125.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Barbara informed us that an independent feature film crew spent a day in Ashland garden filming a scene for a movie, "Hitting the Cycle", about the life of Cotton Nash's son, a baseball player. After looking at many gardens, our garden was chosen, in part, because of its' "texture".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at Margaret Cowgill's home, beginning earlier at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING September 8, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met Wednesday, September 8, at Ashland Garden. Following work in the garden, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Barbara Young. She thanked our hostesses, Jane Stilz and Brenda Barrett for providing a delicious bag lunch. The minutes from the June and July meetings were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman, reported account balances as follows: Cookbook-\$18,339.71; Garden - \$4,928.15; Business (Dues) - \$2,154.20.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus stressed the importance of confidentiality in the admissions process.

**Flower Show:** Barbara thanked Kathy Brooks for a very successful July meeting. She also reminded that Leslie Baldwin will enter an arrangement at the Zone meeting in Richmond later this month.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett thanked club members for all their hard work in the garden this year and encouraged us to remain faithful on Wednesdays until the end of October. The garden will be put to bed throughout the month as it fades. This is a good time to completely eliminate plants on our "hit list". Brenda took us on a little historical garden walk down memory lane. We went from the design of the garden by Henry Kenny from Cincinnati to its dedication in 1950 to the peony beds being established in 1986. It was very informative. Brenda also gave a heartfelt "thank you" to Mary Warren, our employed gardener.

**Horticulture:** Barbara Young read the list of horticulture classes for the Zone VII Flower Show and Lucy Foster asked for volunteers to submit entries. Entries should be taken to Barbara's house on September 20<sup>th</sup> with a card giving the botanical and common names, length of ownership, and method of propagation. Contact Lucy if you need a schedule.

**Program:** Martie Mayer and Lauren Van Balen are working on the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to be at Elmwood Stock Farm focusing on organic gardening.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney said our cookbooks will be sold at the LVHarkness shop in the Maker's Mark tent at the Alltech World Equestrian Games.

**Garden Party:** Margaret Cowgill reported 160 acceptances to our "Friends of the Garden" party tomorrow night. She also thanked everyone for donations of food, flowers, and dollars to make this a success.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Elizabeth Schnabel collected order forms for the GCA Centennial Celebration daffodil bulbs. They are \$15 for 10 bulbs. She will place the order.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Barbara informed everyone that an independent feature film crew spent a day in Ashland Garden filming a scene for the movie, "Hitting the Cycle", about the life of Cotton Nash's son, a baseball player. After looking at many gardens, our garden was chosen, in part, because of its' "texture".

Barbara asked that our finance committee meet to recommend whether or not we should raise our club dues. We are below the national club average and did not increase our local dues when national increased dues four years ago. Our dues account pays for speakers and travel expenses to Garden Club meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup> at Elmwood Stock Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING October 4, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Margaret Cowgill. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Barbara Young, Margaret Cowgill, Ginny May, Kathy Courtney, Brenda Barrett, Anne Kraus, Nancy Bishop, Jane Stilz, Lauren Van Balen, Lucy Foster, Mott Nicol, Luanne Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, Amy Kessinger, Kim DeCamp, Betsy Brooks, Jessica Nicholson, Meg Sprow, Martie Mayer, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the September board meeting were approved as emailed.

Barbara reported for the treasurer the following account balances: Garden - \$14,297.13; Business (Dues) - \$2,154.20; Cookbook - \$19,464.64

The "Friends of the Garden" Party was very successful and Barbara thanked Margaret Cowgill for the excellent job she did organizing the event. Expenses were down from last year and donations increased.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus informed us of voting procedures for electing our new members at the November meeting. She provided a handout clarifying how the vote will be taken according to our bylaws. Membership applications were reviewed followed by discussion.

**Conservation:** Barbara reported on the topic "Four Seasons of Green" from the Zone meeting in Richmond. She stressed the need for our club to develop simple ways to be more involved in conservation efforts.

Finance: Barbara reported the following from the finance committee meeting:

- -The Harriett Holladay bequest of \$2000 will be used for a permanent enhancement of Ashland Garden in her memory. One suggestion is new wooden benches.
- The committee is working on a budget for 2011.
- -The annual earnings of approximately \$1300 from the Gertrude Perkins Scholarship Fund will be gifted to GCA to enhance an existing botany scholarship.
- -The committee recommends that GCL raise annual dues from \$100 to \$150. Jessica Nicholson made a motion that GCL raise dues to \$150. Ginny May seconded the motion and it was passed by the board. This motion will be voted on by the membership at the October meeting.

Archives of American Garden History and Design: Mary Louise Fisher reported that Libby and Norman Brown's garden will be documented for proposal to GCA. She will photograph the garden in four seasons as part of the project.

**Public Relations:** Barbara reported that Elizabeth Schnabel was given high praise by zone officers for her submissions of our club's activities. These will be published in the future.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward informed us that GCA Scholarship recipient Tara Trammell from the University of Louisville will speak to our club at the November meeting about her field of study, urban forestry.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen announced the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at Elmwood Stock Farm in Georgetown, Ky. and the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with floral designer Patrick Howard at Idle Hour Country Club. The Christmas Tea will be December 16<sup>th</sup> and the January program will be Knox Van Nagel Fister of the Fayette Alliance.

For the December meeting, Kathy Brooks suggested we each bring an arrangement in a tea cup, preferably one that can be given away.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett urged us to continue coming to the garden until bulb day on October 27th. November 3rd is the rain date for planting bulbs. We need to decide what to do with the 60 year old hornbeam hedge that requires \$1000 annual maintenance. The docents at Ashland Estate would like a list of plants in the garden. It was suggested we might provide this in the form of a handout.

Horticulture: The following flower show awards were won by GCL members at the GCA Zone VII meeting: Flowers/Horticulture: Kathy Brooks – red ribbon for Herb Collection; Lucy Foster – red ribbon for Sedum Collection and yellow ribbon for Fern Collection; Nancy Bishop – blue ribbons for 2 roses: Voodoo- an impressive 96% score and Peace – 90% score and yellow ribbon for Gruss an Aachen. Janie Pappas – blue ribbon for Kentucky Coffee Tree; Barbara Young – blue ribbon for Hydrangea, Endless Summer, Blushing Bride; Leslie Baldwin – yellow ribbon for flower arrangement, "Go Green". Congratulations to all!

Photography: Kim DeCamp – blue ribbon, Best in Show and Novice award photograph of the rooftop garden of Louisville restaurant, "21C"; Barbara Young – yellow ribbon for photograph of interesting bark.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney reported that cookbook office manager Kim Lake has contacted all retail sites selling the cookbooks. In the last four months we have sold 430 copies of Bluegrass Winners and 395 copies of Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners. Those numbers are close to the same as our sales in the previous seven months. Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks informed us of the Historic Garden Tour in Virginia dates of April 16-23, 2011. This is a wonderful garden tour.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Barbara reported that the Zone VII judging representative, Miranda Hunter, has asked our club to select a judging chairman. Jessica Nicholson volunteered to assume this responsibility. Anyone interested in joining the GCA judging program should let Barbara or Jessica know.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance to Central Park project has been selected as the 2013 Founder's Fund winner. Our club has already contributed to the 2013 GCA Centennial Birthday Celebration.

The next board meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Luanne Milward. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

## **ADMISSIONS**

# **VOTING PROCEDURES (SEPTEMBER 2010)**

"No member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to cast a ballot without having personally attended either the regular meeting of the board of Directors held in September of October." (Article 3, sec.3–d) (It is implied that members must not leave before all candidate proposals have been read and discussed.)

Only members of the Board who are chairmen of standing committees may vote. These currently include 16 voting members.

Voting members must be present at the November meeting in order to vote. There will be no voting by absentee ballot.

"Persons receiving nine or more votes for membership shall be elected to membership. In the event more candidates receive the vote necessary for election than there are memberships available, those persons receiving the most number of votes shall be entitled to membership." (Article 3, sec.3-d)

If places are still available after the first round of voting, a second round of voting shall take place. Number of votes will be limited to the number of places available. If places are still available after the second round of voting, a third round of voting can take place. If during the second round of voting no one receives nine votes, we will assume that voting is deadlocked and we will NOT vote a third time.

Members are encouraged to vote only on members that they deem 'qualified' to be members. It is permissible to choose not to vote on every opening available.

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING October 21, 2010

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at Elmwood Stock Farm. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order.

Barbara thanked Mac Stone, Mimi Milward's brother, who had treated us to a fascinating tour of the farm and explained the intricacies of organic farming and their procedures for marketing the produce. She also thanked the hostesses Mimi Milward and Ginny May.

Leslie Baldwin, who attended the GCA Zone VII meeting with Barbara and Jessica Nicholson which was hosted by the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton, congratulated the recipients of the Flower Show awards and presented the prestigious Best of Show ribbon to Kim DeCamp for her outstanding photograph of the rooftop garden at 21C in Louisville. Other award recipients who were recognized were:

Kathy Brooks, Herb Collection, Red Ribbon

Lucy Foster, Sedum Collection, Red Ribbon and Fern Collection, Yellow Ribbon

Nancy Bishop, Voodoo Rose and Peace Rose, Blue Ribbons and Gruss an Aachen, Yellow Ribbon

Janie Pappas, Kentucky Coffeetree, Blue Ribbon

Barbara Young, Hydrangea, Endless Summer, "Blushing Bride" and Photograph, Yellow Ribbon

Leslie Baldwin, Flower Arrangement, "Go Green," Yellow Ribbon

Leslie also noted that she, Jessica, and Barbara had enjoyed the meeting and had been treated to a tour of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. They left the meeting inspired to become more involved in conservation and "green" issues.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported a balance of \$19,936.29 in the Bluegrass Winners account, a balance of \$12,229.36 in the Garden Operating account, and a balance of \$1,740.20 in the Garden Club Business account.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ADMISSIONS: Anne Kraus reported that the proposed candidates for admission will be considered at the November Board Meeting.

FINANCE: Barbara reported that after she polled the Presidents from other clubs in Zone VII to determine the scale of dues for each club which ranged from \$100 to \$200, the finance committee recommended raising membership dues from \$100 to \$150 for both actives and affiliates. Callie Keller moved that the dues be raised in accordance with

the recommendation from the Board from \$100 to \$150. Brenda Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Barbara announced that Harriett Holladay bequeathed \$2000 in her will to the Garden Club. The Finance Committee recommended that the funds from the bequest be used to purchase three new benches to be placed in the garden in Harriett's memory. The new benches will replace ones that are in disrepair. Martie Mayer moved that three benches be purchased as recommended. Callie seconded. The motion passed.

Brenda announced that the three existing benches to be replaced will be sold by a silent auction at the November meeting. A bidding sheet was circulated at the meeting.

The Finance Committee also discussed the allocation available from the Perkins bequeath for a botany scholarship and recommended that the amount of \$1,300.00 be sent to GCA to be used toward a botany scholarship. Ellen moved to accept the proposal to send \$1,300 to GCA to be administered by the GCA Scholarship Committee. Callie seconded. The motion passed.

GARDEN PROJECT: Brenda announced that next Wednesday, October 27 will be the last work day in the garden and encouraged everyone to come to put all areas to bed for the winter and to plant bulbs. She enticed all to attend, noting that there will be door prizes and refreshments. Barbara thanked everyone for a job well done for the year.

PROGRAM: The next meeting will be November 18, at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. Each member will create a holiday arrangement with Patrick Howard's guidance. Tara Trammell, a GCA scholarship recipient in Urban Forestry, will also join us for the meeting and will speak about her studies.

The December Christmas Tea will be at Betty Kenan's home.

On Tuesday, April 12 we will have a joint meeting with the Glenview Garden Club at Elmendorf.

GARDEN PARTY: Barbara announced that the profits to date from the Garden Party are \$10,056.08, up approximately \$3,000 from last year, which is attributed to an increase in donations and a decrease in expenses.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Miranda Hunter, Zone VII Judging Rep, has asked if anyone in our club might be interested in training to become a flower show or horticulture judge.

We have received an invitation to attend the Garden Club of Virginia's Garden Tour, April 16-23.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin Acting Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING November 1, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 1, 2010, at the home of Luanne Milward. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Barbara Young, Kathy Courtney, Jane Stilz, Elizabeth Schnabel, Kim DeCamp, Anne Kraus, Kathy Brooks, Mary Louise Fisher, Margaret Cowgill, Brenda Barrett, Martie Mayer, Nancy Bishop, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Ellen Chapman, Lucy Foster, Mott Nicol, Lauren Van Balen, Amy Kessinger, Luanne Milward, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$19,921.55; Garden - \$12,715.61; Business (Dues) - \$1,740.20. The finance committee

has recommended the following allocations for GCL annual contributions:

Ashland Estate	\$500	
Arboretum	\$200	
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200	
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$100	
Shakertown	\$100	
Raven Run	\$100	
Legacy Trail	\$100	
National Parks Scholarship	\$1,000	in honor of Sally Brown of Louisville
TOTAL	\$2,300	
Raven Run Legacy Trail National Parks Scholarship	\$100 \$100 <u>\$1,000</u>	in honor of Sally Brown of Louisville

Mimi Milward moved to accept these recommended contributions, Nancy Bishop seconded, and the motion passed .

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus passed out ballots for voting on candidates for GCL membership. Three new members were elected.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks has planned for members to bring arrangements in a tea cup, tea caddy, teapot, or related container to the December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tea. If possible, they should be in a container that can be taken to a home bound member.

There will be an in-house flower show in the spring.

**Garden Project:** Jane Stilz thanked everyone for the large turnout on bulb day. Barbara thanked Jane and Brenda for a great job caring for the garden.

**Horticulture:** Lucy Foster asked for help closing the peony beds. She will be spreading bonemeal and potash on the peonies this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen reminded us of the November meeting at Idle Hour Country Club with Patrick Howard guiding us in creating a table arrangement for our Thanksgiving celebrations. Patrick will supply the containers and all materials. The Christmas Tea will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at Betty Kenan's home.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney reported that the storage room at the cookbook office needs organizing. Also, there are boxes of damaged books, some very slightly, that we can sell at a discounted price.

**Archives:** Mary Louise Fisher will contact the Graves, previous owners of Libby and Norman Brown's house, for help in documenting the garden for archives.

**Scholarship:** Luanne Milward reported that Tara Trammell, GCA Scholarship recipient, will give a presentation at our November meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The January Board meeting at Kathy Courtney's home will be changed to Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next board meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at Lauren Van Balen's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING November 18, 2010

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 18, 2010, at Idle Hour Country Club. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked our hostesses, Luanne Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, and Kim DeCamp. Barbara also welcomed our guest, GCA scholarship recipient Tara Trammell.

The minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$18,807.89; Garden - \$11,726.00; Business (Dues) - \$1,740.20.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Ellen Chapman gave the following finance committee recommendations for GCL annual contributions:

Ashland Estate \$500	
Arboretum \$200	
GCA Scholarship Fund \$200	
Bluegrass Conservancy \$100	
Shakertown \$100	
Raven Run \$100	
Legacy Trail \$100	
National Parks Scholarship Fund \$1,000 honoring Sally Brown of Louis	ville
TOTAL \$2,300	

Anne Gay moved the contributions be made as recommended and Sarah Davis seconded. The motion was passed.

The \$1,250.00 interest earned on the Gertrude Perkins Scholarship fund will be donated to an existing GCA botany scholarship.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks asked everyone to bring an arrangement to the Christmas Tea in a teacup, teapot, tea caddy, or related container. If possible, the container should be one that can be given to a home bound member.

**Garden Project:** Jane Stilz thanked everyone for the large turnout on bulb day. Silent bids were taken on the three garden benches which will be replaced

**Program:** Lauren Van Balen reminded us of the December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tea to be held at the home of Betty Kenan.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney announced she has cookbooks for sale.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessica Nicholson provided information pamphlets on the World Association of Flower Arrangers convention to be held June 15-19, 2011 in Boston, MA.

GCA desires to expand its list of approved zone and national speakers. In support of that effort, Barbara Young will write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Dean Norton, the horticulture director at Mount Vernon.

Luanne Milward gave some informative statistics about the scope of GCA scholarships and introduced our speaker, Tara Trammell. Tara received a GCA scholarship to study urban environment forests at the University of Louisville. In pursuing her PhD, she has studied "forgotten forests" along interstate corridors and their impact on the ecosystem. Tara gave a very informative power point presentation to the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting we created our own Thanksgiving table arrangements under the guidance of Patrick Howard who supplied containers and materials. A delicious lunch was served.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING December 6, 2010

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 6, 2010, at the home of Lauren Van Balen. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m and thanked our hostess. Members present were Barbara Young, Martie Mayer, Anne Kraus, Brenda Barrett, Lauren Van Balen, Jessica Nicholson, Meg Sprow, Janie Pappas, Kathy Brooks, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Luanne Milward, Nancy Bishop, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the November board meeting were approved as revised.

Barbara gave the following treasurer's report of account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$18,715.66; Garden - \$8,971.35; Business (Dues) - \$1,740.20.

Nancy Bishop reported receiving acceptance notes from the three candidates invited to join GCL.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Admissions:** Anne Kraus read acceptance notes from our three new club members: Lucy Barrow Calhoun, Cathy Wile Snowden, and Pattie Robbins Broadbent.

Conservation: Mimi Milward suggested we begin looking for ways to be involved with conservation at Ashland Estate year around. We are fortunate to have the garden as our main project but there are other areas in which we could provide help. Janie Pappas has given her remaining coffee trees to Ashland Estate. It was suggested we could help support Ashland individually by becoming a "Friend of Ashland" with a contribution. The director of Ashland could give us ideas for projects. It was suggested we invite her to a general meeting to educate our members on the Estate and its conservation efforts.

Brenda Barrett asked that we collect coffee tree pods, again, this year for our school coffee tree projects in the spring.

**Flower Show:** Kathy Brooks reminded everyone to bring an arrangement in a teacup or related container to our December Tea. If possible, it should be in a "give away" container so we can take them to home bound members.

**Garden Project:** Brenda Barrett has nominated the Kentucky Coffee Tree for the GCA Plant of the Year award.

**Program:** Our December meeting is our Christmas Tea at Betty Kenan's home. Lauren Van Balen reported plans for the January meeting are being finalized.

**Special Projects:** Kathy Courtney reported slow cookbook sales following the promotional effort around the World Equestrian Games in October.

**Archives:** Janie Pappas reported she is updating and streamlining our club archives.

**Public Relations:** Barbara recognized Elizabeth Schnabel for the excellent job she is doing reporting our club's activities to GCA. Barbara was commended at the zone meeting for the quality of Elizabeth's club news.

**Scholarship:** Barbara thanked Luanne Milward for arranging to have GCA scholarship recipient Tara Trammell speak at our November meeting. Everyone enjoyed her most informative presentation.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Martie Mayer will donate a refrigerator for the garden shed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting is Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Courtney's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

# GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON GENERAL MEETING December 16, 2010

The Russell Cave Road farm of Betty Kenan provided a most memorable setting for Garden Club of Lexington's annual Christmas Tea on December 16, 2010. Arriving at Betty's unique country home with a blanket of snow on the ground enhanced the festive mood of the holiday occasion. Members were encouraged to bring a "teacup" arrangement to the tea and there were many creative displays, some of which were taken to homebound members. A delicious tea was served and three new members, Lucy Barrow, Pattie Broadbent, and Cathy Snowden, were welcomed to the Club. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed visiting with one another and seeing Betty's beautiful home with its lovely Christmas decorations. It was a delightful afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford Recording Secretary