

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING March 13, 2002
BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

Present were:

*COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB ... Polly Grafton, Nancy Bohren
COUNTRY HOME & GARDEN CLUB ... Marijean Hislop
FIELD & FLOWER GARDEN CLUB ... Caryl Johnson, Judy Miller
THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON ... Pat Ballot, Connie Bischof
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON ... Betty McLaughlin, Gloria Johnson
GREEN THUMBS Trudy Stoffit, Joan Samuels, Daria Sapp, Jane Heidkamp
VILLAGE PLANTERS ... Dorothy Nelson, Jan Hilgers, Judy John
CFC ... Waid Vanderpoel*

President Dorothy Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She began by asking if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January meeting. Caryl Johnson wished to make a correction to that part referring to her son's tree having grown very large. Caryl only has daughters. The second correction involved Kathleen Amatangelo and the fact that her name was missing from the list of attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jan Hilgers and seconded by Judy John.

Treasurer's Report

Caryl Johnson, Treasurer, reported that receipts for the past two months included interest payments for \$6.89 and \$6.47. There were no disbursements, which left us with a balance of \$4625.25. She then passed out the "Requests for Dues" to each club.

Club Announcements

Judy Miller announced that *FIELD & FLOWER GARDEN CLUB* would be having their plant sale Saturday, May 11, beginning at 8:00 and ending when all plants were sold. Joan Samuels spoke for *GREEN THUMBS* in announcing their plant sale for Saturday, May 18 at Langendorf Park, 8:30 till sellout.

Judy John proudly announced that her club, *VILLAGE PLANTERS*, was awarded the 'Best Yearbook' award at the District 9 meeting. She also mentioned that *VP* was considering a trip to the Garfield Park Conservatory to see the *CHIHULY* exhibit. Plans are still in the talking stage, but they hope to include all of the clubs for this trip. More information will be coming.

CFC

Waid Vanderpoel stood in for Sam Oliver & thanked the COUNCIL for all it does to contribute to the preservation of the environment in our area. He gave a brief account of what is being done to preserve and propagate our native wild flowers. He asked that we contact him if we are aware of any areas being sited for building so that they can take a look at it and determine if there are any native plants that should be "rescued." He also stated that this year is the 15th anniversary of Grigsby Prairie and they have special events planned for spring, summer and fall. All club members are invited.

The newest project for CFC, a fish conservation program, is well underway. A new pond is being built as a safe spawning place for fish.

CFC will be holding their annual native plant sale on Saturday, May 4 at their new headquarters on Hwy 22, across from Good Shepherd Hospital

Village Beautification

Pat Ballot reported extensively on the “grand” plans to beautify Barrington. She first went through the details of the 10,000 sq. ft. planting project along Hwy 14. (Council clubs will only be doing 300 sq. ft. of this amount.) It had earlier been suggested that the Council make a sizable contribution to defray some of the costs involved, however, the Village has now received a grant to cover all of the expenses. 300 volunteers will be needed, to be split between two shifts, 10:00a.m - 12:00p.m. and 1:00 – 3:00p.m., on Saturday, June 1. In the event of rain we will meet the following day, June 2. The areas to be planted will be prepared earlier with new soil and will have the new plants placed where they are to be planted. Each club is asked to post a signup sheet at their next meeting and to send the list, along with address of each member, to Peg Blanchard (847-304-3400) no later than May 1. We will all be required to sign a release form. More information will be coming.

Daria Sapp questioned the maintenance program for watering, feeding and caring for the area we plant, as well as the baskets that will be hanging from the new street lamps. Pat assured her that, if needed, they will even water twice a day.

For many years we have hoped for the opportunity to work with the Village to create a solid beautification program. Our support is essential.

National Garden Week (June 2 – 8)

Gloria Johnson showed off our beautiful new “NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK” banner that will be hung near the gazebo at Hough & Main St. On Thursday, June 6. we will be manning tables at both entrances to Jewel. Seed packets, along with brochures that will inform and answer many gardening questions, will be distributed. Names of volunteers should be sent to Gloria ASAP, along with 2 alternates. Table assignments are as follows:

9:00 am - 11:00 am GREEN THUMBS	Table 1
9:00 am - 11:00 am THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON	“ 2
11:00 am - 1:00 PM FIELD AND FLOWER GARDEN CLUB	“ 1
11:00 am - 1:00 PM THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON	“ 2
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLASS	“ 1
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM COUNTRY HOME AND GARDEN CLUB	“ 2
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM VILLAGE PLANTERS	Both

Gloria next reported on a fundraiser possibility sponsored by M.J. Miller Jewelers. It would begin with a hors d’oeuvre and champagne reception in their shop at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 5 (tentative date). A Lalique representative would present a slide show of various items containing flower motifs, along with a line of jewelry. 10% of evening sales proceeds will go to Council. A motion was made by Judy John that we proceed with plans to participate. Pat Ballot seconded it. Invitations will be given to each club.

Arbor Day

Trudi Stoffit reported that she and Jane Heidkamp have everything organized for the distribution of White Pine seedling to the 3rd graders in our community. They passed out information packets for each club and reminded us that permission slips must be sent home with the students two weeks before distribution. Stillman Nature Center will take any leftover seedlings. A press release will be sent to the COURIER and STYLE.

Beautification

Jan Hilger stated she would need the name and telephone number of representatives from each club for May meeting at which time they will assign territories to check out. A September meeting will be held to critique submitted projects.

New Business

Daria Sapp asked if there was anyone interested in becoming the Council's representative to the Water Resource Committee. She was delighted when Dorothy Nelson announced that Kathleen Amatangelo had agreed to volunteer. Daria briefly explained that the Water Resource Committee was a seven-community environmental group that tested and studied the waters in our area for purification and available quantities in order to assure quality water now and in the future.

Our next meeting will be held May 8, 2002. *COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLASS* will provide refreshments.

Dorothy Nelson asked that all roster changes be submitted to her before the May meeting date.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marijean Hislop (for Ellen Anderson)