

Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
December 16, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington gathered at the home of Charlotte Turner for the Annual Christmas Tea. President Ginny May welcomed and introduced our four new members: Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleitt, Marcia Slabaugh, and Brenda Barrett who was unable to attend. Charlotte's house was beautifully decorated with lovely flower arrangements and Christmas decorations. We all enjoyed the beautiful setting and the elegant tea. We left with cute little bells and the wonderful feeling of Christmas and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
December 6, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met December 6, 2004 at the home of Barbara Young. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. There were fourteen members present: Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Melody Kinhead, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Judy Philpot, Jane Stilz and Barbara Young. Ginny thanked Barbara for hosting the meeting and called for the minutes of the November Board meeting. They were approved.

Ginny May gave the treasurer report for Gay Van Meter. We have a balance of \$13,888.63.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, chairman, announced a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. She has talked to Bluegrass Pride and found out their Federal Funding has been cancelled for 2005. Mott will report to the Board what the committee decides our conservation project will be.

FINANCE: President Ginny May reported for Gay Van Meter. The Finance Committee discussed, and reviewed upcoming financial commitments and decided the following contributions for 2004:

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| GCA Scholarship Fund                                  | \$300.00 |
| Bluegrass Conservancy                                 | 400.00   |
| Nature Conservancy                                    | 100.00   |
| Henry Clay Memorial Fund                              | 150.00   |
| UK Arboretum  | 150.00   |
| Raven Run   | 150.00   |
| Bernheim  | 100.00   |
| Ashland Neighborhood Assn.                            | 15.00    |
| Long Branch Garden                                    | 100.00   |
| (In honor of S. McQueen 90 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday) |          |
| Henry Clay High school Centennial Garden              | 100.00   |

Total contributions were \$1,515.00, which was 10% of our present general operation account.

GARDEN: Chair, Callie Keller, reported they were still looking at trees and getting advice on the type of tree to purchase. Every professional has a different opinion; therefore it makes the decision difficult. They will keep up their research.

PROGRAM: Barbara reminded everyone the Christmas tea would be held at Charlotte Turner's. She would love to have suggestions for the May program. Ginny May announced Kay Steffe will Co-host, along with Jane Stilz, the January meeting. Kay will not be here but wanted to be part of the program.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Chairman, Melody Kinhead asked everyone to make sure they saw the ad for Bluegrass Winners in the GCA publications. So far it has not produced any new accounts, however, there is still time. Credit card orders will be suggested to Amazon.com, who gives our cookbook a five star rating, or Joseph Beth.

PUBLICITY: Chairman Anne Gay discussed the need of a change from the name of Publicity to Public Relations. After a discussion, Mo Ethington made a motion to change the name of Publicity to Public Relations and to add Public Relations to the Board Standing Committees in the By-Laws. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved. The motion will be printed in the Blooming News and will be voted on by the membership at the January meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
November 18, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at Idle Hour Country Club on November 18, 2004. Hostesses were Kathy Brewer and Anne Kraus. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$15,365.74. Gay announced the Friends of the Garden Party cleared \$7,939.21 and the art made \$3,722.00 for a total of \$11,659.21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown reported the following new members: Mrs. Tony Barrett (Brenda); Mrs. George Brooks (Kathy); Mrs. Tom Bulleitt (Betsy) and Mrs. Steve Slabaugh (Marcia). Libby thanked the members who proposed the candidates. We will look forward to welcoming them at the Christmas tea. We now have 58 active members and 25 affiliates. In the past five years, we have taken in 16 new active members. At the present time, we have openings for 2 members. Libby has applications for the August 2005 deadline.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, chairman, announced a committee meeting at Sue Glover's house on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

AWARDS: Chairman Dot Crutcher, asked for suggestion for names of people who could be considered for an award in our club or in the community. Please let Dot know.

FLOWERS Sarah Davis, Chair asked for arrangements to be brought to the Christmas tea.

GARDEN: Co-Chairman, Jessica Nicholson thanked everyone for their work in the garden this year. The garden has been put to bed for the winter.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray asked members of her committee to call her if they were not able to attend the last meeting in the garden. She would also like everyone to call her about the propagation plants they have for the 2005 Annual meeting.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young announced the Christmas tea would be held at Charlotte Turners. The January meeting will be about Bee Keeping and the Annual meeting will be held in March followed by the April meeting at the Crutcher Preserve.

PUBLICATION: Chairman, Mimi Milward, reported she sent out the Blooming News by e-mail and regular mail. She had a good response on the e-mail and will try again next month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Gay Van Meter announced she had brought boxes of Bluegrass Winners, which could be purchased for \$12.00 per book or by the case. The books make wonderful Christmas gifts.

OLD BUSINESS: President, Ginny May, had a couple of Beautiful American Vegetables books left and were for sale for \$40.00.

NEW BUSINESS: The GCA Conservation meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 15 - 17. Please call Ginny if you would like to attend.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and turned over to Sarah Davis, Flower Chairman. Sarah showed and helped us make Christmas wreaths. After a fun time, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
November 1, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met November 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Elise Boyd. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were 18 members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Melody Kinkead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Jessica Nicholson, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz and Gay Van Meter. Ginny thanked Elise for hosting the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the October meeting. They were approved as read except for the change of Nancy Bishop seconding a motion instead of Anne Gay.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$16,106.85.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown passed out the ballots to the voting board members. She reminded everyone we had four openings but they did not have to be filled.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, Chair reported the committee was going forward with the Ashland project. A grant would be possible in April from Bluegrass Pride. All details are not worked out but it will probably be a one-year commitment with the foundation.

FINANCE: Chairman Gay Van Meter announced a Finance Committee would be called for the purpose of charitable donations.

GARDEN: Jessica Nicholson and Callie Keller, Chairs announced we would try again to plant the bulbs on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. They are going to look at some trees in Louisville for the garden.

HORTICULTURE: Chairman Dottie Cordray announced a committee meeting in the garden following tulip planting.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young reminded us to bring our clippers and greens to the November meeting. We will be making wreaths under the leadership of Sarah Davis. She also reported a \$50.00 gift certificate for Joseph Beth will be given to Dr. Tom Barnes in appreciation of the wonderful program last month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Melody Kinkead said she would have our cookbook, Bluegrass Winners, at the November meeting. They are great gifts.

After counting the votes, Libby Brown announced we have four prospective new members: They are: Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleitt and Marcia Slabaugh.



Everyone was delighted. If they accept, they will attend the Christmas tea with their sponsor. Libby thanked all sponsors for their help.

NEW BUSINESS: President Ginny May informed the Board she had been contacted by Mary Diana Hannah about the possibilities of mentoring or helping in landscaping the outdoor area at Henry Clay high school. After a discussion, it was decided to let the finance committee review the possibilities and report back.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim Decamp, reported a balance of \$7,253.00.

Sue Glover, Chairman of the Garden Party, reported a profit of \$7,939.21. Ginny thanked Sue for a wonderful job.

Ellen Chapman talked about the roll of the Publicity Committee. It is very important because this is our way of communicating with GCA and GCA with us. At the present time, the Publicity Chairman position is a non-voting member. After a discussion, President Ginny May asked Ellen and Anne Gay to bring a recommendation to the Board on the status of the Publicity Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
October 21, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Ellen Chapman on October 21, 2004. Celeste Neuman served as co-hostesses with Ellen.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting, which were approved as read.

Treasurer, Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$14,332.90.

President Ginny May read a letter of resignation from Monnie Long and a change of status request from Betty Bos Haggin from active to affiliate. Board Approved.

Ginny announced Ellen Chapman has been appointed to a one-year term as the Zone 7 Representative for Public Relations

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Garden: Callie Keller asked all members to be present for Bulb Planting on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Rain Date will be Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. All borders need to be put to bed at this time.

Flower : Chairman, Sarah Davis, asked for volunteers to take flower to the shut-ins. She reminded everyone to bring clippers and greens but not holly to the November general meeting.

Horticulture: Dottie Cordray, Chairman, thanked everyone who sent plant material to the Zone VII meeting. The awards were announced in the Blooming News. Dottie reminded everyone to check on their propagations boxes. If you have one not in use, please bring return it to Dottie.

Program: Ginny May asked for Hostesses for the Annual Meeting, which will be March 17, 2005. Please call Barbara Young if you are interested.

New Business: Gay Van Meter and Benny Williams are gearing up for the new Cookbook. Barbara Young will be working with the horse farms and a committee will be calling on everyone to help.

Ginny May took a vote from the membership on reading the GCA Publication and the special Annual Report. Suggestions were offered.



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Anne Arvin gave her report on the Zone 7 meeting she attended with Ginny in Orange, Virginia. They enjoyed the beautiful historical homes, the lovely gardens, the great group of women, the flower show, the wonderful food and the informative speakers and workshops. Computers are definitely going to be a part of GCA. There was talk of the possibilities of a joint conservation committee. They returned home with all sorts of enthusiasm and pride in our membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Tom Barnes, Extension Professor & Wildlife Specialist, at the University of Kentucky gave a wonderful slide show on Wildflowers.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
Board Meeting  
October 4, 2004

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met October 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Janie Stilz. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Dottie Cordray, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Callie Keller, Betty Kenan, Melodye Kinkead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz, Gay Van Meter and Barbara Young.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a balance of \$23,451.90.

Ginny May, President, read a letter of resignation from Monnie Long. Sarah Davis made a motion to accept Monnie's resignation. Seconded by Mo Ethington. Motion passed.

Ginny read a letter from Betty Bos Haggin requesting a change of membership. Libby Brown made a motion to change Betty's membership to affiliate. Seconded by Anne Gay. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATIONS: Mott Nicol brought a proposal from the Conservation Committee to help Ashland in the areas of Conservation. With the approval from Ashland, we could improve the grounds, work on the Savannah River plants, visual enhancement of gardening etc. Education could be emphasized in many ways. An example could be on invasive and endangered plants. Mott suggested a two-year commitment. Nancy Bishop made a motion to adopt the Conservations Committees proposal and for the committee to go ahead and firm up specific guidelines and grants. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved.

GARDEN: Co-Chair, Callie Keller, reported the tree had been taken down. A woman, who visits the garden frequently, would like to donate a new tree. Callie and Jessica are researching the type of tree to replace the Ash and what we should do if anything to help its survival. A discussion took place on whether committee chairs should report to the Board before major decisions are made. This has been a policy in the past. Callie reported they had talked to Ian Hoffman concerning the Hornbeams. They are considering cutting them way back. Bulbs will be planted on October 27<sup>th</sup> and if it rains, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members are asked to come and help plant and put the rest of the Garden to bed.

HORTICULTURE: Chairman Dottie Cordray announce the committee would try to meet in the Garden on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Dottie thanked all the member who sent plants to the Zone Meeting. They did extremely well.



PROGRAMS: Barbara Young announced our next meeting will be held at Ellen Chapman's. The speaker will be Tom Barnes, who is an excellent photographer, author and a Wildlife Specialist. The meeting will be at 10:30 a.m.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp changed the Bank One account to National City Bank. There is a balance of \$7,253.00.

Art Chairman, Anne Arvin reported 38 pieces were sold for \$8,030.00. The Garden Club made a profit of \$3659.00 from the art. The artists were thrilled and looking forward to next year.

ADMISSIONS: Libby Brown read the applications for new members and reminded everyone we will be voting November 1, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May passed around a brochure from The Enchanted Garden gift shop. A photograph of the statue of the little girl and bird in the garden was used in their advertisement. The statue was a memorial gift to the garden from Hart James relatives. After a discussion, it was decided we could do nothing about it.

GCA will be asking for a \$100.00 donation from members toward their Endowment Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
General Meeting  
September 16, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 16, 2004 at Equus Run Vineyard in Midway at 10:45 a.m. Hostesses were Betty Gess and Monnie Long.

Our program began in a tobacco barn, which had been converted into a winery. Cynthia Bohn, co-owner, explained the making of wine from the time the grapes were picked until they were processed into wine. She explained the buying and planting of grafts, the testing and treating of the soil, cultivation, spraying, pruning and the harvesting of the grapes. Cynthia was very informative on all aspects of the business. Following a wonderful program, we were treated to a delicious box lunch and wine.

Following lunch, President Ginny May called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary, Mo Ethington, read the minutes of the July General Meeting, which were approved as read.

Ginny read a thank you note from Anne Hagan Michelle for the help and the plants the Garden Club donated to their Lawn Party. She also expressed her appreciation for Ashland Garden. Ginny had also received a lovely note from Harriett Holliday expressing her appreciation of the Flower Arrangement she received after the Picnic.

Art Chairman, Anne Arvin, thanked everyone for their help. She read a nice note from Sue Glover, Chairman of the Friends of the Garden party, thanking everyone for their participation in making the event a very special evening for everyone. Ginny thanked the two Chairs for a job well done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray, Chairman, informed everyone of the upcoming Zone meeting in Orange, Virginia. She explained the flower show and told everyone what Ginny May and Anne Arvin needed by 5:00 pm on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Bishop's house. Dottie showed everyone a book called Non Native Invasive Plants of the Southern Forests. She has the address for anyone interested in the book.

CONSERVATION: Chairman, Mott Nicols, asked the membership to vote on the motion from the Board to adopt the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Gardening Public. Unanimously approved. A recommendation for a conservation project will be presented soon.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: Sarah Davis, Chairman expressed the happiness and the pleasure the flower arrangements gave to our shut-ins.



PROGRAMS: Chairman, Barbara Young, thanked all the people at Equus Run for a delightful time. Our October meeting will be held at Ellen Chapman with Tom Barnes leading the program. November, Sarah Davis, will teach us how to make Christmas wreaths and Charlotte Turner will host our Christmas tea.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginny heard from Sue Ellen Johnson who is eager to have names of members who would be interested in serving on GCA Committees. Let Ginny know as soon as possible. The South Eastern Flower Show will be held in Atlanta on March 2-6, 2005. They would love to have Garden Clubs participation. The Philadelphia Flower Show will be held March 7-11. Anyone interested in either, please let Ginny know.

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
August 20, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met June 7, 2004 at the home of Libby Brown. Second Vice President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. There were fifteen members present: Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Sue Glover, Callie Keller, Mott, Nicol, Jessica Nicholson and Jane Stilz. Nancy thanked Libby for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the July Board meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, Chairman, made a motion to adopt the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Gardening Public. Seconded by Libby Brown. Unanimously approved. Mott will take the motion to the General Meeting. The conservation committee is working hard to find a conservation project for our club and will present their suggestions soon.

GARDEN: The garden will be locked at 6:00 p.m. on Labor Day. Jessica reminded everyone to continue working in the garden every Wednesday until the beds are cut down for the winter. Callie reported the White Ash in the garden would be taken down soon.

PROGRAM: Betty Gess and Monnie Long will host our next meeting at Equus Run in Midway.

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown read the forms of new prospective members. Everyone was reminded to keep all names and information confidential. A Board member must attend either the August or October Board meeting before they will be eligible to vote in November. There are 4 spots available.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$10,289.00. She will send GCA a check for \$3,071.00, which will leave a balance of \$7,218.00. At the present time we have 27 affiliates.

Sue Glover and Anne Arvin reported everything was ready for the Friends of the Garden party. Directions will be available for Charlotte Turners house in case of rain.



NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Bishop announced Anne Arvin would accompany Ginny May to the Zone Meeting in Orange, Virginia.

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
July 15, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Ashland Garden for the annual garden picnic. Hostesses were Carolyn Caldwell, Louise Parker and Dottie Cordray. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Treasurer, Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$13,967.71.

President Ginny May read the resignation letters from Virginia Barrow and Missy Parrish. The Board has accepted their resignation with regret.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION: Chairman, Mott Nicol, asked everyone to read the Volunteer Codes of Conduct. Please be ready at the next meeting to vote if we want to make a commitment to this proposal or not.

FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE: Sarah Davis, Chairman, announced flower arrangements would be made for our shut-ins on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the Garden Picnic. If given prior notice, the committee will provide a centerpiece for a general meeting.

GARDEN: Callie thanked everyone who brought tools, equipment or money to the Garden Shower. Gifts are welcome on Wednesday when we work in the garden. The brickwork will be started soon which will be followed by replanting of small boxwoods. The Ash tree is being watched carefully but it is dying due to bores.

HORTICULTURE: The committee will start working on plant identification in the garden in the fall. Chairman Dottie Cordray is open to suggestions on types of identifications to be used.

PUBLICATION: There is no meeting in August therefore the next Blooming News will be September. Please e-mail your news to Mimi Milward. Ginny thanked Mimi for a wonderful job of getting the News out so quickly this month.

Kim DeCamp reported all dues have been paid and the checking balance was around \$7300.00.

Sue Glover and Anne Arvin passed around the sign up sheets for the Friends of the Garden Party and Art Auction. Reminders will be sent out in August.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessica Nicholson asked for silent bids on the Armillary. The beginning bid was to start at \$1500.00.



NEW BUSINESS: President Ginny May showed a terrific Garden Calendar with a lot of local gardening tips, which was done by the Birmingham Garden Club. It has been a super success for them.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and turned over to our Horticulture Chair, Dottie Cordray. Dottie gave excellent handouts for Internet resources, and tips and products to use for specific gardening problems. She explained how helpful and useful it is to learn botanical names and how the plant exchange works at the annual and zone meetings. We will be propagating plants for both dry and moist places for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

At this time Dottie introduced Kris McNeil from Highland Moor Nursery. Kris led us through a wonderful propagation workshop, which was followed by a delightful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
July 12, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met July 12, 2004 at the home of Nancy Bishop. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were 18 members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Callie Keller, Melodye Kinhead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Celeste Newman, Jessica Nicholson, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz, Barbara Young, and Sue Glover.

Ginny May reported for Treasurer, Gay VanMeter. We have a balance of \$15,122.77. The finance committee recommended allocation of \$2,500.00 for brick work in the garden. Unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown reminded everyone she had applications for membership and the deadline is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE: Sarah Davis, Chairman announced the flower arrangements for the July picnic will be judged. The arrangements will be taken to the shut-ins. The committee will do arrangements for our shut-ins for Easter, Garden Picnic, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will also volunteer to do one arrangement for any hostesses meeting.

GARDEN PROJECT: Chairman Callie Keller and Jessica Nicholson announced a "Garden Shower" would be held at the garden picnic. A "wish" list will be in the Blooming News. Of course, money is always welcome. Callie informed the Board that Bill Chapman is donating the bricks for the garden. A bricklayer has been hired and hopefully it will be complete by the Friends of the Garden Party.

PROGRAMS: Barbara Young, Chairman, informed the Board of upcoming meetings. Monnie Long and Betty Gess will host our September meeting at Equis Run. It will be a tour followed by lunch.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Melodye Kinhead is researching advertising in the GCA Bulletin.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp announced all dues have been received. We have 56 Active and 26 Affiliate members. The balance is \$7,687.09.

OLD BUSINESS: President Ginny May said Mott Nicol will be the head of the Derby party in Norfolk, Virginia for the GCA 2008 Annual Meeting.



NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May read a letter of resignation from Missie Parrish. A motion was made by Sarah Davis to accept Missy's resignation with regret. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved.

Ginny read a letter of resignation from Virginia (Murray) Barrow, Jr. A motion was made by Nancy Bishop and seconded by Judy Philpot to accept Murray's resignation with regret. Unanimously approved.

Jessica Nicholson informed the board of the photography class for the Zone 7 Flower Show. Information is posted on the GCA website.

There being no further business, Ginny thanked Nancy for hostessing the meeting and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup> at Libby Brown's house. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

### General Meeting

June 17, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday June 17, 2004 at Griffith Woods, Silver Lake Farm for our Conservation meeting. Hostesses were Betty Kenan and Mott Nicol.

Upon arrival, Jim Aldrich of the Nature Conservancy met us. Jim explained the joint venture with the Conservancy and the University of Kentucky. Julian Campbell, a botanist for the Conservancy, took us on a walk through a small section of the farm, which had beautiful old trees like burr and yellow oaks. He showed us different grasses and explained how they are going to try and bring back a lot of the native vegetations thru burns and selected herbicidal use. After a very informative walk, we returned to a lovely picnic in the woods, which was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch, President Ginny May called the meeting to order.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the May General Meeting, which were approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz, announced the resignation of Mary McDowell Boone with regret.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADMISSION:** Libby Brown stated she has admission forms and they had to be returned to her no later than Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSERVATION:** The conservation committee met in the garden Wednesday, June 16 to discuss ideas for a new conservation project. Chairman Mott Nicol felt the meeting went very well with great ideas.

**HORTICULTURE:** Dottie Cordray reported the horticulture committee met Wednesday, June 16 in the garden. A lot of good suggestions were made and the committee decided to pursue a way of identifying plants and trees in the garden. Dottie announced the topiaries have been repaired and are in perfect shape.



GARDEN PROJECT: Chairman Jessica Nicholson reported garden plants were divided and given to Ashland for their plant sale.

OLD BUSINESS: President Ginny May announced the armillary would be auctioned at the Garden Party general meeting in July. The value is \$3,000.00.

There being no further business, Ginny thanked the hostesses for a wonderful meeting and lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington

Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
June 7, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met June 7, 2004 at the home of Callie Keller. Second Vice President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were seventeen members present: Nancy Bishop, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dottie Cordray, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Ann Gay, Melodye Kinkead, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Sue Glover and Benny Williams. Nancy thanked Callie for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the May Board meeting were read. They were approved as corrected.

Nancy read a note from Mary McDowell Boone requesting her resignation from the Garden Club. A motion was made by Callie Keller and seconded by Libby Brown to accept her resignation. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$13,779.06.

Benny Williams gave a report on the proposal from Eclipse Press on the printing of the Second Edition of Bluegrass Winners. 10,000 copies would be printed with 7,000 copies coming to the Garden Club. The remaining 3,000 would be retained by Eclipse Press to sell. There would be no printing charges to the Garden Club and a 5% royalty based on net proceeds of the sale of the 3,000 books would be paid to us. We would be reaching a new audience through advertisement in The Blood Horse, Keeneland Magazine and the Kentucky Derby Magazine. The Garden Club retains the copyright to Bluegrass Winners. The quality and the style of the book would be about the same. Benny will check on a few questions that need to be answered. Callie Keller made a motion for Gay VanMeter and Benny Williams to Co-Chair the New Cookbook. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Motion carried. They will investigate the proposal further and go forward with the New Book. Nancy thanked Benny for an excellent report, which is attached to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Libby Brown has the applications for New Members. There is an opening for four members and all forms must be to Libby by Friday,



August 27<sup>th</sup>. The following members are not eligible to nominate: Libby Brown, Kathy Dalton, Mo Ethington, Betty Gess, Callie Keller, Janie Pappas, Gay VanMeter and Barbara Young.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol reported on various conservation projects for our club to become involved. The committee will decide on one and bring their recommendation back to the Board. Their first meeting will be Wed. June 16 at 11:30 in the Garden.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: A meeting will be called by Treasurer, Gay VanMeter.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray informed the Board of the new GCA Newsletter, Real Dirt, which is on the GCA website. The first horticulture committee meeting will be held Wed., June 16 at 10:30 in the garden.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$7,387.00. There are 5 affiliates and 1 active who have not paid their dues.

NEW BUSINESS: Betty Kenan will replace Kay Steffee as the Visiting Garden representative. Kay's new address is: 115 Meadowlark Loop, Lafayette, LA 70508.

The 2008 GCA Annual Meeting will be held on Derby Saturday in Norfolk, Virginia. We will be helping with a Derby Party in the Waterside Marriott. Jessica Nicholson, Sarah Davis, Ann Gay and Gay VanMeter volunteered to help.

OLD BUSINESS: Plants will be dug Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> for the Ashland Plant Sale.

The next Board Meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Nancy Bishop. The September Board Meeting will be held at Barbara Young's house on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mo Ethington  
Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
May 20, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Janie Pappas on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bitsy Ruch served as co-hostesses with Janie.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the April meeting, which were approved as read.

There was no Treasurers Report.

President Ginny May gave a delightful report of the GCA Washington Annual Meeting she attended with Barbara Young. She summed up their wonderful experience by saying, "We were energized, exhausted, filled with new ideas and wisdom."

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Libby Brown announced she had the applications for new members. All applications must be in by Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Garden: Jessica Nicholson reported the bricks would be fixed before the new hedge will be planted. Dr. Larry Hanks is trying very hard to save the taxus in the Herb garden.

Founders Funds: Mo Ethington announced the Honolulu Garden Club won the 2004 award. The money will allow the female inmates to clear, irrigate and cultivate the land, grow marketable produce and flowers, and to find a future.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp announced that the June 1 deadline is quickly approaching for membership dues.

Friends of the Garden Party, Chairman Sue Glover, circulated sign-up sheets for various needs for the party and the Art Auction. The party is Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.



New Business: President Ginny May announced that every member would be on one of the following committees. They are Conservation, Flower Arrangements and Horticulture. We will change committees every two years. The committee assignments were read and will be in the next Blooming News.

They're being no further business; Ginny turned the meeting over to Joy Hinkle who got everyone started on their Spring Flower arrangement. Afterwards, a wonderful box lunch was served. A delightful, educational time for all.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
May 3, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 3, 2004 at the home of Wende Bell. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Ginny May. There were 16 members present: Ginny May, Melodye Kinkead, Sue Glover, Elise Boyd, Sarah Davis, Dot Crutcher, Anne Gay, Dottie Cordray, Barbara Young, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Kim DeCamp, Nancy Bishop, Mo Ethington, Jessica Nicholson, and Wende Bell.

Mo Ethington read the minutes from the April Board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Ginny reported for Treasurer, Gay VanMeter. We have a balance of \$15,338.34. We were reminded to keep down our garden expenses because we will need money for the cookbook.

#### Committee Reports

Garden: Jessica reported vandals had sprayed orange paint on the shed's door and painted the carts, which were thrown over the garden wall. Jessica also informed the board on the progress of the taxus replacement hedge which will be done after the bricks are fixed. The wooden gates by the garden shed need some attention. It was suggested to look into metal gates.

Horticulture: Barbara Young announced Ellen <sup>Chapmans</sup> Givens had received a merit award for the Juniper she sent to the GCA Annual meeting. Barbara and Ginny May suggested we have committees for Horticulture, Conservation, and Flower Arrangements. We are falling behind in our conservations effort. Having more people involved could help us improve in all three categories.

Program: Janie Pappas and Bitsy Ruch will host our next meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Joy Hinkle will help us with spring flower arranging. Our general Conservation meeting will be on June 17 at Griffith Woods in Harrison County. The program will be a conservation walk with Jim Aldridge of the Nature Conservancy.



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Garden Party: Sue Glover and Melodye Kinhead discussed the possibilities of selling garden photographs on note cards. It was decided to go forward but not to sell at the Friends of the Garden Party. "Garden Related" paintings will be auctioned at the party. It does not have to be strictly Ashland. A suggestion was made to try and have smaller watercolors. The flower arrangements on the tables will be offered in a silent auction.

Kim DeCamp, Assistant Treasurer, reported \$6,983.58. The deadline for dues is June 1, 2004.

Ginny reported the Founder Fund award was given to the Garden Club of Honolulu. The female inmates will learn how to earn a living growing vegetables and ornamentals.

Old Business: A silent auction will be held at the Garden picnic for club members to buy the Armillary.

New Business: Beverly Fortune will be taking pictures of the Peony beds on May 10<sup>th</sup> for an article to appear in the Herald Leader.  
The July Board meeting will be held on July 12 (the second Monday).

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

April 15, 2004

The Garden Club gathered at the Boone Creek Anglers Club for a wildflower hike hosted by Linda Carey, and Sue Glover. Claire Sipple from Lower Howard's creek guided our hike discussing the many varieties of wildflowers seen in the month of April.

The minutes from the annual March meeting were approved as read.

Ginny May announced a status change that Jeannie Codell had resigned.

TREASURER- Gay Vanmeter announced that our balance at this time is \$18,260.48

HORTICULTURE – Barbara Young and Ginny May are going to Washington, Barbara is looking for anything that looks good for the plant exchange. This is for the annual zone meeting.

PROGRAMS- Our next meeting will be held, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Jannie Pappas's home, where Joy Hinkle will do Flower arranging among friends. Some flowers will be provided, but bring **you** own flowers, your favorite containers, and oasis if needed.

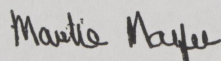
Annual dues are \$100.00, please send checks to Kin Decamp.

Ginny May mentioned that Nancy left information for anyone interested in joining the friends of the Arboretum, a wonderful organization.

NEW BUSINESS- The annual cocktail party in the garden is the Thursday after Labor Day with Ann Arvin, and Sue Glover organizing the party. It was mentioned by Louise Parker, that in the past there were several paintings not sold, and that the artist should consider not having such high prices on their paintings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to start our hike among the wildflowers.

Respectfully submitted,



Martie Mayer  
For Mo Ethington



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
April 5, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met April 5, 2004 at the home of Gay Van Meter. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were thirteen members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Dottie Cordray, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Sue Glover, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Celeste Newman, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Stilz, Gay Van Meter and Barbara Young. Ginny thanked Gay for hosting the meeting and called for the minutes of the March Board meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$18,635.55. A finance committee meeting was held March 18<sup>th</sup> to appropriate \$825.00 to United Landscape Service to remove the taxus hedge from the rose and herb parterres. Gay said it would cost about \$2800.00 to replace them with either boxwood or taxus. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the general fund pay for the removal of the hedge and the Memorial Fund to pay for the replacements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Callie Keller thanked everyone for their help in the peony bed. Regular Wednesday garden work will resume this week.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray will be collecting the plants to go to the Annual Meeting by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young announced the April General Meeting would be held at Burgess Carey's Fishing Lodge at Boone Creek on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The program will be a Wild Flower Walk along Boone Creek with guide Clare Sipple. A light lunch will be served. Barbara reported on the upcoming General Meetings. The finance committee will review the budget for Programs.

PUBLICATION: Mimi Milward would like to have the news for the Blooming News by Monday night of the Board Meetings. She would prefer to have it e-mailed if possible or written.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Gay VanMeter reported on the progress of a new cookbook. Benny Williams is waiting for a proposal from Eclipse Publication. When they have all their information, they will report to the Board.

Sue Glover reported the Friends of the Garden Party would be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Anne Arvin will in charge of the Art. It was brought up to have other artwork that was not of the garden. No decision was made.



Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$5,783.59. She has collected \$2400.00 for the 2004 dues.

OLD BUSINESS: Janie Stilz distributed remaining membership books.

President, Ginny May announced she had received a resignation request from Jeannie Codell. Nancy Bishop made a motion to accept her request with regret. Seconded by Callie Keller. Motion passed.

Ginny announced Ashland will hold a Fund Raiser on June 18-19<sup>th</sup>. They will be selling plants, cutting etc. and asked for the Gardens help. The GCA Memphis Flower Show will be held April 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Nicholson, Melodye Kinhead and Sarah Davis will be participating in the University of Kentucky, Art and Bloom Show.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

me Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
March 2, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Janie Pappas. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by president Nancy Bishop. There were eighteen members present: Callie Keller, Mimi Milward, Melodye Kinkead, Nancy Bishop, Janie Pappas, Jane Stilz, Ellen Chapman, Mo Ethington, Kim DeCamp, Dot Crutcher, Wende Bell, Elise Boyd, Dottie Cordray, Anne Arvin, Luanne Milward, Joan Gaines, Ginny May, and Jessica Nicholson. Nancy welcomed the incoming Board members present and thanked the outgoing members for their work over the past two years.

Jessica Nicholson read the minutes from the January Board meeting. After it was noted that the March general meeting would be March 18<sup>th</sup>, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Nancy thanked Melodye for the lovely meeting in January held at le Deauville restaurant.

Nancy then re-read the note from Alyce Hoskins requesting to resign from the membership. The Board had extended an invitation to Alyce to become an affiliate member. Alyce declined the invitation. Callie Keller made a motion to accept, with regret, her request to resign. Elise Boyd seconded the motion, which passed.

Next, Nancy read a note from Patty King requesting a change in status from active to affiliate. Ginny May made a motion to accept her request. Anne Arvin seconded the motion, which passed.

There was no treasurer's report.

Nancy thanked Ellen for a lovely orientation luncheon for the new members.



Mimi Milward thanked the Board for sending her to the meeting in Washington. She noted that each person who contacts a Senator on an issue is counted as 800 people.

Nancy read a letter from the GCA Treasurer concerning the general liability policy carried by GCA. The cost of the policy has risen and in order to compensate, the amount paid by each GCA member will increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Nancy reported that our cost would be included in our annual dues.

Anne Arvin, program chair, announced that the Annual Meeting would be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Luncheon will be served. Replies should be made to Nancy Bishop.

Jane Stilz, Corresponding Secretary, passed out the new directories.

Mo Ehtington announced that we would vote on Founder's Fund at the March meeting.

Nancy announced that the Philadelphia Flower Show would be March 7-14<sup>th</sup>. Closer to home, the Cincinnati Flower Show will be April 21-25<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy thanked Janie for hosting our meeting. She then turned the meeting over to Ginny May, the new Board president. Ginny announced the new Board members:

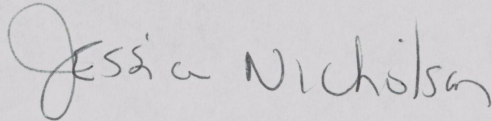
Ellen Chapman – First Vice-President  
Nancy Bishop – Second Vice-President  
Mo Ehtington – Recording Secretary  
Jane Stilz – Corresponding Secretary  
Gay Van Meter – Treasurer  
Libby Brown – Admissions  
Dot Crutcher – Awards  
Mott Nicol – Conservation  
Sarah Davis – Flower Show  
Callie Keller & Jessica Nicholson – Garden Project  
Dottie Cordray – Horticulture  
Barbara Young – Program  
Mimi Milward – Publication  
Melody Kinhead – Special Projects



Elise Boyd – Archives  
Celeste Neuman – Archives of American Garden History and Design  
Kim DeCamp – Assistant Treasurer  
Wende Bell – Founder's Fund  
Anne Gay – Publicity  
Judy Philpot – Scholarship  
Kay Steffee – visiting Gardens

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15  
a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
January 15, 2004

Melodye Kinkead and Lucy Breathitt welcomed Garden Club of Lexington at le Deauville Restaurant for its January meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After thanking the hostesses, President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Recording Secretary, Jessica Nicholson, read the minutes from the November and December General meetings. Both sets of minutes were approved as read.

In the absence of Treasurer, Gay Van Meter, Nancy Bishop announced a balance of \$16,344.00. She also announced that the Finance Committee had met and had approved the following donations:

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| \$250.00   | GCA Scholarships                 |
| \$300.00   | Bluegrass Conservancy            |
| \$250.00   | Ashland, Home of Henry Clay      |
| \$15.00    | Ashland Neighborhood Association |
| \$200.00   | Raven Run                        |
| \$100.00   | U.K. Arboretum                   |
| \$100.00   | Bernheim Forest                  |
| -----      |                                  |
| \$1,215.00 | TOTAL                            |

Nancy also announced that Garden Club of Lexington has received a most generous donation from the Crutcher Family Foundation for the security system in the garden.

Nancy then introduced and welcomed our new members Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Sheilagh Hammond and Lauren Van Balen/

COMMITTEE REPORTS:



ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced that she had scheduled an orientation meeting for new members February 10<sup>th</sup>.

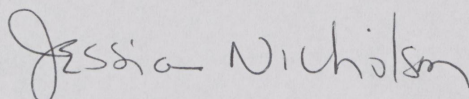
CONSERVATION: Nancy announced that Mimi Milward would attend the GCA Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC February 24-26<sup>th</sup>.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin passed out brochures received from October speaker Peggy Cornett after her meeting. Anne also held a "Show and Tell" about the most popular tools brought to the September meeting. The Noodle-Head Sprinkler won as the most popular tool. She then passed around a sign-up sheet for the Annual Meeting, which will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Our hostesses will be Nancy Bishop, Kim DeCamp, and Anne Arvin.

Nancy Bishop presented the slate of officers as presented in *The Bloomin' News*. She asked for additional nominations. There were none presented. Charlotte Turner made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Mo Ethington seconded the motion. The motion passed; the slate was unanimously accepted.

There being no further business, after thanking our hostesses for a most special meeting, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin, who thanked Christophe, Melodye Kinkead and Lucy Breathitt for having us at le Deauville. What a special treat to be at the restaurant! Anne introduced our very own Melodye Kinkead and her famous traveling companion Peggy Collins, who led us on a fun and colorful slide trip to Kukenhoff Gardens during tulip season. A delicious French luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
January 5, 2004

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met January 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sarah Davis. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were sixteen members were present: Elise Boyd, Kathy Dalton, Jeanne Codell, Jane Stilz, Janie Pappas, Nancy Bishop, Mo Ethington, Libby Brown, Judy Philpot, Anne Gay, Anne Arvin Mott Nicol, Luanne Milward, Sarah Davis, Jessica Nicholson, and Gay Van Meter. Nancy thanked Sarah for hosting the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the December meeting. They were approved as read with the exception that the March meeting would be at Janie Pappas' house and the April board meeting would be at Gay Van Meter's house.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a balance of \$14,701.68. She passed around thank-you notes that she has received from some of the recipients of our year-end donations.

Jane Stilz then passed around the final copy of the directory to check before it goes to press.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton reported that all the beds are sleeping. So far, no weeds!

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the January General Meeting would be at le Deauville restaurant on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Lucy Breathitt and Melodye Kinhead will be co-hosts. There will be no Board or General Meetings in February. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Idle Hour Country Club at 10:30.

Nancy noted that the chairmen of standing committees would turn in their annual written reports at the March meeting.



Nancy reported that Dottie Cordray took pictures of the new lighting system in the garden to submit to GCA for the "Capital Landscapes" project for the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

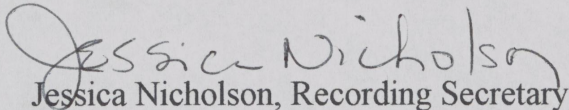
Nancy then read a note from Alyce Hoskins asking to resign from the membership. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Sarah Davis and seconded by Jane Stilz to offer Alyce an Affiliate membership. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no Board or General meetings in February. Outgoing members should contact their incoming replacements to see if there are any questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

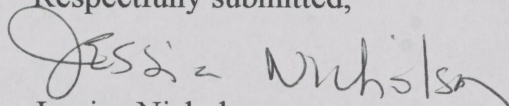
  
Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
December 18, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington gathered December 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Anne Gay for the annual Christmas Tea. Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman were co-hostesses. We welcomed four new members: Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, and Sheila Hammond. Anne's house was festively decorated, including several beautiful miniature boxwood trees. An elegant and delicious tea complete with traditional wassail, was served.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
December 1, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met December 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Linda Carey. President Nancy Bishop thanked our hostess and called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were 18 members present: Ellen Chapman, Callie Keller, Joan Gaines, Anne Arvin, Jeanne Codell, Kathy Dalton, Mimi Milward, Judy Philpot, Janie Pappas, Mott Nicol, Sarah Davis, Gay Van Meter, Linda Carey, Ginny May, Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop, Anne Gay, and Jane Stiliz.

The minutes from the November Board meeting were approved as read.

Nancy asked for hostesses for the March and April Board meetings. We will meet at Ginny May's house in March and at Janie Pappas' house in April.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a bank balance of \$17,073.80.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen announced that there would be an orientation meeting for our new members in January or February. She was reminded to include a copy of *The Yellow Book* in their packets.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Gay Van Meter presented the recommendation from the Finance Committee concerning the yearly allocation for donations:

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| \$250.00 | GCA Scholarships                 |
| \$300.00 | Bluegrass Conservancy            |
| \$250.00 | Ashland, Home of Henry Clay      |
| \$ 15.00 | Ashland Neighborhood Association |
| \$200.00 | Raven Run                        |
| \$100.00 | U.K. Arboretum                   |
| \$100.00 | Bernheim Forest                  |

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\$1,215.00    TOTAL

A discussion followed. Linda Carey made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation. Callie Keller seconded the motion, which carried, and the presentation



was accepted. Gay reminded everyone that a garden expense over \$300 should to be brought to the Finance Committee for approval.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jeanne Codell initiated discussion about reinstating Mrs. Sydney Sayre Combs as an affiliate member of Garden Club of Lexington. Mimi Milward made the motion to reinstate Mrs. Combs as an affiliate member. Jeanne Codell seconded and the motion carried. We will accept her \$100 dues and send *The Bloomin' News*. Mimi will notify GCA Headquarters.

Nancy announced that Kay Shifflett is the Treasurer of the 2008 GCA Annual Meeting, which will be hosted by Zone VII in Norfolk, VA. Each member of each Zone VII club will be assessed \$15.00 to help with the costs of the meeting. For the 84 members of Garden Club of Lexington, we will be assessed \$1,260.00. This will be paid in two installments: June 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006.

GARDEN: The lights have been installed. There are three lights in trees and one on the shed. The fake cameras were returned to the store because of a city ordinance about false security. It was suggested that a sign be installed stating "... anything that takes place in public and can be viewed in public may be videotaped".

Kathy Dalton brought up for discussion the idea of reprinting the garden brochure. A brochure would be a good place to mention donations and memorials also. Ginny May noted that the paper quality wouldn't have to be top grade.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the Christmas Tea would be held at Anne Gay's home December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman will also be hostesses. Our four new members will be introduced. On January 15<sup>th</sup> we will meet at le Deauville restaurant at 10:30. Lucy Breathitt and Melodye Kinkead will co-host. We will have a slide show of the Kukenhoff Gardens in the Netherlands.

Nancy read a note from Ann Hagan Michel, a non-member who wrote to say that she had enjoyed the Peggy Cornett meeting and thanked us for inviting her to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy thanked the nominating committee for the slate of officers for 2004-2006.

Nancy presented the following slate:

President  
First Vice President  
Second Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

Mrs. Robert Vernon May  
Mrs. William Sherard Chapman, Jr.  
Mrs. William Thomas Bishop, III  
Mrs. William Cash Stilz  
Mrs. Joseph Browne Nicholson  
Mrs. Thomas Field Van Meter



#### Chairmen of Standing Committees

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Admissions       | Mrs. Norman Lynn Brown            |
| Awards           | Mrs. Richard Redd Crutcher        |
| Conservation     | Mrs. Bruce Richard Nicol          |
| Finance          | Mrs. Thomas Field Van Meter       |
| Flower Show      | Mrs. Walton Davis                 |
| Garden Project   | Mrs. George Arthur Hoskins        |
| Horticulture     | Mrs. Frederick Marion Keller, Jr. |
| Program          | Mrs. Dorothy C. Cordray           |
| Publication      | Mrs. William Thompson Young, Jr.  |
| Special Projects | Mrs. Gregory Baynham Milward      |
|                  | Mrs. Shelby Carneal Kinkead, Jr.  |

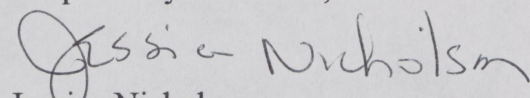
#### Non-Voting Committee Chairmen

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| Archives                                       | Mrs. James Robert Boyd         |                              |
| Archives of American Garden History and Design |                                | Mrs. Emler Albin Neuman, Jr. |
| Assistant Treasurer                            | Mrs. Patterson Augustus DeCamp |                              |
| Founders Fund                                  | Mrs. James Gatewood Bell       |                              |
| Publicity                                      | Mrs. James Gatewood Gay        |                              |
| Visiting Gardens                               | Mrs. George Edgar Steffee      |                              |
| Scholarship                                    | Mrs. James Alvin Philpot, Jr.  |                              |

Linda Carey made a motion to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee. Gay Van Meter seconded the motion. The motion passed and the slate was accepted by the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Finance Committee Meeting  
December 1,2003

The Finance Committee of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday December 1,2003 at the home of Linda Carey. Committee members present were Ginny May, Gay Van Meter, and Nancy Bishop.

Gay called the meeting primarily to discuss the allocation of funds for year-end donations. Gay presented the idea of making a donation in the name of a deceased spouse of a club member. Nancy questioned this practice as one that might set some sort of precedent for future donations.

Nancy announced that Zone VII would be that hostess zone for the GCA Annual Meeting in 2008. It has been decided that each club in the zone will pay \$15 per member to defray the cost of the meeting. Gay said that technically, that money should come from the account of the Assistant Treasurer. The Treasurer's account is only to be used for garden expenses. It was also noted that the Assistant Treasurer's account is presently non-interest bearing.

Gay suggested the following organizations to receive donations this year and these amounts were agreed upon:

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Blue Grass Conservancy      | \$300      |
| Friends of Ashland          | \$250      |
| Ashland Neighborhood Assoc. | \$15       |
| Raven Run                   | \$200      |
| U.K. Arboretum              | \$100      |
| Bernheim Forest             | \$100      |
| GCA Interchange Fellowship  | \$250      |
| TOTAL                       | \$1,215.00 |

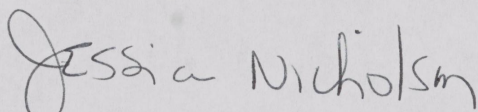
The Kentucky Natural Lands Trust requested a donation. That request was denied.



Gay will present this list to the Board for a motion and a second. Gay reminded the Committee that any expense for the garden over \$300 requires the approval of the Finance Committee. However, in an emergency situation, the Board would be able to handle the approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Nicholson



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
November 20, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Louie's Flower Power Shop. Betsy Hillenmeyer, Ginny May and Joy Hinkle were hostesses. President Nancy Bishop presided over the meeting.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the October meeting, which were approved as, read.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$17,776.88. This figure includes the deduction of \$3,801.00 for the security lighting for the garden. Gay reported that there would be a Finance Committee meeting before the next Board meeting in December.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz, passed around the membership list for everyone to check for accuracy for addresses and numbers to go into the next printing of our "little black books". Jane announced the four new members of our club: Lauren Van Balen, Sheila Hammond, Edie Gess, and Mary Louise Fisher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced that there would be an orientation luncheon sometime in the New Year for the new members.

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton thanked everyone for all the work this year in the garden. Many hands made speedy work of bulb planting on Friday. Many thanks to all those who helped. SECURITY: Dottie Cordray updated the membership on the new security system. Lights are up in the garden to provided better security. In the spring, she is considering hiring a security officer during Spring Break to patrol the garden. She is also in contact with a police officer about the perpetrator of the most recent crimes to the topiary family.

HORTICULTURE: In Barbara Young's absence, Nancy Bishop circulated pictures of the Zone VII Flower Show. She announced that the Philadelphia



Flower Show would be held March 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> and wanted a show of hands of people interested in a trip to the Show. Nancy announced that Dottie Cordray would attend the Shirley Meneice Horticulture workshop in Pasadena, CA in February.

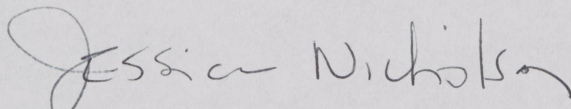
PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the Christmas Tea would be at Anne Gay's December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. The January meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at le Deauville Restaurant. Slides of the Kukenhoff Gardens in Holland will be presented.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward passed around forms to gauge interest in the new cookbook. She is also asking for any comments – positive or negative – concerning a new book. She has received 18 questionnaires back thus far.

Nancy Bishop reported about the Zone Meeting in Charleston, WV. She thanked the club for giving her and Mary Montague the opportunity to attend the meeting. She announced that the 2004 Zone meeting would be in Orange, VA, September 22-24. The theme of the meeting will be "History in Bloom". Zone VII will once again host the annual meeting in 2008, May 3-7. The 2004 GCA Annual Meeting will be held April 25-27 in Washington, DC. The GCA Legislative Meeting will be February 24-26, 2004 in Washington, DC. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Nancy know. Blair Matthews has requested a photo of one of our club's projects (past or present) dealing with historic preservation or civic improvement. The topic is "Capital Landscapes". The photos will be used at next year's annual meeting in Washington. The due date for this picture is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy thanked our hostesses Betsy, Joy and Ginny. She adjourned the business part of the meeting and turned it over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, Joseph Hillenmeyer, who gave an enlightening and interesting glimpse into the world of designing spaces.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

### Board Meeting

November 3, 2003

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The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Jeanne Codell. Seventeen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Luanne Milward, Callie Keller, Linda Carey, Mo Ethington, Ginny May, Gay VanMeter, Barbara Young, Jeanne Codell, Mott Nicol, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Dalton, Anne Arvin, Anne Gay, Judy Philpot, Jessica Nicholson and Janie Pappas. After thanking our hostess, President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order and introduced Dottie Cordray who gave an updated report on her security findings for the garden. After discussion, Linda Carey made a motion to install lights and fake video cameras. Callie Keller seconded the motion, which was approved. Dottie's report was filed with the secretary.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the October Board meeting were approved as read.

Nancy Bishop announced that Jessica Nicholson had won the Zone VII Faulconer-Minor award at the Zone meeting Flower Show.

Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$21,917.50

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced the 4 candidates for admission. A vote of the Board followed. Ellen then announced the new members: Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, and Sheila Hammond. (Sheilagh) They will be invited to the Christmas Tea. Jane Stilz will send invitations to these new members.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey is looking for a club project.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton announced that almost all of the borders have been put to bed. Bulb planting day will be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be using bone meal this year at bulb planting



due to the fact that it seems to attract rodents. Sand and other amendments will be tilled in prior to planting. Dot Crutcher and Eileen Hillenmeyer will bring refreshments. The rain date will be the following Wednesday.

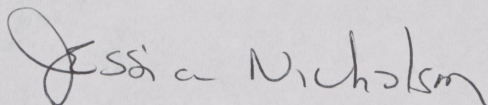
HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young announced a workshop at Michler's on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. or directly after bulb planting. Please bring coolers and cuttings of "Trees and Shrubs for Public Places". Barbara then announced that the Shirley Meneice workshop would be held in Pasadena, CA February 7-10, 2004. Barbara had been given some information on a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. She will check on the details as several people expressed an interest in going to the Show.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin thanked everyone who helped with Peggy Cornett's visit. She thanked those who hosted the meeting for opening it up and inviting non-members to participate in the program and the lunch that followed. The next General Meeting will be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the new Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road at 10:30 a.m. Joseph Hillenmeyer will speak on "Structure and Focal Point in the Garden". Betsy Hillenmeyer, Joy Hinkle and Ginny May will be hostesses. The Christmas Tea will be held December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the home of Anne Gay. Joining Anne as hostesses will be Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward reported that 20 surveys have been returned. She encouraged everyone to fill it out with either positive or negative comments so that we can gauge club support on this project. Luanne then brought up the butterfly bed boxwood question for discussion. Gay VanMeter made a motion to propagate boxwood to border the beds. Ginny May seconded the motion. The Board approved. Kathy Dalton and Luanne will be in charge of this project.

The next Board meeting will be at Linda Carey's on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

General Meeting  
October 23, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Idle Hour Country Club. Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell and Judy Philpot served as hostesses. Libby Brown, second vice-president presided over the meeting.

In the absence of Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, first vice-president, read the minutes of the September meeting which were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stiliz distributed a list of members' addresses and phone numbers to be checked for accuracy.

There was no Treasurer's report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Kathy Dalton announced that bulb-planting day would be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The following Wednesday would be the rain date.

**HORTICULTURE:** Barbara Young announced that there would be a horticulture workshop in Pasadena, CA in February. There will be a propagation workshop here at Michler's on November 12<sup>th</sup> after bulb planting. She then announced the awards for our members at the Zone VII Flower Show in Charleston: **Flower Arranging Division:** MaryMontague - yellow ribbon; Jessica Nicholson - blue ribbon/Faulconer-Minor award. **Horticulture Division:** Mo Ethington - yellow (pumpkin), Jeanne Codell - yellow (nasturtium), Ginny May - yellow (Beautyberry), Jessica Nicholson - red (Nandina), Wende Bell - yellow (Topiary Bear), Dottie Cordray - 2 blues and 1 Honorable Mention (orchids), Nancy Bishop - 3 blues (roses). **Photography Division:** Barbara Young - blue (Passage/crabapple). Libby thanked Barbara for her good work in getting the plants together for the Zone meeting.

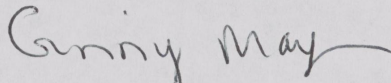
**PROGRAM:** Anne Arvin thanked our hostesses Jeanne, Libby and Judy and announced that the next meeting would be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at



Louis' Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road. Joseph Hillenmeyer will speak on accent plants for the garden. Hostesses will be Betsy Hillenmeyer, Joy Hinkle and Ginny May.

There being no further business, Libby turned the meeting over to Jeanne Codell who introduced our speaker Peggy Cornett. Peggy, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Preservation of Historic Plants at Monticello, offered us an interesting slide show on historic plants for today's garden. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at tables set with delightful flower-filled pumpkin centerpieces. Many guests from area clubs attended our program and enjoyed lunch with us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginny May". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ginny May, acting Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Board Meeting  
October 6, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Elise Boyd. President Nancy Bishop presided. Sixteen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Sarah Davis, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Judy Philpot, Joan Gaines, Jane Stilz, Janie Pappas, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, Anne Gay, Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, and Libby Brown. Dottie Cordray was also present.

Nancy announced a bank balance of \$22,776.81. There is also a sum of \$1,795.00 in the Joe Wile Memorial Fund.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADMISSIONS:** Ellen reminded us that there are five spots available and we have four applications. Nancy read the list of members who are non-voting members: Janie Pappas (Archives), Mimi Milward (Assistant Treasurer), Mo Ethington (Founder's Fund), Judy Philpot (Publicity), Joan Gaines (Archives of American Gardens), and Elise Boyd (Scholarship). The Visiting Gardens Chairman does not have a vote. However, in this case, that chairman is also the recording secretary. Ellen then read the applications for admission for a second time.

**GARDEN:** Sarah announced that bulb-planting day would be November 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the following Wednesday. The members of the butterfly beds parterre would like to install boxwoods around the beds. Callie made a motion to allow Luanne Milward to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the boxwoods. Ginny seconded the motion. A discussion followed and it was decided that Ellen would look into a wholesale outlet while Anne Arvin suggested Wilson Brothers Nursery. After a vote, the motion passed.

**GARDEN SECURITY:** Dottie Cordray reported on her research into nighttime security for the garden. After discussion of the various options, Dottie agreed to further pursue several of the plans and will report back with her findings. She handed in a written report on her preliminary search.



HORTICULTURE: Barbara passed out entry cards for the Zone meeting Flower Show. Members are to bring Horticulture entries to Nancy's house by Sunday for transporting to Charleston.

PROGRAM: Peggy Cornett will speak on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday on Historic Plants at Monticello at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Hostesses Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell, and Judy Philpot will treat us to a light lunch after the meeting. November's program will feature Joseph Hillenmeyer and will be held at the newest Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: In Luanne's absence, Nancy announced that the cookbook survey forms should be sent to Luanne. Nancy clarified that all we're doing at this time is gauging interest in a new book.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi announced that she had paid dues to GCA Headquarters for 82 people. She has a balance in her account of \$8,051.75. Nancy announced that Mrs. Sydney S. Combs and Mrs. William S. Farish, III have been dropped from the membership.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay passed out a balance sheet from the party showing expenses and income. The club's profit from the party is \$12,501.59.

PUBLICITY: Judy noted that members of GC of Lexington were pictured on the Kentucky River in the last *GCA Bulletin*.

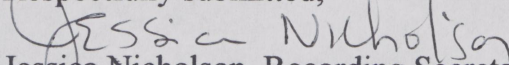
OLD BUSINESS: Jessica Nicholson reported that the armillary sundial has been repaired and will be kept in the garden shed until the Board decides its fate.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy announced that on October 18<sup>th</sup> there would be a plant collector's sale in Nashville.

The next Board meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Jeanne Codell's.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked our hostess Elise and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
September 18, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Kathy Dalton. Mary Montague and Frances Cox served as co-hostesses with Kathy. President Nancy Bishop presided over the meeting.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the July meeting, which were approved as read.

Gay Van Meter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$21,454.10. Gay also reported that the Finance Committee had presented a motion to the Board to reprint 10,000 copies of *Bluegrass Winners*. Gay reported that the Memorial Fund had received over \$1,000 in memory of Joe Wile.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Nancy announced that one of our newest members, Marty Mayer, had been spotted working diligently in the garden EVERY Wednesday. Sarah reminded everyone to put her border/parterre to bed. This should be done by the end of October. Bulb-planting day will be announced after the first hard frost. Carol Jackson will be weeding in the peony bed and will need help next Wednesday.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young passed out Horticulture schedules for the Zone meeting October 13-15<sup>th</sup>. She asked for entries noting that classes included grasses, perennials, topiaries, berried branches, orchids and more. Barbara announced that there would be a Hort workshop at Michler's on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your cooler. We will be working on plants and trees for public spaces again for the Annual Meeting.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin reported that our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in October, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Peggy Cornett from Monticello will present a program on historic plants for today's garden. Peggy is the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Preservation of Historic Plants in Charlottesville, VA. The meeting will be held at the Idle Hour Country Club at 10:30 a.m. Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell, and Judy Philpot will be



hostesses. We have invited members of area clubs who have an interest in historic plants and gardens.

PUBLICATION: Mott Nicol asked that members with news for *The Bloomin' News* please send it to Jane Stilz for the October edition.

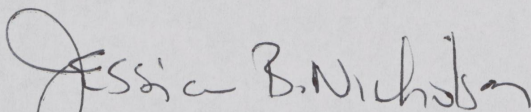
SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward, in an effort to gauge support for the publishing of a companion to *Bluegrass Winners*, passed out a form for each member to sign up to choose an area to help with a possible new cookbook.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay expressed a huge "thank you" to everyone for all the support for the party. It was a great success. The ballpark figure for profit is at least \$9,000. Anne thanked Mary Montague for working on the art auction. Mary thanked all of her helpers. Gay reported that the proceeds from the art auction were \$8,582.00. Our 40% payout netted the club \$3,984.80. Nancy gave special thanks on behalf of the club to Anne and Mary for all of their hard work on this most special and successful fund-raiser.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey asked for volunteers for two pots full of two invasive plants to be taken to the Zone meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>. The merit of transporting these to another state to be burned was questioned.

There being no further business, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, our very own Dot Crutcher. Anne allowed as how Dot didn't need an introduction to this group. Instead, Anne gave a small tribute to her by recounting her many contributions to not only our garden club, but also to the community in the form of preservation. Dot gave a most interesting history of our club, the garden at Ashland and *Bluegrass Winners*. Afterwards, we were treated to a delicious lunch in Kathy's beautiful garden.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
Board Meeting  
August 25, 2003  
(SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING)

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met August 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Luanne Milward. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Sixteen members were present: Jeanne Codell, Libby Brown, Linda Carey, Kathy Dalton, Mo Ethington, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Anne Gay, Barbara Young, Jane Stilz, Sarah Davis, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop and Luanne Milward. Mary Montague was also present.

The minutes from the previous Board meeting were approved as corrected: there are five places available for new members; Gay VanMeter will not be chairman of the new cookbook if there should be one.

Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$16,122.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman read the responsibilities of the new-member sponsors from the by-laws. She then proceeded to read the applications for new members.

FINANCE: Gay brought a recommendation from the finance committee to reprint 10,000 cookbooks at \$5.21 each. The total sum would be payable in thirds. She noted that it has taken about three years to sell 12,000. Callie Keller made a motion to accept the proposal. Barbara Young seconded the motion, which carried.

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton announced that Dottie Cordray has gotten estimates on security devices for the garden. She thanked everyone for working on Wednesdays. The club received a check for \$50.00 from "an admirer" who grew up in Lexington and now lives in California. Ann Robinson sent the check after a visit to the garden.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara asked for progress reports on the pumpkin and nasturtium seeds which are being grown for the Zone meeting in October.



Barbara will have a propagating workshop in November on "Trees and Shrubs for Public Spaces".

PROGRAM: Nancy announced for Anne Arvin that September 18<sup>th</sup>'s meeting would be at Kathy Dalton's house with Mary Montague and Frances Cox as co-hostesses with Kathy. Please bring your favorite garden tool. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Peggy Cornett from Monticello in Charlottesville will speak on "Historic Plants for Today's Garden".

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward reported that Susie Hanks had an easel made for displaying the cookbook poster at various venues.

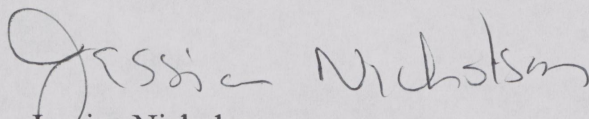
FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Mary has received 39 contracts from artists. There are 21 artists returning from last year. Nancy thanked Anne Gay and Mary Montague for all their tireless efforts. She thanked Libby for her work on the beautiful invitations. The picture of the garden on the invitation was taken by Mimi Milward.

Mary Montague will be the delegate to the Zone meeting October 12-15 in Charleston, WV.

The October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be at Elise Boyd's.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked Luanne and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson".

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
General Meeting  
July 17, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Ashland Garden for the annual garden picnic. Hostesses were Bettie Bos Haggin, Mo Ethington, and Gay Van Meter. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Nancy reminded everyone that the admissions deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gay Van Meter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$13,318.65. The net proceeds from the Flower Show Preview Party were \$3,331.89.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton reported that the garden looks great and thanked everyone for coming to work on Wednesdays.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the next general meeting would be September 18<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Dalton's with Mary Montague and Frances Cox as co-hostesses. Dot Crutcher will take us back to our roots with a history of our garden club. Anne passed out a schedule of upcoming programs.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay passed out sign up sheets for food to be brought to the party and for donations of money to help defray costs. Mary Montague passed around a sheet for volunteers to help with the silent art auction.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey will need potted invasive plants to take to the Zone meeting. She passed out a very informative and clever "Least Wanted" poster about the least wanted plant in the garden: Wintercreeper (Euonymus).

FLOWER SHOW: Nancy read a note from Flower Show co-Chairman Jeanne Codell thanking everyone for her participation in the Flower Show.

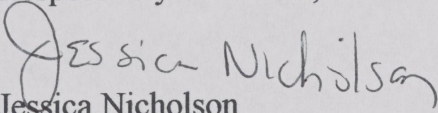
There will be no meeting in August.



Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, Larry Hanks, the second registered arborist in Kentucky, a true plant doctor, who spoke to us about the care and feeding of Boxwoods.

Judy Oggør from the Ashland staff led us on an interesting tour of the estate grounds. We then were treated to a beautiful lunch under the trees outside the gates of the garden.

Respectively submitted,

  
Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
July 7, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met July 7<sup>th</sup> at Libby Brown's. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Nancy thanked Libby for hostessing the meeting. The minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as read. Fourteen members were present: Mo Ethington, Anne Arvin, Janie Pappas, Joan Gaines, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Dalton, Linda Carey, Callie Keller, Sarah Davis, Libby Brown, Anne Gay, Jane Stilz, and Jessica Nicholson. Mary Montague was also present.

Nancy noted that there are six places available for new members.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter, reported a balance of \$12,682.84. She also reported the net profit from the preview party is \$3,337.89. Gay then reported that the club currently has 3,667 cookbooks remaining to be sold. A preliminary discussion followed concerning the reprinting of the cookbook plus the possibility of printing a new edition. Callie made a motion to reprint at least 10,000 books with the Finance Committee having the authority to recommend a higher number, if warranted. Sarah seconded the motion. The motion passed. Gay will be the chairman of the new book. She will get a committee to look into it. The committee will collect facts and figures to present to the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLOWER SHOW: Jessica Nicholson read a thank-you note from Miggie Jacobs, one of the judges for our flower show.

GARDEN: Sarah reported that the taxus and boxwoods are getting trimmed. The irrigation system has been adjusted.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the July General Meeting will be a picnic at Ashland Garden. Judy Ogger will give a tour of the grounds. Larry Hanks will talk to us about boxwoods. As a bonus, a tour of the house has been offered. The rain location will be Libby Brown's. Save tools for



the next meeting. But bring flowers for the tables in July. September 18<sup>th</sup> Dot Crutcher will talk to us about the beginnings and early days of the garden. Kathy Dalton, Frances Cox and Mary Montague will be the hostesses at Kathy's house.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay asked for people to sign up for food, flowers, tables or money for the party. The rain location will be at Anne Gay's house. Mary Montague reported that she has sent out forty contracts to artists. She has received sixteen back.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessica reported that the armillary, if bought new today, would cost \$3,000.00 plus crating, shipping and about \$200.00 for the pedestal. She will look into having Joe Timmons at Saunier's repair the armillary so that we can sell it.

Nancy announced that the Zone VII meeting would be hosted by the Kanawha Garden Club in Charleston, WV in October.

There will be no Board or General Meeting in August. The September Board meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup> at Luanne Milward's.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
June 12, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at 10:30 a.m. in the garden of W.T. Young with Barbara Young and Mr. Young welcoming everyone. There were fifty-six members and one guest present.

President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order. Due to weather, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who thanked Mr. Young and Barbara for having us in his lovely garden. Mrs. Young enjoyed this garden very much and she particularly liked an abundance of color.

Becky Beam, head gardener, was introduced. She conducted a tour of the garden areas while providing helpful and interesting information. Becky has been in charge of the garden for thirteen years. A question and answer session followed. A delicious box lunch was served.

Nancy thanked Barbara and Mr. Young for providing such a special meeting.

Anne Gay, Acting Secretary read the minutes of the General Meeting of May 15, 2003. They were approved as read.

Gay VanMeter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$15,131.09.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman reminded everyone that the deadline for admissions applications is August 25<sup>th</sup> and she has those forms.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell and Mott Nicol explained specifics and answered questions about our in-club flower show, *Blooms from an English Garden*, to be held June 18-20<sup>th</sup> at Cross Gate Gallery. Small silver spoons will be awarded to each winner. These are generously provided by Jeanne and Mott. Callie Keller announced that the Flower Arrangement classes are filled. Horticulture entry forms are available from her. Monnie Long, Preview Party Chairman, thanked members for responding to their invitations.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young provided tips on entries for Horticulture.



GARDEN: Sarah Davis thanked all the garden workers and emphasized how wonderful the garden looks.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay reported plans for the party and art auction are in process. There is an increased interest by artists for participation in the silent art auction.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the July General Meeting will be a picnic at Ashland Garden with Mo Ethington, Bettie Bos Haggin and Gay VanMeter as hostesses. Larry Hanks will speak on boxwoods and there will be a walking tour of the grounds at Ashland.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anne P. Gay, Acting Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
June 2, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Callie Keller. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fourteen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Anne Arvin, Anne Gay, Ginny May, Libby Brown, Janie Pappas, Judy Philpot, Sarah Davis, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Jeanne Codell, Linda Carey, Barbara Young, and Mary Montague.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as corrected. Nancy read a note from Elizabeth Freeman asking to resign from the membership. The Board voted to accept with regret her request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey announced that we would be required to supply two invasive plants, in pots, to the Zone meeting in October. A discussion of invasive plants followed.

FLOWER SHOW: Judges for the in-club show were announced. Judy Mitchell and Miggie Jacobs will be coming from Cincinnati. Bliss Clark may come from Michigan. If not, we will ask Sarah Cunningham, a Federated judge from Lexington. Horticulture entries are needed. Jeanne announced that everything must be cleared out of Cross Gate Gallery by 11:00 a.m. Friday. Barbara Young will check with Monnie about inviting Beverly Fortune to the preview party as our guest.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that Larry Hanks, husband of Susie Hanks in the cookbook office, would talk to us about boxwoods at the July meeting in the garden. Mo Ethington, Bettie Bos Haggin and Gay VanMeter will be hostesses. Everyone is asked to bring her favorite garden tool. Anne also asked for people to bring arrangements for the tables. The June meeting will be a real treat at Mr. Young's garden. Due to the date of the flower show, the June meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.



GARDEN: Sarah thanked everyone for coming out to work in the garden on Wednesdays. She sent around a sheet on the subject of pesticides applied by professionals. A law requires the professional sprayer to keep records for three years on, among other things, what was used, the date of application, the purpose, and the size of the area treated.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara advised nasturtium growers not to start the seed too early.

ARCHIVES: Virginia Clark Hagan's niece has offered the club crates of old GCA Bulletins. It was decided to decline her offer.

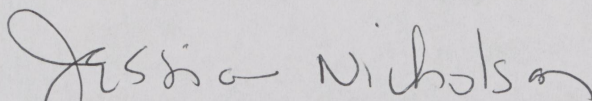
GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay reported that Libby has volunteered to help her with the invitations. Fifty-seven artists have been invited to participate in the art auction. Of those, thirty-seven so far have requested contracts. Of that number, Mary has received eleven back. There was a discussion on whether to publicize the art exhibit. Linda Carey made the motion not to publicize it. Callie seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Armillary update: The armillary was given to the garden club after Alice Prewitt MacElvane died. Jessica volunteered to have it appraised and give the report to the Board. Then it will be decided what to do with it.

The next Board meeting will be at Libby Brown's July 7<sup>th</sup>.

After thanking Callie for her hospitality, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
May 15, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Carol Jackson. The minutes from the April General Meeting were approved as read.

President Nancy Bishop announced status changes to be noted in members' notebooks: Betty Kinkead, Ginny Adams, Eleanor Milward and Scotty Walton have moved to affiliate. Celia Banks has resigned.

Nancy announced a bank balance of \$11,922.26 as of the Board meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen reminded everyone that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for status change requests. August 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for admissions application. Ellen has those application forms.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey presented a summary on invasive plants noting that some notable invasives in our area include ajuga, euonymus, and wild roses to name a few. She announced that the GC of Stonington has put out a booklet on invasives. Linda will take names and place an order.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne asked for entries for the club flower show. She passed out a sheet of rules as found in the Yellow Book.

GARDEN PROJECT: Nancy read a reminder for each and every member to come to the garden each and every Wednesday. If you incur any expenses, please turn them in. Sarah reported that with the exception of yet more vandalism, the garden is off to a beautiful start.

HORTICULTURE: Pumpkin and nasturtium seeds to grow for the Zone meeting in October are available from Barbara. Nancy announced that five members sent plants to the Annual Meeting in Rye, NY: Kathy Dalton, Betty Kenan, Mary Montague, Barbara Young and Nancy Bishop. Barbara received a merit award for her entry.



PROGRAM: Anne Arvin thanked everyone for welcoming Luise Strauss with Kentucky hospitality. The next meeting will be at Mr. Young's garden. We will meet rain or shine. Please remember to reply to hostesses for meetings whether you accept or regret the invitation.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Make check payable to "Garden Club of Lexington". Please note that there is no "The" in the name!

FOUNDER'S FUND: The Virginia Native Plant Garden at the Norfolk Botanical Garden was the winner of the \$30,000 the Founder's Fund award. The two runners up each received \$7,500.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN: September 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the garden party. Help is needed now to plan the invitations and set up the food committees. Mary Montague has sent invitations to the artists. So far, 28 would like to sign a contract. She passed around a sheet to sign up to help with this project.

VISITING GARDENS: Jessica announced that she has brochures for the GCA trip to New Orleans October 24-29, 2003.

Nancy read a report on the GCA Annual Meeting in Rye, NY.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

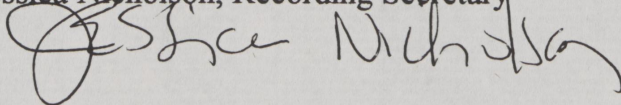
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Reminder: the Glenview Garden Club tour of gardens is June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The June General Meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>....which is a change to the second Thursday of the month due to the Flower Show.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked Carol and Meg and turned the meeting over to Carol Jackson, who introduced Tom *Wilson*.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary





Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
May 12, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mott Nicol. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Eighteen members were present: Janie Pappas, Joan Gaines, Kathy Dalton, Jane Stiliz, Mott Nicol, Anne Arvin, Elise Boyd, Judy Philpot, Jeanne Codell, Jessica Nicholson, Sarah Davis, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Mo Ethington, Nancy Bishop, Anne Arvin and Barbara Young. The minutes from the April Board meeting were approved as read. Nancy read a thank-you note from Luise Strauss. She then read a note from Ginny Adams requesting a membership status change from active to affiliate. The motion was made, seconded (by Callie and Sarah) and carried, to accept with regret her request. Nancy read a note from Celia Banks who wishes to resign from the club. The motion was made, seconded (Callie and Sarah), and carried to grant her request. Eleanor Milward has written a note asking to change her status to affiliate. The motion was made, seconded (Ellen and Callie) and carried to accept with regret her request to change. Nancy announced that we now have four openings for membership. The request for membership status is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$11,922.26 in the bank.

On behalf of Ginny May, Nancy thanked the Board for sending them to the annual meeting in Rye, NY. It seems a great time was had by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen announced that the deadline for application is August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact her for the forms.

FINANCE: There will be a meeting in the garden Wednesday at 9:30,

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne announced for Monnie to bring friends to the Preview Party. The more the merrier. Mary Hardin will prepare the food. A



minstrel will be wandering. The party is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Invitations are in the mail.

Callie has only received two entries. She encouraged everyone to enter. For clarification, the definition of a miniature was re-read.

GARDEN: Kathy showed pictures of the latest topiary damage. She has talked to Jim Boyd who will donate two surveillance cameras. Kathy asked for a committee to deal with the vandalism problem in the garden.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara passed out pumpkin and nasturtium seeds to be grown for the Zone meeting in October. Nancy announced that we had five different participants at the plant exchange at the annual meeting. Barbara received a merit award for her entry.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the next meeting will be at Carol Jackson's with Meg Sprow as co-hostess. Tom Wilson, arborist will address the problem with trees after the ice storm. Anne noted that the June meeting would be one week earlier, June 12<sup>th</sup>, due to the flower show. That meeting will be at W.T. Young's garden on Chinoe Road. It was decided to pass around a sign-up sheet for meetings at the general meetings.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Nancy announced for Mimi that dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FOUNDER'S FUND: Nancy announced for Mo that the Founder's Fund award went to the Native Plant Garden at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. And we should proudly note that that is in Zone VII.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Nancy announced for Mary Montague that 22 artist's contracts have been ~~signed~~.sent.

VISITING GARDENS: Jessica announced the trip to New Orleans scheduled for October 24-29, 2003. She has information for anyone who is interested.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

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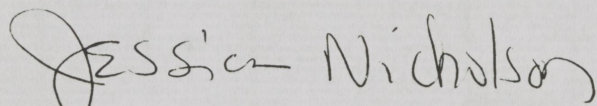
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The Glenview Garden Club in Louisville is having a tour of six gardens June 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Every member should have received notice.

The next Board meeting will be at Callie Keller's June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After thanking Mott for her hospitality, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
April 17, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Janie Pappas. Alyce Hoskins and Jane Stiliz were also hostesses.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the March meeting which were approved as read.

Gay VanMeter submitted a balance of \$12,544.67.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: The deadline for admissions is August 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for change in membership status is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FINANCE: Gay reported that the Board had voted to send \$500 to Ashland to help replace trees lost in the ice storm. She encouraged all members to send in donations. Ashland was hit very hard by the storm.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell asked that everyone please sign up to enter the club show in June. Mott Nicol read the definition of a miniature arrangement as found in the "Yellow Book". Monnie Long announced that plans for the preview party were shaping up. The cost per ticket will \$25 per person.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton reported that the irrigation system has been completed.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young announced that she has a great variety of plants to send to the Annual Meeting.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the next general meeting will be at Carol Jackson's house May 15<sup>th</sup>. Meg Sprow will also be a hostess. Tim Wilson, arborist, will talk on "Beyond the Ice Storm – Our Trees"/

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward announced that dues checks of \$100 are due. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline.

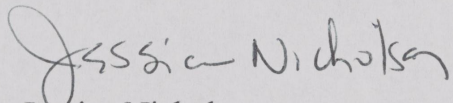


VISITING GARDENS: Jessica Nicholson announced the exciting upcoming trip to New Orleans in October 2003. She has the itinerary and details. There will also be a trip to France and Austria in 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will sell Preston McAdoo's rugs in the fall as a fund-raiser. Jessica Nicholson has been moved to Prospective in the Flower Arranging Judging Program.

After thanking Janie, Jane and Alyce for a lovely meeting, Nancy Bishop turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin, who introduced our speaker, Louise Strauss.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
April 7, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Gay Van Meter. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Jessica Nicholson, Gay Van Meter, Libby Brown, Judy Philpot, Linda Carey, Joan Gaines, Anne Gay, Jeanne Codell, Jane Stilz, Kathy Dalton, Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop and Mott Nicol, Barbara Young, and Mimi Milward. The minutes from the March Board meeting were approved as read.

Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$13,005.87. She also made a motion to correct the financial statement for 2002. It was seconded by Jeanne Codell. That motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz read two letters requesting membership status change which she received last August. These requests could not be acted upon at the time due to the fact that they were received past the deadline for the year. The requests were from Betty Kinkead and Scotty Walton who wished to change from active to affiliate. Two separate motions were made and carried to accept the requests with regret.

Gay Van Meter reported that the Finance Committee had been polled regarding a gift to the Ashland Estate from the garden club. The Committee voted to give \$500 toward the purchase of new trees. This was presented to the Board to vote on. The Board voted to approve the \$500 gift to Ashland. There will be a Finance Committee meeting today to approve garden expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell announced that entry forms for the club flower show will be included in *The Bloomin News*.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton reported that the peony pre-season work has been done. The irrigation system work is now complete. Garden work will begin April 9<sup>th</sup>.



HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young passed out the black pots for plants to go to the annual meeting in Rye, NY.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that Louise Strauss and her husband will arrive a day early to attend the races and the BlueGrass Conservancy benefit. The General Meeting will be at Janie Pappas'. Alyce Hoskins and Jane Stilz will also be hostesses. Louise's topic will be "It's Not Your Mother's Garden Club". The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Carol Jackson's house at 10:30 a.m. Arborist Tom Wilson will be the speaker. Anne passed around a sign-up sheet for meeting hostesses. She reported that it has been decided to invite non-GCA clubs in the area to attend our October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting which will feature a speaker from Monticello.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward reported an account balance of \$14,206.27. All dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She read a thankyou note from the Shirley Meniece workshop which received a donation from us in honor of Louise Strauss.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: The Board extends an invitation to Mary Montague, art chairman, to attend Board meetings beginning in May. Melodye Kinhead will be her assistant.

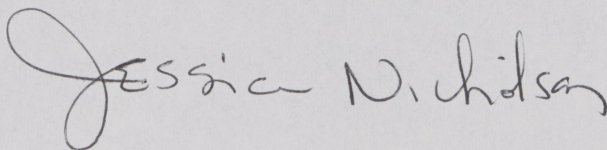
ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN GARDENS: Joan Gaines announced that she has begun the process of documenting Celeste Neuman's garden at Xalapa Farm.

NEW BUSINESS: It has been suggested that we sell Preston McAdoo rugs once again as a fund raiser. We receive 25% of the monies as our profit. In the past, we have raised enough money to put a brick border around the peony bed. The dates would be in October; either the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Libby Brown made the motion to have the sale. Barbara Young seconded. The motion carried. Meg Sprow will head the committee.

The next Board meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at Mott Nicol's house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary

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Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
March 3, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Jane Stilz. Nancy Bishop, President, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Gay Van Meter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$13,108.16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSIONS; Nancy reported for Ellen that the orientation luncheon for the new members was held February 5<sup>th</sup> with 12 members present (4 new members and 8 Board members).

FLOWER SHOW: There was a meeting last Tuesday for our in-club show coming up in June. Jeanne asked the Board members to be thinking about what each would like to exhibit! The schedule will be passed out at the March meeting.

GARDEN PROJECT: Sarah and Kathy reported that the garden did much better than had been feared after the ice storm. The two lilacs in the back border are gone. Several smaller boxwoods will have to be replaced. Gratefully, the brick wall is still standing and the topiaries are o.k. Ashland has asked if we could take a day to come help pick up branches and sticks from the grounds. Sarah and Kathy will be mailing garden work assignments soon. The new members will be rotated through the garden during the summer to get a better idea of the whole garden and to get to know the other members.

HORTICULTURE: Gay Van Meter reported that she attended the Horticulture workshop in North Carolina which was only half-strength at best due to the ice storm. Even so, it was a very interesting meeting. Louise Strauss, the chairman of that meeting will be our speaker here at the April meeting.



PROGRAM: The Annual Meeting and lunch will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Greentree Tea Room. Mary Andrews Goff, Helen Breckinridge and Anne Turner will be hostesses.

The April general meeting will be at the home of Janie Pappas on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Jane Stiliz, Janie Pappas and Alyce Hoskins will be hostesses. Louise Strauss will be the speaker. Members are welcomed to invite a guest.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward will compile a "Top 10" list from *Blue Grass Winners*. Each member is asked to turn in her favorite recipe.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward announced a balance of \$12,413.24. Annual dues of \$100.00 are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FOUNDERS FUND: We will vote for one of the three finalists at the March meeting. There are two finalists from Zone VII. This year the winner will receive \$25,000.00 and the two runners-up will each receive \$7,500.00.

OLD BUSINESS: KET's "Kentucky Life" included Ashland Garden and starred Kathy Dalton, Sarah Davis, Harriett Holladay, Patricia Green and Ginny May.

NEW BUSINESS: Written annual reports from pertinent committee chairmen are due at the March meeting. Please type the reports. Hand one in to Nancy Bishop and keep a copy in your notebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Blair Matthews from Glenview Garden Club in Louisville will be the new Zone VII Chairman.

Glenview Garden Club is among several groups sponsoring a symposium entitled "Creating a City" March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Historic Garden Week in Alexandria, Virginia will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board meeting will be held at Gay Van Meter's house April 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie C. Nicholas  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
January 16, 2003

The Garden Club of Lexington met at the First Presbyterian Church on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Bell, Sarah Davis, Delia Kessinger and Scotty Walton were the hostesses.

Nancy Bishop, President welcomed Sue Glover and Anne Kraus, two of our new members.

The minutes from the November and December 2002 meetings were read and approved.

It was reported that the bank balance as of January 6<sup>th</sup> is \$10,970.60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSIONS: The orientation luncheon for new members will be at Ellen Chapman's house Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

CONSERVATION: Patty King will attend the GCA Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC February 25-27<sup>th</sup>.

FINANCE: The Board has approved and Gay sent contributions to the following in December:

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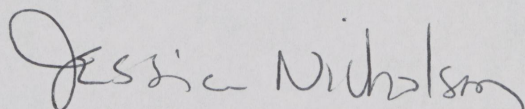
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Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
January 6, 2003

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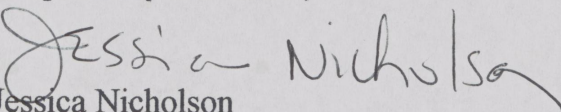
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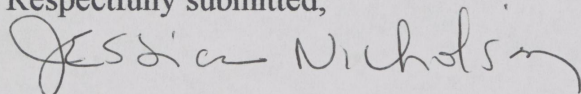
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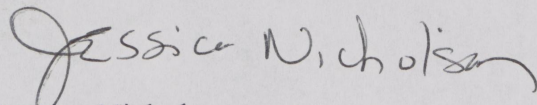
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ADMISSIONS; Nancy reported for Ellen that the orientation luncheon for the new members was held February 5<sup>th</sup> with 12 members present (4 new members and 8 Board members).

FLOWER SHOW: There was a meeting last Tuesday for our in-club show coming up in June. Jeanne asked the Board members to be thinking about what each would like to exhibit! The schedule will be passed out at the March meeting.

GARDEN PROJECT: Sarah and Kathy reported that the garden did much better than had been feared after the ice storm. The two lilacs in the back border are gone. Several smaller boxwoods will have to be replaced. Gratefully, the brick wall is still standing and the topiaries are o.k. Ashland has asked if we could take a day to come help pick up branches and sticks from the grounds. Sarah and Kathy will be mailing garden work assignments soon. The new members will be rotated through the garden during the summer to get a better idea of the whole garden and to get to know the other members.

HORTICULTURE: Gay Van Meter reported that she attended the Horticulture workshop in North Carolina which was only half-strength at best due to the ice storm. Even so, it was a very interesting meeting. Louise Strauss, the chairman of that meeting will be our speaker here at the April meeting.



PROGRAM: The Annual Meeting and lunch will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Greentree Tea Room. Mary Andrews Goff, Helen Breckinridge and Anne Turner will be hostesses.

The April general meeting will be at the home of Janie Pappas on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Jane Stilz, Janie Pappas and Alyce Hoskins will be hostesses. Louise Strauss will be the speaker. Members are welcomed to invite a guest.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward will compile a "Top 10" list from *Blue Grass Winners*. Each member is asked to turn in her favorite recipe.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward announced a balance of \$12,413.24. Annual dues of \$100.00 are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FOUNDERS FUND: We will vote for one of the three finalists at the March meeting. There are two finalists from Zone VII. This year the winner will receive \$25,000.00 and the two runners-up will each receive \$7,500.00.

OLD BUSINESS: KET's "Kentucky Life" included Ashland Garden and starred Kathy Dalton, Sarah Davis, Harriett Holladay, Patricia Green and Ginny May.

NEW BUSINESS: Written annual reports from pertinent committee chairmen are due at the March meeting. Please type the reports. Hand one in to Nancy Bishop and keep a copy in your notebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Blair Matthews from Glenview Garden Club in Louisville will be the new Zone VII Chairman.

Glenview Garden Club is among several groups sponsoring a symposium entitled "Creating a City" March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Historic Garden Week in Alexandria, Virginia will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board meeting will be held at Gay Van Meter's house April 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Nicholson,  
Recording Secretary



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Garden Club of Lexington  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2003

|                                      | Dec 31, '03 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |             |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                |             |
| Checking/Savings                     |             |
| Checking - BGW                       | 8,264.43    |
| Checking - DUES                      | 7,253.01    |
| Checking - GARDEN                    | 16,536.48   |
| Savings - BGW                        | 7,569.87    |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>        | 39,623.79   |
| Accounts Receivable                  |             |
| Accounts Receivable                  | 1,562.20    |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>     | 1,562.20    |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>          |             |
| CD -                                 | -1,379.45   |
| <b>Certificates of Deposit</b>       |             |
| CD - Safra National Bank NY 13       | 15,000.00   |
| CD - Merrill Lynch Bk USA            | 8,000.00    |
| CD - Bankatlantic F.S.B. 092603      | 21,000.00   |
| CD - Provident BK Cinn OH 11/07      | 15,000.00   |
| CD - Flagstar Bank 06/03             | 10,000.00   |
| CD - MBNA America Bk 10/05           | 15,000.00   |
| CD - NM Household Fin Corp 0702      | 10,000.00   |
| CD - Capital One Bank 0506           | 25,000.00   |
| CD - Providian N.B. 09/06            | 14,000.00   |
| CD - Lehman Bros 08/05               | 34,000.00   |
| CD - H/H Bank 3/04                   | 12,000.00   |
| CD - Household Bk 10/04              | 20,000.00   |
| CD - Household Bk FSB 6/04           | 14,000.00   |
| CD - MBNA Am Bk New, Del 11/04       | 15,000.00   |
| CD - New                             | 0.98        |
| CD - Provid NH FF Dep 12/05          | 16,000.00   |
| <b>Total Certificates of Deposit</b> | 244,000.98  |
| Inventory                            | 11,136.89   |
| Merrill Lynch Ready Asset            | 37,017.89   |
| Undeposited Funds                    | 37.91       |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>    | 290,814.22  |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>          | 332,000.21  |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                  |             |
| Lighting for Garden                  | 3,801.00    |
| Irrigation System                    |             |
| Cost                                 | 7,370.00    |
| <b>Total Irrigation System</b>       | 7,370.00    |
| Computer                             |             |
| Cost                                 | 1,090.03    |
| Accumulated Depreciation             | -902.00     |
| <b>Total Computer</b>                | 188.03      |



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**Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2003

|                                 | Dec 31, '03       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Computer Software               |                   |
| Cost                            | 353.86            |
| Accumulated Depreciation        | -353.86           |
| Total Computer Software         | 0.00              |
| Garden Fountain                 |                   |
| Cost                            | 224.95            |
| Accumulated Depreciation        | -225.00           |
| Total Garden Fountain           | -0.05             |
| Garden Furniture                |                   |
| Cost                            | 4,149.75          |
| Accumulated Depreciation        | -4,150.00         |
| Total Garden Furniture          | -0.25             |
| Office Equipment                |                   |
| Cost                            | 1,491.83          |
| Accumulated Depreciation        | -1,492.00         |
| Total Office Equipment          | -0.17             |
| Total Fixed Assets              | 11,358.56         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>             | <b>343,358.77</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> |                   |
| Liabilities                     |                   |
| Current Liabilities             |                   |
| Accounts Payable                |                   |
| Accounts Payable                | -18,727.63        |
| Total Accounts Payable          | -18,727.63        |
| Other Current Liabilities       |                   |
| Payroll Liabilities             |                   |
| City Withholding                | 88.39             |
| Federal Withholding             | -112.00           |
| FICA                            |                   |
| Company                         | -20.46            |
| Employee                        | -294.73           |
| Total FICA                      | -315.19           |
| Medicare                        |                   |
| Company                         | -36.77            |
| Employee                        | -36.73            |
| Total Medicare                  | -73.50            |
| School                          | -25.75            |
| State Withholding               | 127.79            |
| Total Payroll Liabilities       | -310.26           |
| Sales Tax                       | 203.78            |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | -106.48           |



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**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2003

|                            | Dec 31, '03 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Total Current Liabilities  | -18,834.11  |
| Total Liabilities          | -18,834.11  |
| Equity                     |             |
| Open Bal Equity            | 272,179.95  |
| Retained Earnings          | 76,777.26   |
| Net Income                 | 13,235.67   |
| Total Equity               | 362,192.88  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 343,358.77  |



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**Garden Club of Lexington**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 January through December 2003

|                                      | <u>Jan - Dec '03</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |                      |
| Membership Dues                      | 8,300.00             |
| Membership Initiation Fees           | 200.00               |
| Gifts Received                       |                      |
| Memorial Gifts                       | 1,945.00             |
| Regular Gifts                        | 55.00                |
| <b>Total Gifts Received</b>          | <u>2,000.00</u>      |
| Interest Received                    |                      |
| Certificates of Deposit              | 13,848.86            |
| Checking Accounts                    | 50.78                |
| ML Ready Asset Interest Receive      | 112.97               |
| Savings Accounts                     |                      |
| Blue Grass Winners Account           | 66.84                |
| <b>Total Savings Accounts</b>        | <u>66.84</u>         |
| <b>Total Interest Received</b>       | 14,079.45            |
| <b>Cookbook Sales</b>                |                      |
| Sales - Wholesale                    | 32,638.20            |
| Sales - Distributors                 | 17,645.06            |
| Sales - In Kentucky                  | 236.40               |
| Sales - Out of State                 | 972.41               |
| Sales - Members                      | 664.05               |
| Discounts Given                      |                      |
| Distributors                         | -9,683.73            |
| Prepayment                           | -40.14               |
| Wholesalers                          | -13,055.29           |
| <b>Total Discounts Given</b>         | <u>-22,779.16</u>    |
| Cost of Books Sold                   | -13,021.56           |
| Cookbook Sales - Other               | 3.80                 |
| <b>Total Cookbook Sales</b>          | <u>16,359.20</u>     |
| <b>Money Making Projects</b>         |                      |
| Flower Show                          |                      |
| Expenses                             | -3,330.63            |
| Income                               | 6,553.80             |
| <b>Total Flower Show</b>             | <u>3,223.17</u>      |
| <b>Art Sales</b>                     |                      |
| Cost of Art Sold                     | -5,108.63            |
| Art Sales - Other                    | 8,546.30             |
| <b>Total Art Sales</b>               | <u>3,437.67</u>      |
| <b>Friends of Garden Party</b>       |                      |
| Income                               | 10,155.00            |
| Expenses                             | -1,528.21            |
| <b>Total Friends of Garden Party</b> | <u>8,626.79</u>      |
| <b>Total Money Making Projects</b>   | <u>15,287.63</u>     |



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Garden Club of Lexington  
**Profit and Loss**  
 January through December 2003

|                                     | Jan - Dec '03 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Income                        | 56,226.28     |
| Gross Profit                        | 56,226.28     |
| Expense                             |               |
| Contributions                       | 1,015.00      |
| Dues Paid to GCA                    | 2,870.00      |
| Blue Grass Winners Expenses         |               |
| Payroll Expense Medicare            | 107.96        |
| Payroll Expense Fica                | 461.71        |
| Freight/Handling                    | 312.41        |
| Office Supplies                     | 152.52        |
| Payroll Expenses                    |               |
| Gross Wages                         | 7,448.10      |
| Total Payroll Expenses              | 7,448.10      |
| Postage                             | 65.47         |
| Promotions                          |               |
| Advertising                         | 335.65        |
| Postage                             | 37.00         |
| Supplies                            | 30.50         |
| Total Promotions                    | 403.15        |
| Shipping & Handling                 |               |
| Delivery Charges                    | 127.59        |
| Paid Out                            | 1,361.13      |
| Received                            | -667.72       |
| Total Shipping & Handling           | 821.00        |
| Storage Fee                         | 564.00        |
| Telephone                           | 704.88        |
| Blue Grass Winners Expenses - Other | -527.89       |
| Total Blue Grass Winners Expenses   | 10,513.31     |
| Garden Expenses                     |               |
| Insurance                           |               |
| Garden Furniture Insurance          | 565.21        |
| GCA Club Insurance                  | 82.00         |
| Liability Insurance                 | 436.50        |
| Workman's Comp                      | 836.25        |
| Total Insurance                     | 1,919.96      |
| Supplies                            | 43.00         |
| Garden Maintenance                  |               |
| Repairs                             | 200.00        |
| Total Garden Maintenance            | 200.00        |
| Garden Operating Expense            |               |
| Irrigation System                   | 354.00        |
| Mowing                              | 5,915.00      |
| Peony Garden                        | 185.00        |
| Plants Purchased                    | 396.25        |



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Garden Club of Lexington  
**Profit and Loss**  
January through December 2003

|                                | Jan - Dec '03 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Upkeep, Spraying, Etc.         | 2,876.32      |
| Total Garden Operating Expense | 9,726.57      |
| Payroll Expenses               |               |
| Gross Wages                    | 5,068.16      |
| Total Payroll Expenses         | 5,068.16      |
| Payroll Taxes                  |               |
| FICA                           | 314.16        |
| Medicare                       | 73.49         |
| Total Payroll Taxes            | 387.65        |
| Utilities                      |               |
| Electric                       | 63.58         |
| Water                          | 965.22        |
| Total Utilities                | 1,028.80      |
| Total Garden Expenses          | 18,374.14     |
| General Expenses of GCL        |               |
| Blooming News                  | 374.99        |
| Office Supplies                | 261.74        |
| Postage                        | 135.85        |
| Printing/Copying               | 26.00         |
| Speaker Fees                   | 566.00        |
| Total General Expenses of GCL  | 1,364.58      |
| Meeting Expenses               |               |
| Annual Meeting Expenses        |               |
| Lodging                        | 334.47        |
| Registration Fees              | 1,892.52      |
| Travel                         | 922.50        |
| Total Annual Meeting Expenses  | 3,149.49      |
| Workshop                       | 580.00        |
| Zone Meeting Expenses          |               |
| Registration Fees              | 300.00        |
| Zone Meeting Expenses - Other  | 202.74        |
| Total Zone Meeting Expenses    | 502.74        |
| Meeting Expenses - Other       | 164.35        |
| Total Meeting Expenses         | 4,396.58      |
| Professional Expenses          |               |
| Accountant                     | 675.00        |
| Merrill Lynch Fee              | 65.00         |
| Total Professional Expenses    | 740.00        |
| Rent                           |               |
| Office                         | 3,540.00      |
| Post Office Box                | 177.00        |



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Garden Club of Lexington  
**Profit and Loss**  
January through December 2003

|                        | <u>Jan - Dec '03</u>    |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Rent             | 3,717.00                |
| Uncategorized Expenses | <u>0.00</u>             |
| Total Expense          | <u>42,990.61</u>        |
| Net Income             | <u><u>13,235.67</u></u> |



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
April 7, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Gay Van Meter. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Jessica Nicholson, Gay Van Meter, Libby Brown, Judy Philpot, Linda Carey, Joan Gaines, Anne Gay, Jeanne Codell, Jane Stilz, Kathy Dalton, Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop and Mott Nicol, Barbara Young, and Mimi Milward. The minutes from the March Board meeting were approved as read.

Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$13,005.87. She also made a motion to correct the financial statement for 2002. It was seconded by Jeanne Codell. That motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz read two letters requesting membership status change which she received last August. These requests could not be acted upon at the time due to the fact that they were received past the deadline for the year. The requests were from Betty Kinkead and Scotty Walton who wished to change from active to affiliate. Two separate motions were made and carried to accept the requests with regret.

Gay Van Meter reported that the Finance Committee had been polled regarding a gift to the Ashland Estate from the garden club. The Committee voted to give \$500 toward the purchase of new trees. This was presented to the Board to vote on. The Board voted to approve the \$500 gift to Ashland. There will be a Finance Committee meeting today to approve garden expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell announced that entry forms for the club flower show will be included in *The Bloomin News*.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton reported that the peony pre-season work has been done. The irrigation system work is now complete. Garden work will begin April 9<sup>th</sup>.



HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young passed out the black pots for plants to go to the annual meeting in Rye, NY.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that Louise Strauss and her husband will arrive a day early to attend the races and the BlueGrass Conservancy benefit. The General Meeting will be at Janie Pappas'. Alyce Hoskins and Jane Stilz will also be hostesses. Louise's topic will be "It's Not Your Mother's Garden Club". The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Carol Jackson's house at 10:30 a.m. Arborist Tom Wilson will be the speaker. Anne passed around a sign-up sheet for meeting hostesses. She reported that it has been decided to invite non-GCA clubs in the area to attend our October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting which will feature a speaker from Monticello.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward reported an account balance of \$14,206.27. All dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She read a thankyou note from the Shirley Meniece workshop which received a donation from us in honor of Louise Strauss.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: The Board extends an invitation to Mary Montague, art chairman, to attend Board meetings beginning in May. Melodye Kinkead will be her assistant.

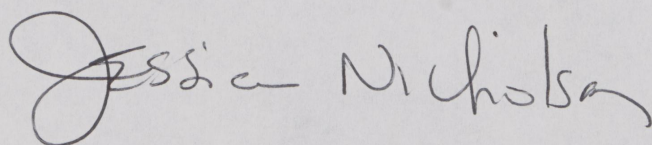
ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN GARDENS: Joan Gaines announced that she has begun the process of documenting Celeste Neuman's garden at Xalapa Farm.

NEW BUSINESS: It has been suggested that we sell Preston McAdoo rugs once again as a fund raiser. We receive 25% of the monies as our profit. In the past, we have raised enough money to put a brick border around the peony bed. The dates would be in October; either the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Libby Brown made the motion to have the sale. Barbara Young seconded. The motion carried. Meg Sprow will head the committee.

The next Board meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at Mott Nicol's house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the Recording Secretary.



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
April 17, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Janie Pappas. Alyce Hoskins and Jane Stilz were also hostesses.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the March meeting which were approved as read.

Gay VanMeter submitted a balance of \$12,544.67.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: The deadline for admissions is August 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for change in membership status is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FINANCE: Gay reported that the Board had voted to send \$500 to Ashland to help replace trees lost in the ice storm. She encouraged all members to send in donations. Ashland was hit very hard by the storm.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell asked that everyone please sign up to enter the club show in June. Mott Nicol read the definition of a miniature arrangement as found in the "Yellow Book". Monnie Long announced that plans for the preview party were shaping up. The cost per ticket will \$25 per person.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton reported that the irrigation system has been completed.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young announced that she has a great variety of plants to send to the Annual Meeting.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the next general meeting will be at Carol Jackson's house May 15<sup>th</sup>. Meg Sprow will also be a hostess. Tim Wilson, arborist, will talk on "Beyond the Ice Storm - Our Trees"/

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi Milward announced that dues checks of \$100 are due. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline.

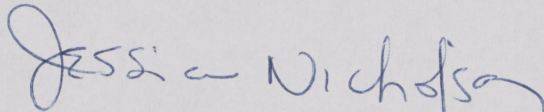


VISITING GARDENS: Jessica Nicholson announced the exciting upcoming trip to New Orleans in October 2003. She has the itinerary and details. There will also be a trip to France and Austria in 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will sell Preston McAdoo's rugs in the fall as a fund-raiser. Jessica Nicholson has been moved to Prospective in the Flower Arranging Judging Program.

After thanking Janie, Jane and Alyce for a lovely meeting, Nancy Bishop turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin, who introduced our speaker, Louise Strauss.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
May 12, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mott Nicol. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Eighteen members were present: Janie Pappas, Joan Gaines, Kathy Dalton, Jane Stilz, Mott Nicol, Anne Arvin, Elise Boyd, Judy Philpot, Jeanne Codell, Jessica Nicholson, Sarah Davis, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Mo Ethington, Nancy Bishop, Anne Arvin and Barbara Young. The minutes from the April Board meeting were approved as read. Nancy read a thank-you note from Luise Strauss. She then read a note from Ginny Adams requesting a membership status change from active to affiliate. The motion was made, seconded (by Callie and Sarah) and carried, to accept with regret her request. Nancy read a note from Celia Banks who wishes to resign from the club. The motion was made, seconded (Callie and Sarah), and carried to grant her request. Eleanor Milward has written a note asking to change her status to affiliate. The motion was made, seconded (Ellen and Callie) and carried to accept with regret her request to change. Nancy announced that we now have four openings for membership. The request for membership status is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$11,922.26 in the bank.

On behalf of Ginny May, Nancy thanked the Board for sending them to the annual meeting in Rye, NY. It seems a great time was had by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen announced that the deadline for application is August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact her for the forms.

~~FINANCE: There will be a meeting in the garden Wednesday at 9:30,~~

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne announced for Monnie to bring friends to the Preview Party. The more the merrier. Mary Hardin will prepare the food. A



minstrel will be wandering. The party is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Invitations are in the mail.

Callie has only received two entries. She encouraged everyone to enter. For clarification, the definition of a miniature was re-read.

GARDEN: Kathy showed pictures of the latest topiary damage. She has talked to Jim Boyd who will donate two surveillance cameras. Kathy asked for a committee to deal with the vandalism problem in the garden.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara passed out pumpkin and nasturtium seeds to be grown for the Zone meeting in October. Nancy announced that we had five different participants at the plant exchange at the annual meeting. Barbara received a merit award for her entry.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the next meeting will be at Carol Jackson's with Meg Sprow as co-hostess. Tom Wilson, arborist will address the problem with trees after the ice storm. Anne noted that the June meeting would be one week earlier, June 12<sup>th</sup>, due to the flower show. That meeting will be at W.T. Young's garden on Chinoe Road. It was decided to pass around a sign-up sheet for meetings at the general meetings.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Nancy announced for Mimi that dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

FOUNDER'S FUND: Nancy announced for Mo that the Founder's Fund award went to the Native Plant Garden at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. And we should proudly note that that is in Zone VII.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Nancy announced for Mary Montague that 22 artist's contracts have been ~~signed~~ *Sent*.

VISITING GARDENS: Jessica announced the trip to New Orleans scheduled for October 24-29, 2003. She has information for anyone who is interested.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

After an informal poll, it was decided that this is not a good time to sell the McAdoo rugs. Callie moved to cancel the sale at the present time. Sarah seconded the motion and the motion carried.



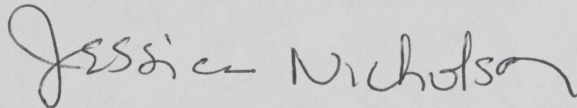
In light of the vandalism in the garden, Nancy will check with Missie Parrish about the possibility of selling Mrs. Prewitt's armillary with the proceeds going to garden maintenance.

The Glenview Garden Club in Louisville is having a tour of six gardens June 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Every member should have received notice.

The next Board meeting will be at Callie Keller's June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After thanking Mott for her hospitality, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
May 15, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Carol Jackson. The minutes from the April General Meeting were approved as read.

President Nancy Bishop announced status changes to be noted in members' notebooks: Betty Kinkead, Ginny Adams, Eleanor Milward and Scotty Walton have moved to affiliate. Celia Banks has resigned.

Nancy announced a bank balance of \$11,922.26 as of the Board meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen reminded everyone that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for status change requests. August 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for admissions application. Ellen has those application forms.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey presented a summary on invasive plants noting that some notable invasives in our area include ajuga, euonymus, and wild roses to name a few. She announced that the GC of Stonington has put out a booklet on invasives. Linda will take names and place an order.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne asked for entries for the club flower show. She passed out a sheet of rules as found in the Yellow Book.

GARDEN PROJECT: Nancy read a reminder for each and every member to come to the garden each and every Wednesday. If you incur any expenses, please turn them in. Sarah reported that with the exception of yet more vandalism, the garden is off to a beautiful start.

HORTICULTURE: Pumpkin and nasturtium seeds to grow for the Zone meeting in October are available from Barbara. Nancy announced that five members sent plants to the Annual Meeting in Rye, NY: Kathy Dalton, Betty Kenan, Mary Montague, Barbara Young and Nancy Bishop. Barbara received a merit award for her entry.



PROGRAM: Anne Arvin thanked everyone for welcoming Luise Strauss with Kentucky hospitality. The next meeting will be at Mr. Young's garden. We will meet rain or shine. Please remember to reply to hostesses for meetings whether you accept or regret the invitation.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Dues are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Make check payable to "Garden Club of Lexington". Please note that there is no "The" in the name!

FOUNDER'S FUND: The Virginia Native Plant Garden at the Norfolk Botanical Garden was the winner of the \$30,000 the Founder's Fund award. The two runners up each received \$7,500.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN: September 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the garden party. Help is needed now to plan the invitations and set up the food committees. Mary Montague has sent invitations to the artists. So far, 28 would like to sign a contract. She passed around a sheet to sign up to help with this project.

VISITING GARDENS: Jessica announced that she has brochures for the GCA trip to New Orleans October 24-29, 2003.

Nancy read a report on the GCA Annual Meeting in Rye, NY.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes from the April meeting announced that we would be selling McAdoo rugs this fall. At this time there is not enough interest and the Board voted to postpone this project.

Reminder: the Glenview Garden Club tour of gardens is June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The June General Meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>....which is a change to the second Thursday of the month due to the Flower Show.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked Carol and Meg and turned the meeting over to Carol Jackson, who introduced Tom  
Respectfully Submitted, *Wilson*

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
June 2, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Callie Keller. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fourteen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Anne Arvin, Anne Gay, Ginny May, Libby Brown, Janie Pappas, Judy Philpot, Sarah Davis, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Jeanne Codell, Linda Carey, Barbara Young, and Mary Montague.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as corrected. Nancy read a note from Elizabeth Freeman asking to resign from the membership. The Board voted to accept with regret her request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey announced that we would be required to supply two invasive plants, in pots, to the Zone meeting in October. A discussion of invasive plants followed.

FLOWER SHOW: Judges for the in-club show were announced. Judy Mitchell and Miggie Jacobs will be coming from Cincinnati. Bliss Clark may come from Michigan. If not, we will ask Sarah Cunningham, a Federated judge from Lexington. Horticulture entries are needed. Jeanne announced that everything must be cleared out of Cross Gate Gallery by 11:00 a.m. Friday. Barbara Young will check with Monnie about inviting Beverly Fortune to the preview party as our guest.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that Larry Hanks, husband of Susie Hanks in the cookbook office, would talk to us about boxwoods at the July meeting in the garden. Mo Ethington, Bettie Bos Haggin and Gay VanMeter will be hostesses. Everyone is asked to bring her favorite garden tool. Anne also asked for people to bring arrangements for the tables. The June meeting will be a real treat at Mr. Young's garden. Due to the date of the flower show, the June meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.



GARDEN: Sarah thanked everyone for coming out to work in the garden on Wednesdays. She sent around a sheet on the subject of pesticides applied by professionals. A law requires the professional sprayer to keep records for three years on, among other things, what was used, the date of application, the purpose, and the size of the area treated.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara advised nasturtium growers not to start the seed too early.

ARCHIVES: Virginia Clark Hagan's niece has offered the club crates of old GCA Bulletins. It was decided to decline her offer.

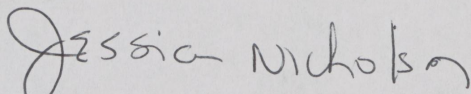
GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay reported that Libby has volunteered to help her with the invitations. Fifty-seven artists have been invited to participate in the art auction. Of those, thirty-seven so far have requested contracts. Of that number, Mary has received eleven back. There was a discussion on whether to publicize the art exhibit. Linda Carey made the motion not to publicize it. Callie seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Armillary update: The armillary was given to the garden club after Alice Prewitt MacElvane died. Jessica volunteered to have it appraised and give the report to the Board. Then it will be decided what to do with it.

The next Board meeting will be at Libby Brown's July 7<sup>th</sup>.

After thanking Callie for her hospitality, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
June 12, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met at 10:30 a.m. in the garden of W.T. Young with Barbara Young and Mr. Young welcoming everyone. There were fifty-six members and one guest present.

President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order. Due to weather, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who thanked Mr. Young and Barbara for having us in his lovely garden. Mrs. Young enjoyed this garden very much and she particularly liked an abundance of color.

Becky Beam, head gardener, was introduced. She conducted a tour of the garden areas while providing helpful and interesting information. Becky has been in charge of the garden for thirteen years. A question and answer session followed. A delicious box lunch was served.

Nancy thanked Barbara and Mr. Young for providing such a special meeting.

Anne Gay, Acting Secretary read the minutes of the General Meeting of May 15, 2003. They were approved as read.

Gay VanMeter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$15,131.09.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman reminded everyone that the deadline for admissions applications is August 25<sup>th</sup> and she has those forms.

FLOWER SHOW: Jeanne Codell and Mott Nicol explained specifics and answered questions about our in-club flower show, *Blooms from an English Garden*, to be held June 18-20<sup>th</sup> at Cross Gate Gallery. Small silver spoons will be awarded to each winner. These are generously provided by Jeanne and Mott. Callie Keller announced that the Flower Arrangement classes are filled. Horticulture entry forms are available from her. Monnie Long, Preview Party Chairman, thanked members for responding to their invitations.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young provided tips on entries for Horticulture.



GARDEN: Sarah Davis thanked all the garden workers and emphasized how wonderful the garden looks.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay reported plans for the party and art auction are in process. There is an increased interest by artists for participation in the silent art auction.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the July General Meeting will be a picnic at Ashland Garden with Mo Ethington, Bettie Bos Haggin and Gay VanMeter as hostesses. Larry Hanks will speak on boxwoods and there will be a walking tour of the grounds at Ashland.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anne P. Gay, Acting Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
July 7, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met July 7<sup>th</sup> at Libby Brown's. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Nancy thanked Libby for hostessing the meeting. The minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as read. Fourteen members were present: Mo Ethington, Anne Arvin, Janie Pappas, Joan Gaines, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Dalton, Linda Carey, Callie Keller, Sarah Davis, Libby Brown, Anne Gay, Jane Stolz, and Jessica Nicholson. Mary Montague was also present.

Nancy noted that there are <sup>5</sup>~~six~~ places available for new members.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter, reported a balance of \$12,682.84. She also reported the net profit from the preview party is \$3,337.89. Gay then reported that the club currently has 3,667 cookbooks remaining to be sold. A preliminary discussion followed concerning the reprinting of the cookbook plus the possibility of printing a new edition. Callie made a motion to reprint at least 10,000 books with the Finance Committee having the authority to recommend a higher number, if warranted. Sarah seconded the motion. The motion passed. Gay will be the chairman of the new book. She will get a committee to look into it. The committee will collect facts and figures to present to the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FLOWER SHOW: Jessica Nicholson read a thank-you note from Miggie Jacobs, one of the judges for our flower show.

GARDEN: Sarah reported that the taxus and boxwoods are getting trimmed. The irrigation system has been adjusted.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the July General Meeting will be a picnic at Ashland Garden. Judy Oggre will give a tour of the grounds. Larry Hanks will talk to us about boxwoods. As a bonus, a tour of the house has been offered. The rain location will be Libby Brown's. Save tools for



the next meeting. But bring flowers for the tables in July. September 18<sup>th</sup> Dot Crutcher will talk to us about the beginnings and early days of the garden. Kathy Dalton, Frances Cox and Mary Montague will be the hostesses at Kathy's house.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay asked for people to sign up for food, flowers, tables or money for the party. The rain location will be at Anne Gay's house. Mary Montague reported that she has sent out forty contracts to artists. She has received sixteen back.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessica reported that the armillary, if bought new today, would cost \$3,000.00 plus crating, shipping and about \$200.00 for the pedestal. She will look into having Joe Timmons at Saunier's repair the armillary so that we can sell it.

Nancy announced that the Zone VII meeting would be hosted by the Kanawha Garden Club in Charleston, WV in October.

There will be no Board or General Meeting in August. The September Board meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup> at Luanne Milward's.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
General Meeting  
July 17, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Ashland Garden for the annual garden picnic. Hostesses were Bettie Bos Haggin, Mo Ethington, and Gay Van Meter. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Nancy reminded everyone that the admissions deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gay Van Meter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$13,318.65. The net proceeds from the Flower Show Preview Party were \$3,331.89.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton reported that the garden looks great and thanked everyone for coming to work on Wednesdays.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the next general meeting would be September 18<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Dalton's with Mary Montague and Frances Cox as co-hostesses. Dot Crutcher will take us back to our roots with a history of our garden club. Anne passed out a schedule of upcoming programs.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay passed out sign up sheets for food to be brought to the party and for donations of money to help defray costs. Mary Montague passed around a sheet for volunteers to help with the silent art auction.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey will need potted invasive plants to take to the Zone meeting. She passed out a very informative and clever "Least Wanted" poster about the least wanted plant in the garden: Wintercreeper (Euonymus).

FLOWER SHOW: Nancy read a note from Flower Show co-Chairman Jeanne Codell thanking everyone for her participation in the Flower Show.

There will be no meeting in August.



Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, Larry Hanks, the second registered arborist in Kentucky, a true plant doctor, who spoke to us about the care and feeding of Boxwoods.

Judy Oggre from the Ashland staff led us on an interesting tour of the estate grounds. We then were treated to a beautiful lunch under the trees outside the gates of the garden.

Respectively submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Board Meeting

August 25, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met August 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Luanne Milward. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Sixteen members were present: Jeanne Codell, Libby Brown, Linda Carey, Kathy Dalton, Mo Ethington, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Anne Gay, Barbara Young, Jane Stiliz, Sarah Davis, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop and Luanne Milward. Mary Montague was also present.

The minutes from the previous Board meeting were approved as corrected: there are five places available for new members; Gay VanMeter will not be chairman of the new cookbook if there should be one.

Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$16,122.00.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADMISSIONS:** Ellen Chapman read the responsibilities of the new-member sponsors from the by-laws. She then proceeded to read the applications for new members.

**FINANCE:** Gay brought a recommendation from the finance committee to reprint 10,000 cookbooks at \$5.21 each. The total sum would be payable in thirds. She noted that it has taken about three years to sell 12,000. Callie Keller made a motion to accept the proposal. Barbara Young seconded the motion, which carried.

**GARDEN:** Kathy Dalton announced that Dottie Cordray has gotten estimates on security devices for the garden. She thanked everyone for working on Wednesdays. The club received a check for \$50.00 from "an admirer" who grew up in Lexington and now lives in California. Ann Robinson sent the check after a visit to the garden.

**HORTICULTURE:** Barbara asked for progress reports on the pumpkin and nasturtium seeds which are being grown for the Zone meeting in October.



Barbara will have a propagating workshop in November on "Trees and Shrubs for Public Spaces".

PROGRAM: Nancy announced for Anne Arvin that September 18<sup>th</sup>'s meeting would be at Kathy Dalton's house with Mary Montague and Frances Cox as co-hostesses with Kathy. Please bring your favorite garden tool. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Peggy Cornett from Monticello in Charlottesville will speak on "Historic Plants for Today's Garden".

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward reported that Susie Hanks had an easel made for displaying the cookbook poster at various venues.

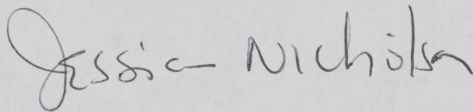
FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Mary has received 39 contracts from artists. There are 21 artists returning from last year. Nancy thanked Anne Gay and Mary Montague for all their tireless efforts. She thanked Libby for her work on the beautiful invitations. The picture of the garden on the invitation was taken by Mimi Milward.

Mary Montague will be the delegate to the Zone meeting October 12-15 in Charleston, WV.

The October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be at Elise Boyd's.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked Luanne and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
September 18, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Kathy Dalton. Mary Montague and Frances Cox served as co-hostesses with Kathy. President Nancy Bishop presided over the meeting.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the July meeting, which were approved as read.

Gay Van Meter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$21,454.10. Gay also reported that the Finance Committee had presented a motion to the Board to reprint 10,000 copies of *Bluegrass Winners*. Gay reported that the Memorial Fund had received over \$1,000 in memory of Joe Wile.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Nancy announced that one of our newest members, Marty Mayer, had been spotted working diligently in the garden EVERY Wednesday. Sarah reminded everyone to put her border/parterre to bed. This should be done by the end of October. Bulb-planting day will be announced after the first hard frost. Carol Jackson will be weeding in the peony bed and will need help next Wednesday.

HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young passed out Horticulture schedules for the Zone meeting October 13-15<sup>th</sup>. She asked for entries noting that classes included grasses, perennials, topiaries, berried branches, orchids and more. Barbara announced that there would be a Hort workshop at Michler's on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your cooler. We will be working on plants and trees for public spaces again for the Annual Meeting.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin reported that our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in October, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Peggy Cornett from Monticello will present a program on historic plants for today's garden. Peggy is the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Preservation of Historic Plants in Charlottesville, VA. The meeting will be held at the Idle Hour Country Club at 10:30 a.m. Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell, and Judy Philpot will be



hostesses. We have invited members of area clubs who have an interest in historic plants and gardens.

PUBLICATION: Mott Nicol asked that members with news for *The Bloomin' News* please send it to Jane Stiliz for the October edition.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward, in an effort to gauge support for the publishing of a companion to *Bluegrass Winners*, passed out a form for each member to sign up to choose an area to help with a possible new cookbook.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay expressed a huge "thank you" to everyone for all the support for the party. It was a great success. The ballpark figure for profit is at least \$9,000. Anne thanked Mary Montague for working on the art auction. Mary thanked all of her helpers. Gay reported that the proceeds from the art auction were \$8,582.00. Our 40% payout netted the club \$3,984.80. Nancy gave special thanks on behalf of the club to Anne and Mary for all of their hard work on this most special and successful fund-raiser.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey asked for volunteers for two pots full of two invasive plants to be taken to the Zone meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>. The merit of transporting these to another state to be burned was questioned.

There being no further business, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, our very own Dot Crutcher. Anne allowed as how Dot didn't need an introduction to this group. Instead, Anne gave a small tribute to her by recounting her many contributions to not only our garden club, but also to the community in the form of preservation. Dot gave a most interesting history of our club, the garden at Ashland and *Bluegrass Winners*. Afterwards, we were treated to a delicious lunch in Kathy's beautiful garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Board Meeting

October 6, 2003

*The Board of*

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Elise Boyd. President Nancy Bishop presided. Sixteen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Sarah Davis, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Judy Philpot, Joan Gaines, Jane Stilz, Janie Pappas, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, Anne Gay, Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, and Libby Brown. Dottie Cordray was also present.

Nancy announced a bank balance of \$22,776.81. There is also a sum of \$1,795.00 in the Joe Wile Memorial Fund.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADMISSIONS:** Ellen reminded us that there are five spots available and we have four applications. Nancy read the list of members who are non-voting members: Janie Pappas (Archives), Mimi Milward (Assistant Treasurer), Mo Ethington (Founder's Fund), Judy Philpot (Publicity), Joan Gaines (Archives of American Gardens), and Elise Boyd (Scholarship). The Visiting Gardens Chairman does not have a vote. However, in this case, that chairman is also the recording secretary. Ellen then read the applications for admission for a second time.

**GARDEN:** Sarah announced that bulb-planting day would be November 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the following Wednesday. The members of the butterfly beds parterre would like to install boxwoods around the beds. Callie made a motion to allow Luanne Milward to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the boxwoods. Ginny seconded the motion. A discussion followed and it was decided that Ellen would look into a wholesale outlet while Anne Arvin suggested Wilson Brothers Nursery. After a vote, the motion passed.

**GARDEN SECURITY:** Dottie Cordray reported on her research into nighttime security for the garden. After discussion of the various options, Dottie agreed to further pursue several of the plans and will report back with her findings. She handed in a written report on her preliminary search.



HORTICULTURE: Barbara passed out entry cards for the Zone meeting Flower Show. Members are to bring Horticulture entries to Nancy's house by Sunday for transporting to Charleston.

PROGRAM: Peggy Cornett will speak on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday on Historic Plants at Monticello at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Hostesses Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell, and Judy Philpot will treat us to a light lunch after the meeting. November's program will feature Joseph Hillenmeyer and will be held at the newest Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: In Luanne's absence, Nancy announced that the cookbook survey forms should be sent to Luanne. Nancy clarified that all we're doing at this time is gauging interest in a new book.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mimi announced that she had paid dues to GCA Headquarters for 82 people. She has a balance in her account of \$8,051.75. Nancy announced that Mrs. Sydney S. Combs and Mrs. William S. Farish, III have been dropped from the membership.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY: Anne Gay passed out a balance sheet from the party showing expenses and income. The club's profit from the party is \$12,501.59.

PUBLICITY: Judy noted that members of GC of Lexington were pictured on the Kentucky River in the last *GCA Bulletin*.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessica Nicholson reported that the armillary sundial has been repaired and will be kept in the garden shed until the Board decides its fate.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy announced that on October 18<sup>th</sup> there would be a plant collector's sale in Nashville.

The next Board meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Jeanne Codell's.

There being no further business, Nancy thanked our hostess Elise and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club's Copy

OCT. 5/2003

### Ashland Garden Security

I started out by contacting two security firms, ADT and Sonitrol, to see what suggestions they might offer in the way of security for Ashland Garden.

I told each of them that I had three main goals:

- 1/ First and foremost, to stop the vandalism.
- 2/ To catch the perpetrators.
- 3/ To convict them if possible and have their parents (assuming they are kids) pay for the damages.

ADT suggested we put 8 cameras w/ outdoor minidomes on 10 - 12' poles w/ cages on them (to protect them from vandalism). They gave me a verbal estimate of \$12,000 - \$18,000 for the cameras plus \$4000 for a hard drive system plus the cost of conduit to the cottage which would house the hard drive system. We then could look at an archived video after an event. As well, they suggested we seriously consider lighting.

While waiting for Sonitrol to come with a plan and an estimate, I contacted a friend that works for the FBI and told him about the various incidents and damage we had had and asked him for suggestions. He felt, as everyone seems to, that lighting would be a first step toward deterring activity. He also suggested we distribute flyers to all the surrounding houses in the neighborhood, telling them of the vandalism and asking them to notify a contact person that we would specify or notify the police if there was any unusual activity. He suggested we check with the neighbors one a week for awhile to see if anyone had seen or heard anything. Also, he said we could hire a private security guard for \$8 - \$10 / hr or \$40 - \$50 per night for a period of time.

Meanwhile, I decided to contact Hillenmeyer's to see if they had a landscape lighting specialist and Steve Hillenmeyer sent Wendy McAlister to meet with me. Wendy came up with two options originally. The first option included 10 10' poles, 2 pier mount posts, 12 decorative light fixtures and 12 metal halide lights. The estimate for option #1 was \$20,479 including labor trenching and materials. The lights would stay on all night and would have good coverage throughout the garden.

Option #2 included 6 motion lights with two lights per unit, plus 12 bulbs. These would be installed in the trees just outside of the garden but directed into the garden, providing the Board at Ashland approves of the plan. There was some concern that these may be turning on and off all the time due to the high sensitivity needed to detect motion in the garden. This option would cost \$7347.

Since then, Sonitrol has sent a proposal I think we should seriously consider. A copy is attached for your consideration. They are proposing two motion detectors aimed at the center of the garden be placed on opposite corners of the garden - the left hand



corner as you enter through the main gate and the far right corner from the same vantage point —. These would be mounted on 4 x 4" steel posts that could be painted (green) to blend in. They could be anywhere from 6' to 12' high. The higher they are, the less likely they are to be vandalized.

When someone enters the garden and sets off the motion detector, a recorded message will inform them that they are on private property and that they are being monitored. The system also may be set so strobe lights flash when it is tripped. Sonitrol's central station know when the system is tripped and could notify someone who is willing to go to the garden to check on it. They would not dispatch the police but we could even employ a security guard for a short time so any intruders would *think* that security could show up anytime they enter the garden after dark.

The recorded message volume is programmable, as is the sensitivity of the motion detectors. Sonitrol will be able to provide us with documentation of how often the motion sensors are tripped and what time of night so we could eventually target security if necessary.

The system would require that we be able to put a Base Panel somewhere in the Cottage Office Building where it would be protected from extreme heat or cold. The system would be programmed to automatically turn on and off at a specified time of day or night. When we have a special event such as the Friends of the Garden Party, we would simply call Sonitrol and ask them to reprogram the system for a later starting time on that date.

We can either buy the system for \$4,694 and pay a monthly monitoring/service fee of \$70 (\$840/Yr) or we can lease the equipment for an initial investment of \$374 plus a lease payment of \$187 for 60 months (\$374 + \$11,220 over 5 years). This option does include the monthly monitoring/service fee.

As well, we would need to pay to run ¾" PVC conduit from the Cottage to the garden. I have gotten a verbal guestimate based on 60 – 100' of conduit = \$700 - \$1200 (@\$10/ft. plus \$100 - \$200).

Sonitrol also recommended we consider lighting in addition to their proposal.

Meanwhile, Mary Warren mentioned to Kathy Dalton and I that there are at least three electrical outlets spaced out along the taxus hedge in close proximity to the trees we were targeting for some of the light fixtures.

After I received Sonitrol's estimate and recommendations, I contacted Wendy McAlister from Hillenmeyer's again. We met at the garden with her electrician and I asked for a new estimate for three sets of two lights in each of three different trees at a height of approximately 20' high. They would be in the trees just outside of the garden behind the taxus hedge, coming off of the electrical outlets that are in the taxus hedge.



The new estimate came in at \$2867 for materials and labor. It will not provide complete coverage for the garden but should illuminate it enough that intruders will not want to stay for long since they could more easily be seen.

I also had checked into fake security cameras which Radio Shack sells for \$30 each. It might be worth investing in a couple and have the electrician install them at the same time he installs the lights.

Also, Elise Boyd's husband, Jim, made the generous offer of installing a video camera that could provide photos (or footage ?) of intruders. It is my understanding that as long as we have a written notice or verbal warning message stating that they might be photographed, we don't have to get a search warrant first.

All of the above is contingent on the Director and Board at Ashland agreeing to the following:

A). That we are allowed to put a 2' x 2' x 4" Base Panel in the Cottage Office Building.

B). That Sonitrol be allowed to access to a phone line (it does not have to be a dedicated line).

C). That we are allowed to put light fixtures in 3 trees outside the garden to shine into the garden.

The Board at Ashland will be meeting and discussing these issues on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

I know the Garden Club Board will give these proposals serious consideration. I feel confident that we have a workable solution given the difficulty of the situation. I sincerely hope that we can move forward with it in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dottie Cordray*  
Dottie Cordray



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September 8, 2003

To: Dottie Cordray  
From: Bryan Bates  
Re: Ashland Garden perimeter protection

Mrs. Cordray,

I apologize for the delay in providing you with a system design. I have recently had the opportunity to provide a similar design that has been implemented and has been effective.

Please find the system design enclosed. I have placed two outdoor motion detectors on opposite corners of the garden. These motions will be mounted on posts and aimed in to the middle of the garden so as to provide the maximum coverage possible in the garden. This will not cover 100% of the interior of the garden, but it will greatly reduce the amount of time an intruder may spend undetected within the perimeter. The Base panel will be connected to our central station via a telephone line provided in the closest building to the garden and will turn the system on and off with a time schedule after hours. If the motion detectors are "tripped" we will announce a pre recorded message to notify trespassers that they are on private property and that they are being monitored. My central station will not dispatch police on these alarms, but may contact a "key holder" if one would like to be contacted on "excessive" activations. This should serve to keep "scare" people out of the garden. The system could later be connected to turn lights on and off or to actually record video to a recording unit.

Ashland Garden would need to provide a phoneline and a power outlet at the closest building possible for the control equipment. Ashland Garden would also need to provide a conduit run of 3/4" PVC conduit from the closest building into the garden. Sonitrol will be responsible for all connections and conduit once inside the garden and at the control equipment located in the building.

Please call me with any questions you may have on system design. I will be able to make revisions on this design now that we have the initial design in place.

Thank you,

Bryan Bates  
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Date: September 8, 2003

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Alarm Monitoring         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Performance Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> Access Control                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Detection/Verification   | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Surveillance           | <input type="checkbox"/> Access Control Management               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen Back/Audio Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> SonaVision Verification      | <input type="checkbox"/> ID Badging                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Audio Detection            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Detection               | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator Emergency Monitoring           |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Inspection-Certified    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: external annunciation |

**QTY COMPONENT**

- 2 Outdoor Dual PI motion detector (60" x 60")
- 2 Motion Mounting Posts 4x 4 steel posts 6' high
- 1 Power Supply supervision on Base Panel
- 2 Outdoor Strobe (blue) sl-401c (post mounted)
- 1 Complete Installation
- 1 Speech Processor Module sp-4 (privater property message)
- 1 Control Chasis (voice control & strobe power) bw108
- 2 12v / 3amp Power Supply smp3 w/transformer 16/40
- 1 Alarm and Timer Connection to Base panel
- 1 Outdoor Projectorant Speaker for voice annunciation mpi-8
- 1 Sonitrol *plus* Base Panel (serves as timing mechanism)
- 1 Sonitrol *plus* LCD Keypad with English Text Display
- 1 Strobe timer and voice annunciation length relay
- \*Conduit to be mounted surface mounted under hedge or next to wall on perimeter run. Client responsible for conduit run from building to provide power to garden area.
- \*Recommend client provide additional lighting.
- \*Base panel to be mounted in structure near garden and will require power outlet and phonline.
- \*Base panel will have ability for auto arm / disarm on schedule.
- \*Activity reports will be available for client.

**INVESTMENT:****\* Installation Investment \$4,694**

(50% DEPOSIT, BALANCE UPON COMPLETION)

**Monthly Service \$70**

(INCLUDES MONITORING, MAINTENANCE &amp; SERVICE)

**LEASE OPTION:****Initial Investment \$374****Lease Payment \$187**

(60 MONTH TERM, MONTHLY SERVICE INCLUDED)

**OPTION: Communication Backup:** ☐ Accept ☐ Decline

4. Not Applicable

\* Unless otherwise noted, this proposal does not include lift rental, trenching, electrical power, conduit, plenum cable, or permit fees.

**Bryan Bates**

ACCEPTED

DATE

SECURITY CONSULTANT

**This Proposal is Valid For 90 Days**



copy for garden club



*We've been creating uncommon grounds since 1841...*

9/29/03

**Ashland Garden Lighting**

3 flood lights, 6 lamps, on 3 trees fed from existing receptacles in taxus hedge.  
Controlled by photo-eyes.

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Materials: | 467   |
| Labor:     | 2,400 |
| Total:     | 2,867 |

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## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

General Meeting  
October 23, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Idle Hour Country Club. Libby Brown, Jeanne Codell and Judy Philpot served as hostesses. Libby Brown, second vice-president presided over the meeting.

In the absence of Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, first vice-president, read the minutes of the September meeting which were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz distributed a list of members' addresses and phone numbers to be checked for accuracy.

There was no Treasurer's report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Kathy Dalton announced that bulb- planting day would be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The following Wednesday would be the rain date.

**HORTICULTURE:** Barbara Young announced that there would be a horticulture workshop in Pasadena, CA in February. There will be a propagation workshop here at Michler's on November 12<sup>th</sup> after bulb planting. She then announced the awards for our members at the Zone VII Flower Show in Charleston: **Flower Arranging Division:** MaryMontague - yellow ribbon; Jessica Nicholson - blue ribbon/Faulconer-Minor award. **Horticulture Division:** Mo Ethington - yellow (pumpkin), Jeanne Codell - yellow (nasturtium), Ginny May - yellow (Beautyberry), Jessica Nicholson - red (Nandina), Wende Bell - yellow (Topiary Bear), Dottie Cordray - 2 blues and 1 Honorable Mention (orchids), Nancy Bishop - 3 blues (roses). **Photography Division:** Barbara Young - blue (Passage/crabapple). Libby thanked Barbara for her good work in getting the plants together for the Zone meeting.

**PROGRAM:** Anne Arvin thanked our hostesses Jeanne, Libby and Judy and announced that the next meeting would be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at



Louis' Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road. Joseph Hillenmeyer will speak on accent plants for the garden. Hostesses will be Betsy Hillenmeyer, Joy Hinkle and Ginny May.

There being no further business, Libby turned the meeting over to Jeanne Codell who introduced our speaker Peggy Cornett. Peggy, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Preservation of Historic Plants at Monticello, offered us an interesting slide show on historic plants for today's garden. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at tables set with delightful flower-filled pumpkin centerpieces. Many guests from area clubs attended our program and enjoyed lunch with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny May, acting Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

### Board Meeting

November 3, 2003

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The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Jeanne Codell. Seventeen members were present: Nancy Bishop, Luanne Milward, Callie Keller, Linda Carey, Mo Ethington, Ginny May, Gay VanMeter, Barbara Young, Jeanne Codell, Mott Nicol, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Dalton, Anne Arvin, Anne Gay, Judy Philpot, Jessica Nicholson and Janie Pappas. After thanking our hostess, President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order and introduced Dottie Cordray who gave an updated report on her security findings for the garden. After discussion, Linda Carey made a motion to install lights and fake video cameras. Callie Keller seconded the motion, which was approved. Dottie's report was filed with the secretary.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the October Board meeting were approved as read.

Nancy Bishop announced that Jessica Nicholson had won the Zone VII Faulconer-Minor award at the Zone meeting Flower Show.

Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$21,917.50

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced the 4 candidates for admission. A vote of the Board followed. Ellen then announced the new members: Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, and Sheila Hammond. They will be invited to the Christmas Tea. Jane Stilz will send invitations to these new members.

CONSERVATION: Linda Carey is looking for a club project.

GARDEN PROJECT: Kathy Dalton announced that almost all of the borders have been put to bed. Bulb planting day will be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be using bone meal this year at bulb planting



due to the fact that it seems to attract rodents. Sand and other amendments will be tilled in prior to planting. Dot Crutcher and Eileen Hillenmeyer will bring refreshments. The rain date will be the following Wednesday.

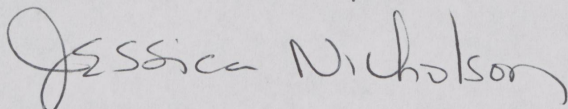
HORTICULTURE: Barbara Young announced a workshop at Michler's on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. or directly after bulb planting. Please bring coolers and cuttings of "Trees and Shrubs for Public Places". Barbara then announced that the Shirley Meneice workshop would be held in Pasadena, CA February 7-10, 2004. Barbara had been given some information on a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. She will check on the details as several people expressed an interest in going to the Show.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin thanked everyone who helped with Peggy Cornett's visit. She thanked those who hosted the meeting for opening it up and inviting non-members to participate in the program and the lunch that followed. The next General Meeting will be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the new Flower Power Shop on Nicholasville Road at 10:30 a.m. Joseph Hillenmeyer will speak on "Structure and Focal Point in the Garden". Betsy Hillenmeyer, Joy Hinkle and Ginny May will be hostesses. The Christmas Tea will be held December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the home of Anne Gay. Joining Anne as hostesses will be Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward reported that 20 surveys have been returned. She encouraged everyone to fill it out with either positive or negative comments so that we can gauge club support on this project. Luanne then brought up the butterfly bed boxwood question for discussion. Gay VanMeter made a motion to propagate boxwood to border the beds. Ginny May seconded the motion. The Board approved. Kathy Dalton and Luanne will be in charge of this project.

The next Board meeting will be at Linda Carey's on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



SECURITY UPDATE / ASHLAND NOV. 3, 2003

LIGHTING

- IN ADDITION TO ORIGINAL ESTIMATE FOR 3 Lights, 2 BULBS EACH, IN 3 trees on hedge side of garden -

I priced another light w/2 bulbs to go on the roof of the tool shed to light the side w/ the brick wall.

The original ESTIMATE WAS FOR \$2867, the add'l lighting est. is for \$934, which includes having the electrician mount 3 <sup>security</sup> cameras (fake or real) in the original 3 trees.

I had expected these to be est. separately and will receive the breakdown on this, any day.

I also inquired about the wattage of the bulbs. They would normally ~~use~~ <sup>recommend</sup> 150 watt but said we could choose anything between 75 and 150 watt.



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Their contract, regardless of whether we buy or lease, is what they call FULL SERVICE.

Full service means:

If anything fails, they replace it. This includes wiring & life of the equipment, water getting in, troubleshooting, etc.

It does not include:

we would have to  
pay to replace

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Damage by user (or vandals)  
→ ACTS OF NATURE

To the Question of:

Can we lease (for a year), then buy the system?

Answer:

They use a leasing Co. that discourages that by charging an exorbitant amount

A similar application is being used at a business in Eastland Shopping Center where they have dumpsters that are being used by the public for large items such as couches, washers, etc.

They have only had one incident since installing the system this summer



Price Comparison  
Comparing each  
for 60 months

Purchasing

- Initial expense to purchase equipment = 4694.  
+  
→ Monthly Service ( $\frac{\$70}{\text{mo.}}$ )  $\times$  60 mos. = 4200.  
(\*)  
TOTAL \$8894.

LEASING

- Initial expense of 374.  
→ Monthly Lease Fee of \$187/mo.  
for 60 mos. = 11220.  
TOTAL \$11594.

The monthly lease fee is \$177. plus  
mo/service fee  $\frac{70.}{\$187.}$   
(\*) (see above)

After 60 months, there would still be the ongoing \$70./mo. service fee for either purchasing or leasing plans.

Difference in Plans  
over 60 month Period

Leasing = 11594.  
Purchasing = 8894.

\$2700. more to lease



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
November 20, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Louie's Flower Power Shop. Betsy Hillenmeyer, Ginny May and Joy Hinkle were hostesses. President Nancy Bishop presided over the meeting.

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the October meeting, which were approved as, read.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$17,776.88. This figure includes the deduction of \$3,801.00 for the security lighting for the garden. Gay reported that there would be a Finance Committee meeting before the next Board meeting in December.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz, passed around the membership list for everyone to check for accuracy for addresses and numbers to go into the next printing of our "little black books". Jane announced the four new members of our club: Lauren Van Balen, Sheila Hammond, Edie Gess, and Mary Louise Fisher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced that there would be an orientation luncheon sometime in the New Year for the new members.

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton thanked everyone for all the work this year in the garden. Many hands made speedy work of bulb planting on Friday. Many thanks to all those who helped. SECURITY: Dottie Cordray updated the membership on the new security system. Lights are up in the garden to provided better security. In the spring, she is considering hiring a security officer during Spring Break to patrol the garden. She is also in contact with a police officer about the perpetrator of the most recent crimes to the topiary family.

HORTICULTURE: In Barbara Young's absence, Nancy Bishop circulated pictures of the Zone VII Flower Show. She announced that the Philadelphia



Flower Show would be held March 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> and wanted a show of hands of people interested in a trip to the Show. Nancy announced that Dottie Cordray would attend the Shirley Meneice Horticulture workshop in Pasadena, CA in February.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced the Christmas Tea would be at Anne Gay's December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. The January meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at le Deauville Restaurant. Slides of the Kukenhoff Gardens in Holland will be presented.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Luanne Milward passed around forms to gauge interest in the new cookbook. She is also asking for any comments – positive or negative – concerning a new book. She has received 18 questionnaires back thus far.

Nancy Bishop reported about the Zone Meeting in Charleston, WV. She thanked the club for giving her and Mary Montague the opportunity to attend the meeting. She announced that the 2004 Zone meeting would be in Orange, VA, September 22-24. The theme of the meeting will be "History in Bloom". Zone VII will once again host the annual meeting in 2008, May 3-7. The 2004 GCA Annual Meeting will be held April 25-27 in Washington, DC. The GCA Legislative Meeting will be February 24-26, 2004 in Washington, DC. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Nancy know. Blair Matthews has requested a photo of one of our club's projects (past or present) dealing with historic preservation or civic improvement. The topic is "Capital Landscapes". The photos will be used at next year's annual meeting in Washington. The due date for this picture is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy thanked our hostesses Betsy, Joy and Ginny. She adjourned the business part of the meeting and turned it over to Anne Arvin who introduced our speaker, Joseph Hillenmeyer, who gave an enlightening and interesting glimpse into the world of designing spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
December 1, 2003

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met December 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Linda Carey. President Nancy Bishop thanked our hostess and called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were 18 members present: Ellen Chapman, Callie Keller, Joan Gaines, Anne Arvin, Jeanne Codell, Kathy Dalton, Mimi Milward, Judy Philpot, Janie Pappas, Mott Nicol, Sarah Davis, Gay Van Meter, Linda Carey, Ginny May, Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop, Anne Gay, and Jane Stiliz.

The minutes from the November Board meeting were approved as read.

Nancy asked for hostesses for the March and April Board meetings. We will meet at Ginny May's house in March and at Janie Pappas' house in April.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a bank balance of \$17,073.80.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS: Ellen announced that there would be an orientation meeting for our new members in January or February. She was reminded to include a copy of *The Yellow Book* in their packets.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Gay Van Meter presented the recommendation from the Finance Committee concerning the yearly allocation for donations:

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| \$250.00 | GCA Scholarships                 |
| \$300.00 | Bluegrass Conservancy            |
| \$250.00 | Ashland, Home of Henry Clay      |
| \$ 15.00 | Ashland Neighborhood Association |
| \$200.00 | Raven Run                        |
| \$100.00 | U.K. Arboretum                   |
| \$100.00 | Bernheim Forest                  |

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\$1,215.00    TOTAL

A discussion followed. Linda Carey made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation. Callie Keller seconded the motion, which carried, and the presentation



was accepted. Gay reminded everyone that a garden expense over \$300 should to be brought to the Finance Committee for approval.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jeanne Codell initiated discussion about reinstating Mrs. Sydney Sayre Combs as an affiliate member of Garden Club of Lexington. Mimi Milward made the motion to reinstate Mrs. Combs as an affiliate member. Jeanne Codell seconded and the motion carried. We will accept her \$100 dues and send *The Bloomin' News*. Mimi will notify GCA Headquarters.

Nancy announced that Kay Shifflett is the Treasurer of the 2008 GCA Annual Meeting, which will be hosted by Zone VII in Norfolk, VA. Each member of each Zone VII club will be assessed \$15.00 to help with the costs of the meeting. For the 84 members of Garden Club of Lexington, we will be assessed \$1,260.00. This will be paid in two installments: June 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006.

GARDEN: The lights have been installed. There are three lights in trees and one on the shed. The fake cameras were returned to the store because of a city ordinance about false security. It was suggested that a sign be installed stating "... anything that takes place in public and can be viewed in public may be videotaped".

Kathy Dalton brought up for discussion the idea of reprinting the garden brochure. A brochure would be a good place to mention donations and memorials also. Ginny May noted that the paper quality wouldn't have to be top grade.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the Christmas Tea would be held at Anne Gay's home December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman will also be hostesses. Our four new members will be introduced. On January 15<sup>th</sup> we will meet at le Deauville restaurant at 10:30. Lucy Breathitt and Melodye Kinkadee will co-host. We will have a slide show of the Kukenhoff Gardens in the Netherlands.

Nancy read a note from Ann Hagan Michel, a non-member who wrote to say that she had enjoyed the Peggy Cornett meeting and thanked us for inviting her to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy thanked the nominating committee for the slate of officers for 2004-2006.

Nancy presented the following slate:

President  
First Vice President  
Second Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

Mrs. Robert Vernon May  
Mrs. William Sherard Chapman, Jr.  
Mrs. William Thomas Bishop, III  
Mrs. William Cash Stilz  
Mrs. Joseph Browne Nicholson  
Mrs. Thomas Field Van Meter



#### Chairmen of Standing Committees

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Admissions       | Mrs. Norman Lynn Brown            |
| Awards           | Mrs. Richard Redd Crutcher        |
| Conservation     | Mrs. Bruce Richard Nicol          |
| Finance          | Mrs. Thomas Field Van Meter       |
| Flower Show      | Mrs. Walton Davis                 |
| Garden Project   | Mrs. George Arthur Hoskins        |
| Horticulture     | Mrs. Frederick Marion Keller, Jr. |
| Program          | Mrs. Dorothy C. Cordray           |
| Publication      | Mrs. William Thompson Young, Jr.  |
| Special Projects | Mrs. Gregory Baynham Milward      |
|                  | Mrs. Shelby Carneal Kinkead, Jr.  |

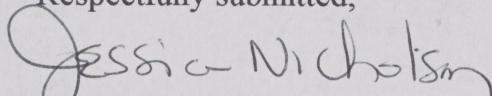
#### Non-Voting Committee Chairmen

|  |                                |                              |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Archives                                       | Mrs. James Robert Boyd         |                              |
| Archives of American Garden History and Design |                                | Mrs. Emler Albin Neuman, Jr. |
| Assistant Treasurer                            | Mrs. Patterson Augustus DeCamp |                              |
| Founders Fund                                  | Mrs. James Gatewood Bell       |                              |
| Publicity                                      | Mrs. James Gatewood Gay        |                              |
| Visiting Gardens                               | Mrs. George Edgar Steffee      |                              |
| Scholarship                                    | Mrs. James Alvin Philpot, Jr.  |                              |

Linda Carey made a motion to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee. Gay Van Meter seconded the motion. The motion passed and the slate was accepted by the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Finance Committee Meeting  
December 1, 2003

The Finance Committee of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday December 1, 2003 at the home of Linda Carey. Committee members present were Ginny May, Gay Van Meter, and Nancy Bishop.

Gay called the meeting primarily to discuss the allocation of funds for year-end donations. Gay presented the idea of making a donation in the name of a deceased spouse of a club member. Nancy questioned this practice as one that might set some sort of precedent for future donations.

Nancy announced that Zone VII would be that hostess zone for the GCA Annual Meeting in 2008. It has been decided that each club in the zone will pay \$15 per member to defray the cost of the meeting. Gay said that technically, that money should come from the account of the Assistant Treasurer. The Treasurer's account is only to be used for garden expenses. It was also noted that the Assistant Treasurer's account is presently non-interest bearing.

Gay suggested the following organizations to receive donations this year and these amounts were agreed upon:

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Blue Grass Conservancy      | \$300      |
| Friends of Ashland          | \$250      |
| Ashland Neighborhood Assoc. | \$15       |
| Raven Run                   | \$200      |
| U.K. Arboretum              | \$100      |
| Bernheim Forest             | \$100      |
| GCA Interchange Fellowship  | \$250      |
| TOTAL                       | \$1,215.00 |

The Kentucky Natural Lands Trust requested a donation. That request was denied.



Gay will present this list to the Board for a motion and a second. Gay reminded the Committee that any expense for the garden over \$300 requires the approval of the Finance Committee. However, in an emergency situation, the Board would be able to handle the approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
December 18, 2003

Garden Club of Lexington gathered December 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Anne Gay for the annual Christmas Tea. Joan Gaines and Talitha Freeman were co-hostesses. We welcomed four new members: Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Mary Louise Fisher, and Sheila Hammond. Anne's house was festively decorated, including several beautiful miniature boxwood trees. An elegant and delicious tea complete with traditional wassail, was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
January 5, 2004

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met January 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sarah Davis. President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were sixteen members were present: Elise Boyd, Kathy Dalton, Jeanne Codell, Jane Stilz, Janie Pappas, Nancy Bishop, Mo Ethington, Libby Brown, Judy Philpot, Anne Gay, Anne Arvin Mott Nicol, Luanne Milward, Sarah Davis, Jessica Nicholson, and Gay Van Meter. Nancy thanked Sarah for hosting the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the December meeting. They were approved as read with the exception that the March meeting would be at Janie Pappas' house and the April board meeting would be at Gay Van Meter's house.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a balance of \$14,701.68. She passed around thank-you notes that she has received from some of the recipients of our year-end donations.

Jane Stilz then passed around the final copy of the directory to check before it goes to press.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Kathy Dalton reported that all the beds are sleeping. So far, no weeds!

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin announced that the January General Meeting would be at le Deauville restaurant on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Lucy Breathitt and Melodye Kinhead will be co-hosts. There will be no Board or General Meetings in February. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Idle Hour Country Club at 10:30.

Nancy noted that the chairmen of standing committees would turn in their annual written reports at the March meeting.



Nancy reported that Dottie Cordray took pictures of the new lighting system in the garden to submit to GCA for the "Capital Landscapes" project for the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

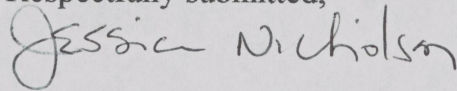
Nancy then read a note from Alyce Hoskins asking to resign from the membership. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Sarah Davis and seconded by Jane Stilz to offer Alyce an Affiliate membership. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no Board or General meetings in February. Outgoing members should contact their incoming replacements to see if there are any questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson".

Jessica Nicholson, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
January 15, 2004

Melodye Kinkead and Lucy Breathitt welcomed Garden Club of Lexington at le Deauville Restaurant for its January meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After thanking the hostesses, President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Recording Secretary, Jessica Nicholson, read the minutes from the November and December General meetings. Both sets of minutes were approved as read.

In the absence of Treasurer, Gay Van Meter, Nancy Bishop announced a balance of \$16,344.00. She also announced that the Finance Committee had met and had approved the following donations:

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| \$250.00   | GCA Scholarships                 |
| \$300.00   | Bluegrass Conservancy            |
| \$250.00   | Ashland, Home of Henry Clay      |
| \$15.00    | Ashland Neighborhood Association |
| \$200.00   | Raven Run                        |
| \$100.00   | U.K. Arboretum                   |
| \$100.00   | Bernheim Forest                  |
| -----      |                                  |
| \$1,215.00 | TOTAL                            |

Nancy also announced that Garden Club of Lexington has received a most generous donation from the Crutcher Family Foundation for the security system in the garden.

Nancy then introduced and welcomed our new members Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Sheilagh Hammond and Lauren Van Balen/

COMMITTEE REPORTS:



ADMISSIONS: Ellen Chapman announced that she had scheduled an orientation meeting for new members February 10<sup>th</sup>.

CONSERVATION: Nancy announced that Mimi Milward would attend the GCA Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC February 24-26<sup>th</sup>.

PROGRAM: Anne Arvin passed out brochures received from October speaker Peggy Cornett after her meeting. Anne also held a "Show and Tell" about the most popular tools brought to the September meeting. The Noodle-Head Sprinkler won as the most popular tool. She then passed around a sign-up sheet for the Annual Meeting, which will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Our hostesses will be Nancy Bishop, Kim DeCamp, and Anne Arvin.

Nancy Bishop presented the slate of officers as presented in *The Bloomin' News*. She asked for additional nominations. There were none presented. Charlotte Turner made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Mo Ethington seconded the motion. The motion passed; the slate was unanimously accepted.

There being no further business, after thanking our hostesses for a most special meeting, Nancy turned the meeting over to Anne Arvin, who thanked Christophe, Melodye Kinkead and Lucy Breathitt for having us at le Deauville. What a special treat to be at the restaurant! Anne introduced our very own Melodye Kinkead and her famous traveling companion Peggy Collins, who led us on a fun and colorful slide trip to Kukenhoff Gardens during tulip season. A delicious French luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
March 2, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Janie Pappas. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by president Nancy Bishop. There were eighteen members present: Callie Keller, Mimi Milward, Melodye Kinkead, Nancy Bishop, Janie Pappas, Jane Stilz, Ellen Chapman, Mo Ethington, Kim DeCamp, Dot Crutcher, Wende Bell, Elise Boyd, Dottie Cordray, Anne Arvin, Luanne Milward, Joan Gaines, Ginny May, and Jessica Nicholson. Nancy welcomed the incoming Board members present and thanked the outgoing members for their work over the past two years.

Jessica Nicholson read the minutes from the January Board meeting. After it was noted that the March general meeting would be March 18<sup>th</sup>, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Nancy thanked Melodye for the lovely meeting in January held at le Deauville restaurant.

Nancy then re-read the note from Alyce Hoskins requesting to resign from the membership. The Board had extended an invitation to Alyce to become an affiliate member. Alyce declined the invitation. Callie Keller made a motion to accept, with regret, her request to resign. Elise Boyd seconded the motion, which passed.

Next, Nancy read a note from Patty King requesting a change in status from active to affiliate. Ginny May made a motion to accept her request. Anne Arvin seconded the motion, which passed.

There was no treasurer's report.

Nancy thanked Ellen for a lovely orientation luncheon for the new members.



Mimi Milward thanked the Board for sending her to the meeting in Washington. She noted that each person who contacts a Senator on an issue is counted as 800 people.

Nancy read a letter from the GCA Treasurer concerning the general liability policy carried by GCA. The cost of the policy has risen and in order to compensate, the amount paid by each GCA member will increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Nancy reported that our cost would be included in our annual dues.

Anne Arvin, program chair, announced that the Annual Meeting would be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Idle Hour Country Club. Luncheon will be served. Replies should be made to Nancy Bishop.

Jane Stilz, Corresponding Secretary, passed out the new directories.

Mo Ehtington announced that we would vote on Founder's Fund at the March meeting.

Nancy announced that the Philadelphia Flower Show would be March 7-14<sup>th</sup>. Closer to home, the Cincinnati Flower Show will be April 21-25<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy thanked Janie for hosting our meeting. She then turned the meeting over to Ginny May, the new Board president. Ginny announced the new Board members:

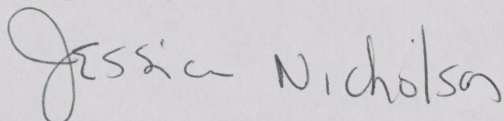
Ellen Chapman – First Vice-President  
Nancy Bishop – Second Vice-President  
Mo Ehtington – Recording Secretary  
Jane Stilz – Corresponding Secretary  
Gay Van Meter – Treasurer  
Libby Brown – Admissions  
Dot Crutcher – Awards  
Mott Nicol – Conservation  
Sarah Davis – Flower Show  
Callie Keller & Jessica Nicholson – Garden Project  
Dottie Cordray – Horticulture  
Barbara Young – Program  
Mimi Milward – Publication  
Melodye Kinkead – Special Projects



Elise Boyd – Archives  
Celeste Neuman – Archives of American Garden History and Design  
Kim DeCamp – Assistant Treasurer  
Wende Bell – Founder's Fund  
Anne Gay – Publicity  
Judy Philpot – Scholarship  
Kay Steffee – visiting Gardens

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15  
a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Nicholson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jessica Nicholson  
Recording Secretary



## Joint Committee Proposes Slashing Conservation Incentives

### FACT SHEET

A recent report by Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation<sup>1</sup> recommends dismantling tax deductions for landowners who volunteer to conserve their land and historic buildings—a program that has been essential to private and public conservation efforts.

Those tax incentives, in place for more than 25 years, have led to voluntary conservation of more than 34 million acres of working agricultural lands, working forests, wildlife habitats, historic landscapes, parklands, and historic buildings and their grounds.

Currently, landowners who care about conservation and are willing to protect important resources on their property have several options:

- They can donate a conservation easement, which protects these resources forever, but allows families to continue to live on and farm the land, and pass the property on to their heirs. Now, they receive a tax deduction for the value of the development rights they give up.

*The Joint Committee proposes: (1) forbidding any deduction for donating an easement if the landowner continues to live on the land; and (2) in all other cases, allowing the donor to deduct only 1/3 the value of their donation. This would effectively eliminate the tax incentives for donations of conservation easements.*

- They can also choose to donate their land, or sell it for less than its value. Landowners who do so qualify for a tax deduction.

*The Joint Committee would slash this incentive, by limiting deductions to the price the landowner originally paid for the property (their "basis"). This would make it extremely difficult for farmers, ranchers, and other residents who have owned their lands for decades to be able to afford to donate.*

At a time when development and sprawl threaten much of what makes our communities livable—clean air and water, open space, parks, and wildlife habitat—private landowners have a critical role to play in conservation. With state and federal budget deficits limiting government purchase of conservation land, one of the best ways to conserve America's natural and historic legacy is through incentives to private landowners. This approach is working because it encourages voluntary charitable gifts, respects private property rights, and keeps land on the tax rolls.

**Conservationists support reforms targeted to prevent abuse of the existing laws.** The proposals of the Joint Tax Committee don't do that – instead, they punish all donors, fail to identify abusers, and wreak havoc with private, voluntary conservation, at a time when it is needed more than ever.

<sup>1</sup> Joint Committee on Taxation. (2005). *Options to Improve Tax Compliance and Reform Tax Expenditures* (JCS-02-05).



February\_\_\_\_, 2005

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Washington, DC \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I am gravely concerned that the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) staff has recently suggested major changes in the treatment of landowners who donate land or conservation easements. One of these changes would drastically reduce incentives for landowners who live on their family farms, and wish to protect working farms and family lands.

I want you to know that easement donations have been very important to our community. These easements benefit all citizens. They help in keeping drinking water clean, protect habitat for endangered plant and animal species, keep land open for farming, support local comprehensive plans, and encourage tourism.

By remaining in private ownership, the land continues in productive use, continues to contribute property taxes to local government, and is managed by private landowners, not public agency personnel. Land under easement reduces the cost to localities of providing infrastructure such as schools and emergency services. The federal government saves money as well. Privately donated conservation easements are a very cost-effective way of preserving land.

The JCT report raises concerns about the potential for abuse of the current tax incentives from inflated appraisals for easements of limited conservation value. To address that concern, I am very supportive of holding easement donations, and donee organizations to high standards. One way to address these concerns is to encourage every land trust to adopt the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices. I would support changes in the law, in regulations, and in enforcement, that would ensure that high standards are met.

The changes suggested by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) would result in landowners, who are fully committed to achieving public goals through donation of conservation easements, receiving little, if any, tax benefit for making extremely valuable donations of development rights. These donations serve important public purposes. This is a short-sighted and ineffective way to reduce the budget deficit. It ignores the costs that would ensue from the loss of donations of conservation easements.

While supporting appropriate standards for donee organizations' acceptance of easement donations, I ask you to vote against any attempt to draft legislation based on the JCT suggestion that the tax benefits of easements be cut.

Sincerely,

Name

Address



## Suggested Topics for Congressional Visits Washington Legislative Meeting, 2005

### Background: The Reality Check

Virtually all legislation this year must be viewed against the very serious backdrop of fiscal realities. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has just released new estimates showing that the budget deficit grew to \$422 billion in Fiscal Year 2004, and will be \$46 billion higher in 2005. Furthermore, outside the surplus in the Social Security Trust Fund, CBO estimates the 2004 deficit at \$571 billion. Looking out ten years farther, CBO says that realistic assumptions indicate that deficits will total \$4.4 TRILLION by 2014.

Another concern of the CBO is the fact that the deficit is rising when it should be falling, because of the economic recovery we are experiencing.

To put it mildly, this spells difficulties for many of the programs we care about, most of which must depend on federal government appropriations.

A few examples from the President's **proposed** budget, released earlier this week:

- A reduction of 5.6%, or \$452 million, in funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.
- The Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside program, from which many of our towns and cities have benefited, has been zeroed out! Zero. Federal LWCF has been significantly decreased. This is in spite of the fact that the fund receives money from offshore gas and oil drilling fees, which have already been collected. The money for this fund is not paid by the taxpayer.
- The federal government provides grants to states to help with the financial burdens of fire fighting – this year they are reduced by 26%.
- The State Revolving Fund is a loan fund which helps states rebuild and repair their deteriorating wastewater infrastructures. The estimated cost of this infrastructure repair nationwide is estimated at \$390 billion nationwide over 20 years. In last year's budget, dollars for this LOAN fund were cut by 19%; this year they are cut by an additional 33%, or \$361 million.
- Funding for development of renewable energy sources is cut by 4%.
- The budget includes anticipated revenues from drilling in the Arctic National Wilderness Area, though Congress has traditionally rejected drilling there. In any event, it will take up to a decade before any revenues would be realized.

Another concern is that with reduced expenditures on the part of the federal government, more and more responsibilities will fall upon the states, most of which have financial problems of their own. Examples would include enforcement of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.



## **Air Quality and Energy:**

The Energy Conference Report from the 108<sup>th</sup> Conference will be reconsidered in the 109<sup>th</sup>, and possibly when we are in Washington. Objections to the report include :

- It weakened the provisions of the Clean Air Act.
- It allowed more pollution than the current Clean Air Act permits.
- It encourages oil and gas exploration in ecologically sensitive areas and national public lands.
- It doesn't require electricity producers to increase their use of renewable fuels.
- It contains no requirement for auto manufacturers to improve auto mileage (CAFÉ) standards.

### **Expected legislation:**

The Administration's Clear Skies proposals will be countered by a bill offered by Senator Jeffords, which would require reductions in four emissions: mercury, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide.

Senators McCain and Lieberman have introduced their Climate Stewardship Act, which also proposed to regulate carbon dioxide, and to allow a system of trading caps for CO<sub>2</sub> as well.

The costs of air pollution include respiratory diseases such as asthma, premature mortality from particulate pollution, smog, acid rain and degradation of coastal waters. Health costs measure in thousands of lives and billions of dollars each year: 150,000 emergency room visits, 53,000 annual hospital stays, and 6,000,000 asthma attacks annually.



## **Agriculture:**

The convergence of forces – budget deficits, trade disputes, discontent with our farm policy at home and abroad – has created a unique opportunity for farm policy reform. Subsidy payments for commodities have not proved an effective rural development policy. Capping subsidies, which is suggested in the President's proposed budget, and decoupling support from production levels, would get support from fiscal conservatives and allow world Trade organization issues to be addressed, and also allow reallocation of some resources to address legitimate environmental, marketing and rural development needs.

This is not going to be easy, and there are many entrenched special interests.

Meanwhile, it is critical to remind our legislators of the importance of appropriations for Title II of the Farm Bill, the Conservation Title, which need to be addressed every year.

Conservation programs include:

- Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers for putting some of their highly erodible or environmentally sensitive land in "reserve" for a ten year period. Farmers receive annual rental payments.
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which provides financial incentives to participate in conservation efforts.
- Wetlands Protection Programs
- Conservation Security Program, which pays farmers who continue to farm. This is an important program because it keeps current land in production, and is more likely to help rural communities than if land is simply taken out of production instead of being sold for development.

## **Endangered Species/Native Plants**

### GCA POSITION ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:

(Based on our position paper entitled *GCA Supports Native Plants*)

- We support strong legislation re-authorizing the Endangered Species Act
- We support appropriate incentives to preserve endangered species on private lands.
- We support increased funding for the Fish and Wildlife Service to implement the ESA and to have sufficient staff to provide ESA expertise to other federal agencies.
- We support greater protection and funding for threatened and endangered plant species. (Seventy percent of threatened and endangered plants live outside federal lands.)



### **From Legislative Update 37:**

#### **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)**

The Issue: Language opening The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to energy development/drilling on the refuge's Alaskan coastal plain will be part of **imminent** legislation. If it is attached to the Senate Budget reconciliation legislation, it may very well pass because filibustering is not allowed on budget legislation.

Relevant Position Papers: Public Lands, National Parks, Clean Water, Native Plants, and Clean Air.

Background: The opening of ANWR to drilling was part of the energy bill in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. The House has previously passed energy legislation opening ANWR to energy development and can be expected to again very soon in this Congress. The Senate, through threat of filibuster, has been able to hold off a vote on ANWR. It takes 60 votes in the Senate to close a filibuster. In the Senate at least 51 Senators are expected to vote for drilling in ANWR, but not 60. So if a filibuster to prevent a vote on ANWR began, there would not be the necessary 60 members in favor of drilling to close the filibuster and force a vote. Because of this, Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) is proposing to include ANWR in the budget reconciliation bill by counting *projected* revenues from the sale of oil and gas leases in the budget. It is important to note that this revenue would not be realized for almost a decade. Budget legislation cannot be filibustered.

The following quote from Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) describes the concern for ANWR, an area made a wildlife refuge during the Eisenhower Administration: "The coastal plain of the Refuge is the biological heart of the ecosystem and is critical to the survival of caribou, polar bears, and over 160 species of birds. A Department of the Interior study suggests that oil development would contribute to a 20-40 percent decline in the Refuge's caribou population, and similar declines in wolverine and musk oxen populations. When you drill in the heart, every other part of the biological system suffers.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service calls the coastal plain the "center for wildlife activity" in the Refuge. If the drillers get their way, a refuge for wildlife will become something else – a place for caribou, grizzlies, polar bears and wolves to practice their social skills with oil riggers, pipelines, roads, pumping stations, bulldozers, helicopters, airstrips, and everything else necessary for a state-of-the-art "environmentally-conscious" oil field. Like their counterparts in the zoo, the wildlife will be required to adapt to living in an oil field, and they will be "wildlife" no more. A place that has been "forever wild" will be gone – gone forever – never to be retrieved."

It should also be noted that many of the environmentally-conscious techniques for Arctic drilling depend on doing work in the winter when the ground is frozen. Recently, winters in the Arctic have been warmer and the ground is often not frozen. Tundra and other arctic plant material are at risk when subjected to industrial activity.

Suggested Action: Regardless of which legislation calls for the opening of ANWAR, the message for every Congressperson and Senator is: **Please, no drilling in The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!!!**



## **Transportation:**

- The cost of the transportation reauthorization bill (TEA-21) is approximately \$200 billion! The funding comes from federal gasoline taxes and other excise taxes, and dollars are sent to individual states for their projects.
- Our concerns are that during the appropriations process, *funding for transportation enhancements must be preserved*. Examples include the National Scenic Byways programs, which gives communities effective ways to promote and protect their special scenic, historical, natural, cultural and recreational resources. Additionally, programs provide funding for landscaping, historic preservation, environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff, and maintaining habitat connectivity.
- The final bill must not weaken standards set forth in the Clean Air Act.
- Considering the enormous environmental implications of any bill of this magnitude, it is critical to keep in place the National Environmental Policy Act, and the opportunity for public input about how highway construction impacts air, water, wetlands and endangered species.
- We can protect our nation's watersheds by setting aside 2% of the total cost of this bill for storm water improvements and encouraging natural approaches to managing storm water runoff.

## **National Parks:**

- Please see letter to attendees in your folders, which outlines many suggestions for improvement of our national parks.
- The campaign promise of \$5 billion for our national parks has been substantially reduced in the President's proposed budget – the amount now is \$1 billion.

The real issue here is appropriations for our national parks, which continue to deal with increased expenses and decreased budgets. We need to pay attention when the Department of Interior budget is considered by appropriations committees. We hope all attendees have carefully reviewed our new Position Paper on National Parks.



## **Water/Wetlands:**

Message to elected officials re CWA in general:

- The CWA of 1972 has been critical in helping to restore the health of our nation's waters. But the job is not finished. Do not permit the CWA to be compromised.
- Provide EPA with adequate resources and staff to do its job.
- Insist that the principals of EPA and its sister agencies do not accede to the demands of interest groups by lowering standards, extending deadlines, ignoring violations.
- Ensure that all legislation conforms to requirements of the Clean Water Act. For example, in the new Transportation Bill, support inclusion of the recognition that runoff pollution from highways contaminates downstream waters with oil, grease, lead and other dangerous pollutants and provide adequate funding for mitigation of this pollution in highway construction projects.

Message to our elected officials re wetlands:

- Wetlands are vitally important, not just for flora and fauna and we are losing them.
- Demand stronger implementation of the existing wetlands regulatory program.
- Ensure that the EPA and its sister agencies are adequately funded and staffed.
- Support legislation that specifically includes 'isolated waters and wetlands' under CWA protection.
- Support funding for wetland conservation programs in the Farm Bill.

Message to elected officials re blending:

- The EPA estimates that the sewage and clean water infrastructure nationwide will need almost \$400 billion over the next 15 years. Local governments simply cannot afford the upgrades without federal assistance.
- Support adequate funding in the form of loans (State Revolving Funds) to local communities.
- Do not allow blending as a compromise. 'Dilution is not the solution to pollution



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
April 5, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met April 5, 2004 at the home of Gay Van Meter. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were thirteen members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Dottie Cordray, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Sue Glover, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Celeste Newman, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Stilz, Gay Van Meter and Barbara Young. Ginny thanked Gay for hosting the meeting and called for the minutes of the March Board meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$18,635.55. A finance committee meeting was held March 18<sup>th</sup> to appropriate \$825.00 to United Landscape Service to remove the taxus hedge from the rose and herb parterres. Gay said it would cost about \$2800.00 to replace them with either boxwood or taxus. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the general fund pay for the removal of the hedge and the Memorial Fund to pay for the replacements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN: Callie Keller thanked everyone for their help in the peony bed. Regular Wednesday garden work will resume this week.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray will be collecting the plants to go to the Annual Meeting by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young announced the April General Meeting would be held at Burgess Carey's Fishing Lodge at Boone Creek on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The program will be a Wild Flower Walk along Boone Creek with guide Clare Sipple. A light lunch will be served. Barbara reported on the upcoming General Meetings. The finance committee will review the budget for Programs.

PUBLICATION: Mimi Milward would like to have the news for the Blooming News by Monday night of the Board Meetings. She would prefer to have it e-mailed if possible or written.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Gay VanMeter reported on the progress of a new cookbook. Benny Williams is waiting for a proposal from Eclipse Publication. When they have all their information, they will report to the Board.

Sue Glover reported the Friends of the Garden Party would be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Anne Arvin will in charge of the Art. It was brought up to have other artwork that was not of the garden. No decision was made.



Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$5,783.59. She has collected \$2400.00 for the 2004 dues.

OLD BUSINESS: Janie Stilz distributed remaining membership books.

President, Ginny May announced she had received a resignation request from Jeannie Codell. Nancy Bishop made a motion to accept her request with regret. Seconded by Callie Keller. Motion passed.

Ginny announced Ashland will hold a Fund Raiser on June 18-19<sup>th</sup>. They will be selling plants, cutting etc. and asked for the Gardens help. The GCA Memphis Flower Show will be held April 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Nicholson, Melodye Kinkead and Sarah Davis will be participating in the University of Kentucky, Art and Bloom Show.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

April 15, 2004

The Garden Club gathered at the Boone Creek Anglers Club for a wildflower hike hosted by Linda Carey, and Sue Glover. Claire Sipple from Lower Howard's creek guided our hike discussing the many varieties of wildflowers seen in the month of April.

The minutes from the annual March meeting were approved as read.

Ginny May announced a status change that Jeannie Codell had resigned.

TREASURER- Gay Vanmeter announced that our balance at this time is \$18,260.48

HORTICULTURE – Barbara Young and Ginny May are going to Washington, Barbara is looking for anything that looks good for the plant exchange. This is for the annual zone meeting.

PROGRAMS- Our next meeting will be held, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Jannie Pappas's home, where Joy Hinkle will do Flower arranging among friends. Some flowers will be provided, but bring you own flowers, your favorite containers, and oasis if needed.

Annual dues are \$100.00, please send checks to Kin Decamp.

Ginny May mentioned that Nancy left information for anyone interested in joining the friends of the Arborteum, a wonderful organization.

NEW BUSINESS- The annual cocktail party in the garden is the Thursday after Labor Day with Ann Arvin, and Sue Glover organizing the party. It was mentioned by Louise Parker, that in the past there were several paintings not sold, and that the artist should consider not having such high prices on their paintings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to start our hike among the wildflowers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martie Mayer*

Martie Mayer  
For Mo Ethington



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
May 3, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 3, 2004 at the home of Wende Bell. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Ginny May. There were 16 members present: Ginny May, Melodye Kinkead, Sue Glover, Elise Boyd, Sarah Davis, Dot Crutcher, Anne Gay, Dottie Cordray, Barbara Young, Mott Nicol, Jane Stiliz, Kim DeCamp, Nancy Bishop, Mo Ethington, Jessica Nicholson, and Wende Bell.

Mo Ethington read the minutes from the April Board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Ginny reported for Treasurer, Gay VanMeter. We have a balance of \$15,338.34. We were reminded to keep down our garden expenses because we will need money for the cookbook.

#### Committee Reports

Garden: Jessica reported vandals had sprayed orange paint on the shed's door and painted the carts, which were thrown over the garden wall. Jessica also informed the board on the progress of the taxus replacement hedge which will be done after the bricks are fixed. The wooden gates by the garden shed need some attention. It was suggested to look into metal gates.

Horticulture: Barbara Young announced Ellen <sup>Chapmans</sup> Givens had received a merit award for the Juniper she sent to the GCA Annual meeting. Barbara and Ginny May suggested we have committees for Horticulture, Conservation, and Flower Arrangements. We are falling behind in our conservations effort. Having more people involved could help us improve in all three categories.

Program: Janie Pappas and Bitsy Ruch will host our next meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Joy Hinkle will help us with spring flower arranging. Our general Conservation meeting will be on June 17 at Griffith Woods in Harrison County. The program will be a conservation walk with Jim Aldridge of the Nature Conservancy.



Garden Party: Sue Glover and Melodye Kinhead discussed the possibilities of selling garden photographs on note cards. It was decided to go forward but not to sell at the Friends of the Garden Party. "Garden Related" paintings will be auctioned at the party. It does not have to be strictly Ashland. A suggestion was made to try and have smaller watercolors. The flower arrangements on the tables will be offered in a silent auction.

Kim DeCamp, Assistant Treasurer, reported \$6,983.58. The deadline for dues is June 1, 2004.

Ginny reported the Founder Fund award was given to the Garden Club of Honolulu. The female inmates will learn how to earn a living growing vegetables and ornamentals.

Old Business: A silent auction will be held at the Garden picnic for club members to buy the Armillary.

New Business: Beverly Fortune will be taking pictures of the Peony beds on May 10<sup>th</sup> for an article to appear in the Herald Leader.  
The July Board meeting will be held on July 12 (the second Monday).

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
May 20, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Janie Pappas on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bitsy Ruch served as co-hostesses with Janie.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the April meeting, which were approved as read.

There was no Treasurers Report.

President Ginny May gave a delightful report of the GCA Washington Annual Meeting she attended with Barbara Young. She summed up their wonderful experience by saying, "We were energized, exhausted, filled with new ideas and wisdom."

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Libby Brown announced she had the applications for new members. All applications must be in by Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Garden: Jessica Nicholson reported the bricks would be fixed before the new hedge will be planted. Dr. Larry Hanks is trying very hard to save the taxus in the Herb garden.

Founders Funds: Mo Ethington announced the Honolulu Garden Club won the 2004 award. The money will allow the female inmates to clear, irrigate and cultivate the land, grow marketable produce and flowers, and to find a future.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp announced that the June 1 deadline is quickly approaching for membership dues.

Friends of the Garden Party, Chairman Sue Glover, circulated sign-up sheets for various needs for the party and the Art Auction. The party is Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.



New Business: President Ginny May announced that every member would be on one of the following committees. They are Conservation, Flower Arrangements and Horticulture. We will change committees every two years. The committee assignments were read and will be in the next Blooming News.

They're being no further business; Ginny turned the meeting over to Joy Hinkle who got everyone started on their Spring Flower arrangement. Afterwards, a wonderful box lunch was served. A delightful, educational time for all.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
June 7, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met June 7, 2004 at the home of Callie Keller. Second Vice President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were seventeen members present: Nancy Bishop, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dottie Cordray, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Ann Gay, Melodye Kinhead, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Sue Glover and Benny Williams. Nancy thanked Callie for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the May Board meeting were read. They were approved as corrected.

Nancy read a note from Mary McDowell Boone requesting her resignation from the Garden Club. A motion was made by Callie Keller and seconded by Libby Brown to accept her resignation. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$13,779.06.

Benny Williams gave a report on the proposal from Eclipse Press on the printing of the Second Edition of Bluegrass Winners. 10,000 copies would be printed with 7,000 copies coming to the Garden Club. The remaining 3,000 would be retained by Eclipse Press to sell. There would be no printing charges to the Garden Club and a 5% royalty based on net proceeds of the sale of the 3,000 books would be paid to us. We would be reaching a new audience through advertisement in The Blood Horse, Keeneland Magazine and the Kentucky Derby Magazine. The Garden Club retains the copyright to Bluegrass Winners. The quality and the style of the book would be about the same. Benny will check on a few questions that need to be answered. Callie Keller made a motion for Gay VanMeter and Benny Williams to Co-Chair the New Cookbook. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Motion carried. They will investigate the proposal further and go forward with the New Book. Nancy thanked Benny for an excellent report, which is attached to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Libby Brown has the applications for New Members. There is an opening for four members and all forms must be to Libby by Friday,



August 27<sup>th</sup>. The following members are not eligible to nominate: Libby Brown, Kathy Dalton, Mo Ethington, Betty Gess, Callie Keller, Janie Pappas, Gay VanMeter and Barbara Young.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol reported on various conservation projects for our club to become involved. The committee will decide on one and bring their recommendation back to the Board. Their first meeting will be Wed. June 16 at 11:30 in the Garden.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: A meeting will be called by Treasurer, Gay VanMeter.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray informed the Board of the new GCA Newsletter, Real Dirt, which is on the GCA website. The first horticulture committee meeting will be held Wed., June 16 at 10:30 in the garden.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$7,387.00. There are 5 affiliates and 1 active who have not paid their dues.

NEW BUSINESS: Betty Kenan will replace Kay Steffee as the Visiting Garden representative. Kay's new address is: 115 Meadowlark Loop, Lafayette, LA 70508.

The 2008 GCA Annual Meeting will be held on Derby Saturday in Norfolk, Virginia. We will be helping with a Derby Party in the Waterside Marriott. Jessica Nicholson, Sarah Davis, Ann Gay and Gay VanMeter volunteered to help.

OLD BUSINESS: Plants will be dug Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> for the Ashland Plant Sale.

The next Board Meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Nancy Bishop. The September Board Meeting will be held at Barbara Young's house on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mo Ethington  
Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

General Meeting

June 17, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday June 17, 2004 at Griffith Woods, Silver Lake Farm for our Conservation meeting. Hostesses were Betty Kenan and Mott Nicol.

Upon arrival, Jim Aldrich of the Nature Conservancy met us. Jim explained the joint venture with the Conservancy and the University of Kentucky. Julian Campbell, a botanist for the Conservancy, took us on a walk through a small section of the farm, which had beautiful old trees like burr and yellow oaks. He showed us different grasses and explained how they are going to try and bring back a lot of the native vegetations thru burns and selected herbicidal use. After a very informative walk, we returned to a lovely picnic in the woods, which was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch, President Ginny May called the meeting to order.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the May General Meeting, which were approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Stilz, announced the resignation of Mary McDowell Boone with regret.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADMISSION:** Libby Brown stated she has admission forms and they had to be returned to her no later than Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSERVATION:** The conservation committee met in the garden Wednesday, June 16 to discuss ideas for a new conservation project. Chairman Mott Nicol felt the meeting went very well with great ideas.

**HORTICULTURE:** Dottie Cordray reported the horticulture committee met Wednesday, June 16 in the garden. A lot of good suggestions were made and the committee decided to pursue a way of identifying plants and trees in the garden. Dottie announced the topiaries have been repaired and are in perfect shape.



GARDEN PROJECT: Chairman Jessica Nicholson reported garden plants were divided and given to Ashland for their plant sale.

OLD BUSINESS: President Ginny May announced the armillary would be auctioned at the Garden Party general meeting in July. The value is \$3,000.00.

There being no further business, Ginny thanked the hostesses for a wonderful meeting and lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
July 12, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met July 12, 2004 at the home of Nancy Bishop. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. There were 18 members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Callie Keller, Melodye Kinkead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Celeste Newman, Jessica Nicholson, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz, Barbara Young, and Sue Glover.

Ginny May reported for Treasurer, Gay VanMeter. We have a balance of \$15,122.77. The finance committee recommended allocation of \$2,500.00 for brick work in the garden. Unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown reminded everyone she had applications for membership and the deadline is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE: Sarah Davis, Chairman announced the flower arrangements for the July picnic will be judged. The arrangements will be taken to the shut-ins. The committee will do arrangements for our shut-ins for Easter, Garden Picnic, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will also volunteer to do one arrangement for any hostesses meeting.

GARDEN PROJECT: Chairman Callie Keller and Jessica Nicholson announced a "Garden Shower" would be held at the garden picnic. A "wish" list will be in the Blooming News. Of course, money is always welcome. Callie informed the Board that Bill Chapman is donating the bricks for the garden. A bricklayer has been hired and hopefully it will be complete by the Friends of the Garden Party.

PROGRAMS: Barbara Young, Chairman, informed the Board of upcoming meetings. Monnie Long and Betty Gess will host our September meeting at Equis Run. It will be a tour followed by lunch.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Melodye Kinkead is researching advertising in the GCA Bulletin.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp announced all dues have been received. We have 56 Active and 26 Affiliate members. The balance is \$7,687.09.

OLD BUSINESS: President Ginny May said Mott Nicol will be the head of the Derby party in Norfolk, Virginia for the GCA 2008 Annual Meeting.



NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May read a letter of resignation from Missie Parrish. A motion was made by Sarah Davis to accept Missy's resignation with regret. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved.

Ginny read a letter of resignation from Virginia (Murray) Barrow, Jr. A motion was made by Nancy Bishop and seconded by Judy Philpot to accept Murray's resignation with regret. Unanimously approved.

Jessica Nicholson informed the board of the photography class for the Zone 7 Flower Show. Information is posted on the GCA website.

There being no further business, Ginny thanked Nancy for hostessing the meeting and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup> at Libby Brown's house. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
July 15, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Ashland Garden for the annual garden picnic. Hostesses were Carolyn Caldwell, Louise Parker and Dottie Cordray. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Treasurer, Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$13,967.71.

President Ginny May read the resignation letters from Virginia Barrow and Missy Parrish. The Board has accepted their resignation with regret.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION: Chairman, Mott Nicol, asked everyone to read the Volunteer Codes of Conduct. Please be ready at the next meeting to vote if we want to make a commitment to this proposal or not.

FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE: Sarah Davis, Chairman, announced flower arrangements would be made for our shut-ins on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the Garden Picnic. If given prior notice, the committee will provide a centerpiece for a general meeting.

GARDEN: Callie thanked everyone who brought tools, equipment or money to the Garden Shower. Gifts are welcome on Wednesday when we work in the garden. The brickwork will be started soon which will be followed by replanting of small boxwoods. The Ash tree is being watched carefully but it is dying due to bores.

HORTICULTURE: The committee will start working on plant identification in the garden in the fall. Chairman Dottie Cordray is open to suggestions on types of identifications to be used.

PUBLICATION: There is no meeting in August therefore the next Blooming News will be September. Please e-mail your news to Mimi Milward. Ginny thanked Mimi for a wonderful job of getting the News out so quickly this month.

Kim DeCamp reported all dues have been paid and the checking balance was around \$7300.00.

Sue Glover and Anne Arvin passed around the sign up sheets for the Friends of the Garden Party and Art Auction. Reminders will be sent out in August.

OLD BUSINESS: Jessica Nicholson asked for silent bids on the Armillary. The beginning bid was to start at \$1500.00.



NEW BUSINESS: President Ginny May showed a terrific Garden Calendar with a lot of local gardening tips, which was done by the Birmingham Garden Club. It has been a super success for them.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and turned over to our Horticulture Chair, Dottie Cordray. Dottie gave excellent handouts for Internet resources, and tips and products to use for specific gardening problems. She explained how helpful and useful it is to learn botanical names and how the plant exchange works at the annual and zone meetings. We will be propagating plants for both dry and moist places for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

At this time Dottie introduced Kris McNeil from Highland Moor Nursery. Kris led us through a wonderful propagation workshop, which was followed by a delightful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
August 20, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met August 20, 2004 at the home of Libby Brown. Second Vice President Nancy Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. There were fifteen members present: Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Sue Glover, Callie Keller, Mott, Nicol, Jessica Nicholson and Jane Stilz. Nancy thanked Libby for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the July Board meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, Chairman, made a motion to adopt the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Gardening Public. Seconded by Libby Brown. Unanimously approved. Mott will take the motion to the General Meeting. The conservation committee is working hard to find a conservation project for our club and will present their suggestions soon.

GARDEN: The garden will be locked at 6:00 p.m. on Labor Day. Jessica reminded everyone to continue working in the garden every Wednesday until the beds are cut down for the winter. Callie reported the White Ash in the garden would be taken down soon.

PROGRAM: Betty Gess and Monnie Long will host our next meeting at Equus Run in Midway.

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown read the forms of new perspective members. Everyone was reminded to keep all names and information confidential. A Board member must attend either the August or October Board meeting before they will be eligible to vote in November. There are 4 spots available.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$10,289.00. She will send GCA a check for \$3,071.00, which will leave a balance of \$7,218.00. At the present time we have 27 affiliates.

Sue Glover and Anne Arvin reported everything was ready for the Friends of the Garden party. Directions will be available for Charlotte Turners house in case of rain.



NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Bishop announced Anne Arvin would accompany Ginny May to the Zone Meeting in Orange, Virginia.

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



— ATTENDANCE —  
SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING  
August 30, 2004

Marcy Bishop  
Elise W. Boyd  
~~Dot Crutcher~~  
Mott Noel  
Sarah Davis  
Jessica Nicholson  
~~Elen Chapman~~  
Jana Shih  
Mo Ethington  
Libby Brown  
Anne Gay  
Kim DeCamp  
Callie Keller  
Lue Mlover  
Anne Aronson



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON  
General Meeting  
September 16, 2004

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 16, 2004 at Equus Run Vineyard in Midway at 10:45 a.m. Hostesses were Betty Gess and Monnie Long.

Our program began in a tobacco barn, which had been converted into a winery. Cynthia Bohn, co-owner, explained the making of wine from the time the grapes were picked until they were processed into wine. She explained the buying and planting of grafts, the testing and treating of the soil, cultivation, spraying, pruning and the harvesting of the grapes. Cynthia was very informative on all aspects of the business. Following a wonderful program, we were treated to a delicious box lunch and wine.

Following lunch, President Ginny May called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary, Mo Ethington, read the minutes of the July General Meeting, which were approved as read.

Ginny read a thank you note from Anne Hagan Michelle for the help and the plants the Garden Club donated to their Lawn Party. She also expressed her appreciation for Ashland Garden. Ginny had also received a lovely note from Harriett Holliday expressing her appreciation of the Flower Arrangement she received after the Picnic.

Art Chairman, Anne Arvin, thanked everyone for their help. She read a nice note from Sue Glover, Chairman of the Friends of the Garden party, thanking everyone for their participation in making the event a very special evening for everyone. Ginny thanked the two Chairs for a job well done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray, Chairman, informed everyone of the upcoming Zone meeting in Orange, Virginia. She explained the flower show and told everyone what Ginny May and Anne Arvin needed by 5:00 pm on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Bishop's house. Dottie showed everyone a book called Non Native Invasive Plants of the Southern Forests. She has the address for anyone interested in the book.

CONSERVATION: Chairman, Mott Nicols, asked the membership to vote on the motion from the Board to adopt the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Gardening Public. Unanimously approved. A recommendation for a conservation project will be presented soon.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: Sarah Davis, Chairman expressed the happiness and the pleasure the flower arrangements gave to our shut-ins.



PROGRAMS: Chairman, Barbara Young, thanked all the people at Equus Run for a delightful time. Our October meeting will be held at Ellen Chapman with Tom Barnes leading the program. November, Sarah Davis, will teach us how to make Christmas wreaths and Charlotte Turner will host our Christmas tea.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginny heard from Sue Ellen Johnson who is eager to have names of members who would be interested in serving on GCA Committees. Let Ginny know as soon as possible. The South Eastern Flower Show will be held in Atlanta on March 2-6, 2005. They would love to have Garden Clubs participation. The Philadelphia Flower Show will be held March 7-11. Anyone interested in either, please let Ginny know.

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



## GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Board Meeting

October 4, 2004

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met October 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Janie Stilz. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Dottie Cordray, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Callie Keller, Betty Kenan, Melodye Kinkead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz, Gay Van Meter and Barbara Young.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter announced a balance of \$23,451.90.

Ginny May, President, read a letter of resignation from Monnie Long. Sarah Davis made a motion to accept Monnie's resignation. Seconded by Mo Ethington. Motion passed.

Ginny read a letter from Betty Bos Haggin requesting a change of membership. Libby Brown made a motion to change Betty's membership to affiliate. Seconded by Nancy Bishop. Motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATIONS: Mott Nicol brought a proposal from the Conservation Committee to help Ashland in the areas of Conservation. With the approval from Ashland, we could improve the grounds, work on the Savannah River plants, visual enhancement of gardening etc. Education could be emphasized in many ways. An example could be on invasive and endangered plants. Mott suggested a two-year commitment. Nancy Bishop made a motion to adopt the Conservations Committees proposal and for the committee to go ahead and firm up specific guidelines and grants. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved.

GARDEN: Co-Chair, Callie Keller, reported the tree had been taken down. A woman, who visits the garden frequently, would like to donate a new tree. Callie and Jessica are researching the type of tree to replace the Ash and what we should do if anything to help its survival. A discussion took place on whether committee chairs should report to the Board before major decisions are made. This has been a policy in the past. Callie reported they had talked to Ian Hoffman concerning the Hornbeams. They are considering cutting them way back. Bulbs will be planted on October 27<sup>th</sup> and if it rains, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members are asked to come and help plant and put the rest of the Garden to bed.

HORTICULTURE: Chairman Dottie Cordray announce the committee would try to meet in the Garden on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Dottie thanked all the member who sent plants to the Zone Meeting. They did extremely well.



PROGRAMS: Barbara Young announced our next meeting will be held at Ellen Chapman's. The speaker will be Tom Barnes, who is an excellent photographer, author and a Wildlife Specialist. The meeting will be at 10:30 a.m.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim DeCamp changed the Bank One account to National City Bank. There is a balance of \$7,253.00.

Art Chairman, Anne Arvin reported 38 pieces were sold for \$8,030.00. The Garden Club made a profit of \$3659.00 from the art. The artist were thrilled and looking forward to next year.

ADMISSIONS: Libby Brown read the applications for new members and reminded everyone we will be voting November 1, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May passed around a brochure from The Enchanted Garden gift shop. A photograph of the statue of the little girl and bird in the garden was used in their advertisement. The statue was a memorial gift to the garden from Hart James relatives. After a discussion, it was decided we could do nothing about it.

GCA will be asking for a \$100.00 donation from members toward their Endowment Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
October 21, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Ellen Chapman on October 21, 2004. Celeste Neuman served as co-hostesses with Ellen.

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting, which were approved as read.

Treasurer, Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$14,332.90.

President Ginny May read a letter of resignation from Monnie Long and a change of status request from Betty Bos Haggin from active to affiliate. Board Approved.

Ginny announced Ellen Chapman has been appointed to a one-year term as the Zone 7 Representative for Public Relations

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Garden: Callie Keller asked all members to be present for Bulb Planting on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Rain Date will be Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. All borders need to be put to bed at this time.

Flower : Chairman, Sarah Davis, asked for volunteers to take flower to the shut-ins. She reminded everyone to bring clippers and greens but not holly to the November general meeting.

Horticulture: Dottie Cordray, Chairman, thanked everyone who sent plant material to the Zone VII meeting. The awards were announced in the Blooming News. Dottie reminded everyone to check on their propagations boxes. If you have one not in use, please bring return it to Dottie.

Program: Ginny May asked for Hostesses for the Annual Meeting, which will be March 17, 2005. Please call Barbara Young if you are interested.

New Business: Gay Van Meter and Benny Williams are gearing up for the new Cookbook. Barbara Young will be working with the horse farms and a committee will be calling on everyone to help.

Ginny May took a vote from the membership on reading the GCA Publication and the special Annual Report. Suggestions were offered.



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Anne Arvin gave her report on the Zone 7 meeting she attended with Ginny in Orange, Virginia. They enjoyed the beautiful historical homes, the lovely gardens, the great group of women, the flower show, the wonderful food and the informative speakers and workshops. Computers are definitely going to be a part of GCA. There was talk of the possibilities of a joint conservation committee. They returned home with all sorts of enthusiasm and pride in our membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Tom Barnes, Extension Professor & Wildlife Specialist, at the University of Kentucky gave a wonderful slide show on Wildflowers.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
November 1, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met November 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Elise Boyd. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were 18 members present: Wendy Bell, Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Libby Brown, Ellen Chapman, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Kim DeCamp, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Melody Kinkead, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Jessica Nicholson, Judy Philpot, Janie Stilz and Gay Van Meter. Ginny thanked Elise for hosting the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the October meeting. They were approved as read except for the change of Nancy Bishop seconding a motion instead of Anne Gay.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$16,106.85.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown passed out the ballots to the voting board members. She reminded everyone we had four openings but they did not have to be filled.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, Chair reported the committee was going forward with the Ashland project. A grant would be possible in April from Bluegrass Pride. All details are not worked out but it will probably be a one-year commitment with the foundation.

FINANCE: Chairman Gay Van Meter announced a Finance Committee would be called for the purpose of charitable donations.

GARDEN: Jessica Nicholson and Callie Keller, Chairs announced we would try again to plant the bulbs on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. They are going to look at some trees in Louisville for the garden.

HORTICULTURE: Chairman Dottie Cordray announced a committee meeting in the garden following tulip planting.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young reminded us to bring our clippers and greens to the November meeting. We will be making wreaths under the leadership of Sarah Davis. She also reported a \$50.00 gift certificate for Joseph Beth will be given to Dr. Tom Barnes in appreciation of the wonderful program last month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Melody Kinkead said she would have our cookbook, Bluegrass Winners, at the November meeting. They are great gifts.

After counting the votes, Libby Brown announced we have four prospective new members: They are: Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleitt and Marcia Slabaugh.



Everyone was delighted. If they accept, they will attend the Christmas tea with their sponsor. Libby thanked all sponsors for their help.

NEW BUSINESS: President Ginny May informed the Board she had been contacted by Mary Diana Hannah about the possibilities of mentoring or helping in landscaping the outdoor area at Henry Clay high school. After a discussion, it was decided to let the finance committee review the possibilities and report back.

Assistant Treasurer, Kim Decamp, reported a balance of \$7,253.00.

Sue Glover, Chairman of the Garden Party, reported a profit of \$7,939.21. Ginny thanked Sue for a wonderful job.

Ellen Chapman talked about the roll of the Publicity Committee. It is very important because this is our way of communicating with GCA and GCA with us. At the present time, the Publicity Chairman position is a non-voting member. After a discussion, President Ginny May asked Ellen and Anne Gay to bring a recommendation to the Board on the status of the Publicity Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington, Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
November 18, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington met at Idle Hour Country Club on November 18, 2004. Hostesses were Kathy Brewer and Anne Kraus. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Treasurer Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$15,365.74. Gay announced the Friends of the Garden Party cleared \$7,939.21 and the art made \$3,722.00 for a total of \$11,659.21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSION: Chairman Libby Brown reported the following new members: Mrs. Tony Barrett (Brenda); Mrs. George Brooks (Kathy); Mrs. Tom Bulleitt (Betsy) and Mrs. Steve Slabaugh (Marcia). Libby thanked the members who proposed the candidates. We will look forward to welcoming them at the Christmas tea. We now have 58 active members and 25 affiliates. In the past five years, we have taken in 16 new active members. At the present time, we have openings for 2 members. Libby has applications for the August 2005 deadline.

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, chairman, announced a committee meeting at Sue Glover's house on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

AWARDS: Chairman Dot Crutcher, asked for suggestion for names of people who could be considered for an award in our club or in the community. Please let Dot know.

FLOWERS Sarah Davis, Chair asked for arrangements to be brought to the Christmas tea.

GARDEN: Co-Chairman, Jessica Nicholson thanked everyone for their work in the garden this year. The garden has been put to bed for the winter.

HORTICULTURE: Dottie Cordray asked members of her committee to call her if they were not able to attend the last meeting in the garden. She would also like everyone to call her about the propagation plants they have for the 2005 Annual meeting.

PROGRAM: Barbara Young announced the Christmas tea would be held at Charlotte Turners. The January meeting will be about Bee Keeping and the Annual meeting will be held in March followed by the April meeting at the Crutcher Preserve.

PUBLICATION: Chairman, Mimi Milward, reported she sent out the Blooming News by e-mail and regular mail. She had a good response on the e-mail and will try again next month.



SPECIAL PROJECTS: Gay Van Meter announced she had brought boxes of Bluegrass Winners, which could be purchased for \$12.00 per book or by the case. The books make wonderful Christmas gifts.

OLD BUSINESS: President, Ginny May, had a couple of Beautiful American Vegetables books left and were for sale for \$40.00.

NEW BUSINESS: The GCA Conservation meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 15 - 17. Please call Ginny if you would like to attend.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and turned over to Sarah Davis, Flower Chairman. Sarah showed and helped us make Christmas wreaths. After a fun time, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
Board Meeting  
December 6, 2004

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met December 6, 2004 at the home of Barbara Young. President Ginny May called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. There were fourteen members present: Nancy Bishop, Elise Boyd, Dot Crutcher, Sarah Davis, Mo Ethington, Anne Gay, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Melody Kinkead, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Judy Philpot, Jane Stilz and Barbara Young. Ginny thanked Barbara for hosting the meeting and called for the minutes of the November Board meeting. They were approved.

Ginny May gave the treasurer report for Gay Van Meter. We have a balance of \$13,888.63.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Mott Nicol, chairman, announced a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. She has talked to Bluegrass Pride and found out their Federal Funding has been cancelled for 2005. Mott will report to the Board what the committee decides our conservation project will be.

FINANCE: President Ginny May reported for Gay Van Meter. The Finance Committee discussed, and reviewed upcoming financial commitments and decided the following contributions for 2004:

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|---|----------|
| GCA Scholarship Fund                                  | \$300.00 |
| Bluegrass Conservancy                                 | 400.00   |
| Nature Conservancy                                    | 100.00   |
| Henry Clay Memorial Fund                              | 150.00   |
| UK Arboretum  | 150.00   |
| Raven Run   | 150.00   |
| Bernheim  | 100.00   |
| Ashland Neighborhood Assn.                            | 15.00    |
| Long Branch Garden                                    | 100.00   |
| (In honor of S. McQueen 90 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday) |          |
| Henry Clay High school Centennial Garden              | 100.00   |

Total contributions were \$1,515.00, which was 10% of our present general operation account.

GARDEN: Chair, Callie Keller, reported they were still looking at trees and getting advice on the type of tree to purchase. Every professional has a different opinion; therefore it makes the decision difficult. They will keep up their research.



PROGRAM: Barbara reminded everyone the Christmas tea would be held at Charlotte Turner's. She would love to have suggestions for the May program. Ginny May announced Kay Steffe will Co-host, along with Jane Stilz, the January meeting. Kay will not be here but wanted to be part of the program.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Chairman, Melody Kinhead asked everyone to make sure they saw the ad for Bluegrass Winners in the GCA publications. So far it has not produced any new accounts, however, there is still time. Credit card orders will be suggested to Amazon.com, who gives our cookbook a five star rating, or Joseph Beth.

PUBLICITY: Chairman Anne Gay discussed the need of a change from the name of Publicity to Public Relations. After a discussion, Mo Ethington made a motion to change the name of Publicity to Public Relations and to add Public Relations to the Board Standing Committees in the By-Laws. Seconded by Dot Crutcher. Unanimously approved. The motion will be printed in the Blooming News and will be voted on by the membership at the January meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mo Ethington*

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary



Garden Club of Lexington  
General Meeting  
December 16, 2004

The Garden Club of Lexington gathered at the home of Charlotte Turner for the Annual Christmas Tea. President Ginny May welcomed and introduced our four new members: Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleitt, Marcia Slabaugh, and Brenda Barrett who was unable to attend. Charlotte's house was beautifully decorated with lovely flower arrangements and Christmas decorations. We all enjoyed the beautiful setting and the elegant tea. We left with cute little bells and the wonderful feeling of Christmas and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Ethington

Mo Ethington  
Recording Secretary