

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday November 5, 2007 at the home of Mary Montague at 241 S. Hanover Avenue. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were in attendance: Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Ellen Chapman, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Callie Keller, Jessica Nicholson, Mimi Milward, Kim decamp, Barbara Young, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Gay Van Meter, Wende Bell, Mott Nicol, Mary Montague, Luanne Milward, Libby Brown, Anne Arvin, Janie Pappas. The minutes were approved as read by E-mail. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$7,233.35. Two CD's have matured in our money market acct. Hostess Mary Montague was thanked.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop began the process of voting for new candidates by reading the names of the prospective candidates as well as the names of board members who were eligible to vote. The ballots were passed. The ballots were collected and counted. It was later reported that we had elected three new members. Their names should be kept confidential until they have responded to the invitation (which they should receive on Wednesday or Thursday.)

Conservation: Mimi Milward said that clean-up day on the Ashland Estate ground is Nov. 17th. The Grounds Committee at Ashland approved the cutting of the Hackberry tree behind the rear wall of the garden. The Ashland Estate Board will have to approve this. Non-organic apples contain the second highest amount of pesticides.

Awards: Mott Nicol received new information about the rules for the award process. There will now be awards for those members who turn 90 or 100 years old. December 1st is the deadline for applying for the Plant Award – Jan. 2nd for the Horticulture Award. Ideas and suggestions for these awards were discussed.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that after two years free of vandalism, we found graffiti and paint damage on our marble table top. To keep from replacing it for \$1500, the grounds keeper at Ashland was able to buff most of it out. The citrus tree has gone to Pemberton's, the gardenia to Gay and the twp jasmine trees will go to -- a good home. Libby thanked everyone who came to help with Bulb Day.

Horticulture: Marion Jones our Zone 7 Horticulture Rep sent word that the Shirley McNeese Workshop will be in New York City's Botanical Garden in October of 2008. Our 'Real Dirt' web site is being updated and improved! We have been asked to send E-mails of at least 10 members for its 'address book'. A sign-up sheet was passed. We will need to bring a specimen of a 'Native Plant' to the Zone Meeting on May 3rd.

Program: We will meet on Thursday November 15th at the IHCC at 10:30 for a flower sign-up sheet was circulated. The Christmas Tea will be December 13th at Celeste Newman's new house at 1600 Eastwood Dr.

Publication: Mimi Milward will help Sheilagh Hammond with the Dec. newsletter.

Founders Fund: The Yew Dell Garden Project did not win an award this year.

Friends of the Garden – Party: We will need a new chairman for next year!

Cookbook: Ellen recognized Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams for the excellent job they are doing to market the new cookbook. They are in the process of setting up an E-commerce web site which will be: www.BluegrassWinners.com. Pricing details will be ready soon. We currently have 43 cases of new cookbooks which include 5016 books. Our GC members have ordered 20+ boxes of books. Vendors who have placed orders include: L.V. Harkness, Keeneland, For Friends, Joseph Beth, etc. Joseph Beth is planning a promotion event around our cookbook. During the 2010 World Equestrian Event (WEG) we 'may' be sharing a booth with GC member Pat Green and her 'Jockey Silks' business. The cost to have a booth is \$15,000. We will work towards finalizing our plans and putting any agreement we have for selling cookbooks at WEG in writing.

Gay VanMeter has arranged for a Cookbook Kick-Off event on December 6th from 5:30 to 8:00 at Keeneland's Clubhouse – 2nd floor main dining room. We are working on the 'guest list' list. The Keeneland Gift Shop will also be promoting the cookbook. Gay read a thank you letter from the Grayson Jockey Club concerning their cookbook connection.

Margaret Cowgil and others have had some great marketing ideas for the cookbook. Members are being encouraged to help market the cookbook to various organizations and locations. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Mott Nicol suggested that all active members be 'required' to do 'something'.

Benny Williams and Barbara Young need help returning photos etc. to the farms as well as writing them thank you notes. Talk to them if you can help.

A special thank you was sent to Barbara's husband Bill Young for free storage of the cookbooks in his warehouse. Bill will also allow his 'runner' to make 'some' deliveries.

Our office secretary may need extended hours to take care of orders, deliveries, etc. Anne Arvin encouraged us to call her about cookbook orders if the GC office was closed.

Martie Mayer needs help with the cookbook booth in the 'Holly Market' at **Southern Lights** located at the Horse Park. Workers are needed Fri. Nov. 30th and Sat. Dec. 1st from 5:30 to 10:00. Please sign-up for a 2 hour shift. Ideas were discussed for getting a credit card device for that event as well as others.

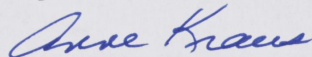
Old Business / New Business:

Benny Williams is suggesting that we design a Garden Club logo that can be used with the cookbook sales. Ideas and copyright issues were discussed.

Luanne Milward has continued to talk to our mayor Jim Newberry about how we can help with the 2010 WEG. We discussed the ideas of fixing up a highway exit vs. hosting a party at the Garden. We were more enthusiastic about the party. Ellen asked Luanne to get details about our portion of the expense, numbers and times before we 'commit'.

Ellen thanked Mary Montague again for being the hostess. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00,

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday November 15, 2007 at the Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Betty Kenan introduced speaker McKenzie Royce from the Blue Grass Conservancy. She gave us a brief but informative update on the Conservancy's status and objectives. McKenzie said that BG Conservancy currently has almost 4,000 acres in flexible agreements tailored to landowner's objectives to preserve the land for agriculture and / or open space activities, thereby protecting the land's conservation values. The minutes were approved as read with one correction.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Mimi Milward said that Saturday Nov. 17th was 'Leaf Raking Day' on the grounds of the Ashland Estate. She circulated a sign-up sheet for the 'Real Dirt' E-mail list as well as a copy of the GCA's 'Conservation Magazine' (order on the GCA web site.)

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said that Joy Hinkle would lead today's flower arranging workshop entitled 'Making Something from Nothing'.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that a couple of beds still need to be 'put to bed'. She thanked everyone for all their hard work in the Garden this year!

Horticulture: Mary Montague encouraged everyone to sign-up for the 'Real Dirt' E-mail list. She circulated a GCA book list as well as an article on 'Winter Gardens' by David Pulp.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the Christmas Tea will be on Dec. 13th at Celeste Newman's new house at 1600 Eastwood Drive. Louise Parker will be the co-hostess. An RSVP sheet was circulated. Our January meeting will be a flower arranging session guided by two GCA flower arranging experts. We will not meet in February. The March meeting will be the annual meeting.

Newsletter: Mimi Milward will be doing the Dec. newsletter for Sheilagh Hammond.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$1,077.45.

Friends of the Garden – Party: We need a new chairman for next year.

Scholarship: Barbara Young has been moved from being our Zone VII Representative to the GCA Vice-Chairman of Scholarship.

Special Projects - New Cookbook: Our new cookbook Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners, is 'out'! Ellen Chapman thanked everyone for *all* their hard work on this

project. She briefly reviewed the cookbook's progression starting from July 2003 to the present. She recognized the cookbook committee which included: She made us aware of all the professional time Benny Williams, the Bell Group and Eclipse Press donated to this project.

Jane Stilz recognized the intensive work of her recipe committee which included: Martie Mayer, Ellen Chapman, Mott Nicol, Ginny May, Katie Alford. Sub-committee chairman were also thanked: Judy Philpott and Nancy Bishop – Appetizers, Lauren Van Balen and Kathy Brooks – Salads, Kathy Dalton and Luanne Milward – Eggs, Cheese and Pasta, Ellen Chapman and Melodye Kinkead – Seafood, Mott Nicol – Vegetables, Betty Kenan and Bettie Bos Haggin – Meats, Betty Kinkead and Ginny May – Deserts, Barbara Young – Breads, Anne Gay and Sue Glover – Soups. She also thanked Benny Williams for going above and beyond.

Betsy Brooks recognized her committee which has been marketing the cookbook to previously used markets as well as new vendors. Ads have already appeared in the newspaper for **For Friends**, as well as in publications of Eclipse Press and *Blood Horse Magazine*. Betsy circulated copies of price lists as well as order forms for new vendors. She encouraged us to purchase the cookbook for gifts to family and friends. Betsy also gave us a handout with ideas for finding new vendors and encouraged each of us to help market the new cookbook. A web site is being put in place to sell cookbooks on line. For tax reasons and marketing PR, we were encouraged to refer people to retail marketing sources rather than selling to individuals for a price lower than retail.

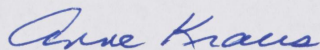
Old Business / New Business:

Ellen said that she has talked with Glenview GC member Margaret Calk about their Garden Tour on June 14th. They would like for us to volunteer some of our gardens for their 'tour'. See the Bloomin' News for more details.

Ellen thanked the Flower Committee and leader Joy Hinkle for the Flower Arranging workshop set to follow. Appreciation was again expressed to hostesses Anne Arvin and Jane Stilz for providing coffee and a delicious luncheon at the IHCC.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday December 3, 2007 at the home of Callie Keller at 2012 Hart Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Seventeen members were in attendance: Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Ginny May, Ellen Chapman, Lauren VanBalen, Martie Mayer, Gay VanMeter, Barbara Young, Anne Arvin, Wende Bell, Mott Nicol, Betsy Bulleit, Libby Brown, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read by E-mail. Ellen thanked hostess Callie Keller. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$31,422.28. She also reported on our 2007 Contributions and passed a list which included: Fayette Alliance - \$200, Ashland - \$200, Bluegrass Conservancy - \$ 100, UK Arboretum - \$200, GCA Scholarship - \$200, Shakertown - \$100, Raven Run - \$100, Ashland Neighborhood - \$15. Mary, our gardener, will receive a Christmas bonus of \$200. Susie Hanks, our secretary, will receive a bonus this year too. We have just received a \$500 donation from the Crutcher family.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said that three candidates have accepted their invitations for membership: Lucy Graves Foster, Sarah Caroline Asbury Sanderlin, Elizabeth Schnabel.

Awards: Awards will be given to three members who are 90 or more years old: Alma Haggin, Harriett Holladay, Sally Johnson. Individualized Birthday Citations were read and circulated. We can nominate someone for a Zone Award in 2009. Club Awards can be given with 2 or 2 ½ mo. notice. We are starting to assimilate a Birthday list for all members. We were asked to record our birthdates on a list.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that all 'systems' in the Garden are shut down. All borders have been put 'to bed'. Vandals threw the saw horses, which were placed to keep people off the grass, into the boxwoods. We will be giving away these saw horses. Different ways to keep people off the grass were discussed.

Horticulture: Mary Montague circulated two articles: *Fertilizing Basics* by Sandra Gorry, *Off with their Heads* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust.

Program: The Christmas Tea will be on Thursday December 13th at Celeste Newman's. Louise Parker will be the co-host. A hostess sign-up sheet was circulated for the 2008 Board Meetings.

Assistant Treasurer: We have a balance of \$1,177.35.

Scholarship: Barbara Young asked that we think of eligible candidates for the Hull Award – a National award given to educators.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit said that our cookbook has been out for a little over 30 days. 2800 copies are out/sold. Our web site will be ready to go in about two weeks. Sharon Thompson will feature our cookbook in a newspaper article on Dec. 9th. Sales forms and 'talking points' were circulated. Cookbook direction / printing problems were briefly discussed. Directions to sign-out cookbooks purchased from the office were given. One case of books cannot be accounted for at our last meeting. Amazon.com has sold out of our books and wants more!

Old Business / New Business:

Our accountant, Lendy Carnes from *Dulworth, Breeding & Carnes*, spoke to us on the 'state of our finances' and her ideas about restructuring our investments to receive maximum income while keeping enough cash to cover expenses. Current factors were examined: Our expenses exceeded our income for 2005 and 2006; Our Board has never set a formal policy concerning the use of interest vs. principle (although we have a pattern of only using interest.); The Board has the power to restrict funds; Most of our money is in CD's; We have too much money in (several) checking accounts (\$94,000) which is not drawing much interest; There is a problem about where to put contributions and how /when to use them; We have an anonymous donation of \$25,000 and another anonymous donation of \$25,000 if the membership can match this sum with their donations. It was suggested that we work towards consolidating our checking accounts and to move CD's that are penalty free into an endowment.

After some discussion, Gay VanMeter made a motion to commit \$200,000 to a Board Restricted Endowment Fund upon permission of the membership. Ellen Chapman seconded the motion. It was brought to a voice vote and passed.

Mott Nicol then made a motion that the financial committee should be given the power to select a financial advisor to oversee this endowment fund. It was seconded by Jessica Nicholson and brought to a voice vote and passed.

The nominating committee was thanked for presenting the Board with a new slate of officers:

Executive Committee

President – Jessica Nicholson
First Vice President – Barbara Young
Second Vice President – Ellen Chapman
Recording Secretary – Anne Arvin
Corresponding Secretary – Callie Keller
Treasurer – Mimi Milward

Chairman of Standing Committees

Admissions – Ginny May
Awards – Janie Pappas
Conservation – Kim DeCamp
Finance – Mimi Milward
Flower Show – Leslie Baldwin

Garden Project – Mary Montague / Mary Louise Fisher
Horticulture – Brenda Barrett
Program – Wende Bell and Marcia Salbaugh
Publication – Lauren VanBalen
Special Projects – Benny Bell Williams / Betsy Bulleit

Non Voting Committees

Archives – Janie Pappas
Archives of American Garden History and Design – Margaret Cowgil
Assistant Treasurer – Anne Kraus
Founders Fund – Martie Mayer
Public Relations – Kathy Courtney
Scholarship – Katie Alford
Visiting Gardens – Kathy Brooks
Garden Party – Edie Gess

Finance Committee

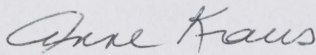
Chairman: Mimi Milward
Jessica Nicholson, Gay VanMeter, Benny Williams, Betsy Bulleit,
Barbara Young

- meets at least twice a year

Ginny May made a motion to accept this slate. Martie Mayer seconded it. The motion was passed by voice vote.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

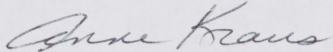


Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**The Garden Club of Lexington
General Meeting
December 13, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington gathered for their annual Christmas Tea on Thursday December 13, 2007 at the home of Celeste Neuman, 1600 Eastwood Lane in Lexington. Louise Parker was the co-hostess. President Ellen Chapman welcomed our three new members: Lucy Graves Foster, Sarah Carolyn Asbury Sanderlin and Elizabeth Schnabel. Celeste's new home was beautifully decorated and admired by all. The circular dining room table was filled with delicious tea sandwiches and yummy goodies of all kinds and adorned with a stunning floral arrangement. Jessica Bell graciously poured tea. Several members brought flower arrangements which were later taken to shut-ins. It was a festive occasion enjoyed by everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Mary Louise Fisher at 265 South Hanover Ave. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Anne Arvin, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Luanne Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, Wende Bell, Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$5,127.47.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mott Nicol said that she and Lauren Van Balen would meet to compose a proposal for the Garden Club of Lexington to be nominated for a Public Relations Award. Everyone was asked to send Mott any records of information or pictures concerning Ashland Garden and its involvement with the city and state. They need to have this completed in about two weeks.

Conservation: Mimi Milward and Luanne Milward will go to a meeting in Washington DC at the end of February. Mimi discussed her ideas about helping the city get ready for the 2010 World Equestrian Games by landscaping the medium area at the exit ramp of Tates Creek and New Circle Road. She shared ideas of appropriate plant material. The Board had enthusiastic suggestions and encouraged her to further investigate the idea.

Finance: Gay circulated brochures from various organizations to which we have made donations. She read a letter from Mary Warren thanking us for her Christmas bonus.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher read a letter from Ashland thanking us for decorating a room and fireplace in Henry Clay's parlor for the holidays. Pictures were taken!

Garden Project: We are still pricing replacements for the holly tree.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that the French Broad River Garden Club would be hosting the next Zone Meeting at Biltmore in Ashville, NC on Sept. 17 -19th, 2007. The theme will be 'Regional Material'. Mary has a list of appropriate horticulture materials to send as well as information on the history of the Biltmore and their head gardener, Chauncey Beadle. After discussion the Board decided that we should do a 'group' horticulture project. Meeting times and places were discussed and will be pursued.

Program: Our general meeting will be January 18th at the IHCC at 10:30 – hostesses – Ginny May & Sue Glover. GCA Zone Speaker, Susan Dumaine will be speaking on Garden Design. March 15 will be the Annual Meeting at the IHCC – hostesses TBA. April 19th will be our Horticulture Meeting – no details yet. March 5th Board Meeting – Anne Kraus's – 1441 Lakewood Dr.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the newsletter right away!

Special Projects: Anne Arvin discussed a new lead on office space – Wynn Paulson's office building on High St. Rental price is negotiable - \$250 for one room + \$150 for additional room. Two Months free rent was offered as well as storage room & copy machine. Parking will have to be on the street except for 'loading' in back of bldg. Idle Hour Shopping Center - \$290 – one room (larger). We now pay \$295.

Assistant Treasurer: Our current balance is \$1,112.58.

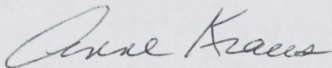
Founder's Fund: Luanne Milward said that our Yew Dell proposal is one of three finalists that will be voted on in March.

Old Business: Ginny May is on the Board for the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta – Feb. 7 to 11th. Brochures were circulated. Get a group together and go!!!

New Business: Ellen discussed her idea of getting a really great speaker and having a joint meeting for the state as well as having a lecture open to the public (for a fee). Ginny May will be in charge of pursuing this idea!!

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus

Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2008**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday January 17, 2008 at the Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She thanked hostesses Sarah Davis and Bettie Bos Haggin. The minutes were approved as read. Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$30,088.08.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Stilz circulated a membership list and asked everyone to check for changes / corrections to their personal information.

Conservation: Mimi Milward gave members handouts with information about pesticide content in specific fruits and vegetables. She also had *similar* information about paper products and bottled water. See the *Bloomin' News* for more details.

Horticulture: Mary Montague gave us two articles from *Fine Gardening*: 'Off with their Heads!' by Tracy DiSabato and 'Fertilizing Basics' by Sandra Gorry.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward announced that we would be voting on three projects at the March meeting for the Founders Fund: The Buffer Strip Project from Cooperstown NY; The Native American Village and Garden Project – native plants and native people from Stevenson MD; The Bookworm Garden Project from Sheboygan WI. See the *Bloomin' News* and the *GCA Bulletin* for more details. Last year the New Orleans project was the winner.

2013 will be our Founders Centennial Year. The Founders Fund Committee has chosen New York city as the cite of our Fund Project as we were founded there. It has been suggested that each GCA member make individual contributions for this project.

Friends of the Garden Party: Edie Gess has agreed to be our new chairman.

Special Projects: Betsy Brooks Bulleit announced that out of the 7,000 printed copies of **Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners**, we have sold 5,000. We are looking into reprinting both the old and new cookbooks soon. Send any corrections you may have to Jane Stilz. Follow up with marketing contacts and keep Margaret Cowgil informed. Our web site will be set up soon. Ellen complimented Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams for all their hard work. She also said that Susie Hanks has been working many extra hours to keep up with the orders and out-of-office sales of the new cookbook. It is Joseph Beth Book Store's #1 seller!

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$734.10. Dues of \$100 per member will be collected in March.

Old Business / New Business:

Sara Davis said that her friend and mentor Shelia McQueen died January 8th.

Libby Jones has invited any interested members from our Club to join the Midway Garden Club on a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show which will leave March 3rd. The trip will include a two day pass and they will stay in a Marriott. Contact Libby Jones at 396-9310 for more details. Deadline is February 1st.

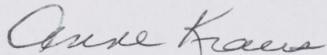
Year-end committee reports will be due to Ellen Chapman on February 1st.

Dottie Cordray asked all members to refrain from wearing any perfume to our meetings as she is extremely allergic to any artificial fragrances.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. It was followed by a flower arranging program given by GCA speakers 'Weezie and Molly' (Weezie Monroe and Molly Stephan). Their humor and expertise were very well received!! We were able to buy their book **Stay Fresh with Us** (proceeds going to The Winnetka Garden Club). The flower arrangements they used for demonstration were also sold (the proceeds went to our Garden Club to defray costs of materials). Written instructions for each arrangement were sent to us via E-mail.

A delicious luncheon of soup, sandwiches, etc. hosted by Sarah Davis and Bettie Bos Haggin followed the program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3, 2008**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday March 3, 2008 at the home of Ellen Chapman at 4689 Old Frankfort Pike. It was a joint meeting of the old and new board members. President Ellen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Twenty-three members were in attendance: Brenda Barrett, Anne Kraus, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Kim DeCamp, Benny Williams, Kathy Courtney, Marcia Slabaugh, Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Anne Arvin, Mary Louise Fisher, Ellen Chapman, Betsy Bulleit, Martie Mayer, Callie Keller, Katie Alford, Nancy Bishop, Mary Montague, Kathy Brooks, Margaret Cowgill, Mott Nicol. Ellen welcomed the new board members and thanked the old board members for all their hard work. She asked everyone to introduce themselves, telling about their old and / or new position. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller said that the inserts for our membership book would be available at the March 20th Annual meeting.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said that she had the 'New Members Orientation' at her home in February.

Awards: Mott Nicol said that she will be hosting 'The Derby Party' at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk VA in May (as our representative.) It isn't necessary for other members to join her as the Norfolk Garden Club will be managing the details. Their chef will prepare recipes from our cookbook. Alice Cary Brown has donated the Bourbon. A betting system will be set up for the 'Derby'. Mott will be able to peddle our new and old cookbooks although the location for this is still vague. Order forms will be available.

Conservation: Mimi Milward talked enthusiastically about her recent trip to the GCA Conservation Conference in Washington DC. She heard Senator Warner and others speak and talked with our representative Ben Chandler. She recommended that we read Gardener's Guide to Global Warming.

Garden Project: Martha Stewart and John Carlofftis are writing a new gardening book. They have been touring KY gardens and want to photograph our garden gate for the cover of the book. The issue of getting our permission / something in writing about this was discussed. The spring issue of **Keeneland Magazine** will have an article featuring our garden and our new cookbook!

After several interviews, Mary Louise Fisher and Mary Montague decided to use 'United' for our garden maintenance again. We were given individual letters about our garden assignments.

Horticulture: Mary Montague circulated an article from our 2-23-08 newspaper, 'KY Gears Up for Bee Season' by Andy Mead. Jessica Nicholson needs to take some of our coffee tree 'starts' to the Norfolk meeting in May. Possibilities were discussed.

Program: Our Annual Meeting will be at 10:30, March 20th at the Idle Hour CC. Hostesses are: Betty Kenan, Anne Gay, and Barbara Young. A RSVP sheet was passed.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond asked for information for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: We have sold over 100,000 copies of our old Bluegrass Winners Cookbook. If we can provide documentation for this we are eligible to win a Mikelani award which would entitle us to put gold 'Tabasco' stickers on each book we sell.

We have sold over 4,000 copies of Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners. As we will be reprinting it soon, it is time to retest our recipes for possible corrections, etc. Betsy Bulleit urged everyone to sign up to test individual farm menus.

Our new cookbook has been the #1 bestseller at Joseph Beth Book Store. It was suggested that we look into having a 'book signing' at Keeneland during the spring race meet. The 'Cotton Patch' in Lansdowne Shops wants to sell our cookbooks!

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$1,416.35. Please pay your dues of \$100 either now or at the annual meeting. The deadline is June 1st.

Founder's Fund: Luanne Milward said that we could vote on one of three proposed projects for this year's Founder's Fund. We will also vote on one of two choices for the 2013 Centennial Project in NY City. See your Feb. /March GCA Bulletin for details.

Scholarship: Barbara Young is currently in NY attending a GCA National Scholarship Committee Meeting. She is the Vice-Chairman of their Public Relations committee.

Visiting Gardens: Information was circulated about a GCA trip to the Florence Griswal Museum in Old Lyme Conn. for their exhibit 'Impressionist Giverny, American Painting 1885 - 1915'.

Friends of the Garden Party: Call Edie Gess if you would like to help with our party.

Old Business / New Business:

Ellen said that we would read four memorials at the Annual Meeting for: Lou Simpson, Betty Kinkead (by Sarah Davis), Irma Johnson (by Anne Turner), Alma Haggin.

The Ashland Neighborhood Association's newsletter 'Clay's Beacon' wants to do a feature article on the Ashland Garden.

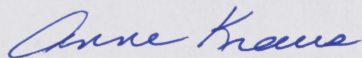
A form to order a scarf with the Annual Meeting logo was circulated.

Kathy Brooks announced dates for Garden / Antique Shows: Charleston Home / Garden March 28 & 29, Charleston Festival of Gardens March 13 to April 12. Bluegrass Antique and Garden Show March 14 to 16.

Ellen said that she intended for the March meeting to be a discussion of the finance committee's ideas about our financial restructuring, our endowment fund and our two recent donations (and the stipulations of the second donation.)

Ellen closed the meeting with a short motivational excerpt at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met April 7, 2008 at the home of Mary Louise Fisher. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order. There were 20 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. Ellen thanked Mary Louise for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as circulated via email.

Ellen reported that the outgoing Treasurer, Gay Van Meter, and Treasurer Mimi Milward are in the process of implementing the turnover of the books and financial responsibilities.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller asked for volunteers to host the Board Meetings and circulated the schedule for sign ups. She noted that she has written several notes and sent flowers on behalf on the Garden Club.

Garden Project: Mary Montague and Mary Louise Fisher thanked those who came for the initial Peony Bed workday and circulated the signup sheet for the remainder of the year. The garden workdays will officially begin on Wednesday, April 8, 2008.

Horticulture: Bloomin' News Editor Lauren Van Balen will include a regular commentary in the newsletter highlighting plants and flowers in the garden. She asked for suggestions for items of interest which could include plants from the fall and winter.

Program Chairman: Wende Bell announced that the April Meeting will be at Thoroughbred Compost. The owner Tom Creech will speak on Mulch for the Garden. The meeting will be April 17th at 10:30, and box lunches will be provided. Directions will be included in the Bloomin' News.

Publication: Lauren Van Balen reminded the Board Members that the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the day of the Board Meeting or the next morning at the latest. Her email address is lsvb@windstream.net.

Special Projects: Benny Williams asked that all recipe corrections be given to Jane Stilz. The committee is on the verge of selecting a company for reprinting both the old and new cookbooks; therefore, any proposed changes should be submitted promptly. Betsy Bulleit circulated a list of signups for Farm Menus and asked that all Board Members select a farm and test each of the recipes if they have not already done so. Our cookbook website has been set up. There will be a section for GCL members who can use the password PEONY. There was unanimous applause for Benny, her talent and her expertise in setting up the exceptional website.

Archives: Janie Pappas is making plans to update, organize and spruce up the Archives.

Archives of American Garden History and Design: Margaret Cowgill suggested that information on Grady's Welcome Hall can be found on the Smithsonian website.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$467.38. Dues of \$100.00 are due and payable to Anne and contributions of \$100.00 for the Endowment Fund for 2008 are payable to Treasurer Mimi Milward.

Public Relations: Kathy Courtney suggested placing an ad in the GCA Bulletin for Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners.

Scholarship: Katie Alford reported that GCA has allocated 54 scholarships totaling \$200,000.00.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks announced the following garden shows and symposiums:

April 19-26	Cincinnati Flower Show
April 19-27	Virginia Historic Garden Weekend
May 4-7	Williamsburg Colonial Garden Symposium

Kathy asked if there was interest in a Garden Club trip to visit gardens in other areas. There was enthusiastic response to a Longwood, Winterthur, and Ladew Garden trip or possibly a trip to West Virginia for a Garden Club visit or to the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Garden Party: Edie Gess announced that the Garden Party will be September 4, which is the first Thursday after Labor Day as has been the tradition in past years.

There was no old business.

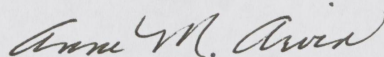
New Business:

Anne Kraus commented on the Herald Leader article on Alma Haggin featuring her contributions to Keeneland and the community and suggested that she would be eligible for a GCA award for community service. The Board will pursue the proposal.

The next Board Meeting will be May 5 at Anne Kraus's home at 1441 Lakewood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne M. Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
April 17, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, April 17 at Creech Services on Hedger Lane. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Jessica thanked the hostesses for the meeting Wende Bell, Janie Pappas, and Mary Montague. She then read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Mimi Milward announced that dues of \$100 are to be paid to Anne Kraus. She passed out reminder slips for everyone. Mimi will accept checks for the Endowment Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague thanked those who worked in the peony beds on April 4th. She reported that the Lacebark elm has been examined, and the ring around the trunk is not a matter for concern.

CONSERVATION: Mimi reported for Kim DeCamp. She showed a copy of the LFUCG newsletter showing that old, used Herbie Curbies have been converted to composting bins. Only a few are available at this time. The next date for the electronics recycling drop-off will be the first week of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

A sign designating the running buffalo clover has been installed at Ashland. Jon Carloftis will be the featured speaker at "Welcome Hall," home of Kitty Graddy Tompkin, on June 25. Janie Pappas has tickets which are \$75 each. The next Garden Club meeting will be May 17. Watch "The Bloomin' News" for details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Wende Bell and Marcia Slabaugh, who introduced Dana Waltrip and Keith Gillespie, who gave a very informative and interesting talk on composting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bishop/Jessica Nicholson
Acting Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met May 5, 2008 at the home of Anne Kraus. Ginny May presided and called the meeting to order. President Jessica Nicholson is attending the GCA Annual Meeting. There were 18 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. The minutes of the April Board meeting which were circulated via email were corrected and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported a balance in the checking account of \$31,537.00, which includes Endowment contributions as well as dues. The Finance Committee has been meeting to determine the best way to restructure and consolidate our bank accounts and to set up an endowment account.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller, who had returned from the GCA Annual Meeting, reported that we had sold the new cookbook at the meeting, and it had sold well. Barbara Young suggested that future reprintings of the Garden Club Directory not include the member's date of birth.

Conservation: Mimi Milward will share her report of the GCA Conservation Meeting, which she attended earlier in the year, with the membership.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin reported that the committee will meet soon to plan for flower arrangements for the July picnic.

Garden Project: Mary Louise Fisher reported that someone had jumped over the garden fence and had broken a bench. Callie suggested asking Lisle Dalton for help with the repair. It was suggested that the repair be submitted to the insurance company. Mary Montague asked for contributions to the Garden Wish List which includes tools and equipment for the garden. A complete list will be in the May "The Bloomin' News."

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett announced that the GCA Horticulture Conference Shirley Meneice Workshop will be October 26-29 at The New York Botanical Garden. The workshop fills up quickly so anyone interested in attending should respond immediately to Brenda. The deadline for applications is June 18.

Program Chairman: Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next Garden Club meeting will be May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Three Toads Farm. Owner Charlie Hendricks will talk about their flower operation. Box lunches will be provided. Directions will be included in "The Bloomin' News." In case of rain, the meeting will be at Marcia's home.

Ginny suggested circulating a list of those who hosted meetings last year along with a hostess sign up sheet.

Publication: Lauren Van Balen again reminded the Board Members that the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the day of the Board Meeting or the next morning at the latest.

Special Projects: Benny Williams reported that she and Betsy are on the verge of designating a company to reprint the old and new cookbooks. The three companies which have submitted bids are Eclipse, Wimmer, and FRP Press. 5000 Bluegrass Winners and 10,000 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners will be printed. Jane Stilz must have all corrections and suggestions by June 1. Callie suggested including an option at the end of each book for purchasing additional books for The printing will be paid for with funds from the past cookbook sales profits. Benny, Betsy Bulleit, and Gay Van Meter will be attending a two day "Cookbook University" Seminar sponsored by FRP Press.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$6,684.15.

Public Relations: Kathy Courtney announced she has been asked to submit an article on the history of the garden for the Clay's Beacon, the newsletter published by the Ashland Neighborhood Association.

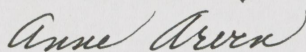
Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks encouraged members to look at a GCA garden trip to China, October 10-25, which includes a fabulous itinerary and as well as lectures by a noted British author.

New Business: A list of the Flower Show, Horticulture, and Conservation Committee members will be in the May "The Bloomin' News."

The next Board Meeting will be June 2 at Lauren Van Balen's home at 3860 Lemons Mill Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
May 15 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Three Toads Farm on Colby Road, Winchester. Wende Bell introduced Charlie Hendricks, who talked about the Three Toads operation which began in 1998 and specializes in growing lilies and other flowers. After a tour of the green houses, box lunches were served on the grounds. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Ellen thanked Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, and Marcia Slabaugh for hosting the meeting and providing delicious box lunches.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read.

Ellen introduced Libby Jones, who invited all to join The Little Garden Club of Woodford County at their fundraising event for the preservation of the Little House in Versailles. The event will be June 25 at Welcome Hall and will include a walkabout of the gardens, lectures and demonstrations by Jon Carloftis, Roger Dennis, and Jennifer Bartley, and a gourmet box lunch. Tickets are \$75.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise reported that arrangements have been made to repair the garden bench which was damaged when someone jumped over the fence at the garden. The repair cost will be less than \$100.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Benny Williams announced that FRP Press has been selected to reprint the new and old cookbooks. Ellen congratulated Benny, Betsy Bulleit, and Gay Van Meter, who graduated from "Cookbook University," the two-day program they attended to learn about publishing and marketing cookbooks, which was sponsored by FRP Press.

VISITING GARDENS: Ellen thanked Kathy Brooks for the article in "The Bloomin' News" describing the GCA trip to China in October. Kathy encouraged all to consider the extraordinary trip.

HORTICULTURE: Ellen encouraged anyone interested in attending the GCA Horticulture Workshop, October 26 -29 in New York, to talk to Brenda Barrett as soon as possible. The Workshop fills up quickly and spaces are limited.

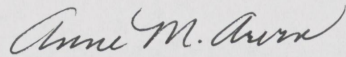
NEW BUSINESS:

Anne Gay announced that the Friends of the UK Art Museum are sponsoring a tour of the gardens at Gainesway Farm on Sunday at noon. The cost is \$50 per person and will benefit the museum.

At the close of the meeting Charlie provided three varieties of Trumpet Lily bulbs for each member to take home and generously offered 100 or more bulbs for the Ashland Garden. He will contact Mary Louise when they arrive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne M. Arvin". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Anne" being the most prominent.

Anne M. Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met June 2, 2008 at the home of Lauren Van Balen. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 18 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the May Board meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Assistant Treasurer: In Anne Kraus's absence, Jessica reported a balance of \$7,684.15 in the Assistant Treasurer's account. All dues have been paid. Callie Keller reported that Scotty Walton, who had resigned, asked to be taken off the mailing list.

Corresponding Secretary: Callie announced that she received a note from Nancy Bishop expressing thanks for the orchid sent to her from the Garden Club.

Admissions: Ginny May announced that there are no vacancies for membership this year.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported that Mimi Milward met with a Buffalo Clover expert from Frankfort. Serious efforts are being made to protect and preserve the clover at Ashland. The committee will meet on June 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the garden to plan and decide the focus for the year. A Global Warming Bill sponsored by Boxer, Lieberman, and Warner has been sent to the U. S. Senate for debate. The bill will define what we will do as a nation to alleviate global warming and will provide for significantly reduced carbon emissions by 2050.

Garden Project: Mary Montague spoke with Ann Hagan-Michel, who had concerns about large groups picnicing and meeting in the garden and asked for clarification of our policies regarding visitor activities in the garden, opening and closing hours, and who has domain over these policy issues. It was decided to monitor use of the garden and any problems with trash. No large parties or picnics will be allowed. Ann Hagan Michel will be asked to use her discretion to determine what is "too large." Mary asked for volunteers for a hedge clean-out project and sent around a signup sheet for help.

Program Chairman: Margaret Cowgill announced that the next General Meeting will be June 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Barbara and Chuck Morgan's garden on Water Works Road. The Morgans are Master Gardeners, and together they have five acres of beautiful gardens. Directions will be included in the Bloomin' News.

Special Projects: Benny Williams announced that Kim Lake has been hired to manage the Cookbook office. Her role will include marketing, coordinating sales projects, and

using the internet and our website as well as taking care of the bookkeeping for the Garden Club and the Cookbooks. She will telecommute on days when she is not in the office. She will be invited to attend a General Meeting in the near future to meet the membership. Kim will replace Susie Hanks, who was given one month's pay. Callie will send her a note of appreciation for her dedicated years of service in the Cookbook office. Benny and Betsy plan to compile a Procedures and Policies Manual, which will be bound and kept on the shelf of the office for reference for all. They will additionally form a cookbook committee to help determine and delineate policies. Kim suggested asking someone on the Finance Committee in addition to Benny and Betsy to serve on the committee. Benny noted that our Bluegrass Winners was well known and highly regarded at the Cookbook University.

Betsy emphasized the importance of energizing the Garden Club membership for future marketing efforts and noted that we have much to be proud of.

Scholarship: The article included in the GCA Bulletin announcing the Scholarship Awards for 2008 was written by Barbara Young, who served as Chairman of the GCA Zone VII Scholarship Committee.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks reminded everyone that the opportunity to visit Welcome Hall is Wednesday, June 25.

Old Business: Jessica announced that the winner of the 2008 Founder's Fund Award is the Buffer Strip Project, Cooperstown, New York proposed by Lake and Valley Garden Club, and the winner of the 2013 Centennial Founder's Fund Award is the Dene Summer House Landscape in Central Park.

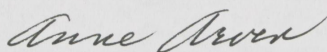
New Business: Jessica reported that the Derby Party at the GCA Annual Meeting was a big success and was well received. Several ladies even wore hats. In the Bluegrass class of the Flower Show horsetail or equisetum was used in every arrangement. She noted that the programs were excellent and, in particular, the Conservation speaker was phenomenal. She recommended Reverend William McMillan's video which can be viewed on the GCA website.

Jessica thanked Lauren for hosting the meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, July 7 at Martie Mayer's home, 2560 Jones Nursery Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and was followed by "Happy Birthday" and cupcakes to celebrate Jessica's birthday.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
June 19, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, June 19 at Barbara and Chuck Morgan's home on Water Works Road in Clark County. After touring their beautiful and expansive gardens, delicious box lunches were served. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and thanked the hostesses Betsy Hillenmeyer and Amy Kessinger.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.
There was no Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Ellen thanked Dottie Cordray for circulating an email to the members, "The Dangers of Plastic Bags," emphasizing the devastating problems inherent in disposing of today's multitudes of plastic bags and their harmful effects on the environment.

FLOWER SHOW: Leslie Baldwin asked members to bring flower arrangements to the July picnic, which will be used for centerpieces and then sent to others unable to attend.

HORTICULTURE: Ellen thanked Brenda Barrett for the articles in "The Bloomin' News" featuring plants from the garden.

PROGRAM: Leslie announced that the next meeting will be the July picnic on Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the garden. The speaker will talk about the Buffalo Clover, which is being preserved at Ashland. There is no August meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Benny Williams announced that Kim Lake has been hired to manage the Cookbook office. She will check our website daily and will be involved with marketing and sales as well as the Cookbook and Garden Club bookkeeping. Benny and Betsy Bulleit are developing marketing plans and will ramp sales efforts back up when the cookbook reprints arrive. It was recommended that cookbooks be sold at the Junior League Horse Show in July as well as at hotel gift shops and at horse track gift shops. Benny and Betsy emphasized that they will need the help of the entire membership to effectively market the cookbooks and recommended that members take a cookbook with them to show when they are in an area where they might encounter prospective sales locations. Advertising in the GCA Bulletin and on the GCA website is being considered.

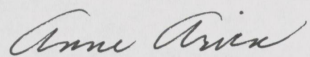
GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise Fisher thanked those who worked cleaning out the euonymous under the hedges and those who planted the plumbago.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$7,335.15.

GARDEN PARTY: There is still an opportunity to sign up to bring food for the Garden Party. Art in the Garden is being considered for this year's party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Arvin".

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met July 7, 2008 at the home of Martie Mayer. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 14 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Kathy Courtney, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Benny Williams. The minutes of the June Board meeting which were circulated via email were corrected and approved as corrected.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Martie Mayer reported for Kim DeCamp that Tara Littlefield, who is with the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission in Frankfort, will speak at the July General Meeting about the Running Buffalo Clover that grows at Ashland.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin encouraged everyone to bring flower arrangements for the July picnic.

Garden Project: Martie reported for Mary Montague that the brick walk in front of the Hornbeams in the garden needs to be repaired where the roots of the trees have raised the walk. They are looking for someone to repair the damaged areas. Jim McFarland will be asked to trim the hedges and trees in the garden.

Jessica announced that the Town and Country Garden Club will be touring the garden while we are working on Wednesday, July 23.

Program Chairman: Marcia Slabaugh reported that the July General Meeting Picnic will be at the garden on Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. Hostesses are still needed for the September meeting.

Jessica encouraged the Board to use the GCA website to view information pertaining to each Board Member's office. She will email each one the procedure for securing the information.

Marsha shared a thank you note from the Barbara and Chuck Morgan for the June meeting at their home.

Special Projects: Benny Williams reported that she and Betsy Bulleit are considering advertising in the GCA Bulletin. She recommended October and December as the optimum issues. A one-third page in color costs \$650 and a one sixth page, \$400. Anne Kraus recommended mailing an ad to each Garden Club president to be shared with the membership.

Benny explained that the FRP publishing company was chosen to reprint the cookbooks because that company is especially knowledgeable about cookbooks, offers continuous training, and prints most of the Junior League and other nonprofit cookbooks. They also offer valuable help with developing cookbooks as well as marketing techniques. Benny commented that when she, Betsy, and Gay Van Meter left the FRP seminar in May, they were especially excited about our Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners and its potential.

Benny recommended sending several members every year to the seminar which is offered biannually. Their publicity strategy includes sales, non traditional sales, and marketing using the internet. Kim Lake, the new office manager, will come to the garden soon and will attend our July meeting.

Julie Miller Barlow will sell our cookbooks from her boutique at the Junior League Horseshow. Marketing ideas were discussed including marketing the books at the Alltech Equestrian World Games and the Ryder Cup.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$7334.15.

Public Relations: Jessica thanked Kathy Courtney for the article about the garden in the Ashland Neighborhood Association Newsletter, "Clay's Beacon".

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks asked for information on upcoming garden shows which she might pass along. She is considering a garden club trip to Philadelphia to visit the Winterthur and Longwood Gardens as well as other gardens in the area. She will compile a list of local gardens available for touring for GCA visitors who would like to visit gardens in our area.

Garden Party: Edie Gess reported that she is working on arrangements for the garden party which will be on Thursday, September 4 and asked for suggestions for a music combo. It was decided to include the art auction this year. Martie Mayer agreed to contact the artists and make the arrangements. In addition to floral subjects from the garden, the artists can include any art relating to nature or landscape. The art will be limited to twenty paintings. Luanne Milward will do the invitations. Jessica proposed that invitations be sent to the Board Members of the Ashland Henry Clay Memorial Foundation Board. Dick DeCamp, President Elect of the Board, has asked that we work together for the benefit of Ashland. Martie recommended that all Garden Club members be encouraged to come to the party. Anne Kraus suggested having the art available for bids after 3:00 p.m.

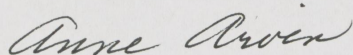
New Business: Martie reported that Jon Carloftis has asked to use a picture of the Ashland garden on the cover of his new garden book which will be out in 2010. He will send a written proposal to Martie.

Jessica thanked Martie for hosting the meeting at her home.

The next Board Meeting will be August 25 at Katie Alford's home at 1875 Delong Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING

July 17, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. for the Annual July Picnic at Ashland. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order. Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved as read.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Courtney, and Edie Gess.

In the absence of Treasurer Mimi Milward, Jessica reported a balance of \$10,625.96 in the Garden Club Operating Fund and \$8,450.00 plus the initial \$25,000 in the Endowment Fund. Any expenses over \$300 must be approved by the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Kim DeCamp is investigating the use of rain barrels at the shed. She noted that the national focus on energy is being reflected in bills being discussed in Congress.

FLOWER SHOW: Leslie Baldwin thanked those who brought flower arrangements for the Picnic.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague reported that Jim McFarland will trim the boxwoods at the garden. He sent a representative to examine plants which might have problems. Mary and Co-Chairman Mary Louise Fisher are addressing a problem with the brick walk in front of the hornbeams and are talking with someone who will repair the areas where roots have compromised the walkway.

HORTICULTURE: Brenda Barrett asked if anyone had plants to share for cuttings to propagate. July is an ideal time to propagate broadleaf evergreens like boxwoods.

PUBLICATION: Jessica thanked Lauren Van Balen for doing a good job with "The Bloomin' News" and commented that she has received emails complimenting our newsletter.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit introduced Kim Lake, the new office manager, and complimented her on doing an excellent job. Only 1219 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners and 1862 Bluegrass Winners are left. Julie Miller Barlow has graciously agreed to sell the cookbooks from her boutique at the Junior League Horseshow, and Carl Myer will do the same at the Horseshow in Louisville. Betsy asked the members to thank them both and express our appreciation. She also asked that members notify Kim if they know of any locations which are out of cookbooks or locations for potential sales. She proposed

implementing marketing strategies such as taking damaged books with order information to doctors' and other offices and asking members to take a cookbook with them and talk about it wherever they go for one week. It was also suggested printing a bookmark for distribution with information about the book.

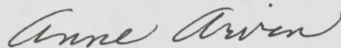
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$7334.15.

GARDEN PARTY: Edie Gess announced that the Art Auction will again be a part of the Garden Party on September 4. Martie Mayer will be in charge. Edie circulated a signup list to help with the party and particularly asked for help with cleanup.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Kim DeCamp, who introduced the speaker, Tara Littlefield, a rare plant botanist who works for the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission in Frankfort. She educated us on the rare Running Buffalo Clover, which has been found and is being preserved on the grounds at Ashland.

After a tour of the several clover sites and a picnic lunch, Jessica spotlighted the flower arrangements brought to the picnic and talked about how each might have been viewed if judged at a flower show.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2008**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met August 25, 2008 at the home of Callie Keller at 2012 Hart Road. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. There were 14 members present: Anne Kraus, Brenda Barrett, Lauren Van Balen, Kathy Courtney, Edie Gess, Betsy Bulleit, Jessica Nicholson, Barbara Young, Callie Keller, Mary Montague, Kathy Brooks, Kim DeCamp, Janie Pappas, and Benny Williams. The minutes were approved as E-mailed. Jessica thanked Callie for being the hostess.

Committee Reports:

Garden Project: Mary Montague reported that she and Martie were taking care of problems with the benches and brick walks under the horn beams. Mary urged everyone to help prepare the garden for our September party.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett said that the September 18th general meeting will be at the Arboretum's Visitor's Center. We will focus on rain gardens, and docents will give more individualized tours. Luanne and Mimi Milward will be hostesses.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp discussed ideas about getting a rain barrel to put near our garden shed. 'Blue Grass Pride' is selling them for \$150. A picture was circulated. Kim emphasized what a powerful 'voice' the GCA Environmental Committee has in DC.

Awards: Janie Pappas is working on ideas for 'awards'. She is also keeping the archives in order for anticipated use for the 2013 Centennial Year.

Publication: Get info for the *Bloomin' News* to Lauren Van Balen ASAP.

Special Projects: Benny Williams said that Marty Mayer, Lauren Van Balen and Kim Lake, our office manager, will go to Cookbook College in the fall. Morris Book Store in Southland wants to sell our cookbook. Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners will be printed and delivered by the end of September. We have now sold about 7,000 copies of this cookbook.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks said that the GCA's latest book Gardens, Private and Personal is now available for sale to members. A single book is \$52.00. The bulk rate is \$47.00. After discussion Kathy agreed to order 10 books to sell at our September meeting. Orders for more would then be taken.

Treasurer: Mimi Milward reported that we have a balance of \$7,596.36. Total Expenses for the Garden Project are currently \$11,575. There was discussion about how

to contact members who have not yet contributed to the endowment fund. Suggestions were to call them, send them a letter and/or put a notice in "The Bloomin' News."

Friends of the Garden Party: Edie Gess discussed party details such as food and when to deliver it, check for the waiters, etc. Anne Kraus volunteered to pick up the shrimp at Sam's. Edie will look into getting the garden sprayed for 'pests' before the party. Monetary donations for the party should be made out to the Garden Club of Lexington.

Old Business / New Business: Jessica asked for and received more ideas and suggestions concerning the GCA questionnaire that she had E-mailed to Board members.

Jessica made us aware of the importance of the information inserted in the *GCA Bulletin* this month. Jessica will be going to a flower show in Knoxville on October 1st. She asked us to participate if possible in some of the classes. She circulated a list of classes.

We have received a check for \$3,000 from the Zone VII Annual Meeting Fund reimbursing us for 'seed money' for the 2008 Annual Meeting and money left over from the 1998 Annual Meeting in Williamsburg.

In an effort to get ready for the 2013 Centennial Year, GCA has asked for every member of every club to show support with a monetary donation. \$5 per year from each member was suggested. After much discussion Barbara Young made a motion: *Our club should take the money for the Centennial Project from the recently received 'refund' check from Zone VII Annual Meeting Fund. We will send \$2,000 to GCA for the Centennial Year Project and request a receipt for our files.* The motion was passed by acclamation.

Our next Board Meeting will be at Betsy Bulleit's on October 6th.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Kraus

For Anne Arvin - Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
September 18, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m. at The Arboretum. Marcia Slabaugh introduced Marcia Farris, Director of The Arboretum, who spoke about its creation in 1991 as a joint effort between the University of Kentucky and the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government, about its development, its featured gardens, its representation of the diversity of plants in Kentucky, and specifically about the Rain Garden and the plants that make it work. She, with Peggy Sue Carroll, led a walk to view the rain gardens and the wetland retention areas.

Following the walk, box lunches were served in the picnic area on the grounds.

President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order. Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the July meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported a balance of \$7,256.66. She and Ellen Chapman have set up the Endowment Fund at Merrill Lynch. \$795.00 has been collected in Memorials. The profits from the sell of the art at the Garden Party brought in sufficient funds to pay for most of the Party expenses. The balance in the Assistant Treasurer's account is \$1,177.77.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise announced that the garden clean up date will be October 15, the bulb planting date will be October 22nd, and October 29th will be the Rain Date.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Benny announced that reprints of Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners are scheduled to arrive October 1st, and reprints of Bluegrass Winners will arrive two weeks later. The Introduction has been changed, and noted recipe corrections have been made. Ten thousand copies of Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners and five thousand copies of Bluegrass Winners have been ordered.

VISITING GARDENS: Kathy Brooks introduced and circulated a copy of the book, Gardens: Private and Personal, which features 93 GCA members' gardens. She will order the book for those interested in purchasing it. The cost is \$47.00 for Garden Club members.

GARDEN PARTY: Edie Gess thanked all those who helped make the Garden Party a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jessica asked any members who are not receiving the GCA Bulletin to let her know. The August/September edition, which features the 2008 Annual Meeting, has pictures of Callie Keller, Mott Nicol, and Jessica taken at the "And We're Off!" party.

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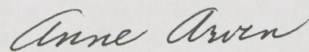
NEW BUSINESS:

Jessica thanked the hostesses Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, and Callie Keller for the delicious box lunches.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16th at Neal and Derek Vaughan's cabin near the Hunt Club.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Arvin
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GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
October 6, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 6, 2008 at the home of Betsy Bulleit. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 17 members present: Katie Alford, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Marcia Slabaugh, and Lauren Van Balen.

The minutes of the September Board meeting held on August 25th were approved as emailed. Jessica asked all Board members to call regrets to the meeting's hostess.

Jessica reported for Treasurer Mimi Milward the following:
\$14,573.44 in the Garden Account at Fifth Third Bank
\$1,010.00 in the Memorial Account
The Endowment Account is safe and secure!

Anne Kraus announced a total of \$1,177.77 in the Assistant Treasurer Account.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Discussion was held concerning Sue Glover, who is an active member but no longer lives in Kentucky. Callie Keller volunteered to talk to Sue concerning her desire to change to Affiliate. New member Sarah Carolyn Sanderlin was also discussed.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported:

1. Legislative Meeting in Washington, D.C. in February. Anyone interested in attending the meeting with Kim should contact her.
2. Rain Barrels: No businesses, only homeowners, can be involved in the city's pilot program. We will table this discussion until spring.
3. Oil and Gas Drilling: A bill recently passed in the House that permits limited off-shore drilling with the affected states sharing in the profits. This bill is expected to fail in the Senate.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin and Kathy Courtney visited the flower show at the Art Museum in Knoxville. Jessica received a ribbon for her entry. Congratulations to her! Leslie announced that our club would have a small flower show in June of 2009 and a large flower show in October. Possibilities for a speaker, workshop, etc, for the November general meeting to prepare the club for flower shows were discussed.

Garden Project: Mary Louise Fisher announced the following dates:

October 15 Put the beds to bed
October 22 Bulb day
October 29 Bulb day rain date

Mary Montague reminded all to participate. She said that several benches, some brickwork, and the irrigation system all need repair.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett announced that two rain gardens are to be installed along Southland Drive on October 15 and 17. If you would like to watch, call Bluegrass Alliance to sign up. It is limited to 50 people each day, and lunch will be served. Brenda will represent our club at the GCA Horticulture Conference at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on October 26 – 28.

Program: Wende Bell announced that our October general meeting on October 16th will no longer be at Neal Vaughan's. The new meeting place will be announced in "The Bloomin' News."

Hostesses are needed for the November general meeting, which will have a flower show program.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit reported that we have 1,400 Bluegrass Winners and 1,000 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners in our inventory. Lauren Van Balen and Martie Mayer attended Cookbook University and received our first newly reprinted cookbook. The club needs to embrace and market our cookbooks.

Founder's Fund: Jessica reported that members have suggested nominating the Children's Garden at the Arboretum for the Founder's Fund award. Martie Mayer will investigate this possibility.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks sold ten copies of the GCA's book, Gardens: Private and Personal. She has ordered more. Kathy announced the 2009-2010 trip schedule which will be placed in "The Bloomin's News." Go to the GCA website for more information.

Garden Party: Edie Gess reported the following figures from the Garden Party in September:

\$12,687.00	Donations
2,860.00	Expenses
2,582.00	Revenue from art sales
\$12,410.00	Profit

Old Business: Jessica announced that our club will send our donation to the GCA Centennial Founder's Fund Project to Blair Lewis.

New Business: Jessica thanked Betsy for hosting the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 3 at Barbara Young's home, 208 Barrow Road.

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Respectfully submitted,

Callie Keller
Acting Recording Secretary

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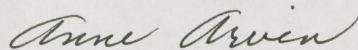
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Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 3, 2008 at the home of Barbara Young. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

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

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller reported that she sent flowers on behalf of the Garden Club to Elizabeth Schnabel, who has a new baby, Tazewell Burrus Schnabel.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Legislative Meeting in Washington in February and reported that Mimi Milward will be going with her.

On the national front she noted that the bill to allow offshore drilling beyond 50 miles, which had been passed by the House, has died in the Senate.

Additionally GCA is concerned that funds will not be available to support the expansion of the network of connecting trails of the first national waterway, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and recommends that we support such park service projects.

GCA is opposed to oil and gas drilling in the Artic National Wildlife Reserve and encourages all clubs to be aware of what is happening in that area.

Garden Project: Mary Montague announced that the garden is officially closed, all bulbs are planted, and the irrigation system has been turned off.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett thanked the Board for sending her to the GCA Horticulture Conference in New York. Especially amazing was the Kiku exhibit of the art of the Japanese chrysanthemum. She encouraged the members to attend next year's conference which will be in Chicago in September. To commemorate the GCA Centennial in 2013 every garden club is asked to undertake a tree study project to demonstrate the purpose of GCA. She and Jessica have discussed possible projects for our club and propose that we propagate and promote the Kentucky Coffeetree. Brenda asked for volunteers to collect seed pods from the one which grows at Ashland. The project will be a long term one and will perhaps include offering seedlings at schools.

Program: Wende Bell announced that the next general meeting will be November 20th at 10:30 a.m. at L. V. Harkness. The program will be Entertaining with Bluegrass

Winners, and Special Project Chairmen Benny Williams and Betsy Bulleit will be the hostesses.

The Christmas Tea will be December 18th at Mott Nicol's home.

Special Projects: Ellen Chapman reported that 4000 (minus 20) new cookbooks have arrived. She expressed gratitude to Bill Young for storing the books for us. Benny and Betsy detailed plans to promote the book at the L. V. Harkness and Keeneland Open Houses, including offering a sample tasting of a cookbook recipe. We will not have a booth at the Junior League Holly Day Market because the books will be marketed by other vendors.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$792.77.

Scholarship: Barbara Young suggested that the program committee might include a scholarship speaker on the schedule and proposed that it would be interesting to hear the stories about their accomplishments and experiences.

New Business: Jessica announced that she will be attending the President's Workshop on Sunday and Monday at the Greenbriar and will take cookbooks to offer for sale.

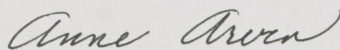
The October, November edition of the GCA Bulletin features an excellent ad designed for our cookbooks.

On Thursday, November 6th Vince Dooley will be in Lexington to speak on "Digging in the Dirt with the Dawgs and the Cats." The Arboretum is sponsoring the event. Tickets are \$20.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, December 1st at 9:30 a.m. at Edie Gess's home at 1810 Bon Air.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
November 20, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 20th at 10:30 a.m. at L. V. Harkness. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order. Jessica thanked the hostesses Benny Williams, Lauren Van Balen, and Betsy Bulleit and as well as L. V. Harkness for their accommodations and brunch.

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

Anne Kraus, Assistant Treasurer, reported a balance of \$792.77 in the Assistant Treasurer's Account and a balance of \$8,637.60 in the Operating Account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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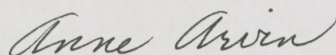
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GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
December 1, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 1, 2008 at the home of Edie Gess. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 13 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Betsy Bulleit, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, and Lauren Van Balen. The minutes of the November Board Meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$9,769.23. The balance in the Assistant Treasurer's is \$792.77.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller circulated a signup sheet for hosting Board Meetings and shared a thank you note from Elizabeth Schnabel for the flowers sent to her. She read a note from Sue Glover Hester, who requested a change of membership status from active to affiliate. Callie made a motion to change her membership status from active to affiliate. Lauren Van Balen seconded. The motion passed.

Program: Jessica announced that the Christmas Tea will be December 18th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Mott Nicol's home. Hostesses are Mott, Ellen Chapman, and Lida Givens. Ann Price Davis, Zone 7 Chairman, will speak at the following meeting scheduled for January 15th.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit reported that cookbooks will be available at the Cookbook Office on Tuesdays and at the Clay Ingels office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Peggy is the contact person at Clay Ingels. Martie Mayer will have a table to tout our cookbook at the Keeneland Christmas Open House on December 6th. She asked for volunteers to bring cookies from recipes from the new cookbook.

New Business: Jessica has been asked to submit information for a memorial documenting Dot Crutcher's contributions to the Garden Club and to GCA. She will pursue the matter and ask Betsy Hillenmeyer's counsel. Jessica reported that the GCA President's meeting with the Zone Representatives and Presidents at the Greenbrier was excellent. Plans for the 2013 Centennial Celebration were discussed at their meeting. Commemorative items will be available for purchase. The Garden Club of Lexington is scheduled to host the Annual Zone Meeting in 2013. Jessica will establish a committee to begin plans for the event. Presidents and Delegates from each club will attend as well as Directors, Speakers and those involved in the Flower Show.

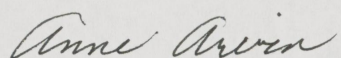
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Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
July 17, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. for the Annual July Picnic at Ashland. President Jessica Nicholson called the meeting to order. Anne Arvin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved as read.

Jessica thanked the hostesses Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Courtney, and Edie Gess.

In the absence of Treasurer Mimi Milward, Jessica reported a balance of \$10,625.96 in the Garden Club Operating Fund and \$8,450.00 plus the initial \$25,000 in the Endowment Fund. Any expenses over \$300 must be approved by the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Kim DeCamp is investigating the use of rain barrels at the shed. She noted that the national focus on energy is being reflected in bills being discussed in Congress.

FLOWER SHOW: Leslie Baldwin thanked those who brought flower arrangements for the Picnic.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Montague reported that Jim McFarland will trim the boxwoods at the garden. He sent a representative to examine plants which might have problems. Mary and Co-Chairman Mary Louise Fisher are addressing a problem with the brick walk in front of the hornbeams and are talking with someone who will repair the areas where roots have compromised the walkway.

HORTICULTURE: Brenda Barrett asked if anyone had plants to share for cuttings to propagate. July is an ideal time to propagate broadleaf evergreens like boxwoods.

PUBLICATION: Jessica thanked Lauren Van Balen for doing a good job with "The Bloomin' News" and commented that she has received emails complimenting our newsletter.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Betsy Bulleit introduced Kim Lake, the new office manager, and complimented her on doing an excellent job. Only 1219 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners and 1862 Bluegrass Winners are left. Julie Miller Barlow has graciously agreed to sell the cookbooks from her boutique at the Junior League Horseshow, and Carl Myer will do the same at the Horseshow in Louisville. Betsy asked the members to thank them both and express our appreciation. She also asked that members notify Kim if they know of any locations which are out of cookbooks or locations for potential sales. She proposed

implementing marketing strategies such as taking damaged books with order information to doctors' and other offices and asking members to take a cookbook with them and talk about it wherever they go for one week. It was also suggested printing a bookmark for distribution with information about the book.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$7334.15.

GARDEN PARTY: Edie Gess announced that the Art Auction will again be a part of the Garden Party on September 4. Martie Mayer will be in charge. Edie circulated a signup list to help with the party and particularly asked for help with cleanup.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Kim DeCamp, who introduced the speaker, Tara Littlefield, a rare plant botanist who works for the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission in Frankfort. She educated us on the rare Running Buffalo Clover, which has been found and is being preserved on the grounds at Ashland.

After a tour of the several clover sites and a picnic lunch, Jessica spotlighted the flower arrangements brought to the picnic and talked about how each might have been viewed if judged at a flower show.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
June 19, 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, June 19 at Barbara and Chuck Morgan's home on Water Works Road in Clark County. After touring their beautiful and expansive gardens, delicious box lunches were served. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and thanked the hostesses Betsy Hillenmeyer and Amy Kessinger.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.
There was no Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSERVATION: Ellen thanked Dottie Cordray for circulating an email to the members, "The Dangers of Plastic," emphasizing the devastating problems inherent in disposing of today's multitudes of plastic bags and their harmful effects on the environment.

FLOWER SHOW: Leslie Baldwin asked members to bring flower arrangements to the July picnic, which will be used for centerpieces and then sent to others unable to attend.

HORTICULTURE: Ellen thanked Brenda Barrett for the articles in "The Bloomin' News" featuring plants from the garden.

PROGRAM: Leslie announced that the next meeting will be the July picnic on Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the garden. The speaker will talk about the Buffalo Clover, which is being preserved at Ashland. There is no August meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Benny Williams announced that Kim Lake has been hired to manage the Cookbook office. She will check our website daily and will be involved with marketing and sales as well as the Cookbook and Garden Club bookkeeping. Benny and Betsy Bulleit are developing marketing plans and will ramp sales efforts back up when the cookbook reprints arrive. It was recommended that cookbooks be sold at the Junior League Horse Show in July as well as at hotel gift shops and at horse track gift shops. Benny and Betsy emphasized that they will need the help of the entire membership to effectively market the cookbooks and recommended that members take a cookbook with them to show when they are in an area where they might encounter prospective sales locations. Advertising in the GCA Bulletin and on the GCA website is being considered.

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise Fisher thanked those who worked cleaning out the euonymous under the hedges and those who planted the plumbago.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Anne Kraus reported a balance of \$7,335.15.

GARDEN PARTY: There is still an opportunity to sign up to bring food for the Garden Party. Art in the Garden is being considered for this year's party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
May 15 2008

The Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Three Toads Farm on Colby Road, Winchester. Wende Bell introduced Charlie Hendricks, who talked about the Three Toads operation which began in 1998 and specializes in growing lilies and other flowers. After a tour of the green houses, box lunches were served on the grounds. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Ellen thanked Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, and Marcia Slabaugh for hosting the meeting and providing delicious box lunches.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read.

Ellen introduced Libby Jones, who invited all to join The Little Garden Club of Woodford County at their fundraising event for the preservation of the Little House in Versailles. The event will be June 25 at Welcome Hall and will include a walkabout of the gardens, lectures and demonstrations by Jon Carloftis, Roger Dennis, and Jennifer Bartley, and a gourmet box lunch. Tickets are \$75.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GARDEN PROJECT: Mary Louise reported that arrangements have been made to repair the garden bench which was damaged when someone jumped over the fence at the garden. The repair cost will be less than \$100.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Benny Williams announced that FRP Press has been selected to reprint the new and old cookbooks. Ellen congratulated Benny, Betsy Bulleit, and Gay Van Meter, who graduated from "Cookbook University," the two-day program they attended to learn about publishing and marketing cookbooks, which was sponsored by FRP Press.

VISITING GARDENS: Ellen thanked Kathy Brooks for the article in "The Bloomin' News" describing the GCA trip to China in October. Kathy encouraged all to consider the extraordinary trip.

HORTICULTURE: Ellen encouraged anyone interested in attending the GCA Horticulture Workshop, October 26 -29 in New York, to talk to Brenda Barrett as soon as possible. The Workshop fills up quickly and spaces are limited.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne Gay announced that the Friends of the UK Art Museum are sponsoring a tour of the gardens at Gainesway Farm on Sunday at noon. The cost is \$50 per person and will benefit the museum.

At the close of the meeting Charlie provided three varieties of Trumpet Lily bulbs for each member to take home and generously offered 100 or more bulbs for the Ashland Garden. He will contact Mary Louise when they arrive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Arvin
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Mary Louise Fisher at 265 South Hanover Ave. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Anne Arvin, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Luanne Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, Wende Bell, Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$5,127.47.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mott Nicol said that she and Lauren Van Balen would meet to compose a proposal for the Garden Club of Lexington to be nominated for a Public Relations Award. Everyone was asked to send Mott any records of information or pictures concerning Ashland Garden and its involvement with the city and state. They need to have this completed in about two weeks.

Conservation: Mimi Milward and Luanne Milward will go to a meeting in Washington DC at the end of February. Mimi discussed her ideas about helping the city get ready for the 2010 World Equestrian Games by landscaping the medium area at the exit ramp of Tates Creek and New Circle Road. She shared ideas of appropriate plant material. The Board had enthusiastic suggestions and encouraged her to further investigate the idea.

Finance: Gay circulated brochures from various organizations to which we have made donations. She read a letter from Mary Warren thanking us for her Christmas bonus.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher read a letter from Ashland thanking us for decorating a room and fireplace in Henry Clay's parlor for the holidays. Pictures were taken!

Garden Project: We are still pricing replacements for the holly tree.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that the French Broad River Garden Club would be hosting the next Zone Meeting at Biltmore in Ashville, NC on Sept. 17 -19th, 2007. The theme will be 'Regional Material'. Mary has a list of appropriate horticulture materials to send as well as information on the history of the Biltmore and their head gardener, Chauncey Beadle. After discussion the Board decided that we should do a 'group' horticulture project. Meeting times and places were discussed and will be pursued.

Program: Our general meeting will be January 18th at the IHCC at 10:30 – hostesses – Ginny May & Sue Glover. GCA Zone Speaker, Susan Dumaine will be speaking on Garden Design. March 15 will be the Annual Meeting at the IHCC – hostesses TBA. April 19th will be our Horticulture Meeting – no details yet. March 5th Board Meeting – Anne Kraus's – 1441 Lakewood Dr.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the newsletter right away!

Special Projects: Anne Arvin discussed a new lead on office space – Wynn Paulson's office building on High St. Rental price is negotiable - \$250 for one room + \$150 for additional room. Two Months free rent was offered as well as storage room & copy machine. Parking will have to be on the street except for 'loading' in back of bldg. Idle Hour Shopping Center - \$290 – one room (larger). We now pay \$295.

Assistant Treasurer: Our current balance is \$1,112.58.

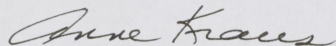
Founder's Fund: Luanne Milward said that our Yew Dell proposal is one of three finalists that will be voted on in March.

Old Business: Ginny May is on the Board for the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta – Feb. 7 to 11th. Brochures were circulated. Get a group together and go!!!

New Business: Ellen discussed her idea of getting a really great speaker and having a joint meeting for the state as well as having a lecture open to the public (for a fee). Ginny May will be in charge of pursuing this idea!!

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday January 18, 2007 at the Idle Hour Country Club Lexington, KY. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter said that we have a balance of \$5,010.47.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: Mot Nicol read an informative letter that she and Lauren Van Balen wrote to propose the Garden Club of Lexington for a GCA Public Relations Award because of its outstanding service project with the Ashland Garden. Highpoints of the letter pointed out our vested interest in preservation, making the garden available to the public including school children, and our extensive work cultivating endangered species such as buffalo clover and eliminating invasive plants such as euonymus and honey suckle. Our club finances the garden with profits from the Bluegrass Winners Cookbook. It was emphasized that the Ashland Garden is our gift to the community.

GARDEN PROJECT: We continue to work on the Holly Tree replacement.

HORTICULTURE: Mary Montague announced that the Zone VII Annual Meeting will be at the Biltmore in Ashville NC. It will include a plant exchange. We need to send 6 plant specimens that we propagate. Jim Limpkey will help us to begin propagating native plant species at a Horticulture Workshop on Friday January 26th at the Arboretum. Other needed categories are: seeds, cuttings and division of materials.

PROGRAM: Janie Pappas thanked all 2006 hostesses. She said that all other members were candidates to hostess the 2007 meetings. The Annual Meeting will be in March at the IHCC. Hostesses are Wende Bell, Jessica Bell and Benny Williams. A sign-up sheet was passed for 2007 hostesses. See Janie with any program ideas.

PUBLICATION: Sheleigh Hammond needs any newsletter information in writing.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Anne Arvin announced that we have a new cookbook office at Wyn Paulson's office building on High Street. It is a great location. It is a downstairs office with windows and storage available. Wyn has given us two months free rent!

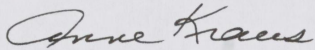
FOUNDERS FUND: Luanne Milward announced that we are one of three finalists with the Yew Dell Garden Project. (We were seconders to Louisville's proposal.) The GCA will vote on these projects in March. The runner-ups will also receive a check!

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May encouraged us to go to the Atlanta Flower Show Feb. 7th to the 11th. Brochures were made available. Anne Gay encouraged us to attend ART in BLOOM, a fund raiser for the UK Art Museum, February 22 – 25.

More flower arrangers are needed! Hostesses Ginny May and Sue Glover were thanked for a wonderful luncheon, set to follow the meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and followed by a slide presentation and lecture by GCA speaker Susan E. Dumaine. Her topic was 'Garden Design'. She emphasized 'Garden Details' especially topics such as: Meeting your needs, Shaping and defining the terrain, Aesthetic touches, and Plant material.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Kraus".

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Anne Kraus at 1441 Lakewood Drive. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Thirteen members were present: Ellen Chapman, Janie Pappas, Kim DeCamp, Lauren Van Balen, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, Callie Keller. Ellen thanked Anne Kraus for being the hostess. The minutes were approved with one correction. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$4,377.27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller read two letters requesting change in status: **Carolyn Caldwell** requested that she be changed from active to affiliate status. Ellen Chapman made a motion to accept this status change. It was seconded and the motion was passed. **Dot Crutcher** requested that she be changed from active to affiliate status. Ellen Chapman made a motion to accept this status change. It was seconded and the motion was passed.

There was some discussion about the need for clarification about the procedure for status change. Should it be an invitation instead of a request?

Admissions: Nancy Bishop announced that she would hostess a luncheon meeting at her home on March 20th to welcome the new members. She reminded us that it was not too early to be thinking of candidates for membership next year.

Awards: Ellen thanked Mott Nicol and Lauren Van Balen for their hard work in putting together a proposal for a public service award for the Garden Club of Lexington. A copy of their proposal was circulated.

Flower Show: Flower Show Brochures were circulated for GCA shows in Charlottesville, VA and for Westover's show in Charles City VA. Information was also circulated for the Garden Tour in Louisville.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer reported: Peony Day – April 4th, Opening Day for the Garden – April 11th. Mary Warren has been contacted to help us again. The water will be turned on by 4/11. We will be using the services of 'United' again (Jim McFarland), despite other bids. Libby Brown will be sending out Garden Assignments. There was discussion concerning the Wednesday 'tea' in the garden served by the affiliates. Ellen Chapman and Pemberton's have 'wintered' the Jasmine and Gardenia trees.

Several issues will soon be addressed by the finance committee: an available 12' holly tree (needs to be planted within two weeks) at a cost of \$500 and \$900 to plant; an estimate for iron work repair from Lloyd Hughes - \$800 to \$1,000; new gravel for paths – Sayre School service project could provide help for spreading.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that the Jan. 26th workshop at the Arboretum with Jim Limptkey was a success. Mary referred us to an article in *Southern Living* on the Biltmore as well as an article in *Seeds and Sprouts*. Be thinking about horticulture achievement awards.

Program: Janie Pappas reported that the Annual Meeting will be March 15th at 10:30 at the IHCC. The April 19th meeting will be a wildflower walk at Shakertown. We will tentatively go to Windstar Farm in May. Be thinking of suitable meeting locations. Ideas were discussed about getting a GCA speaker, Dean Norton.

Board Meeting Dates / Hostesses are: April 2nd – Sue Glover, May 7th – Mimi Milward, June 4th – Janie Pappas, July 2nd – Callie Keller, August 27th Gay Van Meter, October 1st – Luanne Milward, November 5th – Mary Montague, December 3rd – Barbara Young.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs info about general meeting and board meeting.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin has moved the cookbook office. Help is needed to 'consolidate' our 'excess' materials at the office to create more space.

Martie Mayer announced that our new cookbook will be 'out' in September. Benny Williams will bring the cover design to the annual meeting. Eclipse Press is ready to print the recipes. More work has yet to be done on the index. Give Jane Stilz and her committee a huge thank you!! Ideas for a 'Cookbook Kick Off' were discussed.

Archives: Sue Glover told of her intent to clean out the archives. Helpful ideas were given and Janie Pappas offered her services.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported that our current membership is 59 active members and 23 affiliate members. The balance of the Assistant Treasurer is \$1,512.58.

The primary responsibility of the Assistant Treasurer is to collect the annual dues of the Active and Affiliate members. Annual dues are to be paid no later than June 1st of each year. A portion of the annual dues is paid to the Garden Club of America. Total dues paid in 2006 to GCA were \$4,160.00.

Other expenses which are paid from the Assistant Treasurer account are travel and registration expenses to conferences and meetings. Total expense for workshops and conferences in 2006 was \$5,895.55.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward encouraged everyone to read about the three GCA proposals (including the Yew Dell Garden Project) that we will be voting on March 15th.

Public Relations: Lauren Van Balen wants to submit an article to the *GCA Bulletin* about our January Horticulture meeting as well as our Christmas decoration project at Ashland. She also needs pictures from our November flower arranging workshop.

Scholarship: Ellen read a letter from Sally Brown thanking us for supporting her scholarship. An article about Sally Brown was also partially read and circulated.

Friends of the Garden Party: Sue Glover will form a committee to look into a fall party that will possibly help us 'Kick Off' the new cookbook. Ideas for this fund raiser and others were discussed.

Old Business / New Business:

Ideas about doing a Flower Show this year or next year were discussed. Mary Louise Fisher agreed to form a committee to study the feasibility of several options.

Millie Roman, a GCA Administrator, called to say that each club needs to designate a computer savvy person to update and maintain correct information about all members. Kim DeCamp seems to be taking on that job already.

Ashland is planning a "3rd Tuesday" event in May to tour our garden. There will be a GCA study tour of the Hamptons in 2008.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

11:34 AM
03/13/07
Cash Basis

Garden Club of Lexington
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2006

Dec 31, 06

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking - BGW Too	1,616.34
Checking - BGW	11,087.42
Checking - DUES	1,112.58
Checking - GARDEN	5,019.47
Savings - BGW	1,599.66

Total Checking/Savings 20,435.47

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable 3,126.15

Total Accounts Receivable 3,126.15

Other Current Assets

Merrill Lynch Money Market	75,318.25
Certificates of Deposit - Other	2,844.90
CD -	4,105.00

Certificates of Deposit

CD - DN Strategic Cap BK 12/11	15,000.00
CD - Eastern SB FSB 092011	14,000.00
CD - Lehman Brothers Bank	10,000.00
CD - Broadway Bank 5/11	25,000.00
CD - Fst Bk Highland Pk 3/1	21,000.00
CD - Capital One Bank 10/26/10	15,000.00
CD - BMW Bank of NA 08/09	17,000.00
CD - RG Premier Bank PR 08/10	17,000.00
CD - Pacific Capital Bank 12/08	15,000.00
CD - GMAC Automotive Bank 10/09	20,000.00
CD - Flagstar Bank 08/08	10,000.00
CD - Net Bank 06/18/08	14,000.00
CD - Safra National Bank NY 13	15,000.00
CD - Merrill Lynch Bk USA 2007	8,000.00
CD - National City Bank 11/07	15,000.00
CD - Flagstar Bank 010207	10,000.00
CD - BMW Bk of No America 12/10	16,000.00
Certificates of Deposit - Other	-1,718.56

Total Certificates of Deposit 255,281.44

Inventory 29,897.58

Merrill Lynch Ready Asset 14,800.81

Total Other Current Assets 382,247.98

Total Current Assets 405,809.60

Fixed Assets

Dell Computer 1,837.00

Lighting for Garden

Accumulated Depreciation -3,008.00

Lighting for Garden - Other 4,064.75

Total Lighting for Garden 1,056.75

11:34 AM
03/13/07
Cash Basis

Garden Club of Lexington
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>
Irrigation System	
Accumulated Depreciation	-5,113.00
Cost	7,370.00
Irrigation System - Other	921.20
Total Irrigation System	3,178.20
Computer	
Cost	1,090.03
Accumulated Depreciation	-1,090.00
Total Computer	0.03
Computer Software	
Cost	353.86
Accumulated Depreciation	-505.86
Computer Software - Other	909.48
Total Computer Software	757.48
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	6,828.99
TOTAL ASSETS	412,638.59
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue-Advertising	77,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	
City Withholding	52.41
Federal Withholding	77.28
FICA	
Company	145.23
Employee	145.23
Total FICA	290.46

11:34 AM
03/13/07
Cash Basis

Garden Club of Lexington
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>
Medicare	
Company	33.97
Employee	<u>33.96</u>
Total Medicare	67.93
School	2.84
State Withholding	<u>241.97</u>
Total Payroll Liabilities	732.89
Sales Tax	<u>22.53</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>77,755.42</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>77,755.42</u>
Total Liabilities	77,755.42
Equity	
Open Bal Equity	272,174.34
Retained Earnings	75,258.96
Net Income	<u>-12,550.13</u>
Total Equity	<u>334,883.17</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>412,638.59</u></u>

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 2, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday April 2nd at the home of Sue Glover at 307 Holiday Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, Callie Keller Dottie Cordray, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mott Nicol, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, and Anne Kraus. Ellen thanked Sue Glover for being the hostess. The minutes were approved with one correction. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$4,683.07.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Nancy said the 'New Members' luncheon on March 20th was well attended. The deadline for submitting admission forms is Friday August 24th.

Awards: Ellen read a letter from the GCA Public Relations Chairman complimenting us on the quality of our proposal and its presentation. They want to use the format of our presentation as an example to other GCA clubs. She encouraged us to resubmit our proposal.

Finance: The renovation of the grill work in the garden will be funded. (Ashland was an answer in the New York Times Crossword Puzzle!)

Conservation: The newsletter for the Friends of the Arboretum was circulated as well as an invitation to a fund raiser for the Blue Grass Conservancy.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said that the Flower Show will be in June 2008.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that the new holly tree will be planted this afternoon with an added expense of \$200 because of a larger hole and more soil amendments. The Peony Work Day will be 4/4/07 at 9:30. The gardenia and jasmine plants did not survive the winter. The lime trees will be retrieved from Pemberton's. Sign up for work days in the peony beds through E-mail.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that specimens from Jan. workshop are doing well.

Program: Janie Pappas said our April 19th meeting will be at Shakertown with the W. Virginia GCA. Don Pelly will take us on a wildflower walk. See the Bloomin' News. The May 7th Board Meeting will be at Mimi Milward's.

Dean Norton will speak at our Oct. 25th meeting. We will possibly invite other clubs to join us for this. The finance committee will meet to discuss expenses and an honorarium.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin reported on the office clean-up spree and decisions to pitch and keep. There will now be 'extra' space for whatever.

Archives: Sue Glover said that she would need to be replaced as chairman by June.

Assistant Treasurer: Ellen read a letter concerning our club being in charge of the 2008 Zone Meeting. \$15 would possibly need to be collected from each member.

Founders Fund: Results about the Yew Dell Gardens proposal will be known in May.

Scholarship: Barbara Young has the name of a former scholarship recipient who would like to speak to our club. The Sally Brown Scholarship recipient has been chosen.

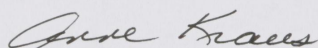
Visiting Gardens: Information about the GCA trip to the Hamptons in June 2008 will be in the Bloomin' News. The Kanawha Garden Club from Charleston, WV will tour Ashland Garden Wednesday morning April 18. They will have lunch at the Greentree Tea Room and tour several private gardens in the afternoon. They have invited us to attend a cocktail party that evening in Shakertown.

Old Business / New Business: There was a discussion about whether or not to do the Friends of the Garden Party this year. A committee was formed to study / plan this: Luanne Milward, Sue Glover, Anne Arvin, Betsy Bulleit, Callie Keller, Janie Pappas, Anne Kraus.

A letter was read from Mrs. Allan C. Sundin asking us for volunteers to help with the decorations for the GCA Annual Meeting in Norfolk, VA May 3-6, 2008. (See Bloomin' News.) We are co-chairing the Derby Party (main event) on Saturday May 3rd.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
JOINT MEETING WITH
THE KANAWHA GARDEN CLUB of CHARLESTON, WV
APRIL 19, 2007**

The joint meeting of The Garden Club of Lexington and The Kanawha Garden Club of Charleston, WV met at on Thursday April 19, 2007 at Shakertown in Mercer Co. After a delightful and informative 'Wildflower Walk' along the Palisades of the KY river led by naturalist Don Pelly, the meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm by president Ellen Chapman. We elected to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Mimi Milward circulated a shopper's guide to 'Pesticides in Produce'.

Garden Project: Libby Brown asked for more volunteers to water the potted plants in the Garden. She expressed gratitude towards Mac Reed for planting the new holly tree.

Program: Ellen Chapman said that Dean Norton will speak at our Oct. 25th meeting.

Special Projects: Nancy Bishop had cookbooks available to all.

Archives: Old photos were passed around for possible identification.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp is our administrator for demographic changes.

Founders Fund: We will have results of the Founders Fund voting in May.

Scholarship: Barbara Young said that the Kanawha GC is also honoring a beloved member with a scholarship. The GCA has given over \$200,000 in scholarships!

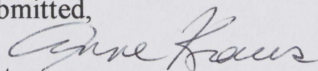
Visiting Gardens: Dottie Cordray was thanked for being a hostess for Kanawha GC.

Old Business / New Business: The 'Friends of the Garden' party will be in early Sept. Brochures were passed for the Cleveland Flower Show – May 24th to 28th. Susan Dumain has been a member at large this past year. We now have four new members at large: Mr. Paul W. Meyer Zone V, Mr. Patrick Noonan Zone VI, Mr. Bart C. O'Brien, Zone XII and Mr. P. Allen Smith, Zone IX. There is a new GCA club in Jackson Miss. The Kanawha GC thanked us for our gracious hospitality and presented us with a beautiful 'Jack-in-the-Pulpit vase made by Blinko Glass of WV. Hostesses Betsy Bulleit and Kathy Brooks were thanked for a delicious sack lunch served in the West Mtg House! Appreciation was also expressed to Don Pelly for a fabulous wildflower walk. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus

Recording Secretary



The Full List: 43 Fruits & Veggies from foodnews.org. Buy organically the worst rated. It is worth the cost.

RANK	FRUIT OR VEGGIE	SCORE
1 (worst)	Peaches	100 (highest pesticide load)
2	Apples	89
3	Sweet Bell Peppers	86
4	Celery	85
5	Nectarines	84
6	Strawberries	82
7	Cherries	75
8	Pears	65
9	Grapes - Imported	65
10	Spinach	60
11	Lettuce	59
12	Potatoes	58
13	Carrots	57
14	Green Beans	53
15	Hot Peppers	53
16	Cucumbers	52
17	Raspberries	47
18	Plums	45
19	Grapes - Domestic	43
20	Oranges	42
21	Grapefruit	40
22	Tangerine	38
23	Mushrooms	37
24	Cantaloupe	34
25	Honeydew Melon	31
26	Tomatoes	30
27	Sweet Potatoes	30
28	Watermelon	28
29	Winter Squash	27
30	Cauliflower	27
31	Blueberries	24
32	Papaya	21
33	Broccoli	18
34	Cabbage	17
35	Bananas	16
36	Kiwi	14
37	Sweet peas - frozen	11
38	Asparagus	11
39	Mango	9
40	Pineapples	7
41	Sweet Corn - frozen	2
42	Avocado	1
43 (best)	Onions	1 (lowest pesticide)

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
MAY 7, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Mimi Milward at 1640 Ashwood Drive. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Kim DeCamp, Lauren Van Balen, Libby Brown, Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell Anne Kraus, Betsy Bulleit. Ellen thanked Mimi for being the hostess. The minutes were approved as received by E-mail. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$2,900.49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admission: Nancy Bishop said that admission forms are due Friday August 24, 2007.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that we have a balance of about \$5,344.44. Ten actives and 15 affiliates still need to pay dues. As the new Club Administrator, Kim is keeping addresses and E-mails up to date (see GCA web site.)

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said to bring a flower arrangement to July meeting.

Garden Project: Kim DeCamp generously offered to water the garden pots in August after Libby Brown requested help. Meg Sprow has arranged for the affiliates to bring refreshments to the Garden on Wednesdays starting in June. Be sure to thank Mac Reid for his help finding and planting the holly tree. Any expenses above \$300.00 need to be pre-approved. Gay thanked Libby for paying the 'overage' for the tree planting bill.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the May 17th meeting will be at Betsy Hillenmeyer's home – 466 Woodlake Way – hostesses are Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer. The June 21st meeting is at Gainsway Farm. There was discussion about how to respond to Pat Green's kind invitation to come to the Headley-Whitney Museum for our July meeting to hear Jon Carloftis. Callie Keller made a motion to keep the July picnic in the Garden. Ellen and Ginny May seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

'Friends of the Garden' Party: The 'Friends of the Garden' Party will be Thursday Sept. 6th. There will be no art sold. After some discussion, Callie Keller made a motion to not use this party as any kind of a cookbook 'kick-off'. It was seconded and passed.

Publication: Sheleigh Hammond needs info for the *Bloomin' News* by tonight.

Conservation: Mimi Milward said that she will let us know the procedures for adding to the compost pile. She passed out copies of 'Pesticides in Produce'. Mimi warned us about lead in some lipsticks. (Test by rubbing gold jewelry on lips – if it turns it black, it has lead.) Ginny May praised Mimi for her well-written article in the *Bloomin' News*.

Archives: Sue Glover has retired. We need a replacement.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward – We will know about the Yew Dell proposal soon.

Public Relations: See Lauren VanBalen's article in the *Bulletin* about our joint mtg. with Louisville!!

Scholarship: Ellen read a thank you letter from Virginia Waking, the Sally Brown Scholarship recipient. Barbara Young will try to arrange a meeting with her. Ellen also read a letter from Elaine Bank, GCA Vice-Chairman of Scholarship Committee, expressing gratitude for putting the Sally Brown Scholarship together.

Visiting Gardens: Ellen thanked Dottie Cordray for her outstanding job of taking the West Virginia GC to various gardens and to lunch at Greentree Tea Room, etc.

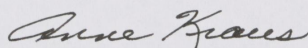
Horticulture: Mary Montague passed around three articles: 'Historic Cold and Snow of April 6 – 8th, 2007' by Tom Priddy. 'Freeze Damage Can Affect Plant Health' by John Hartman (*KY Pest News* – April 9, 2007.) 'Will fire Blight Attack Freeze-Injured Pome Fruits?' by John Hartman (*KY Pest News* – April 26th, 2007.)

Special Projects: Anne Arvin thanked Nancy Bishop for taking cookbooks to the April meeting. We have excess office furnishings available – 2 shelving units, several chairs.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

A brochure was passed about the Flower Show at the Taft Museum in Cincinnati May 22 & 23rd. The GCA meeting in Asheville, NC will be Sept. 17 – 19th. May 31st is the deadline for advanced registration. We need to enter 3 photo classes. There are 5 categories – see the *Bloomin' News*. The next Board Meeting will be Monday June 4th. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington held a general meeting on Thursday May 17, 2007 at the home of Betsy Hillenmeyer at 466 Woodlake Way. Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Hostesses Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer were thanked. The minutes were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Founders Fund: Jessica Nicholson reported that the New Orleans project was voted the winner of the Founders Fund. The Glenview GC of Louisville was encouraged to resubmit the Yew Dell Project another year.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said the deadline for admission forms is Friday August 25th.

Conservation: The pros and cons of the light bulb issue were discussed.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher asked everyone to bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting. They will be judged!!

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that Pemberton's has returned the citrus and gardenia trees in great shape! Brick repair work will start 5/18. The affiliates will bring tea to the garden on Wednesday's beginning in June. The birdbath issue was discussed. Sheilagh Hammond thanked Nancy Bishop for donating 6 rose bushes to the Garden.

Horticulture: Mary Montague passed out three articles: 'Historic Cold and Snow of April 6-8th, 2007' by Tom Priddy. 'Freeze Damage Can Affect Plant Health' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 9, 2007.) 'Will Fire Blight Attack Freeze-Injured Pome Fruits?' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 26, 2007.) Two points were made by everyone: Don't trim, don't fertilize! Japanese Maples and Magnolias will have trouble refoliating this year.

Program: Janie Pappas said our next meeting is June 21st at Gainsway Farm. (See Bloomin' News for details.)

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that we have a balance of \$6,676.70.

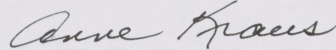
Scholarship: Ginny read a thank you letter from Virginia Waking, the Sally Brown Scholarship recipient. Barbara Young has since sent her a video of 'Sally Brown'. The West Virginia GC has also started a scholarship to honor a 93 yr. old member.

Friends of the Garden Party: Betsy Bulleit circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to donate food for the party on Sept. 6th. Recipes from the new Cookbook will be used. There will be no art sold.

Old Business / New Business: Dottie Cordray has received many thank you notes from the Kanawha WV GC. They had a wonderful two days with us!!

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A delightful tour of the Hillenmeyer garden followed, guided by Joseph Hillenmeyer. Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer then served a delicious luncheon in the garden.

Respectfully Submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Kraus".

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Barbara Young at 208 Barrow Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Libby Brown, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mott Nicol, Mimi Milward, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Anne Kraus Ginny May and Callie Keller. A balance of \$2,633.79 was reported.

Jessica Nicholson read her report about the Annual Meeting that she attended recently in Boston. It was an informative and impressive event! Mary Jo Garre from the GC of Barrington, Illinois (Zone XI) is our new GCA president.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reported that she had discussed a by-law change with our attorney Jim Philpot. He suggested that we reach an agreement on clearer wording of Section #3 – c. After much discussion on content and semantics, Nancy Bishop made a motion which was seconded by Ellen Chapman **to change a portion of Article III section #3 – c:**

Sponsors Responsibility. A sponsor must be an Active member of the Garden Club who has been an Active member of the Garden Club for at least two years. Any Active member who has within the past three years been a sponsor of a candidate who was elected to membership in the Garden Club shall not be eligible to sponsor another candidate within such three year period. . . . To read: Any Active member who has sponsored a candidate who was elected to membership in the Garden Club shall not be eligible to sponsor another candidate for two Admission processes which does not include the process in which her candidate was invited to membership.

The Board unanimously voted to make this change. This change (or clarification) will appear in the *Bloomin' News* as stated here to serve as notification of a proposed change at least two weeks prior to a vote of the membership.

Nancy also suggested that we put clear procedures in place concerning 'Honorary Membership'. Ginny May will head a committee to discuss this and report to the Board.

Awards: Mott Nicol discussed plans for a Derby Party at the GCA meeting in Norfolk VA in May 2008. We have already sent money to 'help' with the party. Mott suggested also selling our 'new' cookbook at the event donating a percent of the profit for the event. Several saw some drawbacks in this idea. It was deemed a better idea to sell cookbooks at a nearby boutique. The idea of getting 'Bulleit' bourbon for the party was discussed.

Flower Show: Bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting.

Garden Project: Libby Brown reported that we received a donation from an enthusiastic garden patron as well as a \$25 donation from Georgetown College (after taking a garden tour with Martie Broadbent.)

Jim McFarland pronounced our small Korean boxwood hedge 'dead'. The process of removing it has begun. We have several professional opinions and are evaluating are evaluating our options. Estimates are incomplete for the birdbath repair.

We discussed a request to use the Garden for a private party. Our policy has been that people can stroll through the garden but they cannot set-up the party in the Garden. Procedures for locking the gate were discussed as well as Garden security.

Publication: E-mail Sheilagh Hammond with info for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: The new cookbook is 'coming along'.

Horticulture: Mary Montague has some great specimens for the annual meeting.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp sent our balance - \$5,946.10.

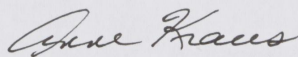
Founders Fund: The Yew Dell Project has received \$7,500 for being a runner-up for the Founders Fund. Glenview GC has been asked to resubmit the Yew Dell Proposal next year and we are being asked to 'second' it again. Luanne made a motion (seconded by Ellen) that we 'second' the Yew Dell Project proposal next year. The Board passed the motion by acclamation.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the June 21st meeting will be at 10:30 at Gainesway Farm. Hostesses are Dottie Cordray and Joan Gaines. A snack will be served. An RSVP sheet was passed as well as a recent article in *Southern Accent* about Gainesway. See the *Bloom' News* for more details. Our next Board Meeting will be Monday July 2nd at the home of Janie Pappas.

Old Business / New Business: None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday June 21, 2007 at Gainesway Farm in Lexington, KY. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. after Antony Beck guided us on a fantastic tour of the gardens and arboretum at his home on Gainesway. The minutes were approved as read. Hostesses Dottie Cordray and Joan Gaines were thanked as well as program coordinator Janie Pappas.

Committee Reports

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said that the deadline for submitting admission forms is Friday August 24th. Secrecy regarding the process is a priority.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher asked everyone to bring a flower arrangement to the July 19th meeting at Ashland. They will be judged!

Garden Project: Libby Brown thanked the affiliate who has been bringing delicious food to the garden workers on Wednesday mornings. The dead boxwood bushes around the patio have been removed.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that Jim Lempke from the UK Arboretum will speak to us about horticulture at the July meeting.

Program: Janie Pappas announced the hostesses for the July 19th picnic / meeting will be Martie Mayer, Lauren Van Balen and Gay Van Meter.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the *Bloomin' News* by Monday July 2nd.

Special Projects: Our new office in the Beck Bldg. on High St. is open on Tues. (pm.).

Founders Fund: Ellen announced that the Glenview GC will again nominate the Yew Dell Garden Project next year. Our Board has voted to second the project again.

Visiting Gardens: Dottie Cordray reported that space was still available on a GCA trip to Chile, Argentina & Patagonia.

Friends of the Garden Party: A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting members to volunteer to make food for the party menu or to make a monetary donation. See Betsy Bulleit if you want to sign up later.

Old Business: We are co-hosting a Derby Party with Glenview GC at the GCA Annual Meeting in Norfolk FA in May 2008. Please contact Mot Nicol, our liaison, if you would like to help with this.

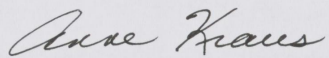
New Business: Ellen Chapman will attend our Zone Meeting in Ashville NC this fall. Katie Alford will be our delegate also.

A guest in attendance was introduced, Glenna Graves' daughter Lucy.

Ellen again thanked our hostesses Dottie Cordray and Joan Gaines for a delicious luncheon and a delightful tour.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Kraus".

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JULY 2, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on July 2, 2007 at the home of Janie Pappas at 1713 Clays Spring Lane. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:4 a.m. Fourteen Board Members were in attendance: Jessica Nicholson, Kim DeCamp, Libby Brown, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mott Nicol, Janie Pappas, Callie Keller, Martie Mayer Ellen Chapman, Anne Arvin, and Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: See Nancy Bishop for admission forms. The deadline for completed forms is Friday August 24th. The By-Law change to section III will be in the Bloomin' News.

Awards: Mott said that the Zone Mtg. Derby Party still needs volunteers. Benny Williams has volunteered to work from Lex. Two others are thinking about going. Blaire Matthews from Glenview GC will preview out the 'set up' for us.

Flower Show: Bring a flower arrangement to July 19th meeting / picnic in the Garden.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that United Landscaping Inc. will start trimming 7/3. Our gardener Mary Warren is doing an outstanding job. She noticed a problem with gate security. It is being locked in a hit-or-miss fashion. A request for gate keeper 'ideas' will be in the Bloomin' News. A sign-up sheet for the Peony Beds was passed.

Horticulture: Mary Montague passed around a June 26th newspaper article by Jim Limptkey on *Wetlands*. Look on the GCA web site – 'Real Dirt' for articles on *Basics on Seeds and Spring Flowers – cutting for a show*. There will be a UK extension class on Aug. 9th – *Divide and Conquer* - about dividing perennials.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the July 19th picnic / meeting in the Garden will be hosted by Gay Van Meter, Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer. The Sept meeting will be at Winstar Farm with hostesses Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kinkead. The Oct. 25th meeting will feature GCA speaker Dean Dorton.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin said that our secretary Susie Hanks reported 'normal' cookbook 'sales' although higher mailing rates are cutting into profits. We continue to need new ideas for places to sell cookbooks.

Archives: Janie Pappas has temporarily taken on the 'job'.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$6,346.10. Most of this will soon go to GCA dues. Everyone has paid their annual dues. Send Kim any personal 'info' changes.

Founders Fund: Glenview GC will again put up Yew Dell Project. We will second it.

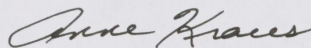
Friends of the Garden – Party: The sign-up sheet for food and \$ donations was circulated. Callie Keller has picked up invitations. They will be addressed July 23rd.

Old Business / New Business: Our Zone VII representative Linda Holder will be replaced by Anne Davis from the Glenview GC.

We will recognize three members at the July meeting including Harriett Holiday who will be turning 100 years old. Martie Mayer will remind affiliates to bring 'goodies' to the Garden on Wednesdays at 10:30. Our next board meeting will be Monday August 27th at Gay Van Meter's.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday July 19, 2007 at Ashland Garden on the Ashland Estate in Lexington, KY. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She thanked hostesses Martie Mayer, Gay VanMeter and Lauren Van Balen. She also welcomed guest Judy Boyd (Judy is now the Zone VII Bulletin Representative.) The minutes were approved as read. Gay VanMeter said that our balance is \$1,416.24.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reminded us of the deadline for admission forms – Friday August 24th. She has forms available.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for bringing flower arrangements.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer thanked everyone for their hard work in the Garden!

Horticulture: Mary Montague showed us specimens that were the result of January's workshop at the Arboretum with Jim Lempke. Jim will also be our speaker today! Mary passed around two articles: *Practical Matters: the Great Divide* by Alice McGowan for **Horticulture Magazine**; *Principles of Plant Propagation: Native Plants* by Thomas Jefferson.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin said that cookbooks are available at the new office at 209 High St. between 10 and 2 p.m. Call Anne if you need them at other times. Tell her also of any new retail sources / locations.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp announced a balance of \$6,246.10. About \$4,300.00 of this will soon be sent to the GCA for our dues.

Program: Janie Pappas said that our September meeting will be at WinStar Farm with hostesses Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kinkead. She again thanked today's hostesses.

Founders Fund: Ellen said that the Board has voted to second the Yew Dell Garden Project that the Glenview GC has again proposed.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit reminded us of the party on Thursday September 6th from 6 to 8. She requested a few more donations for party expenses.

Old Business / New Business:

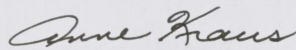
Ellen welcomed affiliate Harriett Holiday giving her special recognition for her upcoming 100th Birthday! We are all invited to the Birthday celebration on August 11th in the Garden from 6 – 8. Kathy Dalton read a special tribute to Harriett praising her for her contributions to our hearts, to our Garden and to the Garden Club of Lexington.

Among all her accomplishments, she helped her friend Lo Simpson illustrate three books and she also illustrated postcards of Garden scenes which were sold as a fund raiser. Janie Pappas found one of Harriett's illustrations in the Archives which she framed and presented to Harriett as a gift from the Garden Club of Lex. There was much applause!!

Speaker Jim Lempke was introduced by Mary Montague. He gave us a very informative talk about *Native Plants and KY Wetlands*.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A festive and delicious picnic followed as well as the judging of many beautiful flower arrangements.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday, August 27, 2007 at the home of Gay VanMeter at 4224 Briar Hill Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Thirteen members were in attendance: Martie Mayer, Libby Brown, Mott Nicol, Mary Louise Fisher, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Gay VanMeter, Sheilagh Hammond, Luanne Milward, Mary Montague, Ellen Chapman, Anne Kraus and Jessica Nicholson. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$5,704.23. \$1,215 has been received in gifts honoring Harriett Holiday's 100th Birthday. This sum has been deposited in the Memorial Fund.

Committee Reports:

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that the iron grate will be installed tomorrow. We will be focusing on getting the garden ready for the Sept. 6th Garden Party. There are no plans to replace the small boxwood hedge this year. Libby Brown said that Bulb Day will be Wed. Oct. 24th with a rain date of Wed. Oct. 31st. (Mary will have the ground tilled so that planting should go quickly. The Peony Beds were 'put to bed' last week.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that we have some very healthy plant specimens ready for Ashville. Volunteers will be needed to help Mary get them ready. Mary passed out a UK College of Agriculture article – Attracting Butterflies with Native Plants. Four articles concerning 'Rain Gardens' were also circulated as well as the current **KY Monthly** magazine containing articles on invasive plants.

Program: Janie Pappas announced that our next meeting will be Sept. 20th at Winstar Farm. Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kinhead will be the hostesses. Be sure to RSVP. Dean Dorton will speak at the Oct. 25th meeting.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: Martie Mayer was contacted about a 'free' table to sell our cookbooks at the Horse Park's Opening for 'Southern Lights' (Saturday after Thanksgiving). Two volunteers will be needed for this. A steering committee will organize the new cookbook 'kick-off' as well as the organization of the financial details of the cookbook.

Admissions: Libby Brown presented the Board with candidates for membership. Their applications were read and discussed. It was emphasized that this information was to be kept confidential. Executive Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees are eligible to vote. They must be present at either the Sept. (Aug.) or the Oct. Board Mtg.

Archives: Janie Pappas is storing the archives at her home and will try to organize them.

Assistant Treasurer: We have a balance of \$2,134.10 after sending our dues to GCA. This remaining balance will be used for sending representatives to zone and annual mtgs.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward is writing a letter to second the Glenview GC's proposal for the Yew Dell Garden Project. We've been encouraged to reapply this year.

Friends of the Garden Party: Betsy Bulleit has received 127 acceptances and 22 regrets. She is still looking for some musicians (a small combo.)

New Business / Old Business:

See the new *Bulletin* for a copy of the new GCA Directory.

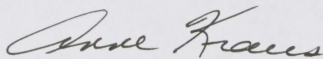
Ellen Chapman introduced the idea of reprinting Winter Bouquets – How to Dry Flowers. Gay Redding's aunt, Carolyn Hammer did the illustrations. Gay still has the print blocks that were used. This project would go to the 'Special Projects' Committee. A request was made for volunteers to help investigate this idea.

Gay Van Meter asked everyone to think of ideas for a beautification project for the 2010 Equestrian Games. Some brainstorming was done.

2013 will be the Centennial year for the GCA. The celebration will be focused in NY. Ellen read part of an article about how the GCA was started.

Ellen thanked Gay for being our hostess. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary.

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday September 20, 2007 at Winstar Farm on Pisgah Pike in Woodford County. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. after Bonnie, our former gardener at Ashland, gave us an interesting tour of a stallion barn as well as the beautifully landscaped grounds and gardens of Winstar. Ellen thanked our gracious hostesses Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kincaid. The minutes were approved as read with one addition.

Committee Reports:

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for bringing flower arrangements to the July meeting.

Horticulture: Ellen congratulated us on our results at the recent Zone Meeting - 4 awards which won 15 points. The plant exchange was a big success too! Mary Montague was applauded for her diligent efforts at getting us so well organized!

Program: Janie Pappas announced that Dean Norton (the director of Mt. Vernon) will speak to us at our October 25th meeting which will be held at the Eagle Creek Library.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin said that our new cookbook will be printed soon. 'Coming Soon' postcards have been sent out.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit congratulated us on a successful party – “It takes a Club to have a PARTY!” Our net profit was about \$8,000. Our expenses were close to \$2,000. 194 accepted the invitation. Everyone donated: food, money, tables, chairs and flower arrangements. Our ‘new’ recipes were delicious and the flowers were beautiful. Rick Young and Graham Bell provided music. Betsy thanked her committee as well as Libby Brown for volunteering her house as the ‘rain date’ location.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp has paid our GCA dues. Our balance is \$2,134.10.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward said that she has rewritten our letter from last year to second the Glenview Garden Club's current proposal for the Yew Dell Garden Project. GCA has strongly encouraged us to reapply again this year.

Scholarship: Barbara Young enthusiastically reported on a former GCA scholarship recipient Janet Coleman. Janet spoke at the recent Zone meeting about her current job as manager of the historic grounds at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville.

Visiting Gardens: Dottie Cordray said that the Kanawha Garden Club of Charleston W. VA has invited us to visit them. Those interested gave a show of hands. There are also two upcoming GCA trips: March 4 – 18, 2008 – to South America (which includes Chile, Argentina and Patagonia.) June 6 – 12, 2009 – to Sante Fe.

Old Business: Luanne Milward said that the \$7,500 that the Yew Dell Garden Project won as runner-up for Founders Fund was used to educate the Jefferson Co. teachers about how they could use Yew Dell to supplement their curriculum.

Brint and Beclay Bulb Catalog will be sending someone to speak at the Gluck Center on October 25th. See the Bloomin' News for details.

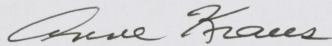
Ellen Chapman, Katie Alford and Barbara Young gave glowing reports on the recent Zone meeting in Ashville NC. Ruth Wadlington won a very prestigious award – 'Creative Leadership'! Ellen circulated a book she purchased at the meeting:

Handmade in America by Baky Anderson.

Ellen again thanked Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kincaid for coordinating such a special tour of Winstar Farm and treating us to a delicious lunch catered by Wallace Station.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus

Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday, October 1, 2007 at the home of Luanne Milward at 317 Holiday Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were in attendance: Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Linda Carey, Callie Keller, Lauren Van Balen, Libby Brown, Nancy Bishop, Ginny May, Wende Bell, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Luanne Milward, Janie Pappas, Mott Nicol and Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail. Gay VanMeter sent a balance of \$9,802.82. Hostess Luanne Milward was thanked.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller sent flowers from the GC of Lex. to Lou Simpson's funeral. A bracelet was found at Winstar farm. Call their office if it is yours.

Flower Show: Mary Louise said that we will do flower arrangements at the Nov. meeting with the help of Joy Hinkle.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that the grass in the garden has been seeded and aerated and cordoned off. Kathy Dalton and Carol Jackson have planted 'lamb's ear' along the narrow border near the entrance. Bulb Day is Oct. 24 - rain date of Oct. 31st. Lou Simpson's memorial service will be held Oct. 14th at the Garden at 2:00.

Horticulture: Mary Montague told of an interesting article in *Visions* magazine called 'Silence of the Bees'. Mary will bring left-over plant material from the Zone meeting to the Garden on Wednesday.

Program: Dean Norton will speak at the October 25th meeting to be held at the Eagle Creek Library at 10:30. He will give a power point presentation about horticulture at the Mt. Vernon estate of George Washington.

Archives: Janie Pappas said that she has added the obituaries of Lou Simpson and Betty Kincaid to the archives. We discussed getting a member to write a memorial tribute about Lou Simpson. Janie asked us to let her know of any other material for the archives.

Friends of the Garden - Party: Betsy Bulleit passed out a fact sheet concerning the finances of the Garden Party: Revenues (194 people attended) - \$10,270.00, Expenses (Waiters - \$570.00, Parkers - \$55.00, Invitations & Stamps - \$318.00, Booze - \$327.00 (some was donated), Music - \$300.00), Tenderloin & Shrimp - \$1,378.00 (underwritten) - TOTAL = \$1,570.00. Our profit was \$8,700.00. We were \$6,000 ahead from last year's party. We sent 260 invitations (to singles and couples.) Betsy thanked everyone for their helpfulness and said "It takes a Club to have a Party!"

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said our Balance is \$2,134.10 (no change).

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reminded us that it was necessary to be in attendance at either the September (Aug. 27th) or October Board Meeting in order to vote at the Nov. Board Meeting. Executive Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees are eligible to vote. Nancy then presented the Board with candidates for membership. Their applications were read and discussed. No discussion will take place at the November meeting. It was emphasized that all admissions information should be kept confidential

Old Business / New Business:

Glenview Garden Club wants information about when our new cookbook will be 'out'. Arrangements are being made for a Cookbook Kick-off Party in the 2nd floor Main Dining Room at Keeneland. The date is to be announced.

The Cookbook sales table at Southern Lights will need volunteers. See Martie Mayer.

The reprinting of Winter Bouquets was discussed. It was suggested that we print this in honor of or in memory of a GC member. After estimating the time and energy that this project would take, a motion was made by Ellen Chapman to table this project for another year. It was seconded by Mott Nicol and Ginny May. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

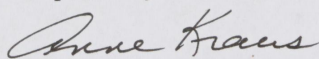
Mott Nicol reported that she had met several members of the Glenview Garden Club for lunch to discuss the Derby Party that we will be co-hosting at the May 2008 Annual Meeting in Norfolk VA. They want to feature our new cookbook at either the party or the meeting. The Annual Meeting will be changing its format after this meeting as it has gotten to be such an expensive event to organize.

Luanne Milward met with Mayor Jim Gray and asked how we could 'help' with the 2010 Event in Lexington. Jim suggested that we host a party in September of 2010 at Ashland Garden. Ellen suggested that Luanne tell Jim Gray that the Board liked the idea but needed a more specific probable date etc.

Fernita Wallace spoke with Kathy Dalton about soliciting our help with the Children's Garden Project at the UK Arboretum. It was felt that we should become more involved with the Arboretum but more information and discussion were needed.

Ellen thanked Luanne Milward again for hosting the meeting at her home. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday October 25, 2007 at the Eagle Creek Branch Library on the Richmond Road in Lexington. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. after a presentation by GCA Zone Chairman Anne Price Davis on the structure, hierarchy and organization of the GCA. She was followed by GCA speaker Dean Norton from Mt Vernon, the Virginia home of George Washington. He gave an informative and entertaining slide show presentation about the history and restoration Mt. Vernon's house and garden's. We learned a great deal about historical garden design as well as Dean Norton's efforts to establish and maintain Mt. Vernon's boxwood gardens.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Elise Boyd and Kim DeCamp were thanked for being gracious hostesses and for providing a delicious box lunch.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Saturday November 17th is National Leaf Raking Day. There will be a GCA Conservation meeting at Mt. Vernon February 26 – 28th. The hackberry tree that is close to our back garden wall will come down. Please use our composte when putting your borders to 'sleep'.

Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$2,134.10.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said that we will have a flower arranging workshop at the November 15th general meeting.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that we will plant bulbs next Wed. Oct. 31st. Please put your borders to 'bed'. Dean Norton thinks that our boxwood are healthy and well!!

Program: Janie Pappas said that we will arrange flowers at our Nov. 15th meeting at the IHCC. We need hostesses for the Christmas Tea.

Special Projects: Margaret Cowgil announced that the new cookbooks are HERE! As the 'Cookbook Cheerleader', she ceremoniously passed around the first copy. We were given order forms and encouraged to purchase cookbooks by the 'case' as well as to find new venues to sell them. She suggested that we give cookbooks to all our friends and relatives for Christmas!! Contact Anne Arvin, Margaret or Susie (our office secretary) if you need to order more.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond asked everyone to let her know if they wanted to change from regular mail to E-mail or vise-versa, for newsletter delivery.

Founders Fund: We are seconding Glenview GC's proposal for Yew Dell Garden.

Scholarship: Barbara Young reported on our 'Sally Brown' GCA Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship recipient Virginia Wolking. She worked at a family farm in MN where she learned methods of organic gardening and conducted research on her senior project as well. She also enjoyed working with two draft horses.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit announced a profit of \$ 8,700 from the September party. She also has a silver tray to return someone who forgot to pick it up.

Old Business / New Business:

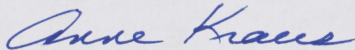
Brent of "Brent & Becky's Bulb Catalog" will be the Arboretum's guest speaker tonight at the UK Gluck Center at 7:00 tonight. Admission is \$12.00.

Brenda Barrett enthusiastically reported on the Shirley McNeese Horticulture Conference which she attended in Atlanta last week. She gave us a hand-out on 'ground covers' as well as more info about our much underused web site 'The Real Dirt'.

Ellen passed out information about Lou Simpson from her touching memorial service. She also recognized our sadness at the loss of Betty Kincaid.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday November 6, 2007 at the home of Ellen Chapman at 5689 Old Frankfort Pike. Sixteen Board members were in attendance: Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Jessica Nicholson, Lauren VanBalen, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mot Nicol, Nancy Bishop, Sue Glover, Wende Bell, Sheilagh Hammond, Anne Kraus and Libby Brown. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$7,639.42.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mot Nicol reminded us that award info was due in February for publicity and public relations. The Elizabeth Abernathy Hall award is a nice award for teachers.

Conservation: Two magazines were circulated: "Nature Conservancy" and "Forest Echo" – Magazine for Bernheim Forest.

Flower Show: Bring container & greenery to Nov. meeting. Sarah Davis is our 'leader'.

Garden Project: Libby and Martie – Rain date for Bulb Day is Nov. 8th. We are still comparing other bids with United's (whose contract expires Jan. 1st.) Irrigation was turned off last Sat. The holly tree is gone. Still working on brick work at top of wall, and ornamental iron on gate. The issue of using Memorial Fund money was discussed.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reminded us that those eligible to vote are officers and chairmen of standing committees who have attended either the Sept. or Oct. board meeting. Ballots for candidates were passed and collected. The results were later announced. Our two new members are Amy Kessinger and Margaret Cowgill.

Archives: Sue Glover informed us of the upcoming GCA centennial year. Ideas were discussed about how to organize and present our 'shared history'.

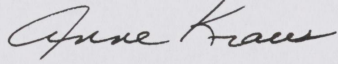
Scholarship: Barbara Young encouraged us to look for scholarship candidates. She will bring UK recipient of the Katherine Grovescup scholarship to the January meeting.

Assistant Treasurer: Our current balance is \$2091.99. Please forward receipts from the Zone meeting travel to Kim DeCamp. The membership roster spreadsheet is updated!

New Business: We are setting a publishing deadline for the new cookbook with Eclipse Press. Barbara read a short letter explaining our progress which she was sending to 40 of our seed money supporters. Dec. 1st is our tentative deadline to have everything ready for press. If you can help type, call Jane Stiliz.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2008**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday January 17, 2008 at the Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She thanked hostesses Sarah Davis and Bettie Bos Haggin. The minutes were approved as read. Gay Van Meter reported a balance of \$30,088.08.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Stilz circulated a membership list and asked everyone to check for changes / corrections to their personal information.

Conservation: Mimi Milward gave members handouts with information about pesticide content in specific fruits and vegetables. She also had *similar* information about paper products and bottled water. See the *Bloomin' News* for more details.

Horticulture: Mary Montague gave us two articles from *Fine Gardening*: 'Off with their Heads!' by Tracy DiSabato and 'Fertilizing Basics' by Sandra Gorry.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward announced that we would be voting on three projects at the March meeting for the Founders Fund: The Buffer Strip Project from Cooperstown NY; The Native American Village and Garden Project – native plants and native people from Stevenson MD; The Bookworm Garden Project from Sheboygan WI. See the *Bloomin' News* and the *GCA Bulletin* for more details. Last year the New Orleans project was the winner.

2013 will be our Founders Centennial Year. The Founders Fund Committee has chosen New York city as the cite of our Fund Project as we were founded there. It has been suggested that each GCA member make individual contributions for this project.

Friends of the Garden Party: Edie Gess has agreed to be our new chairman.

Special Projects: Betsy Brooks Bulleit announced that out of the 7,000 printed copies of **Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners**, we have sold 5,000. We are looking into reprinting both the old and new cookbooks soon. Send any corrections you may have to Jane Stilz. Follow up with marketing contacts and keep Margaret Cowgil informed. Our web site will be set up soon. Ellen complimented Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams for all their hard work. She also said that Susie Hanks has been working many extra hours to keep up with the orders and out-of-office sales of the new cookbook. It is Joseph Beth Book Store's #1 seller!

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$734.10. Dues of \$100 per member will be collected in March.

Old Business / New Business:

Sara Davis said that her friend and mentor Shelia McQueen died January 8th.

Libby Jones has invited any interested members from our Club to join the Midway Garden Club on a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show which will leave March 3rd. The trip will include a two day pass and they will stay in a Marriott. Contact Libby Jones at 396-9310 for more details. Deadline is February 1st.

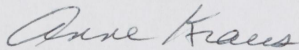
Year-end committee reports will be due to Ellen Chapman on February 1st.

Dottie Cordray asked all members to refrain from wearing any perfume to our meetings as she is extremely allergic to any artificial fragrances.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. It was followed by a flower arranging program given by GCA speakers 'Weezie and Molly' (Weezie Monroe and Molly Stephan). Their humor and expertise were very well received!! We were able to buy their book Stay Fresh with Us (proceeds going to The Winnetka Garden Club). The flower arrangements they used for demonstration were also sold (the proceeds went to our Garden Club to defray costs of materials). Written instructions for each arrangement were sent to us via E-mail.

A delicious luncheon of soup, sandwiches, etc. hosted by Sarah Davis and Bettie Bos Haggin followed the program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday January 7, 2008 at the home of Mimi Milward at 1640 Ashwood Drive. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Eighteen members were in attendance: Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, Anne Kraus, Callie Keller, Mott Nicol, Mimi Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Kim DeCamp, Luanne Milward, Lauren Van Balen, Barbara Young, Dottie Cordray. The minutes were approved as read by E-mail. Ellen thanked hostess Mimi Milward. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$24,462.93.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller is updating the membership's birth date info. Callie will send notices to new board members for the March Joint Board Meeting.

Conservation: Mimi Milward discussed the 'power of the consumer' (see newsletter.)

Program: Janie Pappas said the next General Meeting will be Thursday January 17th at IHCC – 10:30. Speakers 'Molly & Weesie' will demonstrate flower arranging. Hostesses are Sarah Davis and Bettie Bos Haggin.

Horticulture: Mary Montague circulated copies of the 'Ray Klehm' lecture she attended last week at UK's Gluck Center. More information about 'Klehm's Song Sparrow' can be found at www.songsparrow.com or 1-800-553-3715 or E-mail info@songsparrow.com. Herald Leader writer, Susan Smith plans to write an article in the spring on the peonies at Ashland. Yew Dell Garden's newsletter and schedule of events was passed as well as *Friends of the Arboretum – winter 2008*.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that our balance is \$537.35. Dues are paid in March. Our three new members have been entered into our computer base.

Publication: Send newsletter information to Sheilagh Hammond ASAP!

Archives: Send any newspaper articles or other appropriate info to Janie Pappas.

Special Projects: Betsy Brooks Bulleit sent a report that the new cookbook is selling very well. We are going to have to think about a second printing. It is important to send Betsy any corrections that need to be made. Margaret Cowgill is in charge of retail marketing sources. Let her know of any new potential sources, etc. See sales forms in the *Bloomin' News*. Our secretary Susie will usually have extended hours on Tuesdays. Call her office if you need more books – 255-8095. Plans were discussed to sell cookbooks at Rolex 3-Day Event and the World Equestrian Games.

Friends of the Garden Party: Edie Gess has agreed to be the new chairman!!

Old Business / New Business:

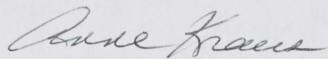
Ellen will present the new Board Slate at the March Annual Meeting. She urged each board member to write a description of their job and to mark a calendar or to make a time – line of when specific things should be done. Also be specific about your allotted budget and tell if you have gone over or under your allotment. Year – End Reports are due at the March Annual Meeting.

Mott Nicol is continuing to help plan 'The Derby Party' for the Zone Mtg. in May. The chef will feature some of the recipes in our new cookbook. We are trying to figure out some way to sell the cookbook at the meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be at Ellen Chapman's on March 3rd.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



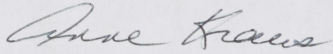
Anne Kraus

Recording Secretary

**The Garden Club of Lexington
General Meeting
December 13, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington gathered for their annual Christmas Tea on Thursday December 13, 2007 at the home of Celeste Neuman, 1600 Eastwood Lane in Lexington. Louise Parker was the co-hostess. President Ellen Chapman welcomed our three new members: Lucy Graves Foster, Sarah Carolyn Asbury Sanderlin and Elizabeth Schnabel. Celeste's new home was beautifully decorated and admired by all. The circular dining room table was filled with delicious tea sandwiches and yummy goodies of all kinds and adorned with a stunning floral arrangement. Jessica Bell graciously poured tea. Several members brought flower arrangements which were later taken to shut-ins. It was a festive occasion enjoyed by everyone!

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Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday December 3, 2007 at the home of Callie Keller at 2012 Hart Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Seventeen members were in attendance: Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Ginny May, Ellen Chapman, Lauren VanBalen, Martie Mayer, Gay VanMeter, Barbara Young, Anne Arvin, Wende Bell, Mott Nicol, Betsy Bulleit, Libby Brown, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read by E-mail. Ellen thanked hostess Callie Keller. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$31,422.28. She also reported on our 2007 Contributions and passed a list which included: Fayette Alliance - \$200, Ashland - \$200, Bluegrass Conservancy - \$ 100, UK Arboretum - \$200, GCA Scholarship - \$200, Shakertown - \$100, Raven Run - \$100, Ashland Neighborhood - \$15. Mary, our gardener, will receive a Christmas bonus of \$200. Susie Hanks, our secretary, will receive a bonus this year too. We have just received a \$500 donation from the Crutcher family.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said that three candidates have accepted their invitations for membership: Lucy Graves Foster, Sarah Caroline Asbury Sanderlin, Elizabeth Schnabel.

Awards: Awards will be given to three members who are 90 or more years old: Alma Haggin, Harriett Holladay, Sally Johnson. Individualized Birthday Citations were read and circulated. We can nominate someone for a Zone Award in 2009. Club Awards can be given with 2 or 2 ½ mo. notice. We are starting to assimilate a Birthday list for all members. We were asked to record our birthdates on a list.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that all 'systems' in the Garden are shut down. All borders have been put 'to bed'. Vandals threw the saw horses, which were placed to keep people off the grass, into the boxwoods. We will be giving away these saw horses. Different ways to keep people off the grass were discussed.

Horticulture: Mary Montague circulated two articles: *Fertilizing Basics* by Sandra Gorry, *Off with their Heads* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust.

Program: The Christmas Tea will be on Thursday December 13th at Celeste Newman's. Louise Parker will be the co-host. A hostess sign-up sheet was circulated for the 2008 Board Meetings.

Assistant Treasurer: We have a balance of \$1,177.35.

Scholarship: Barbara Young asked that we think of eligible candidates for the Hull Award – a National award given to educators.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit said that our cookbook has been out for a little over 30 days. 2800 copies are out/sold. Our web site will be ready to go in about two weeks. Sharon Thompson will feature our cookbook in a newspaper article on Dec. 9th. Sales forms and 'talking points' were circulated. Cookbook direction / printing problems were briefly discussed. Directions to sign-out cookbooks purchased from the office were given. One case of books cannot be accounted for at our last meeting. Amazon.com has sold out of our books and wants more!

Old Business / New Business:

Our accountant, Lendy Carnes from *Dulworth, Breeding & Carnes*, spoke to us on the 'state of our finances' and her ideas about restructuring our investments to receive maximum income while keeping enough cash to cover expenses. Current factors were examined: Our expenses exceeded our income for 2005 and 2006; Our Board has never set a formal policy concerning the use of interest vs. principle (although we have a pattern of only using interest.); The Board has the power to restrict funds; Most of our money is in CD's; We have too much money in (several) checking accounts (\$94,000) which is not drawing much interest; There is a problem about where to put contributions and how /when to use them; We have an anonymous donation of \$25,000 and another anonymous donation of \$25,000 if the membership can match this sum with their donations. It was suggested that we work towards consolidating our checking accounts and to move CD's that are penalty free into an endowment.

After some discussion, Gay VanMeter made a motion to commit \$200,000 to a Board Restricted Endowment Fund upon permission of the membership. Ellen Chapman seconded the motion. It was brought to a voice vote and passed.

Mott Nicol then made a motion that the financial committee should be given the power to select a financial advisor to oversee this endowment fund. It was seconded by Jessica Nicholson and brought to a voice vote and passed.

The nominating committee was thanked for presenting the Board with a new slate of officers:

Executive Committee

President – Jessica Nicholson
First Vice President – Barbara Young
Second Vice President – Ellen Chapman
Recording Secretary – Anne Arvin
Corresponding Secretary – Callie Keller
Treasurer – Mimi Milward

Chairman of Standing Committees

Admissions – Ginny May
Awards – Janie Pappas
Conservation - Kim DeCamp
Finance – Mimi Milward
Flower Show – Leslie Baldwin

Garden Project – Mary Montague / Mary Louise Fisher
Horticulture – Brenda Barrett
Program – Wende Bell and Marcia Salbaugh
Publication – Lauren VanBalen
Special Projects – Benny Bell Williams / Betsy Bulleit

Non Voting Committees

Archives – Janie Pappas
Archives of American Garden History and Design – Margaret Cowgil
Assistant Treasurer – Anne Kraus
Founders Fund – Martie Mayer
Public Relations – Kathy Courtney
Scholarship – Katie Alford
Visiting Gardens – Kathy Brooks
Garden Party – Edie Gess

Finance Committee

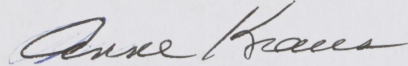
Chairman: Mimi Milward
Jessica Nicholson, Gay VanMeter, Benny Williams, Betsy Bulleit,
Barbara Young

- meets at least twice a year

Ginny May made a motion to accept this slate. Martie Mayer seconded it. The motion was passed by voice vote.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully Submitted,



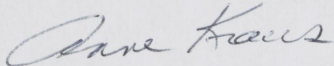
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Recording Secretary

**The Garden Club of Lexington
General Meeting
December 13, 2007**

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Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday November 5, 2007 at the home of Mary Montague at 241 S. Hanover Avenue. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were in attendance: Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Ellen Chapman, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Callie Keller, Jessica Nicholson, Mimi Milward, Kim decamp, Barbara Young, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Gay Van Meter, Wende Bell, Mott Nicol, Mary Montague, Luanne Milward, Libby Brown, Anne Arvin, Janie Pappas. The minutes were approved as read by E-mail. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$7,233.35. Two CD's have matured in our money market acct. Hostess Mary Montague was thanked.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop began the process of voting for new candidates by reading the names of the prospective candidates as well as the names of board members who were eligible to vote. The ballots were passed. The ballots were collected and counted. It was later reported that we had elected three new members. Their names should be kept confidential until they have responded to the invitation (which they should receive on Wednesday or Thursday.)

Conservation: Mimi Milward said that clean-up day on the Ashland Estate ground is Nov. 17th. The Grounds Committee at Ashland approved the cutting of the Hackberry tree behind the rear wall of the garden. The Ashland Estate Board will have to approve this. Non-organic apples contain the second highest amount of pesticides.

Awards: Mott Nicol received new information about the rules for the award process. There will now be awards for those members who turn 90 or 100 years old. December 1st is the deadline for applying for the Plant Award – Jan. 2nd for the Horticulture Award. Ideas and suggestions for these awards were discussed.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that after two years free of vandalism, we found graffiti and paint damage on our marble table top. To keep from replacing it for \$1500, the grounds keeper at Ashland was able to buff most of it out. The citrus tree has gone to Pemberton's, the gardenia to Gay and the twp jasmine trees will go to -- a good home. Libby thanked everyone who came to help with Bulb Day.

Horticulture: Marion Jones our Zone 7 Horticulture Rep sent word that the Shirley McNeese Workshop will be in New York City's Botanical Garden in October of 2008. Our 'Real Dirt' web site is being updated and improved! We have been asked to send E-mails of at least 10 members for its 'address book'. A sign-up sheet was passed. We will need to bring a specimen of a 'Native Plant' to the Zone Meeting on May 3rd.

Program: We will meet on Thursday November 15th at the IHCC at 10:30 for a flower sign-up sheet was circulated. The Christmas Tea will be December 13th at Celeste Newman's new house at 1600 Eastwood Dr.

Publication: Mimi Milward will help Sheilagh Hammond with the Dec. newsletter.

Founders Fund: The Yew Dell Garden Project did not win an award this year.

Friends of the Garden – Party: We will need a new chairman for next year!

Cookbook: Ellen recognized Betsy Bulleit and Benny Williams for the excellent job they are doing to market the new cookbook. They are in the process of setting up an E-commerce web site which will be: www.BluegrassWinners.com. Pricing details will be ready soon. We currently have 43 cases of new cookbooks which include 5016 books. Our GC members have ordered 20+ boxes of books. Vendors who have placed orders include: L.V. Harkness, Keeneland, For Friends, Joseph Beth, etc. Joseph Beth is planning a promotion event around our cookbook. During the 2010 World Equestrian Event (WEG) we 'may' be sharing a booth with GC member Pat Green and her 'Jockey Silks' business. The cost to have a booth is \$15,000. We will work towards finalizing our plans and putting any agreement we have for selling cookbooks at WEG in writing.

Gay VanMeter has arranged for a Cookbook Kick-Off event on December 6th from 5:30 to 8:00 at Keeneland's Clubhouse – 2nd floor main dining room. We are working on the 'guest list' list. The Keeneland Gift Shop will also be promoting the cookbook. Gay read a thank you letter from the Grayson Jockey Club concerning their cookbook connection.

Margaret Cowgil and others have had some great marketing ideas for the cookbook. Members are being encouraged to help market the cookbook to various organizations and locations. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Mott Nicol suggested that all active members be 'required' to do 'something'.

Benny Williams and Barbara Young need help returning photos etc. to the farms as well as writing them thank you notes. Talk to them if you can help.

A special thank you was sent to Barbara's husband Bill Young for free storage of the cookbooks in his warehouse. Bill will also allow his 'runner' to make 'some' deliveries.

Our office secretary may need extended hours to take care of orders, deliveries, etc. Anne Arvin encouraged us to call her about cookbook orders if the GC office was closed.

Martie Mayer needs help with the cookbook booth in the 'Holly Market' at **Southern Lights** located at the Horse Park. Workers are needed Fri. Nov. 30th and Sat. Dec. 1st from 5:30 to 10:00. Please sign-up for a 2 hour shift. Ideas were discussed for getting a credit card device for that event as well as others.

Old Business / New Business:

Benny Williams is suggesting that we design a Garden Club logo that can be used with the cookbook sales. Ideas and copyright issues were discussed.

Luanne Milward has continued to talk to our mayor Jim Newberry about how we can help with the 2010 WEG. We discussed the ideas of fixing up a highway exit vs. hosting a party at the Garden. We were more enthusiastic about the party. Ellen asked Luanne to get details about our portion of the expense, numbers and times before we 'commit'.

Ellen thanked Mary Montague again for being the hostess. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00,

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday October 25, 2007 at the Eagle Creek Branch Library on the Richmond Road in Lexington. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. after a presentation by GCA Zone Chairman Anne Price Davis on the structure, hierarchy and organization of the GCA. She was followed by GCA speaker Dean Norton from Mt Vernon, the Virginia home of George Washington. He gave an informative and entertaining slide show presentation about the history and restoration Mt. Vernon's house and garden's. We learned a great deal about historical garden design as well as Dean Norton's efforts to establish and maintain Mt. Vernon's boxwood gardens.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Elise Boyd and Kim DeCamp were thanked for being gracious hostesses and for providing a delicious box lunch.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Saturday November 17th is National Leaf Raking Day. There will be a GCA Conservation meeting at Mt. Vernon February 26 – 28th. The hackberry tree that is close to our back garden wall will come down. Please use our composte when putting your borders to 'sleep'.

Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$2,134.10.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said that Janie Pappas will guide a flower arranging workshop at the November 15th general meeting.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that we will plant bulbs next Wed. Oct. 31st. Please put your borders to 'bed'. Dean Norton thinks that our boxwood are healthy and well!!

Program: Janie Pappas said that we will arrange flowers at our Nov. 15th meeting at the IHCC. We need hostesses for the Christmas Tea.

Special Projects: Margaret Cowgil announced that the new cookbooks are HERE! As the 'Cookbook Cheerleader', she ceremoniously passed around the first copy. We were given order forms and encouraged to purchase cookbooks by the 'case' as well as to find new venues to sell them. She suggested that we give cookbooks to all our friends and relatives for Christmas!! Contact Anne Arvin, Margaret or Susie (our office secretary) if you need to order more.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond asked everyone to let her know if they wanted to change from regular mail to E-mail or vise-versa, for newsletter delivery.

Founders Fund: We are seconding Glenview GC's proposal for Yew Dell Garden.

Scholarship: Barbara Young reported on our 'Sally Brown' GCA Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship recipient Virginia Wolking. She worked at a family farm in MN where she learned methods of organic gardening and conducted research on her senior project as well. She also enjoyed working with two draft horses.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit announced a profit of \$ 8,700 from the September party. She also has a silver tray to return someone who forgot to pick it up.

Old Business / New Business:

Brent of "Brent & Becky's Bulb Catalog" will be the Arboretum's guest speaker tonight at the UK Gluck Center at 7:00 tonight. Admission is \$12.00.

Brenda Barrett enthusiastically reported on the Shirley McNeese Horticulture Conference which she attended in Atlanta last week. She gave us a hand-out on 'ground covers' as well as more info about our much underused web site 'The Real Dirt'.

Ellen passed out information about Lou Simpson from her touching memorial service. She also recognized our sadness at the loss of Betty Kincaid.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday, October 1, 2007 at the home of Luanne Milward at 317 Holiday Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were in attendance: Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Linda Carey, Callie Keller, Lauren Van Balen, Libby Brown, Nancy Bishop, Ginny May, Wende Bell, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Luanne Milward, Janie Pappas, Mott Nicol and Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail. Gay VanMeter sent a balance of \$9,802.82. Hostess Luanne Milward was thanked.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller sent flowers from the GC of Lex. to Lou Simpson's funeral. A bracelet was found at Winstar farm. Call their office if it is yours.

Flower Show: Mary Louise said that we will do flower arrangements at the Nov. meeting with the help of Joy Hinkle.

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that the grass in the garden has been seeded and aerated and cordoned off. Kathy Dalton and Carol Jackson have planted 'lamb's ear' along the narrow border near the entrance. Bulb Day is Oct. 24 - rain date of Oct. 31st. Lou Simpson's memorial service will be held Oct. 14th at the Garden at 2:00.

Horticulture: Mary Montague told of an interesting article in *Visions* magazine called 'Silence of the Bees'. Mary will bring left-over plant material from the Zone meeting to the Garden on Wednesday.

Program: Dean Norton will speak at the October 25th meeting to be held at the Eagle Creek Library at 10:30. He will give a power point presentation about horticulture at the Mt. Vernon estate of George Washington.

Archives: Janie Pappas said that she has added the obituaries of Lou Simpson and Betty Kincaid to the archives. We discussed getting a member to write a memorial tribute about Lou Simpson. Janie asked us to let her know of any other material for the archives.

Friends of the Garden - Party: Betsy Bulleit passed out a fact sheet concerning the finances of the Garden Party: Revenues (194 people attended) - \$10,270.00, Expenses (Waiters - \$570.00, Parkers - \$55.00, Invitations & Stamps - \$318.00, Booze - \$327.00 (some was donated), Music - \$300.00), Tenderloin & Shrimp - \$1,378.00 (underwritten) - TOTAL = \$1,570.00. Our profit was \$8,700.00. We were \$6,000 ahead from last year's party. We sent 260 invitations (to singles and couples.) Betsy thanked everyone for their helpfulness and said "It takes a Club to have a Party!"

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said our Balance is \$2,134.10 (no change).

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reminded us that it was necessary to be in attendance at either the September (Aug. 27th) or October Board Meeting in order to vote at the Nov. Board Meeting. Executive Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees are eligible to vote. Nancy then presented the Board with candidates for membership. Their applications were read and discussed. No discussion will take place at the November meeting. It was emphasized that all admissions information should be kept confidential

Old Business / New Business:

Glenview Garden Club wants information about when our new cookbook will be 'out'. Arrangements are being made for a Cookbook Kick-off Party in the 2nd floor Main Dining Room at Keeneland. The date is to be announced.

The Cookbook sales table at Southern Lights will need volunteers. See Martie Mayer.

The reprinting of Winter Bouquets was discussed. It was suggested that we print this in honor of or in memory of a GC member. After estimating the time and energy that this project would take, a motion was made by Ellen Chapman to table this project for another year. It was seconded by Mott Nicol and Ginny May. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

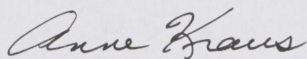
Mott Nicol reported that she had met several members of the Glenview Garden Club for lunch to discuss the Derby Party that we will be co-hosting at the May 2008 Annual Meeting in Norfolk VA. They want to feature our new cookbook at either the party or the meeting. The Annual Meeting will be changing its format after this meeting as it has gotten to be such an expensive event to organize.

Luanne Milward met with Mayor Jim Gray and asked how we could 'help' with the 2010 Event in Lexington. Jim suggested that we host a party in September of 2010 at Ashland Garden. Ellen suggested that Luanne tell Jim Gray that the Board liked the idea but needed a more specific probable date etc.

Fernita Wallace spoke with Kathy Dalton about soliciting our help with the Children's Garden Project at the UK Arboretum. It was felt that we should become more involved with the Arboretum but more information and discussion were needed.

Ellen thanked Luanne Milward again for hosting the meeting at her home. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday September 20, 2007 at WinStar Farm on Pisgah Pike in Woodford County. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. after a wonderful guided tour of a stallion barn as well as the well landscaped grounds and gardens conducted by Bonnie . Ellen thanked hostesses Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kincaid. The minutes were approved as read with one addition.

Committee Reports:

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for bringing flower arrangements to the July meeting.

Horticulture: Ellen congratulated us on our results at the recent Zone Meeting - 4 awards which won 15 points. The plant exchange was a big success too! Mary Montague was applauded for her diligent efforts at getting us so well organized!

Program: Janie Pappas announced that Dean Norton (the director of Mt. Vernon) will speak to us at our October 25th meeting which will be held at the Eagle Creek Library.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin said that our new cookbook will be printed soon. 'Coming Soon' postcards have been sent out.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit congratulated us on a successful party – “It takes a Club to have a PARTY!” Our net profit was about \$8,000. Our expenses were close to \$2,000. 194 accepted the invitation. Everyone donated: food, money, tables, chairs and flower arrangements. Our ‘new’ recipes were delicious and the flowers were beautiful. Rick Young and Graham Bell provided music. Betsy thanked her committee as well as Libby Brown for volunteering her house as the ‘rain date’ location.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp has paid our GCA dues. Our balance is \$2,134.10.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward said that she has rewritten our letter from last year to second the Glenview Garden Club's current proposal for the Yew Dell Garden Project. GCA has strongly encouraged us to reapply again this year.

Scholarship: Barbara Young enthusiastically reported on a former GCA scholarship recipient who spoke at the recent Zone meeting. Janet Coleman spoke about her current job where she is in charge of the historic grounds at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville.

Visiting Gardens: Dottie Cordray said that the Kanawha Garden Club in W. VA has invited us to visit them. Those interested gave a show of hands. There are also two upcoming GCA trips: March 4 – 18, 2008 – South America (Chile, Argentina and Patagonia.) June 6 – 12, 2009 – Sante Fe.

Old Business: Luanne Milward said that the \$7,500 that the Yew Dell Garden Project won as runner-up for Founders Fund was used to educate the Jefferson Co. teachers about how they could use Yew Dell to supplement their curriculum.

Brint and Beclay Bulb Catalog will be sending someone to speak at the Gluck Center on October 25th. See the Bloomin' News for details.

Ellen Chapman, Katie Alford and Barbara Young gave glowing reports on the recent Zone meeting in Ashville NC. Ruth Walinton won a very prestigious award – 'Creative Leadership'! Ellen circulated a book she purchased at the meeting: Handmade in America by Baky Anderson.

Ellen again thanked Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kincaid for coordinating the great tour of WinStar Farm and treating us to a lunch catered by Wallace Station.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday, August 27, 2007 at the home of Gay VanMeter at 4224 Briar Hill Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Thirteen members were in attendance: Martie Mayer, Libby Brown, Mott Nicol, Mary Louise Fisher, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Gay VanMeter, Sheilah Hammond, Luanne Milward, Mary Montague, Ellen Chapman, Anne Kraus and Jessica Nicholson. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail. Gay VanMeter gave a balance of \$5,704.23. \$1,215 has been received in gifts honoring Harriett Holiday's 100th Birthday. This sum has been deposited in the Memorial Fund.

Committee Reports:

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that the iron grate will be installed tomorrow. We will be focusing on getting the garden ready for the Sept. 6th Garden Party. There are no plans to replace the small boxwood hedge this year. Libby Brown said that Bulb Day will be Wed. Oct. 24th with a rain date of Wed. Oct. 31st. (Mary will have the ground tilled so that planting should go quickly. The Peony Beds were 'put to bed' last week.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that we have some very healthy plant specimens ready for Ashville. Volunteers will be needed to help Mary get them ready. Mary passed out a UK College of Agriculture article – Attracting Butterflies with Native Plants. Four articles concerning 'Rain Gardens' were also circulated as well as the current **KY Monthly** magazine containing articles on invasive plants.

Program: Janie Pappas announced that our next meeting will be Sept. 20th at Winstar Farm. Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kinhead will be the hostesses. Be sure to RSVP. Dean Dorton will speak at the Oct. 25th meeting.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: Martie Mayer was contacted about a 'free' table to sell our cookbooks at the Horse Park's Opening for 'Southern Lights' (Saturday after Thanksgiving). Two volunteers will be needed for this. A steering committee will organize the new cookbook 'kick-off' as well as the organization of the financial details of the cookbook.

Admissions: Libby Brown presented the Board with candidates for membership. Their applications were read and discussed. It was emphasized that this information was to be kept confidential. Executive Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees are eligible to vote. They must be present at either the Sept. (Aug.) or the Oct. Board Mtg.

Archives: Janie Pappas is storing the archives at her home and will try to organize them.

Assistant Treasurer: We have a balance of \$2,134.10 after sending our dues to GCA. This remaining balance will be used for sending representatives to zone and annual mtgs.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward is writing a letter to second the Glenview GC's proposal for the Yew Dell Garden Project. We've been encouraged to reapply this year.

Friends of the Garden Party: Betsy Bulleit has received 127 acceptances and 22 regrets. She is still looking for some musicians (a small combo.)

New Business / Old Business:

See the new *Bulletin* for a copy of the new GCA Directory.

Ellen Chapman introduced the idea of reprinting Winter Bouquets – How to Dry Flowers. Gay Redding's aunt, Carolyn Hammer did the illustrations. Gay still has the print blocks that were used. This project would go to the 'Special Projects' Committee. A request was made for volunteers to help investigate this idea.

Gay Van Meter asked everyone to think of ideas for a beautification project for the 2010 Equestrian Games. Some brainstorming was done.

2013 will be the Centennial year for the GCA. The celebration will be focused in NY. Ellen read part of an article about how the GCA was started.

Ellen thanked Gay for being our hostess. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary.

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday July 19, 2007 at Ashland Garden on the Ashland Estate in Lexington, KY. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She thanked hostesses Martie Mayer, Gay VanMeter and Lauren Van Balen. She also welcomed guest Judy Boyd (Judy is now the Zone VII Bulletin Representative.) The minutes were approved as read. Gay VanMeter said that our balance is \$1,416.24.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reminded us of the deadline for admission forms – Friday August 24th. She has forms available.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher thanked everyone for bringing flower arrangements.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer thanked everyone for their hard work in the Garden!

Horticulture: Mary Montague showed us specimens that were the result of January's workshop at the Arboretum with Jim Lempke. Jim will also be our speaker today! Mary passed around two articles: *Practical Matters: the Great Divide* by Alice McGowan for **Horticulture Magazine**; *Principles of Plant Propagation: Native Plants* by Thomas Jefferson.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin said that cookbooks are available at the new office at 209 High St. between 10 and 2 p.m. Call Anne if you need them at other times. Tell her also of any new retail sources / locations.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp announced a balance of \$6,246.10. About \$4,300.00 of this will soon be sent to the GCA for our dues.

Program: Janie Pappas said that our September meeting will be at WinStar Farm with hostesses Kathy Dalton and Melodye Kinkad. She again thanked today's hostesses.

Founders Fund: Ellen said that the Board has voted to second the Yew Dell Garden Project that the Glenview GC has again proposed.

Friends of the Garden – Party: Betsy Bulleit reminded us of the party on Thursday September 6th from 6 to 8. She requested a few more donations for party expenses.

Old Business / New Business:

Ellen welcomed affiliate Harriett Holiday giving her special recognition for her upcoming 100th Birthday! We are all invited to the Birthday celebration on August 11th in the Garden from 6 – 8. Kathy Dalton read a special tribute to Harriett praising her for her contributions to our hearts, to our Garden and to the Garden Club of Lexington.

Among all her accomplishments, she helped her friend Lo Simpson illustrate three books and she also illustrated postcards of Garden scenes which were sold as a fund raiser. Janie Pappas and Jessica Nicholson found one of Harriett's illustrations in the Archives which she framed and presented to Harriett as a gift from the Garden Club of Lex. There was much applause!!

Speaker Jim Lempke was introduced by Mary Montague. He gave us a very informative talk about *Native Plants and KY Wetlands*.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A festive and delicious picnic followed as well as the judging of many beautiful flower arrangements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Barbara Young at 208 Barrow Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. ~~Fourteen~~ members were present: Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Libby Brown, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mott Nicol, Mimi Milward, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Anne Kraus and Callie Keller. A balance of \$2,633.79 was reported. *Ginny May*

Jessica Nicholson read her report about the Annual Meeting that she attended recently in Boston. It was an informative and impressive event! Mary Jo Garre from the GC of Barrington, Illinois (Zone XI) is our new GCA president.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Nancy Bishop reported that she had discussed a by-law change with our attorney Jim Philpot. He suggested that we reach an agreement on clearer wording of Section #3 – c. After much discussion on content and semantics, Nancy Bishop made a motion which was seconded by Ellen Chapman **to change a portion of Article III section #3 – c:**

Sponsors Responsibility. *A sponsor must be an Active member of the Garden Club who has been an Active member of the Garden Club for at least two years. Any Active member who has within the past three years been a sponsor of a candidate who was elected to membership in the Garden Club shall not be eligible to sponsor another candidate within such three year period. . . . To read: Any Active member who has sponsored a candidate who was elected to membership in the Garden Club shall not be eligible to sponsor another candidate for two Admission processes which does not include the process in which her candidate was invited to membership.*

The Board unanimously voted to make this change. This change (or clarification) will appear in the *Bloomin' News* as stated here to serve as notification of a proposed change at least two weeks prior to a vote of the membership.

Nancy also suggested that we put clear procedures in place concerning 'Honorary Membership'. Ginny May will head a committee to discuss this and report to the Board.

Awards: Mott Nicol discussed plans for a Derby Party at the GCA meeting in Norfolk VA in May 2008. We have already sent money to 'help' with the party. Mott suggested also selling our 'new' cookbook at the event donating a percent of the profit for the event. Several saw some drawbacks in this idea. It was deemed a better idea to sell cookbooks at a nearby boutique. The idea of getting 'Bulleit' bourbon for the party was discussed.

Flower Show: Bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting.

Garden Project: Libby Brown reported that we received a donation from an enthusiastic garden patron as well as a \$25 donation from Georgetown College (after taking a garden tour with Martie Broadbent.)

Jim McFarland pronounced our small Korean boxwood hedge 'dead'. The process of removing it has begun. We have several professional opinions and are evaluating are evaluating our options. Estimates are incomplete for the birdbath repair.

We discussed a request to use the Garden for a private party. Our policy has been that people can stroll through the garden but they cannot set-up the party in the Garden. Procedures for locking the gate were discussed as well as Garden security.

Publication: E-mail Sheilagh Hammond with info for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: The new cookbook is 'coming along'.

Horticulture: Mary Montague has some great specimens for the annual meeting.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp sent our balance - \$5,946.10.

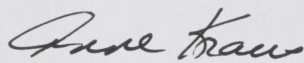
Founders Fund: The Yew Dell Project has received \$7,500 for being a runner-up for the Founders Fund. Glenview GC has been asked to resubmit the Yew Dell Proposal next year and we are being asked to 'second' it again. Luanne made a motion (seconded by Ellen) that we 'second' the Yew Dell Project proposal next year. The Board passed the motion by acclamation.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the June 21st meeting will be at 10:30 at Gainesway Farm. Hostesses are Dottie Cordray and Joan Gaines. A snack will be served. An RSVP sheet was passed as well as a recent article in *Southern Accent* about Gainesway. See the *Bloom' News* for more details. Our next Board Meeting will be Monday July 2nd at the home of Janie Pappas.

Old Business / New Business: None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington held a general meeting on Thursday May 17, 2007 at the home of Betsy Hillenmeyer at 466 Woodlake Way. Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Hostesses Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer were thanked. The minutes were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Founders Fund: Jessica Nicholson reported that the New Orleans project was voted the winner of the Founders Fund. The Glenview GC of Louisville was encouraged to resubmit the Yew Dell Project another year.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said the deadline for admission forms is Friday August 25th.

Conservation: The pros and cons of the light bulb issue were discussed.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher asked everyone to bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting. They will be judged!!

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that Pemberton's has returned the citrus and gardenia trees in great shape! Brick repair work will start 5/18. The affiliates will bring tea to the garden on Wednesday's beginning in June. The birdbath issue was discussed. Sheilagh Hammond thanked Nancy Bishop for donating 6 rose bushes to the Garden.

Horticulture: Mary Montague passed out three articles: 'Historic Cold and Snow of April 6-8th, 2007' by Tom Priddy. 'Freeze Damage Can Affect Plant Health' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 9, 2007.) 'Will Fire Blight Attack Freeze-Injured Pome Fruits?' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 26, 2007.) Two points were made by everyone: Don't trim, don't fertilize! Japanese Maples and Magnolias will have trouble refoliating this year.

Program: Janie Pappas said our next meeting is June 21st at Gainesway Farm. (See Bloomin' News for details.)

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that we have a balance of \$6,676.70.

Scholarship: Ginny read a thank you letter from Virginia Waking, the Sally Brown Scholarship recipient. Barbara Young has since sent her a video of 'Sally Brown'. The West Virginia GC has also started a scholarship to honor a 93 yr. old member.

Friends of the Garden Party: Betsy Bulleit circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to donate food for the party on Sept. 6th. Recipes from the new Cookbook will be used. There will be no art sold.

Old Business / New Business: Dottie Cordray has received many thank you notes from the Kanawha WV GC. They had a wonderful two days with us!!

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A delightful tour of the Hillenmeyer garden followed, guided by Joseph Hillenmeyer. Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer then served a delicious luncheon in the garden.

Respectfully Submitted.

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

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The Board unanimously voted to make this change. This change (or clarification) will appear in the *Bloomin' News* as stated here to serve as notification of a proposed change at least two weeks prior to a vote of the membership.

Nancy also suggested that we put clear procedures in place concerning 'Honorary Membership'. Ginny May will head a committee to discuss this and report to the Board.

Awards: Mot Nicol discussed plans for a Derby Party at the GCA meeting in Norfolk VA in May 2008. We have already sent money to 'help' with the party. Mot suggested also selling our 'new' cookbook at the event donating a percent of the profit for the event. Several saw some drawbacks in this idea. It was deemed a better idea to sell cookbooks at a nearby boutique. The idea of getting 'Bulleit' bourbon for the party was discussed.

Flower Show: Bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting.

Garden Project: Libby Brown reported that we received a donation from an enthusiastic garden patron as well as a \$25 donation from Georgetown College (after taking a garden tour with Martie Broadbent.)

Jim McFarland pronounced our small Korean boxwood hedge 'dead'. The process of removing it has begun. We have several professional opinions and are evaluating are evaluating our options. Estimates are incomplete for the birdbath repair.

We discussed a request to use the Garden for a private party. Our policy has been that people can stroll through the garden but they cannot set-up the party in the Garden. Procedures for locking the gate were discussed as well as Garden security.

Publication: E-mail Sheilagh Hammond with info for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: The new cookbook is 'coming along'.

Horticulture: Mary Montague has some great specimens for the annual meeting.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp sent our balance - \$5,946.10.

Founders Fund: The Yew Dell Project has received \$7,500 for being a runner-up for the Founders Fund. Glenview GC has been asked to resubmit the Yew Dell Proposal next year and we are being asked to 'second' it again. Luanne made a motion (seconded by Ellen) that we 'second' the Yew Dell Project proposal next year. The Board passed the motion by acclamation.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the June 21st meeting will be at 10:30 at Gainesway Farm. Hostesses are Dottie Cordray and Joan Gaines. A snack will be served. An RSVP sheet was passed as well as a recent article in *Southern Accent* about Gainesway. See the *Bloom' News* for more details. Our next Board Meeting will be Monday July 2nd at the home of Janie Pappas.

Old Business / New Business: None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
MAY 7, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Mimi Milward at 1640 Ashwood Drive. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, Callie Keller, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Kim DeCamp, Lauren Van Balen, Libby Brown, Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell Anne Kraus, Betsy Bulleit. Ellen thanked Mimi for being the hostess. The minutes were approved as received by E-mail. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$2,900.49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admission: Nancy Bishop said that admission forms are due Friday August 24, 2007.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that we have a balance of about \$5,344.44. Ten actives and 15 affiliates still need to pay dues. As the new Club Administrator, Kim is keeping addresses and E-mails up to date (see GCA web site.)

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said to bring a flower arrangement to July meeting.

Garden Project: Kim DeCamp generously offered to water the garden pots in August after Libby Brown requested help. Meg Sprow has arranged for the affiliates to bring refreshments to the Garden on Wednesdays starting in June. Be sure to thank Mac Reid for his help finding and planting the holly tree. Any expenses above \$300.00 need to be pre-approved. Gay thanked Libby for paying the 'overage' for the tree planting bill.

Program: Janie Pappas said that the May 17th meeting will be at Betsy Hillenmeyer's home – 466 Woodlake Way – hostesses are Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer. The June 21st meeting is at Gainsway Farm. There was discussion about how to respond to Pat Green's kind invitation to come to the Headley-Whitney Museum for our July meeting to hear Jon Carloftis. Callie Keller made a motion to keep the July picnic in the Garden. Ellen and Ginny May seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

'Friends of the Garden' Party: The 'Friends of the Garden' Party will be Thursday Sept. 6th. There will be no art sold. After some discussion, Callie Keller made a motion to not use this party as any kind of a cookbook 'kick-off'. It was seconded and passed.

Publication: Sheleigh Hammond needs info for the *Bloomin' News* by tonight.

Conservation: Mimi Milward said that she will let us know the procedures for adding to the compost pile. She passed out copies of 'Pesticides in Produce'. Mimi warned us about lead in some lipsticks. (Test by rubbing gold jewelry on lips – if it turns it black, it has lead.) Ginny May praised Mimi for her well-written article in the *Bloomin' News*.

Archives: Sue Glover has retired. We need a replacement.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward – We will know about the Yew Dell proposal soon.

Public Relations: See Lauren VanBalen's article in the *Bulletin* about our joint mtg. with Louisville!!

Scholarship: Ellen read a thank you letter from Virginia Waking, the Sally Brown Scholarship recipient. Barbara Young will try to arrange a meeting with her. Ellen also read a letter from Elaine Bank, GCA Vice-Chairman of Scholarship Committee, expressing gratitude for putting the Sally Brown Scholarship together.

Visiting Gardens: Ellen thanked Dottie Cordray for her outstanding job of taking the West Virginia GC to various gardens and to lunch at Greentree Tea Room, etc.

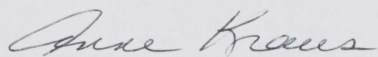
Horticulture: Mary Montague passed around three articles: 'Historic Cold and Snow of April 6 – 8th, 2007' by Tom Priddy. 'Freeze Damage Can Affect Plant Health' by John Hartman (*KY Pest News* – April 9, 2007.) 'Will fire Blight Attack Freeze-Injured Pome Fruits?' by John Hartman (*KY Pest News* – April 26th, 2007.)

Special Projects: Anne Arvin thanked Nancy Bishop for taking cookbooks to the April meeting. We have excess office furnishings available – 2 shelving units, several chairs.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

A brochure was passed about the Flower Show at the Taft Museum in Cincinnati May 22 & 23rd. The GCA meeting in Ashville, NC will be Sept. 17 – 19th. May 31st is the deadline for advanced registration. We need to enter 3 photo classes. There are 5 categories – see the *Bloomin' News*. The next Board Meeting will be Monday June 4th. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington held a general meeting on Thursday May 17, 2007 at the home of Betsy Hillenmeyer at 466 Woodlake Way. Ginny May called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Hostesses Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer were thanked. The minutes were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Founders Fund: Jessica Nicholson reported that the New Orleans project was voted the winner of the Founders Fund. The Glenview GC of Louisville was encouraged to resubmit the Yew Dell Project another year.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said the deadline for admission forms is Friday August 25th.

Conservation: The pros and cons of the light bulb issue were discussed.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher asked everyone to bring a flower arrangement to the July meeting. They will be judged!!

Garden Project: Libby Brown said that Pemberton's has returned the citrus and gardenia trees in great shape! Brick repair work will start 5/18. The affiliates will bring tea to the garden on Wednesday's beginning in June. The birdbath issue was discussed. Sheilagh Hammond thanked Nancy Bishop for donating 6 rose bushes to the Garden.

Horticulture: Mary Montague passed out three articles: 'Historic Cold and Snow of April 6-8th, 2007' by Tom Priddy. 'Freeze Damage Can Affect Plant Health' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 9, 2007.) 'Will Fire Blight Attack Freeze-Injured Pome Fruits?' by John Hartman (KY Pest News - April 26, 2007.) Two points were made by everyone: Don't trim, don't fertilize! Japanese Maples and Magnolias will have trouble refoliating this year.

Program: Janie Pappas said our next meeting is June 21st at Gainsway Farm. (See Bloomin' News for details.)

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp said that we have a balance of \$6,676.70.

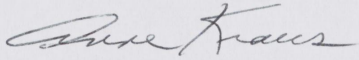
Scholarship: Ginny read a thank you letter from Virginia Waking, the Sally Brown Scholarship recipient. Barbara Young has since sent her a video of 'Sally Brown'. The West Virginia GC has also started a scholarship to honor a 93 yr. old member.

Friends of the Garden Party: Betsy Bulleit circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to donate food for the party on Sept. 6th. Recipes from the new Cookbook will be used. There will be no art sold.

Old Business / New Business: Dottie Cordray has received many thank you notes from the Kanawha WV GC. They had a wonderful two days with us!!

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A delightful tour of the Hillenmeyer garden followed, guided by Joseph Hillenmeyer. Eleanor Milward and Betsy Hillenmeyer then served a delicious luncheon in the garden.

Respectfully Submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Kraus".

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
JOINT MEETING WITH
THE KANAWHA GARDEN CLUB of CHARLESTON, WV
APRIL 19, 2007**

The joint meeting of The Garden Club of Lexington and The Kanawha Garden Club of Charleston, WV met at on Thursday April 19, 2007 at Shakertown in Mercer Co. After a delightful and informative 'Wildflower Walk' along the Palisades of the KY river led by naturalist Don Pelly, the meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm by president Ellen Chapman. We elected to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Mimi Milward circulated a shopper's guide to 'Pesticides in Produce'.

Garden Project: Libby Brown asked for more volunteers to water the potted plants in the Garden. She expressed gratitude towards Mac Reed for planting the new holly tree.

Program: Ellen Chapman said that Dean Norton will speak at our Oct. 25th meeting.

Special Projects: Nancy Bishop had cookbooks available to all.

Archives: Old photos were passed around for possible identification.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp is our administrator for demographic changes.

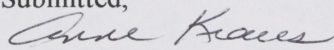
Founders Fund: We will have results of the Founders Fund voting in May.

Scholarship: Barbara Young said that the Kanawha GC is also honoring a beloved member with a scholarship. The GCA has given over \$200,000 in scholarships!

Visiting Gardens: Dottie Cordray was thanked for being a hostess for Kanawha GC.

Old Business / New Business: The 'Friends of the Garden' party will be in early Sept. Brochures were passed for the Cleveland Flower Show – May 24th to 28th. Susan Dumain has been a member at large this past year. We now have four new members at large: Mr. Paul W. Meyer Zone V, Mr. Patrick Noonan Zone VI, Mr. Bart C. O'Brien, Zone XII and Mr. P. Allen Smith, Zone IX. There is a new GCA club in Jackson Miss. The Kanawha GC thanked us for our gracious hospitality and presented us with a beautiful 'Jack-in-the-Pulpit vase made by Blinko Glass of WV. Hostesses Betsy Bulleit and Kathy Brooks were thanked for a delicious sack lunch served in the West Mtg House! Appreciation was also expressed to Don Pelly for a fabulous wildflower walk. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus 
Recording Secretary

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 2, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday April 2nd at the home of Sue Glover at 307 Holiday Road. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Twenty members were present: Anne Arvin, Barbara Young, Callie Keller Dottie Cordray, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mott Nicol, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, and Anne Kraus. Ellen thanked Sue Glover for being the hostess. The minutes were approved with one correction. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$4,683.07.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Nancy said the 'New Members' luncheon on March 20th was well attended. The deadline for submitting admission forms is Friday August 24th.

Awards: Ellen read a letter from the GCA Public Relations Chairman complimenting us on the quality of our proposal and its presentation. They want to use the format of our presentation as an example to other GCA clubs. She encouraged us to resubmit our proposal.

Finance: The renovation of the grill work in the garden will be funded. (Ashland was an answer in the New York Times Crossword Puzzle!)

Conservation: The newsletter for the Friends of the Arboretum was circulated as well as an invitation to a fund raiser for the Blue Grass Conservancy.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher said that the Flower Show will be in June 2008.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer said that the new holly tree will be planted this afternoon with an added expense of \$200 because of a larger hole and more soil amendments. The Peony Work Day will be 4/4/07 at 9:30. The gardenia and jasmine plants did not survive the winter. The lime trees will be retrieved from Pemberton's. Sign up for work days in the peony beds through E-mail.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that specimens from Jan. workshop are doing well.

Program: Janie Pappas said our April 19th meeting will be at Shakertown with the W. Virginia GCA. Don Pelly will take us on a wildflower walk. See the Bloomin' News. The May 7th Board Meeting will be at Mimi Milward's.

Dean Norton will speak at our Oct. 25th meeting. We will possibly invite other clubs to join us for this. The finance committee will meet to discuss expenses and an honorarium.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin reported on the office clean-up spree and decisions to pitch and keep. There will now be 'extra' space for whatever.

Archives: Sue Glover said that she would need to be replaced as chairman by June.

Assistant Treasurer: Ellen read a letter concerning our club being in charge of the 2008 Zone Meeting. \$15 would possibly need to be collected from each member.

Founders Fund: Results about the Yew Dell Gardens proposal will be known in May.

Scholarship: Barbara Young has the name of a former scholarship recipient who would like to speak to our club. The Sally Brown Scholarship recipient has been chosen.

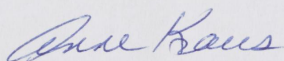
Visiting Gardens: Information about the GCA trip to the Hamptons in June 2008 will be in the Bloomin' News. The Kanawha Garden Club from Charleston, WV will tour Ashland Garden Wednesday morning April 18. They will have lunch at the Greentree Tea Room and tour several private gardens in the afternoon. They have invited us to attend a cocktail party that evening in Shakertown.

Old Business / New Business: There was a discussion about whether or not to do the Friends of the Garden Party this year. A committee was formed to study / plan this: Luanne Milward, Sue Glover, Anne Arvin, Betsy Bulleit, Callie Keller, Janie Pappas, Anne Kraus.

A letter was read from Mrs. Allan C. Sundin asking us for volunteers to help with the decorations for the GCA Annual Meeting in Norfolk, VA May 3-6, 2008. (See Bloomin' News.) We are co-chairing the Derby Party (main event) on Saturday May 3rd.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Anne Kraus at 1441 Lakewood Drive. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Thirteen members were present: Ellen Chapman, Janie Pappas, Kim DeCamp, Lauren Van Balen, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward, Martie Mayer, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, Callie Keller. Ellen thanked Anne Kraus for being the hostess. The minutes were approved with one correction. Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$4,377.27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller read two letters requesting change in status: **Carolyn Caldwell** requested that she be changed from active to affiliate status. Ellen Chapman made a motion to accept this status change. It was seconded and the motion was passed. **Dot Crutcher** requested that she be changed from active to affiliate status. Ellen Chapman made a motion to accept this status change. It was seconded and the motion was passed.

There was some discussion about the need for clarification about the procedure for status change. Should it be an invitation instead of a request?

Admissions: Nancy Bishop announced that she would hostess a luncheon meeting at her home on March 20th to welcome the new members. She reminded us that it was not too early to be thinking of candidates for membership next year.

Awards: Ellen thanked Mott Nicol and Lauren Van Balen for their hard work in putting together a proposal for a public service award for the Garden Club of Lexington. A copy of their proposal was circulated.

Flower Show: Flower Show Brochures were circulated for GCA shows in Charlottesville, VA and for Westover's show in Charles City VA. Information was also circulated for the Garden Tour in Louisville.

Garden Project: Martie Mayer reported: Peony Day – April 4th, Opening Day for the Garden – April 11th. Mary Warren has been contacted to help us again. The water will be turned on by 4/11. We will be using the services of 'United' again (Jim McFarland), despite other bids. Libby Brown will be sending out Garden Assignments. There was discussion concerning the Wednesday 'tea' in the garden served by the affiliates. Ellen Chapman and Pemberton's have 'wintered' the Jasmine and Gardenia trees.

Several issues will soon be addressed by the finance committee: an available 12' holly tree (needs to be planted within two weeks) at a cost of \$500 and \$900 to plant: an estimate for iron work repair from Lloyd Hughes - \$800 to \$1,000; new gravel for paths – Sayre School service project could provide help for spreading.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that the Jan. 26th workshop at the Arboretum with Jim Limptkey was a success. Mary referred us to an article in *Southern Living* on the Biltmore as well as an article in *Seeds and Sprouts*. Be thinking about horticulture achievement awards.

Program: Janie Pappas reported that the Annual Meeting will be March 15th at 10:30 at the IHCC. The April 19th meeting will be a wildflower walk at Shakertown. We will tentatively go to Windstar Farm in May. Be thinking of suitable meeting locations. Ideas were discussed about getting a GCA speaker, Dean Norton.

Board Meeting Dates / Hostesses are: April 2nd – Sue Glover, May 7th – Mimi Milward, June 4th – Janie Pappas, July 2nd – Callie Keller, August 27th Gay Van Meter, October 1st – Luanne Milward, November 5th – Mary Montague, December 3rd – Barbara Young.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs info about general meeting and board meeting.

Special Projects: Anne Arvin has moved the cookbook office. Help is needed to 'consolidate' our 'excess' materials at the office to create more space.

Martie Mayer announced that our new cookbook will be 'out' in September. Benny Williams will bring the cover design to the annual meeting. Eclipse Press is ready to print the recipes. More work has yet to be done on the index. Give Jane Stilz and her committee a huge thank you!! Ideas for a 'Cookbook Kick Off' were discussed.

Archives: Sue Glover told of her intent to clean out the archives. Helpful ideas were given and Janie Pappas offered her services.

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported that our current membership is 59 active members and 23 affiliate members. The balance of the Assistant Treasurer is \$1,512.58.

The primary responsibility of the Assistant Treasurer is to collect the annual dues of the Active and Affiliate members. Annual dues are to be paid no later than June 1st of each year. A portion of the annual dues is paid to the Garden Club of America. Total dues paid in 2006 to GCA were \$4,160.00.

Other expenses which are paid from the Assistant Treasurer account are travel and registration expenses to conferences and meetings. Total expense for workshops and conferences in 2006 was \$5,895.55.

Founders Fund: Luanne Milward encouraged everyone to read about the three GCA proposals (including the Yew Dell Garden Project) that we will be voting on March 15th.

Public Relations: Lauren Van Balen wants to submit an article to the *GCA Bulletin* about our January Horticulture meeting as well as our Christmas decoration project at Ashland. She also needs pictures from our November flower arranging workshop.

Scholarship: Ellen read a letter from Sally Brown thanking us for supporting her scholarship. An article about Sally Brown was also partially read and circulated.

Friends of the Garden Party: Sue Glover will form a committee to look into a fall party that will possibly help us 'Kick Off' the new cookbook. Ideas for this fund raiser and others were discussed.

Old Business / New Business:

Ideas about doing a Flower Show this year or next year were discussed. Mary Louise Fisher agreed to form a committee to study the feasibility of several options.

Millie Roman, a GCA Administrator, called to say that each club needs to designate a computer savvy person to update and maintain correct information about all members. Kim DeCamp seems to be taking on that job already.

Ashland is planning a "3rd Tuesday' event in May to tour our garden. There will be a GCA study tour of the Hamptons in 2008.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2007**

The Garden Club of Lexington met on Thursday January 18, 2007 at the Idle Hour Country Club Lexington, KY. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter said that we have a balance of \$5,010.47.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: Mott Nicol read an informative letter that she and Lauren Van Balen wrote to propose the Garden Club of Lexington for a GCA Public Relations Award because of its outstanding service project with the Ashland Garden. Highpoints of the letter pointed out our vested interest in preservation, making the garden available to the public including school children, and our extensive work cultivating endangered species such as buffalo clover and eliminating invasive plants such as euonymus and honey suckle. Our club finances the garden with profits from the Bluegrass Winners Cookbook. It was emphasized that the Ashland Garden is our gift to the community.

GARDEN PROJECT: We continue to work on the Holly Tree replacement.

HORTICULTURE: Mary Montague - The 2007 Zone VII Annual Meeting will be at the Biltmore in Ashville NC. It will include a plant exchange. We need to send 6 plant specimens that we propagate. Jim Limpkey will help us to begin propagating native plant species at a Horticulture Workshop on Friday January 26th at the Arboretum. All are invited. Needed categories include: seeds, cuttings and division of materials.

PROGRAM: Janie Pappas thanked all 2006 hostesses. She said that all other members were candidates to hostess the 2007 meetings. The Annual Meeting will be in March at the IHCC. Hostesses are Wende Bell, Jessica Nicholson and Benny Williams. A sign-up sheet was passed for 2007 hostesses. See Janie with any program ideas.

PUBLICATION: Sheleigh Hammond needs any newsletter information in writing.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Anne Arvin announced that we have a new cookbook office at Wyn Paulson's office building on High Street. It is a great location. It is a downstairs office with windows and storage available. Wyn has given us two months free rent!

FOUNDERS FUND: Luanne Milward announced that we are one of three finalists with the Yew Dell Garden Project. (We were seconders to Louisville's proposal.) The GCA will vote on these projects in March. The runner-ups will also receive a check!

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: Ginny May encouraged us to go to the Atlanta Flower Show Feb. 7th to the 11th. Brochures were made available. Anne Gay encouraged us to attend ART in BLOOM, a fund raiser for the UK Art Museum, February 22 - 25.

More flower arrangers are needed! Hostesses Ginny May and Sue Glover were thanked for a wonderful luncheon, set to follow the meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and followed by a slide presentation and lecture by GCA speaker Susan E. Dumaine. Her topic was 'Garden Design'. She emphasized 'Garden Details' such as: Meeting your needs, Shaping and defining the terrain, Aesthetic touches, and Plant material.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met at the home of Mary Louise Fisher at 265 South Hanover Ave. President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Fifteen members were present: Anne Arvin, Ellen Chapman, Gay VanMeter, Ginny May, Janie Pappas, Jessica Nicholson, Luanne Milward, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol, Sheilagh Hammond, Sue Glover, Wende Bell, Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Gay VanMeter reported a balance of \$5,127.47.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mott Nicol said that she and Lauren Van Balen would meet to compose a proposal for the Garden Club of Lexington to be nominated for a Public Relations Award. Everyone was asked to send Mott any records of information or pictures concerning Ashland Garden and its involvement with the city and state. They need to have this completed in about two weeks.

Conservation: Mimi Milward and Luanne Milward will go to a meeting in Washington DC at the end of February. Mimi discussed her ideas about helping the city get ready for the 2010 World Equestrian Games by landscaping the medium area at the exit ramp of Tates Creek and New Circle Road. She shared ideas of appropriate plant material. The Board had enthusiastic suggestions and encouraged her to further investigate the idea.

Finance: Gay circulated brochures from various organizations to which we have made donations. She read a letter from Mary Warren thanking us for her Christmas bonus.

Flower Show: Mary Louise Fisher read a letter from Ashland thanking us for decorating a room and fireplace in Henry Clay's parlor for the holidays. Pictures were taken!

Garden Project: We are still pricing replacements for the holly tree.

Horticulture: Mary Montague said that the French Broad River Garden Club would be hosting the next Zone Meeting at Biltmore in Ashville, NC on Sept. 17 -19th, 2007. The theme will be 'Regional Material'. Mary has a list of appropriate horticulture materials to send as well as information on the history of the Biltmore and their head gardener, Chauncey Beadle. After discussion the Board decided that we should do a 'group' horticulture project. Meeting times and places were discussed and will be pursued.

Program: Our general meeting will be January 18th at the IHCC at 10:30 – hostesses – Ginny May & Sue Glover. GCA Zone Speaker, Susan Dumaine will be speaking on Garden Design. March 15 will be the Annual Meeting at the IHCC – hostesses TBA. April 19th will be our Horticulture Meeting – no details yet. March 5th Board Meeting – Anne Kraus's – 1441 Lakewood Dr.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond needs information for the newsletter right away!

Special Projects: Anne Arvin discussed a new lead on office space – Wynn Paulson's office building on High St. Rental price is negotiable - \$250 for one room + \$150 for additional room. Two Months free rent was offered as well as storage room & copy machine. Parking will have to be on the street except for 'loading' in back of bldg. Idle Hour Shopping Center - \$290 – one room (larger). We now pay \$295.

Assistant Treasurer: Our current balance is \$1,112.58.

Founder's Fund: Luanne Milward said that our Yew Dell proposal is one of three finalists that will be voted on in March.

Old Business: Ginny May is on the Board for the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta – Feb. 7 to 11th. Brochures were circulated. Get a group together and go!!!

New Business: Ellen discussed her idea of getting a really great speaker and having a joint meeting for the state as well as having a lecture open to the public (for a fee). Ginny May will be in charge of pursuing this idea!!

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

GCA Legislative Affairs Meeting, February 2007

For three full days in February, 250 of the smartest women of the GCA, representing the 17,000 members met. We had some wonderful speakers, enlightening, and extremely overwhelming. I have stacks of literature, copious notes and abundant knowledge. I could go into great detail of the specifics of the issues and GCA position papers; AND watch your eyes glaze over.

After two full days of speakers from the Hill and from various agencies, we called on Senator McConnell and Bunning and Congressman Chandler, to "enlighten" them. The meeting with their staffer is just the beginning, the dialogue and relationship continues. Please thank Ben Chandler when you see him, as he rates an A+ on the environmental scorecard. We discussed environmental issues that are anticipated to come before this 110th Congress.

The reauthorization of the Farm Bill with its conservation enhancements will affect the most number of people for the least amount of money. Safety in food is going to become an even bigger issue. Buying locally is more important than buying organic. I have a shopper's guide to pesticides in produce.

Our National Park system is in better shape thanks largely to the efforts of Laura Bush.

The reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. There is a dead zone the size of Massachusetts in the Gulf of Mexico. Thirty eight states drain into the Gulf with all the chemicals and toxins. Ky is adding to it from Mt. top removal to what we spray on our lawns.

Global Warming We discussed Renewable and Alternative Energy. We need to support the new technology and research. Coal to liquid fuel, How many use compact fluorescent light bulbs? As the ad says, "changing the world one bulb at a time" Look for the Energy Star label on appliances, higher efficiency standards for cars. CAFÉ(Corporate Average Fuel Economy)standards.

How many of you walked here or rode your bike this morning? There are websites that map your own personal CO2 footprint. Slowing the process is not enough, we have to work to reverse it. You might be on the side of Jerry Falwell, that Global Warming is nothing more than Satan diverting our attention from the important issues of our day. Or you can look for ways that you can make a difference. We all know we can do better and we will have to. We have a choice, our children and grandchildren may not have options. A gardener is defined as "a person who tends a piece of ground". We need to make smart and responsible choices. Get tending.

I would be glad to give anyone further information, websites or help find answers, just let me know. And thank you for the opportunity to go to Washington.

Mimi Milward March 2007

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE 2007
Mimi Milward

The Conservation Committee has continued with the project of protecting the Federal endangered specie of Running Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*) on the grounds of Ashland. The specie is known to be found in only 50 sites in the whole world. In the areas where the Buffalo clover is coming back, it takes a concerted effort to clear the area of invasives and allow the clover to spread. In the coming months, we will work in conjunction with Ashland and the KY Nature Preserve in the clover recovery. The Garden Club's Conservation Committee has a plan to "adopt" trees on the grounds of Ashland. Ashland has a master tree plan and specific maintenance guidelines that fit into their historic plan. So we will work closely with Ashland. We have identified areas that are the most visible to visitors; including the walk way from the walled garden to the peony bed, especially the Crutcher dogwoods. Some new dogwoods are being planted this week. We are soliciting the help of the boy scouts and the Youth Green Corp. As a member of the Garden Club, I will be serving on the Grounds Committee of Ashland.

We are reinstituting the compost pile at Ashland making it work for us. At this very moment, we are passively composting. We are cleaning out the large woody branches and need to add grass clippings to really "heat it up". I have a list of Do's and Don'ts to add to a compost pile. So bring you kitchen slop bucket every Wednesday morning to add to the pile. Or a bucket of manure would be appreciated. This is strictly on a volunteer basis, at this time. We should strive to make our garden more sustainable and organic. We should consider using native plants in our borders as much as possible, requiring less water. Look at more pesticide free, organic ways of gardening and caring for our lawn. www.cleanairgardening.com

As many of you know, the city is involved in an expensive lawsuit with the EPA for our antiquated storm sewer system. With the planting of native plants and grasses, the city could help improve the process by filtering the run-off, prevent flooding, and improve water quality. Incorporating raingardens is one way to do this. The entrance of BG airport is planted with natives and the Thoroughbred Park will soon be. It is an exciting time for Lex with a new energy at city hall and in looking ahead to the 2010 Equestrian Games. Councilman David Stevens is chair of the Environmental Commission. Lex continues with its Greenways Master Plan and Corridors Commission. Jim Lempke at the Arboritum is a valuable asset. The Fayette Alliance is making a difference. The Fayette County Neighborhood Council is sponsoring Lex Beautiful to plant thousands of flowers, adopting sections of road. There are a lot of concerned groups striving to make Lex not only a more aesthetic place, but a healthy, better place to live. I am not sure what our role will be as a Garden Club, if any; but I think we should be a part of it in some way.

If I may quote the Mayor from a speech in Jan.,

"For the duration of this administration, our environment will be our primary concern and our top priority. Environmental stewardship takes many forms. It involves using our land wisely, keeping our city clean, and improving the water. I join him in his sentiments.

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
December 1, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 1, 2008 at the home of Edie Gess. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 13 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Betsy Bulleit, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, and Lauren Van Balen. The minutes of the November Board Meeting, which were circulated via email, were approved as emailed.

Mimi Milward, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$9,769.23. The balance in the Assistant Treasurer's is \$792.77.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller circulated a signup sheet for hosting Board Meetings and shared a thank you note from Elizabeth Schnabel for the flowers sent to her. She read a note from Sue Glover Hester, who requested a change of membership status from active to affiliate. Callie made a motion to change her membership status from active to affiliate. Lauren Van Balen seconded. The motion passed.

Program: Jessica announced that the Christmas Tea will be December 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Mott Nicol's home. Hostesses are Mott, Ellen Chapman, and Lida Givens. Ann Price Davis, Zone 7 Chairman, will speak at the following meeting scheduled for January 15.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit reported that cookbooks will be available at the Cookbook Office on Tuesdays and at the Clay Ingels office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Peggy is the contact person at Clay Ingels. Martie Mayer will have a table to tout our cookbook at the Keeneland Christmas Open House on December 6. She asked for volunteers to bring cookies from recipes from the new cookbook.

New Business: Jessica has been asked to submit information for a memorial documenting Dot Crutcher's contributions to the Garden Club and to GCA. She will pursue the matter and ask Betsy Hillenmeyer's counsel. Jessica reported that the GCA President's meeting with the Zone Representatives and Presidents at the Greenbrier was excellent. Plans for the 2013 Centennial Celebration were discussed at their meeting. Commemorative items will be available for purchase. The Garden Club of Lexington is scheduled to host the Annual Zone Meeting in 2013. Jessica will establish a committee to begin plans for the event. Presidents and Delegates from each club will attend as well as Directors, Speakers and those involved in the Flower Show. Leslie Baldwin reported for Sarah Davis, who is in charge of the securing flower designers for UK Art Museum "Art in Bloom" event this year, that only one spot is now available, and Sarah encourages anyone interested in designing an arrangement to contact her.

Mimi Milward shared an article in the Lexington Herald Leader noting that Floracliff Nature Sanctuary in southern Fayette County was one of three Kentucky sites profiled in the new book, Wildlands Philanthropy.

The next Board Meeting will be January 5 at Mary Montague's home, 241 South Hanover Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
November 3, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 3, 2008 at the home of Barbara Young. President Jessica Nicholas presided and called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

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

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller reported that she sent flowers on behalf of the Garden Club to Elizabeth Schnabel, who has a new baby, Tazewell Burrus Schnabel.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Legislative Meeting in Washington in February and reported that Mimi Milward will be going with her.

On the national front she noted that the bill to allow offshore drilling beyond 50 miles, which had been passed by the House, has died in the Senate.

Additionally GCA is concerned that funds will not be available to support the expansion of the network of connecting trails of the first national waterway, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and recommends that we support such park service projects.

GCA is opposed to oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve and encourages all clubs to be aware of what is happening in that area.

Garden Project: Mary Montague announced that the garden is officially closed, all bulbs are planted, and the irrigation system has been turned off.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett thanked the Board for sending her to the GCA Horticulture Conference in New York. Especially amazing was the Kiku exhibit of the art of the Japanese chrysanthemum. She encouraged the members to attend next year's conference which will be in Chicago in September. To commemorate the GCA Centennial in 2013 every garden club is asked to undertake a tree study project to demonstrate the purpose of GCA. She and Jessica have discussed possible projects for our club and propose that we propagate and promote the Kentucky Coffee Tree. Brenda asked for volunteers to collect seed pods from the one which grows at Ashland. The project will be a long term one and will perhaps include offering seedlings at schools.

Program: Wende Bell announced that the next general meeting will be November 20th at 10:30 a.m. at L. V. Harkness. The program will be Entertaining with Bluegrass

Winners, and Special Project Chairmen Benny Williams and Betsy Bulleit will be the hostesses.

The Christmas Tea will be December 18 at Mott Nicol's home.

Special Projects: Ellen Chapman reported that 4000 (minus 20) new cookbooks have arrived. She expressed gratitude to Bill Young for storing the books for us. Benny and Betsy detailed plans to promote the book at the L. V. Harkness and Keeneland Open Houses, including offering a sample tasting of a cookbook recipe. We will not have a booth at the Junior League Holly Day Market because the books will be marketed by other vendors.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$792.77.

Scholarship: Barbara Young suggested that the program committee might include a scholarship speaker on the schedule and proposed that it would be interesting to hear the stories about their accomplishments and experiences.

New Business: Jessica announced that she will be attending the President's Workshop on Sunday and Monday at the Greenbriar and will take cookbooks to offer for sale. The October, November edition of the GCA Bulletin features an excellent ad designed for our cookbooks.

On Thursday, November 6 Vince Dooley will be in Lexington to speak on "Digging in the Dirt with the Dawgs and the Cats." The Arboretum is sponsoring the event. Tickets are \$20.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Edie Gess's home at 1810 Bon Air.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
October 6, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 6, 2008 at the home of Betsy Bulleit. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 17 members present: Katie Alford, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Marcia Slabaugh, and Lauren Van Balen.

The minutes of the September Board meeting held on August 25th were approved as emailed. Jessica asked all Board members to call regrets to the meeting's hostess.

Jessica reported for Treasurer Mimi Milward the following:
\$14,573.44 in the Garden Account at Fifth Third Bank
\$1,010.00 in the Memorial Account
The Endowment Account is safe and secure!

Anne Kraus announced a total of \$1,177.77 in the Assistant Treasurer Account.

Committee Reports:

Admissions: Discussion was held concerning Sue Glover, who is an active member but no longer lives in Kentucky. Callie Keller volunteered to talk to Sue concerning her desire to change to Affiliate. New member Sarah Carolyn Sanderlin was also discussed.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported:

1. Legislative Meeting in Washington, D.C. in February. Anyone interested in attending the meeting with Kim should contact her.
2. Rain Barrels: No businesses, only homeowners, can be involved in the city's pilot program. We will table this discussion until spring.
3. Oil and Gas Drilling: A bill recently passed in the House that permits limited off-shore drilling with the affected states sharing in the profits. This bill is expected to fail in the Senate.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin and Kathy Courtney visited the flower show at the Art Museum in Knoxville. Jessica received a ribbon for her entry. Congratulations to her! Leslie announced that our club would have a small flower show in June of 2009 and a large flower show in October. Possibilities for a speaker, workshop, etc, for the November general meeting to prepare the club for flower shows were discussed.

Garden Project: Mary Louise Fisher announced the following dates:

October 15 Put the beds to bed
October 22 Bulb day
October 29 Bulb day rain date

Mary Montague reminded all to participate. She said that several benches, some brickwork, and the irrigation system all need repair.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett announced that two rain gardens are to be installed along Southland Drive on October 15 and 17. If you would like to watch, call Bluegrass Alliance to sign up. It is limited to 50 people each day, and lunch will be served. Brenda will represent our club at the GCA Horticulture Conference at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on October 26 – 28.

Program: Wende Bell announced that our October general meeting on October 16th will no longer be at Neal Vaughan's. The new meeting place will be announced in "The Bloomin' News."

Hostesses are needed for the November general meeting, which will have a flower show program.

Special Projects: Betsy Bulleit reported that we have 1,400 Bluegrass Winners and 1,000 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners in our inventory.

Lauren Van Balen and Martie Mayer attended Cookbook University and received our first newly reprinted cookbook. The club needs to embrace and market our cookbooks.

Founder's Fund: Jessica reported that members have suggested nominating the Children's Garden at the Arboretum for the Founder's Fund award. Martie Mayer will investigate this possibility.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks sold ten copies of the GCA's book, Gardens: Private and Personal. She has ordered more. Kathy announced the 2009-2010 trip schedule which will be placed in "The Bloomin's News." Go to the GCA website for more information.

Garden Party: Edie Gess reported the following figures from the Garden Party in September:

\$12,687.00	Donations
2,860.00	Expenses
2,582.00	Revenue from art sales
\$12,410.00	Profit

Old Business: Jessica announced that our club will send our donation to the GCA Centennial Founder's Fund Project to Blair Lewis.

New Business: Jessica thanked Betsy for hosting the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 3 at Barbara Young's home, 208 Barrow Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Callie Keller
Acting Recording Secretary

Jessica Nicholson

From: "Anne Kraus" <annekraus@alltel.net>
To: "Jessica Nicholson" <jessica.nicholson@insightbb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 11:15 AM
Subject: GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON - August 25, 2008

Thanks for the corrections!! Hope this looks OK. Let me know! Anne

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2008**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met August 25, 2008 at the home of Callie Keller at 2012 Hart Road. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. There were 14 members present: Anne Kraus Brenda Barrett, Lauren Van Balen, Kathy Courtney, Edie Gess, Betsy Bulleit, Jessica Nicholson, Barbara Young, Callie Keller, Mary Montague, Kathy Brooks, Kim DeCamp, Janie Pappas, and Benny Williams. The minutes were approved as E-mailed. Jessica thanked Callie being the hostess.

Committee Reports:

Garden Project: Mary Montague reported that she and Martie were taking care of problems with the benches and brick walks under the horn beams. Mary urged everyone to help prepare the garden for our Sept. party.

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett said that the September 18th general meeting will be at the Arboretum's visitor's center. We will focus on rain gardens and docents will give more individualized tours. Luanne and Mimi Milward will be hostesses.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp discussed ideas about getting a rain barrel to put near our garden shed. 'Blue Grass Pride' is selling them for \$150. A picture was circulated. Kim emphasized what a powerful 'voice' the GCA Environmental Committee has in DC.

Awards: Janie Pappas is working on ideas for 'awards'. She is also keeping the archives in order for anticipated use for the 2013 Centennial Year.

Publication: Get info for the *Bloomin' News* to Lauren Van Balen ASAP.

Special Projects: Benny Williams said that Marty Mayer, Lauren Van Balen and Kim Lake (our office manager) will go to Cookbook College in the fall. Morris Book Store in Southland wants to sell our cookbook. Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners will be printed and delivered by the end of Sept. We have now sold about 7,000 copies of this cookbook.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks said that the GCA's latest book Gardens, Private and Personal is now available for sale to members. A single book is \$52.00. The bulk rate is \$47.00. After discussion Kathy agreed to order 10 books to sell at our Sept. meeting. Orders for more would then be taken.

Treasurer: Mimi Milward reported that we have a balance of \$7,596.36. Total Expenses for the Garden Project are currently \$11,575. There was discussion about how to contact members who have not yet contributed to the endowment fund. Suggestions were to call them, send them a letter and / or put a notice in the *Bloomin News*.

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Friends of the Garden Party: Edie Gess discussed party details such as food and when to deliver it, check for the waiters, etc. Anne Kraus volunteered to pick up the shrimp at Sam's. Edie will look into getting the garden sprayed for 'pests' before the party. Monetary donations for the party should be made out to the Garden Club of Lexington.

Old Business / New Business: Jessica asked for and received more ideas and suggestions concerning the GCA questionnaire that she had E-mailed to Board members.

Jessica made us aware of the importance of the information inserted in the *GCA Bulletin* this month. Jessica will be going to a flower show in Knoxville on October 1st. She asked us to participate if possible in some of the classes. She circulated a list of classes.

We have received a check for \$3,000 from the Zone VII Annual Meeting Fund reimbursing us for 'seed money' for the 2008 Annual Meeting and money left over from the 1998 Annual Meeting in Williamsburg.

In an effort to get ready for the 2013 Centennial Year, GCA has asked for every member of every club to show support with a monetary donation. \$5 per year from each member was suggested. After much discussion Barbara Young made a motion: *Our club should take the money for the Centennial Project from the recently received 'refund' check from Zone VII Annual Meeting Fund. We will send \$2,000 to GCA for the Centennial Year Project and request a receipt for our files.* The motion was passed by acclamation.

Our next Board Meeting will be at Betsy Bulleit's on October 6th.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Kraus
For Anne Arvin - Recording Secretary

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GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met July 7, 2008 at the home of Martie Mayer. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 14 members present: Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Kathy Courtney, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Martie Mayer, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, and Benny Williams. The minutes of the June Board meeting which were circulated via email were corrected and approved as corrected.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Martie Mayer reported for Kim DeCamp that Tara Littlefield, who is with the Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission in Frankfort, will speak at the July General Meeting about the Running Buffalo Clover that grows at Ashland.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin encouraged everyone to bring flower arrangements for the July picnic.

Garden Project: Martie reported for Mary Montague that the brick walk in front of the Hornbeams in the garden needs to be repaired where the roots of the trees have raised the walk. They are looking for someone to repair the damaged areas. Jim McFarland will be asked to trim the hedges and trees in the garden. Jessica announced that the Town and Country Garden Club will be touring the garden while we are working on Wednesday, July 23.

Program Chairman: Marcia Slabaugh reported that the July General Meeting Picnic will be at the garden on Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. Hostesses are still needed for the September meeting.

Jessica encouraged the Board to use the GCA website to view information pertaining to each Board Member's office. She will email each one the procedure for securing the information.

Marsha shared a thank you note from the Barbara and Chuck Morgan for the June meeting at their home.

Special Projects: Benny Williams reported that she and Betsy Bulleit are considering advertising in the GCA Bulletin. She recommended October and December as the optimum issues. A one-third page in color costs \$650 and a one sixth page, \$400. Anne Kraus recommended mailing an ad to each Garden Club president to be shared with the membership.

Benny explained that the FRP publishing company was chosen to reprint the cookbooks because that company is especially knowledgeable about cookbooks, offers continuous training, and prints most of the Junior League and other nonprofit cookbooks. They also offer valuable help with developing cookbooks as well as marketing techniques. Benny commented that when she, Betsy, and Gay Van Meter left the FRP seminar in May, they were especially excited about our Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners and its potential.

Benny recommended sending several members every year to the seminar which is offered biannually. Their publicity strategy includes sales, non traditional sales, and marketing using the internet. Kim Lake, the new office manager, will come to the garden soon and will attend our July meeting.

Julie Miller Barlow will sell our cookbooks from her boutique at the Junior League Horseshow. Marketing ideas were discussed including marketing the books at the Alltech Equestrian World Games and the Ryder Cup.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$7334.15.

Public Relations: Jessica thanked Kathy Courtney for the article about the garden in the Ashland Neighborhood Association Newsletter, "Clay's Beacon".

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks asked for information on upcoming garden shows which she might pass along. She is considering a garden club trip to Philadelphia to visit the Winterthur and Longwood Gardens as well as other gardens in the area. She will compile a list of local gardens available for touring for GCA visitors who would like to visit gardens in our area.

Garden Party: Edie Gess reported that she is working on arrangements for the garden party which will be on Thursday, September 4 and asked for suggestions for a music combo. It was decided to include the art auction this year. Martie Mayer agreed to contact the artists and make the arrangements. In addition to floral subjects from the garden, the artists can include any art relating to nature or landscape. The art will be limited to twenty paintings. Luanne Milward will do the invitations. Jessica proposed that invitations be sent to the Board Members of the Ashland Henry Clay Memorial Foundation Board. Dick DeCamp, President Elect of the Board, has asked that we work together for the benefit of Ashland. Martie recommended that all Garden Club members be encouraged to come to the party. Anne Kraus suggested having the art available for bids after 3:00 p.m.

New Business: Martie reported that Jon Carloftis has asked to use a picture of the Ashland garden on the cover of his new garden book which will be out in 2010. He will send a written proposal to Martie.

Jessica thanked Martie for hosting the meeting at her home.

The next Board Meeting will be August 25 at Katie Alford's home at 1875 Delong Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met June 2, 2008 at the home of Lauren Van Balen. President Jessica Nicholson presided and called the meeting to order. There were 18 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Ginny May, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young.

The minutes of the May Board meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Assistant Treasurer: In Anne Kraus's absence, Jessica reported a balance of \$7,684.15 in the Assistant Treasurer's account. All dues have been paid. Callie Keller reported that Scotty Walton, who had resigned, asked to be taken off the mailing list.

Corresponding Secretary: Callie announced that she received a note from Nancy Bishop expressing thanks for the orchid sent to her from the Garden Club.

Admissions: Ginny May announced that there are no vacancies for membership this year.

Conservation: Kim DeCamp reported that Mimi Milward met with a Buffalo Clover expert from Frankfort. Serious efforts are being made to protect and preserve the clover at Ashland. The committee will meet on June 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the garden to plan and decide the focus for the year. A Global Warming Bill sponsored by Boxer, Lieberman, and Warner has been sent to the U. S. Senate for debate. The bill will define what we will do as a nation to alleviate global warming and will provide for significantly reduced carbon emissions by 2050.

Garden Project: Mary Montague spoke with Ann Hagin Michel, who had concerns about large groups picnicing and meeting in the garden and asked for clarification of our policies regarding visitor activities in the garden, opening and closing hours, and who has domain over these policy issues. It was decided to monitor use of the garden and any problems with trash. No large parties or picnics will be allowed. Ann Hagin Michel will be asked to use her discretion to determine what is "too large." Mary asked for volunteers for a hedge clean-out project and sent around a signup sheet for help.

Program Chairman: Margaret Cowgill announced that the next General Meeting will be June 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Barbara and Chuck Morgan's garden on Water Works Road. The Morgans are Master Gardeners, and together they have five acres of beautiful gardens. Directions will be included in the Bloomin' News.

Special Projects: Benny Williams announced that Kim Lake has been hired to manage the Cookbook office. Her role will include marketing, coordinating sales projects, and using the internet and our website as well as taking care of the bookkeeping for the Garden Club and the Cookbooks. She will telecommute on days when she is not in the office. She will be invited to attend a General Meeting in the near future to meet the membership. Kim will replace Susie Hanks, who was given one month's pay. Callie will send her a note of appreciation for her dedicated years of service in the Cookbook office. Benny and Betsy plan to compile a Procedures and Policies Manual, which will be bound and kept on the shelf of the office for reference for all. They will additionally form a cookbook committee to help determine and delineate policies. Kim suggested asking someone on the Finance Committee in addition to Benny and Betsy to serve on the committee.

Benny noted that our Bluegrass Winners was well known and highly regarded at the Cookbook University.

Betsy emphasized the importance of energizing the Garden Club membership for future marketing efforts and noted that we have much to be proud of.

Scholarship: The article included in the GCA Bulletin announcing the Scholarship Awards for 2008 was written by Barbara Young, who served as Chairman of GCA Scholarship Committee.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks reminded everyone that the opportunity to visit Welcome Hall is Wednesday, June 25.

Old Business: Jessica announced that the winner of the 2008 Founder's Fund Award is the Buffer Strip Project, Cooperstown, New York proposed by Lake and Valley Garden Club, and the winner of the 2013 Centennial Founder's Fund Award is the Dene Summer House Landscape in Central Park.

New Business: Jessica reported that the Derby Party at the GCA Annual Meeting was a big success and was well received. Several ladies even wore hats. In the Bluegrass class of the Flower Show horsetail or equisetum was used in every arrangement. She noted that the programs were excellent and, in particular, the Conservation speaker was phenomenal. She recommended Reverend William McMillan's video which can be viewed on the GCA website.

Jessica thanked Lauren for hosting the meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, July 7 at Martie Mayer's home, 2560 Jones Nursery Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and was followed by "Happy Birthday" and cupcakes to celebrate Jessica's birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met May 5, 2008 at the home of Anne Kraus. Ginny May presided and called the meeting to order in the absence of President Jessica Nicholson, who is attending the GCA Annual Meeting. There were 18 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Callie Keller, Anne Kraus, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Marcia Slabaugh, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. The minutes of the April Board meeting which were circulated via email were corrected and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Mimi Milward reported a balance in the checking account of \$31,537.03, which includes Endowment contributions as well as dues. The Finance Committee has been meeting to determine the best way to restructure and consolidate our bank accounts and to set up an endowment account.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller, who attended the GCA Annual Meeting, reported that our new cookbook had been offered for sale at the meeting, and it had sold well. Barbara Young suggested that future reprintings of the Garden Club Directory not include the member's date of birth.

Conservation: Mimi Milward will share her report of the GCA Conservation Meeting, which she attended earlier in the year, with the membership.

Flower Show: Leslie Baldwin reported that the committee will meet soon to plan for flower arrangements for the July picnic.

Garden Project: Mary Louise Fisher reported that someone had jumped over the garden fence and had broken a bench. Callie suggested asking Lisle Dalton for help with the repair. It was suggested that the repair be submitted to the insurance company. Mary Montague asked for contributions to the Garden Wish List which includes tools and equipment for the garden. A complete list will be in the May "The Bloomin' News."

Horticulture: Brenda Barrett announced that the GCA Horticulture Conference Shirley Meneice Workshop will be October 26-29 at The New York Botanical Garden. The workshop fills up quickly so anyone interested in attending should respond immediately to Brenda. The deadline for applications is June 18.

Program Chairman: Marcia Slabaugh announced that the next Garden Club meeting will be May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Three Toads Farm. Owner Charlie Hendricks will talk about their flower operation. Box lunches will be provided. Directions will be included in "The Bloomin' News." In case of rain, the meeting will be at Marcia's home.

Ginny suggested circulating a list of those who hosted meetings last year along with a hostess sign up sheet.

Publication: Lauren Van Balen again reminded the Board Members that the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the day of the Board Meeting or the next morning at the latest.

Special Projects: Benny Williams reported that she and Betsy are on the verge of designating a company to reprint the old and new cookbooks. The three companies which have submitted bids are Eclipse, Wimmer, and FRP Press. 5000 Bluegrass Winners and 10,000 Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners will be printed. Jane Stilz must have all corrections and suggestions by June 1. Callie suggested including an option at the end of each book for purchasing additional books. The printing will be paid for with funds from the past cookbook sales profits. Benny, Betsy Bulleit, and Gay Van Meter will be attending a two day "Cookbook University" Seminar sponsored by FRP Press.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$6,684.15.

Public Relations: Kathy Courtney announced she has been asked to submit an article on the history of the garden for the Clay's Beacon, the newsletter published by the Ashland Neighborhood Association.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks encouraged members to look at a GCA garden trip to China, October 10-25, which includes a fabulous itinerary and as well as lectures by a noted British author.

New Business: A list of the Flower Show, Horticulture, and Conservation Committee members will be in the May "The Bloomin' News."

The next Board Meeting will be June 2 at Lauren Van Balen's home at 3860 Lemons Mill Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2008

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met April 7, 2008 at the home of Mary Louise Fisher. Past President Ellen Chapman called the meeting to order. There were 20 members present: Katie Alford, Anne Arvin, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Wende Bell, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Mary Louise Fisher, Edie Gess, Callie Keller, Martie Mayer, Mary Montague, Janie Pappas, Anne Kraus, Lauren Van Balen, Benny Williams, and Barbara Young. Ellen thanked Mary Louise for hosting the meeting. The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as circulated via email.

Ellen reported that the outgoing Treasurer, Gay Van Meter, and Treasurer Mimi Milward are in the process of implementing the turnover of the books and financial responsibilities.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller asked for volunteers to host the Board Meetings and circulated the schedule for sign ups. She noted that she has written several notes and sent flowers on behalf on the Garden Club.

Garden Project: Mary Montague and Mary Louise Fisher thanked those who came for the initial Peony Bed workday and circulated the signup sheet for the remainder of the year. The garden workdays will officially begin on Wednesday, April 8, 2008.

Horticulture: Bloomin' News Editor Lauren Van Balen will include a regular commentary in the newsletter highlighting plants and flowers in the garden. She asked for suggestions for items of interest which could include plants from the fall and winter.

Program Chairman: Wende Bell announced that the April Meeting will be at Thoroughbred Compost. The owner Tom Creech will speak on Mulch for the Garden. The meeting will be April 17th at 10:30, and box lunches will be provided. Directions will be included in the Bloomin' News.

Publication: Lauren Van Balen reminded the Board Members that the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the day of the Board Meeting or the next morning at the latest. Her email address is lsvb@windstream.net.

Special Projects: Benny Williams asked that all recipe corrections be given to Jane Stilz. The committee is on the verge of selecting a company for reprinting both the old and new cookbooks; therefore, any proposed changes should be submitted promptly. Betsy Bulleit circulated a list of signups for Farm Menus and asked that all Board Members select a farm and test each of the recipes if they have not already done so. Our cookbook website has been set up. There will be a section for GCL members who can use the password PEONY. There was unanimous applause for Benny, her talent and her expertise in setting up the exceptional website.

Archives: Janie Pappas is making plans to update, organize and spruce up the Archives.

Archives of American Garden History and Design: Margaret Cowgill suggested that information on Grady's Welcome Hall can be found on the Smithsonian website.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Kraus reported an account balance of \$467.38. Dues of \$100.00 are due and payable to Anne and contributions of \$100.00 for the Endowment Fund for 2008 are payable to Treasurer Mimi Milward.

Public Relations: Kathy Courtney suggested placing an ad in the GCA Bulletin for Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners.

Scholarship: Katie Alford reported that GCA has allocated 54 scholarships totaling \$200,000.00.

Visiting Gardens: Kathy Brooks announced the following garden shows and symposiums:

April 19-26	Cincinnati Flower Show
April 19-27	Virginia Historic Garden Weekend
May 4-7	Williamsburg Colonial Garden Symposium

Kathy asked if there was interest in a Garden Club trip to visit gardens in other areas. There was enthusiastic response to a Longwood, Winterthur, and Ladew Garden trip or possibly a trip to West Virginia for a Garden Club visit or to the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Garden Party: Edie Gess announced that the Garden Party will be September 4, which is the first Thursday after Labor Day as has been the tradition in past years.

There was no old business.

New Business:

Anne Kraus commented on the Herald Leader article on Alma Haggin featuring her contributions to Keeneland and the community and suggested that she would be eligible for a GCA award for community service. The Board will pursue the proposal.

The next Board Meeting will be May 5 at Anne Kraus's home at 1441 Lakewood Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Arvin
Recording Secretary

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Next meeting - Monday, April 7th at Mary Louise Fisher's - 265 S. Hanover!

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
 BOARD MEETING
 MARCH 3, 2008**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday March 3, 2008 at the home of Ellen Chapman at 4689 Old Frankfort Pike. It was a joint meeting of the old and new board members. President Ellen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Twenty-three members were in attendance: Brenda Barrett, Anne Kraus, Sheilagh Hammond, Wende Bell, Kim DeCamp, Benny Williams, Kathy Courtney, Marcia Slabaugh, Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Anne Arvin, Mary Louise Fisher, Ellen Chapman, Betsy Bulleit, Martie Mayer, Callie Keller, Katie Alford, Nancy Bishop, Mary Montague, Kathy Brooks, Margaret Cowgill, Mott Nicol. Ellen welcomed the new board members and thanked the old board members for all their hard work. She asked everyone to introduce themselves, telling about their old and / or new position. The minutes were approved as read via E-mail.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Callie Keller said that the inserts for our membership book would be available at the March 20th Annual meeting.

Admissions: Nancy Bishop said that she had the 'New Members Orientation' at her home in February.

Awards: Mott Nicol said that she will be hosting 'The Derby Party' at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk VA in May (as our representative.) It isn't necessary for other members to join her as the Norfolk Garden Club will be managing the details. Their chef will prepare recipes from our cookbook. Alice Cary Brown has donated the Bourbon. A betting system will be set up for the 'Derby'. Mott will be able to peddle our new and old cookbooks although the location for this is still vague. Order forms will be available.

Conservation: Mimi Milward talked enthusiastically about her recent trip to the GCA Conservation Conference in Washington DC. She heard Senator Warner and others speak and talked with our representative Ben Chandler. She recommended that we read Gardener's Guide to Global Warming.

Garden Project: Martha Stewart and John Carlofftis are writing a new gardening book. They have been touring KY gardens and want to photograph our garden gate for the cover of the book. The issue of getting our permission / something in writing about this was discussed. The spring issue of

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Keeneland Magazine will have an article featuring our garden and our new cookbook!

After several interviews, Mary Louise Fisher and Mary Montague decided to use 'United' for our garden maintenance again. We were given individual letters about our garden assignments.

Horticulture: Mary Montague circulated an article from our 2-23-08 newspaper, 'KY Gears Up for Bee Season' by Andy Mead. Jessica Nicholson needs to take some of our coffee tree 'starts' to the Norfolk meeting in May. Possibilities were discussed.

Program: Our Annual Meeting will be at 10:30, March 20th at the Idle Hour CC. Hostesses are: Betty Kenan, Anne Gay, and Barbara Young. A RSVP sheet was passed.

Publication: Sheilagh Hammond asked for information for the *Bloomin' News* ASAP.

Special Projects: We have sold over 100,000 copies of our old Bluegrass Winners Cookbook. If we can provide documentation for this we are eligible to win a Mikelani award which would entitle us to put gold 'Tabasco' stickers on each book we sell.

We have sold over 4,000 copies of Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners. As we will be reprinting it soon, it is time to retest our recipes for possible corrections, etc. Betsy Bulleit urged everyone to sign up to test individual farm menus.

Our new cookbook has been the #1 bestseller at Joseph Beth Book Store. It was suggested that we look into having a 'book signing' at Keeneland during the spring race meet. The 'Cotton Patch' in Lansdowne Shops wants to sell our cookbooks!

Assistant Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported a balance of \$1,416.35. Please pay your dues of \$100 either now or at the annual meeting. The deadline is June 1st.

Founder's Fund: Luanne Milward said that we could vote on one of three proposed projects for this year's Founder's Fund. We will also vote on one of two choices for the 2013 Centennial Project in NY City. See your Feb. /March GCA Bulletin for details.

Scholarship: Barbara Young is currently in NY attending a GCA National Scholarship Committee Meeting. She is the Vice-Chairman of their Public Relations committee.

Visiting Gardens: Information was circulated about a GCA trip to the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme Conn. for their exhibit 'Impressionist Giverny, American Painting 1885 - 1915'.

Friends of the Garden Party: Call Edie Gess if you would like to help with our party.

Old Business / New Business:

Ellen said that we would read four memorials at the Annual Meeting for: Lou Simpson, Betty Kinhead (by Sarah Davis), Irma Johnson (by Anne Turner), Alma Haggin.

The Ashland Neighborhood Association's newsletter 'Clay's Beacon' wants to do a feature article on the Ashland Garden.

A form to order a scarf with the Annual Meeting logo was circulated.

Kathy Brooks announced dates for Garden / Antique Shows: Charleston Home / Garden March 28 &

29, Charleston Festival of Gardens March 13 to April 12. Bluegrass Antique and Garden Show March 14 to 16.

Ellen said that she intended for the March meeting to be a discussion of the finance committee's ideas about our financial restructuring, our endowment fund and our two recent donations (and the stipulations of the second donation.)

Ellen closed the meeting with a short motivational excerpt at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kraus
Recording Secretary

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