

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, January 10, 2011, at the home of Kathy Courtney. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Barbara Young, Kathy Courtney, Luanne Milward, Janie Pappas, Mary Montague, Elizabeth Schnabel, Amy Kessinger, Brenda Barrett, Jane Stilz, Nancy Bishop, Mott Nicol, Lauren Van Balen, Jessica Nicholson, Kim DeCamp, Mimi Milward, Meg Sprow, Ellen Chapman, Anne Kraus, Lucy Foster, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the December board meeting were approved as emailed.

Barbara gave the following treasurer's report of account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$19,404.72; Garden - \$5,283.35; Business (Dues) - \$ 1,740.20. Ellen Chapman reported the receipt of a donation in memory of Carolyn Caldwell. Meg Sprow notified us that our \$150 club dues should be paid by the March general meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus announced that later this month she will be having a luncheon for the three new club members and several board members.

Conservation: Debra Korb, director of Ashland Estate, will meet with Mimi Milward to discuss ideas for our involvement on the Ashland grounds. Brenda Barrett volunteered to also share ideas with Debra. Kathy Courtney recommended we take the tour of trees at Ashland. The Legacy Trail would appreciate us sharing plants with them but they are hesitant to plant Kentucky Coffee Trees. Mimi showed us the latest model of an LED light bulb and a beautiful book about Kentucky conservation, Saving Kentucky.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks thanked everyone for the "teacup" arrangements brought to the December tea. Arrangements were taken to Anne Turner and Helen Breckinridge.

Program: Lauren Van Balen reminded us of the January meeting at Idle Hour Country Club on January 20th. Knox Van Nagell, director of Fayette Alliance, will give a presentation and we will watch a documentary on Sally Brown, a member of Garden Club of America and a nationally recognized conservationist from Louisville. There is no meeting in February and the annual meeting will be in March. In April we will have a joint meeting with Glenview Garden Club of Louisville at Elmendorf Farm.

Horticulture: Lucy Foster reported on an email GCA members received from GCA about the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. planning to eliminate the boxwood and azalea gardens due to a cut in federal funding which helped provide for their

maintenance. GCA members were asked to email the Arboretum a message of disapproval of this plan.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney asked that if anyone has cookbooks that have not been paid for, please contact Kim at the cookbook office.

Public Relations: Elizabeth Schnabel will send pictures to our Zone VII Chairman, Mary Denny, for a presentation at the annual GCA meeting. Elizabeth will also begin including a "GCA Minute" in The Bloomin' News.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward read a nice thank-you note from our November speaker, Tara Trammell. Tara's research article will be sent as an attachment with The Bloomin' News.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara led a discussion about the number of board meetings we have each year. Possibly, it is not necessary to meet as often. No decisions were made.

The next board meeting will be held March 7th at Mimi Milward's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford,
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
January 20, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, January 20, 2010 at Idle Hour Country Club. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Barbara thanked Mott Nicol and Ellen Chapman for hostessing the meeting with her.

The minutes were approved as emailed. Members were reminded that annual dues of \$150 should be paid to Meg Sprow by the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mary Montague asked members to let her know any suggestions we might have for GCA Awards.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett asked that we continue to collect Kentucky Coffee Tree seed pods. GCL will, again, provide an educational presentation for two or three Lexington schools. Brenda also asked us to inform her or Jane Stilz if we would like to change our Ashland Garden parterre assignment for this year.

Program: There will be no meeting in February and the annual meeting will be March 17th at Idle Hour Country Club.

Nancy Bishop informed us that the March Board meeting will be at the home of Mimi Milward.

Barbara turned the meeting over to Martie Mayer who introduced our speaker, Knox Van Nagell, executive director of Fayette Alliance. Knox gave a presentation on the purpose of this organization which is to promote sustainable growth in our community.

Following the presentation we viewed the video, "A Force of Nature", about the life of GCA member Sally Brown of Louisville. It is a very interesting narrative focusing on the national scope of her conservation achievements. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

A delicious lunch was served after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING**

April 12, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington held a joint general meeting with Glenview Garden Club of Louisville on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Elmendorf Farm. Nana Lampton of Glenview Garden Club graciously invited the two clubs to her farm on Paris Pike in Lexington for the conservation meeting entitled, "Saving Kentucky's Treasures".

The meeting was called to order by Mona Powell, president of Glenview Garden Club, at 11:00 a.m. and the invocation was given by Ann Price Davis, Zone VII Director. Mona thanked Jessica Bell for hosting the speakers for dinner at her home on Monday night. She also thanked Nana Lampton for the wonderful opportunity to meet at her beautiful farm.

Jana Dowds, Glenview GC conservation chair introduced our first speaker, Nana Lampton, Constellation Energy Board Director. Nana gave a very informative talk on the challenges and future of nuclear power in the United States.

Terry Cook, Kentucky State Director of the Nature Conservancy, presented the pros and cons of coal as an energy source.

Don Barger, National Parks Conservation Association Senior Director for the Southeast Region, spoke on mountaintop removal and our parks. He also shared his vision of compromise on both sides of the issue as the way to move forward.

Jana Dowds informed us of the process of fracturing to obtain natural gas for future energy supply.

GCA National Conservation Chair, Fayette Weaver (Mill Mountain Garden Club, Roanoke, VA), discussed climate change for gardeners.

The meeting was very informative and inspirational in thinking about "Saving Kentucky's Treasures".

A delicious buffet lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING**

April 4, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, April 4, 2011 at the home of Barbara Young. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by President Barbara Young. Members present were: Brenda Barrett, Mott Nicol, Janie Pappas, Mary Louise Fisher, Mary Montague, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Kathy Courtney, Anne Kraus, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Brooks, Mimi Milward, Jane Stiliz, Barbara Young, and Katie Alford. Minutes from the March board meeting were approved as emailed.

Barbara reported for the treasurer the following account balances:
Cookbook - \$19,640.43; Garden - \$3,483.53; Dues - \$9,690.20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus said she will be reconsidering our policy for the admissions voting process.

Awards: Barbara thanked Mary Montague for the Club Appreciation awards for Helen Breckinridge and Anne Turner.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks informed us that Jane Stiliz will be in charge of entries for the May in-club flower show. She also had schedules available.

Garden: Brenda Barrett thanked Lucy Foster for fertilizing the peony beds. She reminded us of the Wednesday, April 6th meeting for border and parterre heads at the garden at 9:30. The first work day in the garden will be April 13th. Members were asked to avoid parking cars on the lawn beside the brick wall and a sign-up sheet for providing garden refreshments was passed around. Barbara will pursue the idea of a water donation for Ashland Garden from Ky – American Water Company.

Horticulture: Barbara reported for Lucy Foster informing us of the Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference to be held in Pasadena, CA October 31-November 2, 2011.

Archives: Mary Louise Fisher informed us that Libby and Norman Brown's garden will be photographed on Easter Sunday.

Founder's Fund: Barbara reported that due to an oversight, members voted for Founder's Fund projects by email rather than at the annual meeting. Our club voted for the winner, "Beyond the Beetle: A Strategy of Diversity", an arboretum of trees resistant to the Asian Longhorn beetle, which was proposed by Green Hill Park, Worcester, MA.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill asked for volunteers to go over the invitation list. She also needs a rain site for the party.

Visiting Gardens: Glenview Garden Club has invited us to their annual Garden Tour in Louisville, June 4th - 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara reminded us that in order for GCL to remain a charitable organization, we need to keep a record of in-kind donations to the club. Members should email Kim Lake (kimbethlake@gmail.com) with the amount of the donation and she will return a receipt. If you do not email, a copy of your receipts can be mailed to Kim.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara shared a letter she received from Debra Korb with the following 4 requests from Ashland Estate:

1. Sunday, May 1st – Gardens at Ashland and Ashwood 2-5 p.m.

Request to have the formal garden and peony garden on tour. A motion was passed to allow touring in the garden with certain guidelines. There will be a sign noting that the garden is maintained by Garden Club of Lexington. We will sell cookbooks with the proceeds going to GCL.

2. Saturday, May 14th – Group Scout Event

Request to allow a group scout event activity to be held inside the formal garden. A motion passed stating that this is not an appropriate activity to be held inside the garden.

3. Saturday, June 18th – Annual Ashland Estate Lawn Party - evening

(1). Request to have garden open during party hours. A motion passed to allow the garden to be open during this event for guests.

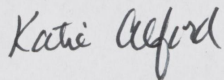
(2). Request to allow Ashland to use the garden as the site of a "Dinner for 10" auction item. A motion passed to allow Ashland to auction a dinner in the garden.

Barbara asked that we be considering an appropriate living memorial for Katie Jackson Morrison and her two children, Hannah and Wyatt who died in March. Katie was the daughter of former GCL member, Mrs. Laban P. (Carol) Jackson.

Margaret Cowgill suggested the possibility of our cookbook being made available digitally. There was also a question of whether or not it is available through Amazon.com.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15. The next board meeting will be May 2nd at Kim DeCamp's home.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB of LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING**

May, 19, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the home of Melodye Kinkead for an in-club flower show. Following the passing of entries, President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. She thanked Melodye along with members Leslie Baldwin, Betsy Hillenmeyer, and Lauren Van Balen for hosting the event. Barbara introduced our guest, Zone VII Chairman, Mary Denny. The April meeting minutes were approved as emailed.

First Vice President: Mott Nicol reported on the GCA Annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana which she and Jessica Nicholson attended. They enjoyed very informative workshops and felt the meeting was well planned. Mott and Jessica won a red ribbon for their entry in the flower show's "Industry" class of functional table settings.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Bishop wrote a letter of condolence to the Glenview Garden Club upon the death of Sally Brown.

Treasurer: Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners- \$12,925.93; Garden- \$2,125.93; Dues- \$9,225.14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reminded us of the June 1st deadline for membership status changes. The 2011 admissions deadline is Friday, August 26th.

Conservation: Mimi Milward reported that members of the committee have each "adopted" a particular tree in Mrs. Crutcher's dogwood allee. The member will be responsible for trimming, pruning, and cleaning the ground around the trunk.

Flower Show: Barbara thanked Kathy Brooks and her committee for planning the wonderful flower show.

Garden: Brenda Barrett asked that we watch for mold in the garden since we have had an abundance of rain. She also passed around a sign-up sheet for garden refreshments.

Program: Lauren Van Balen reminded us that our June 16th meeting will be at Dede McGehee's farm and the July 21st meeting will be a trip to Daylily World in Salvisa, Kentucky. Members may bring a friend to the July meeting.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney informed us she helped Kim Lake move out of the cookbook office. Kim will be working from her home. Please call Kathy when you need more cookbooks.

Archives of American Gardens: Mary Louise Fisher is putting photographs of Libby and Norman Brown's McMeekin Place garden on discs and is working on the written history.

Assistant Treasurer: Meg Sprow reported that not every GCL member (active or affiliate) has paid dues.

Publications: Elizabeth Schnabel reported there are two articles from GCL in the GCA Bulletin. One is about our coffee tree project in schools and the other is on our peony beds.

NEW BUSINESS/ OLD BUSINESS:

The Glenview Garden Club's "Town and Country" Garden Tour will be June 4th & 5th. There will be several rooftop gardens included and the tour is expected to be well worth the effort to attend.

"Bouquets to Brighten Your Day", our club's new outreach project, was announced by Melodye Kinhead. Once a month, after working in the garden, volunteers will assemble and deliver small bouquets to nursing homes. Please bring flowers and greenery from your garden at home and there will be a sign up sheet for participation.

The next meeting will be June 16th at Dede McGehee's farm on Elkchester Road.

Barbara turned the meeting over to Lauren Van Balen who introduced our speaker, Tom Barnes, a PhD extension professor in the University of Kentucky Forestry Department. He has written several books and gave us a presentation on "How to Find and Photograph Kentucky Wildflowers". The program was very informative and timely, in light of GCA's encouragement to participate in photography classes at flower shows.

Our visiting Zone VII Chair, Mary Denny, made a few brief remarks and thanked us for having her visit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served from the dining room. We gathered on the terrace to enjoy our lunch and the following flower show class winners were announced:

Class 1 : London Flower Market

1st Place – Barbara Young

2nd Place – Mary Montague & Anne Kraus

3rd Place - Luanne Milward & Amy Kessinger

Class 2 : Opening Day at Ascot

1st Place – Kathy Courtney & Philippa Fogg

2nd Place – Mimi Milward

3rd Place – Elizabeth Schnabel

Honorable Mention – Lauren Van Balen & Celeste Neuman

Class 3 : Wouldn't It Be Lovely

1st Place – Sheilagh Hammond & Leslie Baldwin

2nd Place – Jessica Bell & Betsy Bulleit

3rd Place – Elizabeth Schnabel & Pattie Broadbent

Honorable Mention – Cathy Snowden

Class 4: With a Little Bit Of Luck

3rd Place: Bettie Bos Haggin

3rd Place: Betty Kenan & Ellen Chapman

Class 5: Tea in Professor Higgins' Library

1st Place: Katie Alford & Taylor Fister

2nd Place: Marcia Slabaugh & Janie Pappas

2nd Place: Mary Louise Fisher & Margaret Cowgill

2nd Place: Mott Nicol & Jane Stilz

Special Awards:

The Eliza Doolittle Award – Kathy Courtney & Philippa Fogg

The Professor Higgins' Award – Katie Alford & Taylor Fister

The Colonel Pickering Award – Janie Pappas & Marcia Slabaugh

Judges' Commendation for a Class of Exceptional Merit -

Class 5: Tea in Professor Higgins' Library

The judges were very encouraging to the club with compliments and suggestions for future entries. It was felt that the show was a big success.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB of LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING**

May 2, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, May 2, 2011 at the home of Kim DeCamp. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were: Barbara Young, Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Elizabeth Schnabel, Brenda Barrett, Jane Stilz, Nancy Bishop, Kathy Brooks, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, Kim DeCamp, Margaret Cowgill, Mimi Milward, Anne Kraus, Mary Montague, Amy Kessinger, Luanne Milward, Ellen Chapman, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the April board meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman gave the following account balances: Garden- \$4,424.52; Bluegrass Winners - \$13,532.94; Business (Dues) - \$10,400.20. Ellen also clarified the process for documenting and receiving acknowledgement of "in kind" donations to the garden and to the club. Please email Kim Lake at kimbethlake@gmail.com with your donation information and she will return an acknowledgement of donation letter. One may also mail her a copy of the receipts (or just the amount, if receipts are not available) at the cookbook office: 209 East High Street, Lexington, KY 40507. Records of the original receipts are the responsibility of the one claiming the tax deduction, not the organization, GCL.

Mott Nicol thanked the club for sending Jessica Nicholson and her to the GCA Annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mott reported they attended very informative workshops and the meeting was fun and well planned. Our delegates also won a red ribbon for their entry in the flower show's "Industry" class of functional table settings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reported soliciting other garden clubs for information on their admissions guidelines and proposal forms. She recommended a new proposal form for our 2011 admissions process and all agreed. Our 2011 deadline for membership proposals will be Friday, August 26th.

Conservation: Mimi Milward reported she has emailed the 18 members of the conservation committee, asking each person to "adopt" one of the 18 kousa dogwoods that comprise the dogwood allee which leads from the garden toward the peony beds. The responsibilities are to prune and clean around the base of the dogwood.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks noted that additional entries are needed for the May 19th flower show. Jane Stilz will be accepting entries until Wednesday, May 11th.

Garden: Brenda Barrett reported that the hornbeam hedge has reached the limit of its lifespan. Annual maintenance is costly, about \$1,000. She has received estimates for removing them. Ellen Chapman made a motion that GCL cover the expense of removing the hornbeams. Martie Mayer seconded and the motion passed. A decision will be made to replace them with either hornbeams or something else.

Brenda also noted that the yew hedges are overgrown and need to be severely pruned. Anne Kraus made a motion to postpone pruning these hedges until after we host the 2013 Zone Meeting because of their appearance. Amy Kessinger seconded and the motion was passed.

A landscape master plan of Ashland Garden was circulated and Barbara thanked Brenda for her diligent work.

Horticulture: Barbara asked for an interested volunteer to attend the Shirley Menice Horticulture workshop in September in California.

Program: Lauren Van Balen reported the May meeting hostesses are Melodye Kinhead, Betsy Hillenmeyer, Lauren Van Balen, and Leslie Baldwin. The June meeting will be at Dede McGehee's, and the July meeting will be a trip to the "daylily guys", Mort and David, in Lawrenceburg, KY. Club members may invite a guest to join us.

NEW BUSINESS:

GCA Headquarters has asked individual GCA clubs to supply a needlepoint Christmas tree ornament for a headquarters Christmas tree. Barbara asked Nancy Bishop to put her talent on display by creating an ornament with our club's logo on it.

Anne Kraus suggested we invite the Ashland Estate administrative staff to join us for refreshments in the garden on Wednesdays.

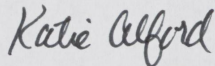
OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara asked Mott Nicol to form a committee to make a recommendation to the board on how many board meetings our club should have each year. It has been suggested that with our club having ten general meetings a year and meeting weekly for work in the garden, April through September, perhaps we do not need ten board meetings a year.

The next board meeting will be Monday, June 6th, 9:30a.m., at Ellen Chapman's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 16, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, June 16, 2011 at Dede McGehee's Heaven Trees Farm on Elkchester Road, Lexington. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and thanked Dede McGehee and our hostesses, Joan Gaines and Jane Baugh. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer: Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$14,954.60; Garden - \$2,837.72; Dues - \$10,725.14.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Bishop informed us that Ginny May and Anne Gay have requested membership status changes from actives to affiliates. Both requests were accepted.

Assistant Treasurer: Meg Sprow reported she has received additional dues and funds for the Katie Jackson Morrison garden memorial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reminded everyone of the Friday, August 26th deadline for admission proposal forms to be submitted. She also stated that after reviewing admission procedures of other GCA clubs, GC of Lexington will return to the format of having an admissions committee. The members of this committee will consist of the admissions chairman, past admissions chairman, president, first vice-president, and an at-large member appointed by the admissions chairman. The committee will review the proposed candidate forms and prepare a slate of candidates to present to the Board for voting. A candidate may be held over for the next voting cycle or the committee may decline a proposal if it does not meet the proposed candidate guidelines.

Conservation: Mimi Milward will provide information for The Bloomin' News on sunscreen products. This industry is not closely regulated and there are undesirable ingredients in many products. Mott Nicol will provide the name of a dermatologist recommended sunscreen for infants.

Flower Show: Barbara thanked Kathy Brooks and her committee for the wonderful flower show at our May meeting.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett informed us that the hornbeams have been removed now, in order that we can replant as soon as possible. The cost for the project was \$1100 which included stump grinding. A discussion was held about placing signs at the hedge sight but due to expense, this will not be done.

Program: Martie Mayer reminded us that the July 21st meeting will be a trip to Mort and David's "Daylily World" in Lawrenceburg, KY. Members may invite a friend to attend. Hostesses are Ellen Chapman, Margaret Cowgill, and Kathy Dalton. Carpooling is encouraged and walking shoes and a hat are suggested.

Publication: Kim DeCamp requested articles for the July Bloomin' News be sent to her as early as possible.

Public Relations: Elizabeth Schnabel will submit an article and pictures of our in-club flower show to the GCA Bulletin.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward encouraged members to look at the scholarship recipients information in the June/July GCA Bulletin and notice the reference to the Sally Brown Scholarship.

Visiting Gardens: Barbara asked for a volunteer to chair this committee due to Ginny May's membership status change. Dottie Cordray graciously agreed to take the position.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill will supply sign-up sheets for party donations. She also asked that we provide her the name and address of anyone we would like added to the invitation list, particularly ones that are interested in Ashland Estate and the Garden. The invitation list is very important for the response to the event. Again, everyone is encouraged to participate in this club fundraiser in one way or another.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melodye Kinkead informed us of a very successful inaugural "Bouquets to Brighten the Day" outreach project. Over 50 bouquets were prepared and delivered to Tanbark. The recipients were very appreciative of the flowers.

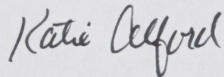
Dottie Cordray shared with us the website to register to be removed from many bulk mailing lists: catalogchoice.com

The next meeting will be July 21st at "Daylily World" in Lawrenceburg, KY.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Following the meeting we enjoyed strolling through Dede's flower and vegetable gardens which have been featured in Martha Stewart Living magazine. Of particular charm is the pink Victorian chicken coup situated in the center of the garden. Our hostesses provided a delicious lunch which we enjoyed eating outside on the porch on a beautiful day.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

Garden Club of Lexington

Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday June 6, 2011 at the home of Ellen Chapman. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Members present were: Kim DeCamp, Amy Kessinger, Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Kathy Courtney, Meg Sprow, Brenda Barrett, Mary Montague, Nancy Bishop, Janie Pappas, Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Martie Mayer, Mimi Milward, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Brooks and Lucy Foster.

Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen Chapman reported the following balances in the accounts:

Blue Grass Winners: \$12,534.14

Garden (Operating): \$1,628.32

Dues: \$10,425.14

Barbara announced that GCA now has a form for each club to fill out to report yearly on how much each club has raised from various fund-raisers and how many hours are volunteered by the members.

First VP: Mott Nicol has gathered data from other clubs in Zone VII concerning admissions, Board meetings, membership, etc. She will review this useful data and come up with a plan that will work the best for us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Bishop read two notes requesting membership status change. Both Ginny May and Anne Gay have requested to change their membership from active to affiliate. Nancy Bishop made the motion to accept their requests and Brenda Barrett seconded the motion. The Board voted to accept their requests. Nancy announced the next Board meeting will be July 11, 2011 (note date change) at Martie Mayer's house.

Conservation: Mimi Milward brought new light bulbs to show and tell. One actually filters the dusty air around it. The other bulb was an LED chandelier-based bulb. She thanked the people who worked on trimming up the Kousa dogwood walk. It resulted in a great improvement.

Flower Show: Barbara thanked Kathy Brooks for heading up such a successful flower show. Kathy in turn thanked everyone who participated.

Garden Project: Jane reported that there is a leak in the irrigation system that must be located and fixed. Dick DeCamp has asked GC of Lexington on behalf of the Board at Ashland to trim around the trees on the property at Ashland. We have declined the offer. Brenda Barrett told Board members to go look at the hornbeam plantings at the Idle Hour Country Club and at Louis and Betsy Hillenmeyer's garden. They are new plantings that look great. The variety is 'Franz Fontaine' which is more narrow than our present hornbeams. They are very structural and can be limbed up. A columnar beech would be another good choice with which to replace the existing hornbeams. The Board voted and agreed to go forward with the removal of the hornbeams now. Maybe we will be able to replace them in the fall.

Horticulture: Lucy Foster will take orders for Felco #8 pruners. Kim DeCamp will attend the Shirley Meneice workshop. Mott Nicol will also attend.

Program: Martie Mayer announced programs for the rest of the year which have been scheduled: June 16 – Dede McGehee (Joan Gaines and Jane Baugh – Hostess); July 21 – Daylily World in Salvisa, KY; August – no meeting; October 20 – Daffodils; December – Christmas Tea at Callie Keller's.

Special projects (Cookbook): Kathy Courtney has moved the cookbook office out of the Beck Building and into Kim Lake's house. She found a large stash of "Winter Bouquets" in the move. We have been looking for these. There was a discussion of how to pay Kim and Mary with the new computer software. The finance committee will discuss and set up a workable system.

Archives of American Gardens: Mary Louise Fisher is putting pictures of the garden at Libby Brown's McMeekin Place on discs to send off and also working on a written history of the gardens.

Public Relations: Elizabeth Schnabel is writing an article with pictures about our Flower Show for the Bulletin.

Admissions: Anne Kraus announced that the deadline for submitting applications is Friday, August 26, 2011. GC of Lexington is going to go back to having the format of having an admissions committee. The members of this committee will consist of the

admissions chairman, club president, past admissions chairman, first vice-president and an at-large member chosen by the admissions chairman. The committee would review the proposals and prepare a slate of candidates to present to the Board for voting. The committee may hold a candidate over for the next voting cycle or it may decline the proposal if it does not fall within the previously-set guidelines.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward announced that the National Parks Conservation Scholarship in honor of Sally Brown of the Glenview Club is mentioned in the latest Bulletin.

Friends of the Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill announced that the party will be held September 8, 2011. A committee will be formed to work on the guest list.

Old/New Business: Meg Sprow read a note from Carol Jackson regarding the "living memorial" which will be installed in the garden in memory of Carol's daughter and two grandchildren.

Barbara announced that we need to add the position of "club administrator" to the Board. It was suggested that this duty be added to an already-established position such as corresponding secretary. Kim DeCamp has been handling this job (very well) and is agreeable to continuing it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Nicholson, Acting Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING**

July 21, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, July 21st at Daylily World in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Ellen Chapman introduced owners David Kirchhoff and Mort Moross who gave a very informative talk on hybridizing daylilies and showed beautiful examples of ones they have developed. They have been working with daylilies since the 1950's and are recognized internationally for their work. We enjoyed walking around their farm and viewing the beds of flowers.

First Vice President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and thanked our hostesses, Ellen Chapman, Margaret Cowgill, and Kathy Dalton. The June minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$14,738; Garden Operating - \$3,523.74; Dues - \$10,525.14. She also informed us of the board's decision to donate half of the cost of an Ashland tree removal expense, up to \$500.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Proposal forms may be picked up at Anne Kraus' home and are due Friday, August 26th.

Archives: It was suggested that our club's archives be highlighted at a meeting, possibly in April.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett reported there will be a film crew from KET in the garden on Wednesday to film for a new TV show.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill reminded us of the need for donations for the September 8th Garden Party. Please contact Margaret to help with addressing invitations.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mott Nicol reported for the committee formed to evaluate how many monthly board meetings are necessary. It was determined there should be a board planning retreat in April.

Kathy Dalton reported on the warm reception Club members received at Mayfair Village Nursing Home when delivering the "Bouquets to Brighten the Day". The next "Bouquet" day will be August 10th. Mott thanked Melodye Kinhead for initiating this successful community outreach project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary



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July 26, 2011

Mrs. Mary Montague
Garden Club of Lexington
241 South Hanover
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Dear Mary,

The Horticulture Committee of The Garden Club of America is very pleased to award the Club Horticulture Commendation to Mary Warren. The citation shall read: *"Given in recognition of the horticultural contribution to Ashland Garden and appreciation of the time, dedication and knowledge shared with Garden Club of Lexington members."*

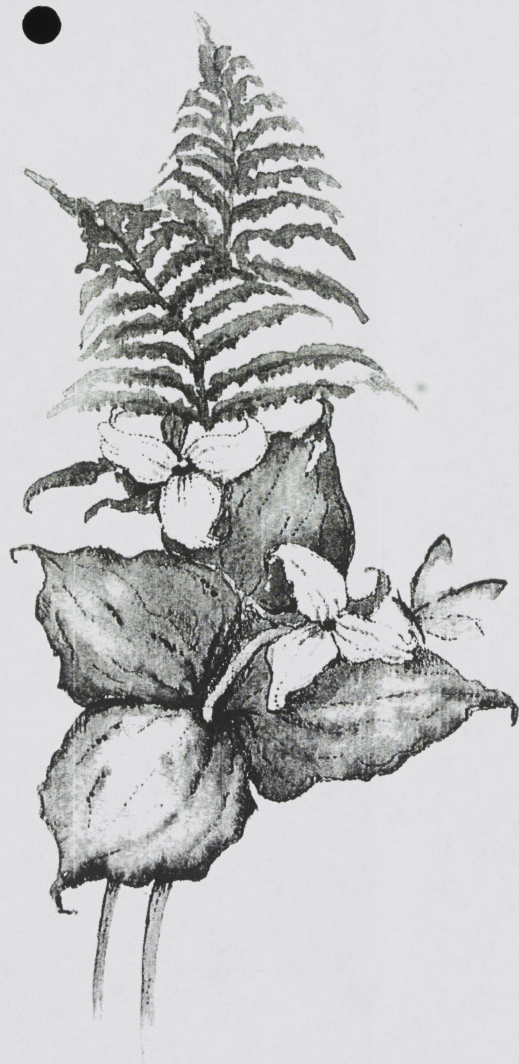
Congratulations to Mrs. Warren and the Garden Club of Lexington for honoring an outstanding individual. Thank you for your interest and support of the Garden Club of America Awards program.

The certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Lulu Lubbers
Vice Chairman/Awards
Horticulture Committee

cc: Mrs. Peter A. Lee, Horticulture Committee Chairman
Mrs. Peter L. Goedeke, Awards Chairman
Mrs. C.J. Steuart Thomas, III, Zone VII Chairman
Mrs. Paul E. Borgman, Zone VII Horticulture Representative
Mrs. Charles W. Bailey, Zone VII Awards Representative



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA
CLUB HORTICULTURE COMMENDATION

PRESENTED TO

Mary Warren

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ZONE VII LEXINGTON GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2011

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING**

July 11, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, July 11, 2011 at the home of Martie Mayer. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Kathy Courtney, Mary Montague, Lauren Van Balen, Nancy Bishop, Mimi Milward, Kim DeCamp, Brenda Barrett, Margaret Cowgill, Elizabeth Schnabel, Luanne Milward, Mott Nicol, Martie Mayer, Jessica Nicholson, Lucy Foster, Katie Alford, and Barbara Young. The minutes of the June board meeting were approved as emailed.

Barbara reported the following account balances : Bluegrass Winners - \$14,738; Garden Operating - \$3,523.74; Dues - \$10,525.14.

Corresponding Secretary Nancy Bishop announced there is no August board meeting but the September board meeting will be held Monday, August 29th at Mary Louise Fisher's home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Friday, August 26th is the deadline for admission forms to be returned to Anne Kraus.

Conservation: Mimi Milward will submit an article on sunscreens to the Bloomin' News. There are certain ingredients in many of them that are not healthy for us.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett informed us she will get ideas and bids for replacing the hornbeam hedges. She reported that Ashland Estate has asked us to cover the expense of removing a dead maple tree just outside the garden that could fall into the garden. Brenda made a motion that we offer to donate half the cost of the tree removal, not to exceed \$500.00. Jessica Nicholson seconded the motion and it was passed.

Horticulture: Lucy Foster stressed the importance of removing all stump chips and surrounding dirt of the diseased hornbeams before replanting. Barbara Young will supply sample horticulture class entry cards for the GCA zone meeting flower show in October. Lucy Foster will facilitate filling these out for our club's entries before the zone meeting.

Program: Martie Mayer reminded us of the July 21st meeting at Daylily World in Lawrenceburg, KY. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the drive will take about 45 minutes. There is no meeting in August and the September 7th meeting will be a working meeting in the garden to prepare for the September 8th "Friends of the Garden" party. A light lunch will follow. Martie also showed us the beautiful needlepoint ornament she has stitched for our club's donation to the GCA Headquarters Christmas tree.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney informed us that the cookbook office has been closed and Kim Lake will be working from home. The mailing address will remain the same.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill said we need a rain location for the garden party and Katie Alford volunteered her home. A sign-up sheet for party donations was circulated. The board decided to raise the donation to attend the party to \$35 for a single and \$70 for a couple (previously \$30 and \$60).

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

GCA has requested each club submit a name for their club administrator. It was suggested and agreed upon that our club's 2nd Vice President will assume the responsibilities of club administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

GENERAL MEETING

September 6, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Wednesday, September 6, 2011 at Ashland. The planned work morning was cancelled due to the wet weather and the meeting was held in the Keeper's Cottage. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and Barbara thanked our hostesses, Sheilagh Hammond and Katie Alford. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$14,432.42; Garden Operating - \$3,772.86; Dues - \$1,532.14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mary Montague proudly awarded Garden Club of America's Club Horticulture Commendation to Mary Warren, our club's employed professional gardener. The citation reads: "Given in recognition of the horticultural contribution to Ashland Garden and appreciation of the time, dedication and knowledge shared with Garden Club of Lexington members". Mary was very honored to accept our club's appreciation and support for her work at Ashland Garden.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks reminded us that next Wednesday is the last date for "Blooms to Brighten the Day". The Garden Club received a card from Mayfair Manor thanking us for the arrangements delivered to their residents.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett encouraged everyone to continue transitioning their parterres for Fall and making room for new plants while saving room for annuals. Bulb day is October 26th and the rain date is November 2nd. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if your parterre is not planting bulbs. Brenda also informed us that the Board approved hiring Jim McFarland with United Landscaping to replace the hornbeams.

Program: Lauren Van Balen reminded us that our October 20th meeting will be at Idle Hour Country Club with Elizabeth Schnabel's mother, Betty Barr Ould speaking about daffod

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara informed us that there are schedules for the October Zone VII Meeting Flower Show online. She encouraged us to look at the schedule and think about which classes we can enter. Ellen Chapman and Jessica Nicholson will also be attending the Zone VII meeting in preparation for planning Garden Club of Lexington's 2013 hosting of the Zone meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING**

August 29, 2011
(September Meeting)

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, August 29, 2011 at the home of Mary Louise Fisher. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were: Mary Louise Fisher, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Brooks, Mary Montague, Anne Kraus, Kathy Courtney, Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Jane Stilz, Brenda, Barrett, Nancy Bishop, Elizabeth Schnabel, Kim DeCamp, Barbara Young, Lucy Foster, Amy Kessinger, and Katie Alford. The following corrections to the minutes were made under Garden Project: 1) Brenda Barrett informed us she will get bids for replacing the hornbeam hedges. 2) Barbara Young reported that Ashland Estate has asked us to cover the expenses of The minutes were approved as corrected.

Barbara Young gave the following treasurer's report: Bluegrass Winners - \$14,432.42; Garden Operating - \$3,772.86; Dues - \$1,532.14.

Second Vice-President Jessica Nicholson informed us that she and Ellen Chapman have been invited to attend the October Zone VII meeting in Virginia to gather information and ideas in preparation for the 2013 Zone Meeting our club will host.

Corresponding Secretary Nancy Bishop announced the next board meeting will be October 3rd at Elizabeth Schnabel's home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reported that the admissions committee has prepared a slate of prospective new members that will be shared with voting board members at the end of the meeting. Absentee voting will be allowed if necessary.

Awards: Mary Montague encouraged everyone to attend the September General meeting for an Awards presentation.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett reported she received three bids for replacing the hornbeam hedge with the lowest bid of \$2,779.20 coming from Jim McFarland of United Landscaping. A motion was made to accept this bid and it was seconded and passed. Brenda reminded us that this is a good time to transplant and encouraged us to make room in our beds for new plants. Bulb day is scheduled for October 26th with the rain date of November 2nd. Jane Stilz asked for suggestions for someone to consult about the sprinkler system maintenance.

Program: Lauren Van Balen reminded us of our September 7th meeting in the Garden and the October 20th meeting at Idle Hour Country Club. Board members agreed that we would like to have the November meeting a "make and take" an arrangement with Patrick Howard. Club members will contribute to cover the cost of materials.

Garden History and Design: Mary Louise Fisher is putting together the pictures and information she has collected about Libby and Norman Brown's garden.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill will email club members to remind them of responsibilities for the September 8th party. She is encouraging 100% participation in our event. Kathy Brooks needs four people to provide table arrangements for the party.

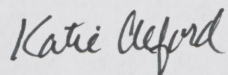
OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara reminded us that she has individual GCA website log-ins for every GCL member. These are needed for certain GCA online transactions.

Non-voting board members were excused and voting members were presented the slate of prospective new Club members. Admission information for each candidate was circulated and reviewed by each board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

GENERAL MEETING

October 20, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, October 20, 2011 at Idle Hour Country Club. The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Libby Brown who conducted the meeting for President Barbara Young. Libby thanked our hostesses, Nancy Bishop and Judy Philpott, and the minutes were approved as emailed.

The following account balances were reported: Bluegrass Winners - \$10,913; Garden Operating - \$10,336; Dues - \$721.84.

Jessica Nicholson was congratulated for winning a blue ribbon and "Best in Show" for her Victorian design flower arrangement at the GCA Zone VII meeting in Middleburg, Virginia. Her entry was reported to have been a "show stopper". Congratulations, Jessica!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett reminded members that October 26th is bulb planting day with November 2nd for the rain date. We will clean up the garden and door prizes will be given.

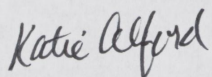
Program: Martie Mayer said the next meeting will be November 17th at Idle Hour Country Club with Patrick Howard directing a "make and take" table decoration. The December 15th Christmas tea will be at Callie Keller's home.

Publication: Kim DeCamp circulated a master membership information list for members to check for corrections. She also informed us that the GCA website requires a member's individual ID and a password to access the site. Kim can provide instructions for anyone needing assistance with the site. Kim encouraged us to look at the GCA online photography contest and the GCA photography newsletter, "Focus".

The meeting was adjourned and Martie Mayer introduced our speaker, Betty Barr Ould, an authority on daffodils and a judge for the American Daffodil Society. Mrs. Ould gave a very informative talk and power point presentation on the thirteen divisions of daffodils, encouraging us to preserve them whenever possible. She also challenged our club to host a daffodil show for our community. It was suggested we include childrens' classes in artistic and horticulture divisions.

A delicious lunch was served following the program and we took home bags of daffodil bulbs as favors.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 3, 2011 at the home of Elizabeth Schnabel. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Kathy Courtney, Anne Kraus, Margaret Cowgill, Janie Pappas, Martie Mayer, Meg Sprow, Jessica Nicholson, Amy Kessinger, Elizabeth Schnabel, Mary Montague, Kim DeCamp, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Brenda Barrett, Lucy Foster, Barbara Young and Katie Alford. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman gave the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$11,571.79; Garden Operating - \$12,444.67; Dues - \$721.84.

Kim DeCamp passed around a list of GCL members with contact information that is in the GCA data base to note corrections or changes. She also passed a list of members' personal I.D. access codes for the GCA website and gave instructions to access the site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus recommended we allow absentee voting for admissions upon the rare occasion that it is impossible for a voting member to attend a board meeting during the admissions process. Mott Nicol made a motion to permit absentee voting in such circumstances and the motion was seconded and passed by the board.

Awards: Mary Montague reported that Mary Warren was overwhelmed with her GCA Horticulture Commendation award. Barbara thanked Mary for her work in nominating Mary Warren for this award.

Garden Project: Jane Stilz reported the garden is being prepared for winter. The water will be turned off soon and the citrus trees and benches will be stored. The hornbeam hedges have been planted. Meg Sprow informed us there is additional money for the Katie (Jackson), Hannah, and Wyatt Morrison memorial after purchasing the hornbeams. A discussion followed on what would be an appropriate way to use the money to enhance the memorial in an artful and creative way. October 26th is bulb day in the garden with a rain date on November 2nd.

Horticulture: Barbara asked us to bring horticulture entries for the Zone VII Meeting flower show, with entry cards filled out, to her house on Sunday, October 16th from 1:00–3:00.

Program: Martie Mayer reported our October 20th meeting will be at Idle Hour Country Club with Elizabeth Schnabel's mother, Betty Barr Ould, giving a presentation on daffodils. Catalogs of Brent and Becky's bulbs will be available at the meeting. The November 17th meeting will be a "make and take" holiday table decoration with Patrick Howard. Our December 15th Christmas Tea will be at Callie Keller's home.

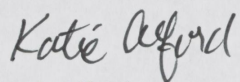
Special Projects: Kathy Courtney reported cookbook sales have decreased significantly. We need to think of another way to raise funds. Ideas discussed included forcing bulbs to sell at Christmas and hosting a Holiday Market. A committee will be formed to look into possibilities.

Garden Party: Barbara thanked Katie Alford for hosting the Friends of the Garden Party at her home.

The next Board meeting will be November 7th at Jane Stiliz's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 and voting board members remained for an admissions meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Alford".

Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2011

Garden Club of Lexington met Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Idle Hour Country Club. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and thanked our hostesses, Anne Arvin and Kathy Brewer. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Barbara gave the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$12,912.17; Dues - \$721.84; Garden Operating - \$7,390.17.

Kim DeCamp circulated the membership information list for updates and corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: The following annual charitable contributions were recommended:

Ashland Estate	\$500
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$500
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200

The interest from the Gertrude Perkins Scholarship Fund will be contributed to a GCA botany scholarship. These recommendations were accepted.

Garden: Brenda Barrett informed us that members will be re-assigned to a parterre for next Spring and to let her know if you have a particular request to remain or move to a different area.

Conservation: One spot has been reserved for a GCL representative at the annual Legislative Affairs meeting in Washington, DC. Barbara thanked Mimi Milward for her informative article in The Bloomin' News.

Horticulture: Barbara commended Lucy Foster for organizing the Club's horticulture entries for the Zone VII Meeting.

Program: The December 15th Christmas Tea will be at 3:30 p.m. at Callie Keller's home.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Young, Kathy Courtney, Jessica Nicholson, and Ellen Chapman attended the Zone VII Annual Meeting in Middleburg, VA in October. They reported on an informative, well organized meeting and Jessica and Ellen came home with many ideas for hosting the meeting in 2013.

Barbara recommended that we change the date for our March 2012 annual meeting to one week later, March 22nd, with the March board meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. prior to the 10:30 General meeting. It was agreed to make this change.

Kim DeCamp gave a wonderful presentation of the photographs she took at the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference that she and Mott Nicol attended in Pasadena, CA in September. It was very interesting to actually "see" where they had been and what they had experienced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Following the meeting, Patrick Howard provided materials and guidance for our "make and take" floral arranging workshop and a delicious lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 7, 2011, at the home of Jane Stilz. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were Barbara Young, Janie Pappas, Mary Louise Fisher, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Amy Kessinger, Kathy Courtney, Kathy Brooks, Jessica Nicholson, Brenda Barrett, Martie Mayer, Lauren Van Balen, Lucy Foster, Mott Nicol, Kim DeCamp, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Nancy Bishop and Anne Kraus. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$13,718.17; Garden Operating - \$7,568.37; Checking (Dues) - \$721.84. The finance committee met and decided to increase the contributions and donate to fewer charities this year. They recommended the following allocations for GCL annual contributions:

Ashland Estate	\$500
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200
Bluegrass Conservancy	\$500
TOTAL	\$1,200

\$300 has also been budgeted for miscellaneous contributions to program honorariums, which is thought to be more appropriate than giving a cookbook as a thank you. Kathy Brooks moved to accept these recommended contributions, Brenda Barrett seconded, and the motion passed.

Ellen reported on the Friends of the Garden Party. She commended Margaret Cowgill for really keeping the expenses down.

Expenses: \$1,1991.63

Deposits: \$10,865.00

Net: \$8,873.37

Ellen also reported that the memorial trees have been planted in the garden, and paid for.

First Vice President: Mott Nicol expressed concern over our club not being on the same "calendar year" as GCA. Mott moved to change our calendar year to match the GCA calendar year with Nancy Bishop looking into what is involved to make this change. Kathy Courtney seconded, and the motion passed.

Mott also reported that she and Kim DeCamp went to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Pasadena, California. The meeting was wonderful, and Kim will show her photos at the November meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Bishop reported that the next board meeting is on December 5, 2011, at the home of Barbara Young. The January board meeting will be on January 9, 2012 at the home of Kathy Courtney. Please note this is a week later than usual. Nancy also asks that everyone check their directory listing to make sure they are correct. Kim DeCamp will send it out electronically to help in this process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation: Mimi Milward reported that the city collected prescription drugs in order to keep them out of our water systems.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks is looking into doing something for Shriners Hospital patients during the holidays. She will also be asking members to bring arrangements to the Christmas Tea to be delivered to our members who are unable to attend.

Barbara Young presented ribbons from the Zone Meeting she attended. Nancy Bishop received two red ribbons and one honorable mention for her rose entries. Brenda Barrett received an honorable mention for her Daphne entry. Lucy Foster received a blue ribbon for her China Boy holly entry, and a red ribbon for her China Girl holly entry. Kim DeCamp received an honorable mention for her photo entry. Congratulations were expressed for the great showing. Barbara stated that unfortunately, several plants did not travel well due to being so late in the season.

Garden Project: The club received a kind letter of gratitude from Carol Jackson for the beautiful hornbeams that were planted as a memorial for her family.

Program: Lauren Van Balen and Martie Mayer reported November meeting at Idle Hour Country Club with Patrick Howard guiding us in creating a table arrangement for our Thanksgiving celebrations. Patrick will supply the containers and all materials. Members participating in making an arrangement need to write a check for \$40 to P.G. Howard Designs for all the supplies.

The Christmas Tea will be December 15th at the home of Callie Keller.

The January meeting will be January 19th at Idle Hour.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney reported on all the places selling our cookbooks. She stated they sold several at the GCA Zone Meeting. She will look into advertising in the GCA Bulletin next year.

Kathy reported that she and Barbara Young had a wonderful trip to the Zone Meeting in Middleburg, Virginia. They reported how impressed other clubs are with our club's dedication to Ashland and our committee work.

Archives: Jessica Nicholson and Janie Pappas are going to be working on the archives together.

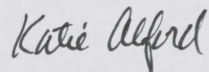
Admissions: Anne Kraus passed out ballots for voting on candidates for GCL membership. Four new members were elected.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Van Balen
Acting as Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING
December 15, 2011

The Garden Club of Lexington's annual Christmas Tea was held on December 15, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Callie Keller. Callie and her daughter, Taylor Fister, hosted the festive affair at the Kellers' home which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. Several members brought teacup arrangements to be delivered to affiliate members unable to attend. An elegant and delicious tea was served and savored by those attending. President Barbara Young introduced and welcomed our four new members: Caroline Barrow, Lendy Brown, Donna Cornish, and Lolly Martin. Everyone enjoyed the special occasion in Callie's beautiful home.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2011

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 5, 2011 at the home of Barbara Young. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and welcomed us to her home. Members present were Kathy Courtney, Ellen Chapman, Jane Stilz, Brenda Barrett, Amy Kessinger, Jesssica Nicholson, Lauren Van Balen, Kim DeCamp, Mott Nicol, Kathy Brooks, Anne Kraus, Nancy Bishop, Luanne Milward, Mimi Milward, Barbara Young, Meg Sprow, and Katie Alford. The minutes of the November Board meeting were approved as emailed.

Nancy Bishop reported the next board meeting will be held January 9, 2012 at Kathy Courtney's home.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman gave the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$12,577.81; Garden Operating - \$4,669.81; Business (Dues) - \$721.84. Ellen also reported that checks for our annual charitable contributions have been mailed.

Assistant Treasurer, Meg Sprow, announced the total funds collected for the Katie Jackson Morrison Family Memorial from GCL members and others. The hornbeam hedge memorial has been planted and groundcover will be added in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reported that we are delighted to have four new members of Garden Club of Lexington. They are Caroline Barrow, Lendy Brown, Donna Cornish, and Lolly Martin. Their proposers should contact them about attending the Christmas Tea on December 15th. Anne thanked everyone for their flexibility with our new admission procedures.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks reported that she and Melodye Kinkead took 9 small decorated Christmas trees to children at Shriner's Hospital for their rooms. She said they were warmly received with much appreciation. Kathy also asked for volunteers to bring teacup arrangements to the Christmas tea which will be taken to affiliate members not able to attend.

Program: Lauren Van Balen announced the January 19th general meeting will be at Idle Hour Country Club. Mary Louise Fisher will give a presentation on her documentation of Libby and Norman Brown's garden. There will be no meeting in February and the Annual Meeting will be March 22nd at Idle Hour Country Club.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney inquired about advertising our cookbooks in the GCA Bulletin and it is expensive to place an ad. Barbara Young suggested submitting an article about the books to the Bulletin and including information on ordering them. Kathy will talk to Elizabeth Schnabel and Benny Williams about this idea.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward will look into area GCA scholarship recipients to make a presentation at a meeting.

Garden Party: This year's Friends of the Garden Party was very successful. Margaret Cowgill kept the expenses down to \$1,991.63. After expenses, GCL made \$8,873.37. Margaret was congratulated for her profitable effort.

Founder's Fund: Barbara asked Amy Kessinger to be on the lookout in her email for information about this year's proposed projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara announced the following slate of officers for 2012-2014 to be voted on at the January General meeting:

President	Martha Nicol
First Vice-President	Kim DeCamp
Second Vice-President	Barbara Young
Recording Secretary	Jane Stilz
Corresponding Secretary	Elizabeth Schnabel
Treasurer	Betsy Bulleit
Admissions	Kathy Courtney
Awards	Mary Louise Fisher
Conservation	Anne Kraus
Flower Show/Photography	Luanne Milward, Lauren Van Balen
Garden Project	Brenda Barrett, Philippa Fogg
Horticulture	Martie Mayer
Program	Kathy Brooks, Amy Kessinger
Publication	Taylor Fister
Special Projects	Leslie Baldwin
Garden History and Design	Dottie Cordray
Historian/Archives	Jessica Nicholson
Founder's Fund	Lucy Foster
Public Relations/GCA Bulletin Rep	Sheilagh Hammond
Scholarship	Edie Gess
Visiting Gardens	Celeste Neuman
Garden Party	Margaret Cowgill, Katie Alford

Ellen Chapman made a motion to accept the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for 2012-2014, Jessica Nicholson seconded, and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford
Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING**

January 19, 2012

Garden Club of Lexington met January 19, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. President Barbara Young called the meeting to order at 10:45 and thanked our hostesses, Dottie Cordray and Sarah Davis. The November and December meeting minutes were approved as emailed.

Ellen Chapman and Jessica Nicholson, chairmen of our 2013 Zone VII meeting in Lexington, asked for ideas in a couple of areas in this beginning stage of planning. They appealed to us to submit names of interesting speakers, local or national, and they also requested ideas for a theme for the meeting. The theme can include a reference to an identifying aspect of Central Kentucky. Ellen also gave a brief description of the volunteer opportunities available for planning and hosting the Zone meeting and she thanked those who have returned the form.

Barbara reported for Nancy Bishop that the new membership handbook inserts will be available soon and if a new binder is needed, please contact Nancy.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported the following account balances:
Bluegrass Winners - \$15,410.70; Dues - \$1,071.84; Garden Operating - \$8,000.60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus introduced the new members present and said there will be an orientation coffee for them on January 30th. Kim DeCamp asked that new members check the information she has for them that will be sent to GCA Headquarters for the membership data base.

Garden: Brenda Barrett said we are continuing with our Kentucky Coffee Tree school project for a third year. We need to begin collecting seeds with the pods. Packets that include seeds and planting instructions, along with individual pots of dirt, are delivered to the class teachers (preferably 4th grade). We now work with Sayre School and The Lexington School and would like to include a couple of more schools. If you have a contact in another school and would serve as a liason, please let Brenda know.

Wednesday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m. will be our first garden work day. The following Wednesday, April 4th, there will be a meeting for parterre heads in the Ashland Keeper's Cottage (yellow brick building) at 9:30 a.m. Garden work days for all members will resume on Wednesday, April 11th.

Parterre assignments are being made and any request to remain in or to change parterres must be made to Brenda by February 14th.

Brenda informed us of a lecture on roses to be held at the Arboretum on Tuesday, February 21st.

In cleaning out the Garden shed, Brenda found several books that belonged to Mrs. Simpson which she offered to interested members.

Program: Lauren Van Balen announced the annual meeting will be held Thursday, March 22nd at Idle Hour Country Club at 10:30 a.m.

Publication: Kim DeCamp reminded us there will be no February Bloomin' News.

Founder's Fund: Barbara Young reported she has received an email about this year's three projects to be voted on by March 15th. A description of the proposals was read and Amy Kessinger will notify us of the voting procedure.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward highlighted the Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarship which is awarded each year to several recipients in our region for study in horticulture. She will send scholarship information to the Arboretum.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

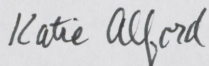
Barbara stated the slate of GCL officers and committee chairmen for 2012-2014 was in the January Bloomin' News and called for a vote. Anne Gay made a motion to accept the slate, Amy Kessinger seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Mary Louise Fisher, chairman of the Garden History and Design committee, provided our program entitled "A Garden of Eden – A Labor of Love". She gave a wonderful slide show presentation of pictures and historical information about Libby and Norman Brown's garden on Tates Creek Road, originally designed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMeekin. The extensive documentation that Mary Louise assembled will be submitted to the GCA Garden History and Design committee for inclusion of the Browns' garden in the Smithsonian archives of American Gardens.

Barbara thanked Mary Louise for her hard work in gathering the required material for this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed delicious treats and coffee.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2012

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Nancy Bishop reported the next board meeting will be March 22nd at Idle Hour Country Club at 9:00 a.m. prior to the annual meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Barbara reported for treasurer Ellen Chapman. Account balances are as follows: Bluegrass Winners - \$11,401.65; Garden Operating - \$4,579.14; Business (Dues) - \$721.81. GCL has received thank you notes from organizations receiving our annual contributions. We also have received a generous donation from the Crutcher Foundation to replace two dogwoods in the Ashland Garden allee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Anne Kraus reported there will be an informational coffee held for the new members.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks thanked all who provided teacup arrangements for the Christmas Tea which were delivered to affiliate members unable to attend. A suggestion was made that we offer transportation to affiliate members for our general meetings.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett informed us that March 28th will be the first work day in the garden and parterre assignments will be made soon. She asked that we let her know if we have a particular request to remain or move to a different parterre.

A discussion was held about funds for planting ground cover under the hornbeams and for the purchase of bronze birds for the Katie Jackson Morrison Memorial.

Program: Lauren Van Balen announced our January 19th general meeting will be held at Idle Hour Country Club. Chairman of Garden History and Design, Mary Louise Fisher, will give a presentation of the documentation she has assembled of Libby and Norman Brown's garden. Our annual meeting will be March 22, 2012 at Idle Hour Country Club, one week later than usual.

Special Projects: Kathy Courtney said there will be an article about our cookbooks submitted to the GCA Bulletin. She also informed us that our inventory of cookbooks is now housed in a local warehouse.

Garden History and Design: Mary Louise Fisher asked us to take pictures of our gardens in winter and bring them to the January meeting to share.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward encouraged us to think of students with possible interest in a GCA scholarship and direct them to the GCA website for more information.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret Cowgill suggested exploring the idea of a holiday light exhibit in Ashland Garden. She shared the idea from the Seattle Botanical Garden.

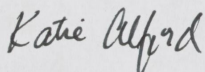
Katie Alford will replace Mimi Milward as our representative to the GCA National Affairs and Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC the end of February.

We will vote on the slate of officers for 2012-2014 at our January General meeting. Members were notified of the slate in the Bloomin News one week later than usual because of the postponed January Board meeting. The Board met on the second Monday due to the first Monday falling on the New Year's holiday.

Our annual dues of \$150 will be due at the March meeting.

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

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Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

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March 22, 2012

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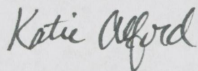
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Respectfully submitted,



Katie Alford

Recording Secretary

Subj: **GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON - March 7, 2011**
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Hope I got everything. Let me know if there are any corrections or changes!

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2011**

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, March 7, 2011 at the home of Mimi Milward. First Vice President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked our hostess. Members present were: Mott Nicol, Jessica Nicholson, Nancy Bishop, Ellen Chapman, Anne Kraus, Mary Montague, Mimi Milward, Kathy Brooks, Brenda Barrett, Jane Stilz, Martie Mayer, Lauren Van Balen, Elizabeth Schnabel, Luanne Milward, Ginny May. The January minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman reported balances in three accounts: Blue Grass Winners - \$18,450.88; Garden Operations - \$5,016.75; Business Checking (dues) - \$6,390.20. Membership dues of \$150 for both actives and affiliates should be paid as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: The Perkins scholarship was discussed. The finance committee will meet every 6 months. They will look at our accounts, operating expenses and the endowment fund. They would like to save as much as possible for our 2013 Zone Meeting.

The GCA 5013c tax exempt status was discussed. Each member is to save receipts for any expenditure and send them to secretary Kim Lake for reimbursement and / or record keeping purposes. Kim will send tax letters out at the end of the year for donations. A letter explaining all of this will be sent to each member emphasizing the importance of retaining our 5013c tax exempt status through such records.

Budget questions were discussed such as allocating funds for educational speakers and special events such as the April 11th dinner to entertain out of town speakers for our April meeting. Mott read a letter from Glenview Garden Club requesting that we host this event. A committee was formed to plan and to calculate expenses for this: Brenda Barrett, Jessica Nicholson, Ginny May, Mimi Milward, Mott Nicol.

Corresponding Secretary: The next Board Meeting will be Monday April 4th at Barbara Young's home. Nancy will look into getting different members to write memorials for our recently deceased members. These should be read at the annual meeting and printed in the Bloomin' News.

Admissions: An Admissions Committee meeting will follow the Board Meeting.

Awards: Mary Montague will present some awards at the March Annual Meeting. Our

coffee tree project did not win the 2011 Freeman Medal award. A letter from GCA Rep. Emmy Seymour (Hawaii) was read encouraging us to try again. Look at the 'Real Dirt' for further info.

Conservation: Mimi Milward just returned from a GCA conservation meeting in DC. The Federal Government is giving the states more responsibility for regulating and funding conservation projects such as the Clean Water Project. Budgets are driving decisions. Dottie Cordray sent information about the 2010 Toxic Chemical and Safety Act. GCA has a brochure about conservation issues. Mimi demonstrated differences between 'new' light bulbs and displayed a home compost container.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks said that we will have an in-club Flower Show at the May 19th meeting at Melodye Kinhead's home on Big Sink Pike. Kathy circulated samples of the show's 'schedule'. It will be entitled 'My Fair Ladies'. The focus will be the flower arrangement division and its purpose will be to give us practice in preparing for bigger shows. There will be 5 classes: London Flower Market, Opening Day at Ascot, Wouldn't It be Lovely, With a Little Bit of Luck, Tea in Professor Higgins Library. Tom Barnes will be the feature speaker at the meeting! Mary Denny our Zone Rep. will attend. Three awards will be given. The show will be from 9am to 2pm with the regular meeting scheduled for 10:30 followed by lunch. Kathy has prepared several educational features for the Bloomin'News!!

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett recently sent an E-mail or letter to everyone concerning their garden assignments for the season. Everyone is 'invited' to work Wed. March 30th in the peony beds. Partier leaders will meet in the Keepers Cottage on April 6th. The garden opens for work 4/13.

Meg Sprow has ordered new garden benches. Ashland's director Debra Kork has asked us to adopt some of the trees on the grounds for care and maintenance. We will prioritize trees that need help and discuss in May.

Program: Lauren Van Balen announced meetings: March – Annual Mtg. at IHCC; April – joint mtg. with Glenview at Elmendorf Farm (10-2); May – Flower Show at Melodye Kinhead's home; June – "The Pink House" (Dede Magee's); July – Garden Picnic; Sept. – Winery; Oct. – speaker Elizabeth Schnabel's mother; Nov. - ?; Dec. – Tea.

Public Relations: Elizabeth Schnabel has sent two articles to the GCA Bulletin. We will send more information about Gertrude Perkins Scholarship Fund to GCA.

Old Business / New Business:

Each committee chairman should send short report about last year's accomplishments to President before March meeting. These will be read at March meeting every other year.

All were urged to look at GCA E-news!

The Annual Meeting will be March 17th at the IHCC. RSVP to hostesses Jessica Bell, Jessica Nicholson or to Louise Parker.

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
ANNUAL MEETING
March 17, 2011

The annual meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held Thursday, March 17, 2011 at Idle Hour Country Club. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Young at 10:50 and she thanked our hostesses: Jessica Bell, Jessica Nicholson, and Louise Parker. Barbara recapped the club's various programs, activities, and accomplishments of the past year in her annual report. She also recognized the outstanding work of each committee chair and thanked the board and club members for their diligent work. We will soon begin focusing on plans to host the 2013 Zone meeting in Lexington. Jessica Nicholson will chair the planning committee and she will appreciate everyone's thoughts and ideas. This club effort will require the involvement of every member to produce a successful event.

The minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer Ellen Chapman gave the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$18,022.09; Garden Operating - \$5,166.82; Business Checking (Dues) - \$6,390.20. She reminded everyone that club dues of \$150 are to be paid by today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Ellen Chapman reported that our Endowment Fund was finalized with advisor Fred Keller at Merrill Lynch. An Endowment Fund Policy was accepted by the Endowment and Finance Committees and they will review the investments at least twice a year.

Copies of the GCL Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Comparison Report were circulated and Ellen noted that our cookbook sales are notably down from last year and we must find ways to generate more income from this source to finance our Ashland Garden project. This is every club member's responsibility. Garden expenses are increasing and we will be considering ways to cut back. Ellen also asked that all club members begin using the new charitable contribution forms to document in-kind Garden Club expenses such as meeting expenses, fuel mileage, and miscellaneous donations of plants, etc. These are non-reimbursed expenses for which you may receive a tax deduction.

Also noted were the increased profits from the Friends of the Garden Party and annual dues have been raised to \$150. The Perkins Memorial Fund contributed \$1,250.00 from interest toward a GCA Botany Scholarship and a GCL budget has been developed.

Admissions: Barbara introduced our three new GCL members: Pattie Broadbent, Lucy Calhoun, and Cathy Snowden. We all welcome them!

Awards: Mary Montague presented GCA Club Appreciation Awards to Mrs. Scott Dudley (Helen) Breckinridge and Mrs. Job Darbin (Anne) Turner, Jr. "in appreciation and gratitude for the participation and dedication to Garden Club Lexington and Ashland Garden with genteel hospitality and knowledgeable wisdom". They were surprised and very appreciative.

Conservation: Mimi Milward reported on the GCA National Affairs and Legislative Conference she attended in Washington, D.C. It will be a challenge to implement ideas in our club to make an impact. She also said we will be steering away from using chemicals in Ashland Garden.

Flower Show: Kathy Brooks passed out “My Fair Ladies” Flower Show schedules for the in-club flower show to be held at Melodye Kinkead’s home, May 19th. She also shared pictures of the staging areas.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett gave the dates of March 30th for working in the peony beds and April 6th for a meeting of parterre heads to be held at the garden. Brenda also gave a presentation of helpful items to gather for working in the garden.

Program: The April meeting is a joint meeting with Glenview Garden Club to be held at Elmendorf Farm. The following meeting plans were also given:

May – Flower Show - Melodye Kinkead's home

June – DeDe McGehee's garden

July – Ashland Garden

August – no meeting

September – Jean Farris Winery

October – speaker: Elizabeth Schnabel's mother, Betty Barr Ould, authority on daffodils

November - ?

December – Christmas Tea

A sign-up sheet for hostesses was circulated.

Publication: Kim DeCamp will share the online link for Focus Newsletter, the GCA photography newsletter. She also asked that anyone who receives a printed copy of The Bloomin' News and does NOT need one, please let her know.

Public Relations: Elizabeth Schnabel will send information about our joint meeting with Glenview to the GCA Bulletin.

Scholarship: Luanne Milward read thank-you notes for our contribution to the Sally Brown Scholarship and our contribution to the GCA Botany scholarship fund, made possible through the Perkins Memorial Fund.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill challenged members to give 100% participation to this year's party through attendance, food donation, or financial contribution. This would result in a larger profit for our club.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Melodye Kinkead announced there will be a new GCL volunteer outreach project taking small flower bouquets to nursing homes once a month between June and September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 and a delicious lunch was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford

Katie Alford, Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary Responsibilities:

1. Take minutes and attendance at each Board meeting. Email a proof of the minutes to the president for approval before emailing to all Board members one week before the next meeting.
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Zone VII Director, Zone VII Chairman, and Zone VII Vice-Chairman. (Suggestion: Email each and ask if she wants the Board and General meeting minutes and how often she would like to receive them. One might say she doesn't need them at all.)

Suggestions:

1. Bring the following to meetings: notebook of most recent minutes, GCL directory, latest copy of The Bloomin' News, and attendance sign-up sheet for Board meetings.
2. Make certain of the wording for motions made at meetings and note the names of the proposer and seconder.
3. Check account balances with the Treasurer.
4. When awards are presented, ask Awards Chairman for a copy of the wording of the award.
5. The names of newly elected Club members are not to appear in the minutes until the Corresponding Secretary receives an acceptance from the individual.

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2012-2014

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2 nd Vice President/Administrator:	Barbara Young
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Corresponding Secretary:	Elizabeth Schnabel
Treasurer:	Betsy Bulleit

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Admissions:	Kathy Courtney
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	Philippa Fogg
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: (Non-Voting)

Garden History and Design:	Dottie Cordray
Historian:	Jessica Nicholson
Founders Fund:	Lucy Foster
Public Relations:	Sheilagh Hammond
Visiting Gardens:	Celeste Neuman
Garden Party:	Katie Alford
	Margaret Cowgill

2010-2012 GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Executive Committee

President	Barbara Young
First Vice President	Mott Nicol
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Standing Committee Chairmen

Admissions	Anne Kraus
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Program	Martie Mayer and Lauren Van Balen
Publication: Bloomin' News	Kim DeCamp
Special Projects	Kathy Courtney

Non Voting Committee Chairmen

Archives	Janie Pappas
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Assistant Treasurer	Meg Sprow
Founder's Fund	Amy Kessinger
Public Relations/GCA Bulletin Rep	Elizabeth Schnabel
Scholarship	Luanne Milward
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Garden Party Art	Martie Mayer

Finance Committee

Chair: Ellen Chapman	
Barbara Young	Ellen Chapman
Mimi Milward	Mott Nicol
Kathy Courtney	

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President	Jessica Nicholson
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Corresponding Secretary	Callie Keller
Treasurer	MiMi Milward

Chairmen of Standing Committees

Admissions	Ginny May
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Program	Wende Bell/Marcia Slabaugh
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Garden Club of Lexington
2006-2008

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Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
Board Meeting
April 9, 2012

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, April 9, 2012 at the home of Mott Nicol. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Members present were Lauren Van Balen, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Leslie Baldwin, Edie Gess, Sheilagh Hammond, Martie Mayer, Luanne Milward, Kathy Courtney, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Jessica Nicholson, Mott Nicol, and Katie Alford. Mott noted the importance of all Board members attendance at our meetings. She asked that we please give a report to her prior to any meeting we will miss.

Mott said the next Board meeting will be May 7th at 9:30a.m. at Luanne Milward's home.

2nd Vice President/Administrator, Barbara Young, will send the list of our new officers to GCA headquarters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reminded us that requests for membership status changes must be made by June 1st.

Conservation: Brenda Barrett informed us that last year's conservation committee members are permanently responsible for caring for the single dogwood tree that each member adopted.

Flower Show/Photography: Luanne Milward reported there will be an in-club flower show including only horticulture classes at our June 21st club meeting. She also reported that Rudy Schmidt has agreed to have small photography workshops for interested members. This will be a good way to prepare us to participate in the photography classes in flower shows.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett informed us that ants have eaten the irrigation box and it needs to be replaced. She also gave us the three bids she received for planting pachysandra under the hornbeam hedges. Martie Mayer made a motion we hire Mary Warren to purchase and plant the groundcover. Kathy Courtney seconded and the motion was passed.

Program: Kathy Brooks informed us that our next meeting, April 19th, will be at First Presbyterian Church on Market Street at 10:30 a.m. Barbie Tafel from Glenview Garden Club will be the speaker. Plans are being made for our May meeting.

Special Projects: Leslie Baldwin asked for ideas for cookbook promotions and sales. It was suggested she check with our first cookbook publisher, Wimmer, for guidance.

Garden Party: A discussion was held about this year's garden party to be held Thursday, September 6th at Ashland Garden. It was suggested we, again, have a silent auction of art and possibly other items to increase the proceeds of the party.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mott asked each officer and committee chairman to obtain a copy of her predecessor's annual report to fully understand the responsibilities of her position.

Mott suggested our club should change our calendar year to coincide with the GCA calendar which begins in June instead of March.

We need to continue thinking of ideas for club fundraisers. A McAdoo rug sale was suggested as it was quite profitable when held years ago.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Acting Recording Secretary

Garden Club of Lexington April Meeting

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held Thursday, April 19, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church. President Martha Nicol called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and thanked our hostesses Elise Boyd and Libby Brown. The March minutes were amended to correct the Founder's Fund winner to "An Educational Landscape: A Living Classroom for Growing Minds and Spirits", Washington, D.C.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit gave the following balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$13,837.74 ; Garden Operating \$12,751.98. Betsy also reported that 80% of our members and affiliates have paid their dues. If you have a question regarding your dues payment please contact Betsy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney announced that any change of membership requests must be received by June 1, 2012. The deadline for new membership applications is Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Conservation: Anne Kraus announced dates and times for a Fayette County Med Toss. She also encouraged us to return pots in which we purchased new annuals and perennials to Lowe's or Home Depot.

Flower Show/Photography: Luanne Milward reported the next general meeting will be a Horticulture Flower Show. A schedule will be printed in the Bloomin' News .

Garden Project: Brenda announced to everyone that Ashland will host a Garden Tour and Peony Sale on May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. Donna Cornish will be on hand that day to sell our cookbooks. Brenda also told us that the peony's are in full bloom now and to take time to have a look. The garden refreshments schedule will be printed in the Bloomin' News. Brenda also encouraged us to be thinking about choosing plants with longer blooming capability for our mixed borders.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced our next meeting will be on May 17, at 10:30 a.m. at The Cottage In The Woods. Hostesses are Martie Mayer and Elizabeth Schnabel. Please RSVP by phone, email or by signing the rsvp sheet on the garden shed door.

Special Projects: Leslie Baldwin said cookbooks are available and will be on sale at Ashland on Peony Day. There will be a box of cookbooks in the garden shed for members to pick up if they need to buy a copy. Please leave payments in the an envelope in the box as we will use the honor system.

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica encouraged us to fill out the volunteer applications and return them to her or Ellen Chapman soon. Planning has already begun as the meeting will be held from October 1- 3, 2013.

Founder's Fund: It was announced that the 2012 Founder's Fund winner is "An Educational Landscape" A Living Classroom for Growing Minds and Spirits", in Washington, D.C.

Old Business

We are reviewing our by-laws to see how we can best synchronize our calendar year with GCA. This would mean we would begin our year in June instead of March. Mott also encouraged us to read GCA E-News as it will give us a brief over sight as to what is going on at the national level.

New Business

Mott and Betsy Bulleit both thanked the club for sending them to the Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia. They said that there were workshops on strategic planning that were very informational and perhaps need to be adopted by our club. Also, Betsy said she came away with a new awareness for focusing on developing children's interest in gardening and the importance of recording the history of gardens with the Smithsonian.

The GCA 100 year anniversary will be next year in 2013. Philadelphia will host the annual meeting.

Melodye Kinhead announced that the second Wednesday between May and August will be Bouquets to Brighten the Day work days. Please sign up and bring flowers and greenery from your garden on those days.

There being no further business Mott adjourned the business meeting and turned over the meeting to Kathy Brooks who introduced our speaker Barbie Tafel from the Glenview Garden Club. Barbie gave a very informative talk on garden landscape design. She said we need to approach any garden with an eye to exterior views. Hardscape, i.e. bushes, trees, etc are very important and need to be a main consideration when planning any garden large or small. Maintenance is another point of concern we should address. The ease and time taken to keep up a garden can make a garden much more enjoyable. Barbie also discussed some newer trends in gardening such as outdoor fireplaces, incorporating vegetables in the flower gardens and new products used in water elements.

After Barbie's talk a wonderful lunch provided by Libby Brown and Elise Boyd was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz
Recording Secretary

Garden Club Of Lexington May Board Meeting

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the home of Luanne Milward. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m. Members present were: Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Taylor Fister, Philippa Fogg, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward, Mott Nicol, Elizabeth Schnabel, Jane Stiliz, Lauren Van Balen and Barbara Young. The minutes were approved as sent. The next board meeting will be held on June 4th at 9:30a.m. at Kathy Brook's home.

Mott announced that Kim DeCamp is participating in the Photography Judging program for GCA. Mott also thanked Barbara Young for doing her administrator job and getting information to GCA regarding our change of officers.

OFFICER REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Schnabel has sent 2012 phone books to those members who had not previously gotten one at the last meeting.

Treasurer: Betsy Bulleit reported a balance of \$12,960.15 in the Bluegrass Winners account and a balance of \$15,102.50 in the Garden Operating account. There are still 12 members with outstanding dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reminded us of two important dates. June 1st is the deadline to request a change of membership status. These requests should be sent to Elizabeth Schnabel. The other important date is Sunday, August 26th. This is the last day to submit new membership applications to Kathy. Voting board members must attend one or both the September and/or October meeting as well as the November meeting to be eligible to vote. (i.e. 2 out of 3 meetings).

Conservation: Anne Kraus has the year end conservation report finished and will send it to Ceclia Harris before May 10th. Anne also circulated an "Adopt a Tree" sign up sheet and said we could adopt a tree with a friend or by ourselves. She also asked for input for conservation ideas we can include in Ashland Garden in conjunction with the 2013 Zone meeting. It was suggested that garden club members could address the invasive species problem and/or the endangered species protection on the grounds of Ashland.

Flower Show/Photography: Our next general meeting will be an in-club horticulture flower show. The schedule will be published in the May Bloomin' News. At the 2013 Centennial Flower Show each zone will submit a prizewinning photo that interprets an

aspect of the original GCA statement. An interpretive arrangement will accompany each winning photo. In anticipation of this photographer Randy Schmidt will hold a few photo workshops for our club. These workshops will be held in the garden. The first workshop is May 14.

Garden Project: Brenda and Philippa reported the jockey painting and repairs will be handled by Celeste Neuman. There has also been some minor brick repair done at the center back of the garden around the fountain planter.

Program: The site of the May 17th general meeting has been changed to Betsy Hillenmeyer's home. Betsy will demonstrate proper planting techniques for our upcoming horticulture flower show and Louie will discuss incorporating vegetables in a flower garden. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Schnabel. The June 21st general meeting will be held at Christ Church. This is our in club horticulture flower show. Hostesses are Anne Kraus and Betty Kenan. The July 19th general meeting will be held in Ashland Garden. The Glenview and Paducah Garden clubs will be invited. Joseph Hillenmeyer will give a talk on hydrangeas.

Special Projects: Leslie Baldwin asked us to please call her if we see a need to restock our cookbooks at any stores we frequent.

Garden Party: Margaret asked all members to sign up for food donations and to work during the party. Katie and Margaret are working on a new invitation as well as ideas for fundraising in conjunction with the party. If you have any ideas please let them know.

OLD BUSINESS

Brenda Barrett stated the Coffee Tree Project now visits 4 schools in Fayette County. Elizabeth Schnabel will submit photos for the final report of the project to GCA. There was some discussion regarding getting into all 4th grade classrooms in Fayette County in the future. This would require more financial and volunteer commitment from our club.

Mott informed us that Centennial News is coming from GCA, there is a blurb on the historical first meeting and information on Dedication Week, June 1-7, 2013 in New York City. Also GCA scarves are available for order and William Seale's book on GCA is available. Elise and Melodye are investigating a possible trip for members of our club to New York City during this time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz

Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON MAY GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, May 17th at the home of Betsy Hillenmeyer. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. and thanked Betsy and our luncheon hostesses Elizabeth Schnabel and Martie Mayer. The April minutes were approved as sent.

Mott informed us that Kim DeCamp is in the process of becoming an accredited GCA photography judge. She also announced that any correspondence, including resignations and change of status requests should be sent to our corresponding secretary Elizabeth Schnabel.

There is a balance of \$12,960.15 in the Bluegrass Winner's Account and \$15,102.50 in the Garden Operating Account. Twelve members are still outstanding in their dues for this year, 2 regular members and 10 affiliate members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney stated the deadline for status change is June 1 and the deadline for submitting new member applications is Sunday August 28th.

Conservation: Anne Kraus passed around a sign up sheet for "Adopt-a-Tree" on the grounds of Ashland. She encouraged pairs of members sign up to take care of the ground around a tree of their choosing on the grounds.

Flower Show: Luanne Milward passed out schedules for the in club flower show which will be held on June 21st at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church. Exhibitors are encouraged to have their entries there by 9 a.m. There will be parking at the Christ Church parking lot on the corner of Church and Upper Streets. The cost is \$5.00. Please try to carpool as parking will be at a minimum. During the time the exhibits are judged there will be a walking tour of the neighborhood. Luanne encouraged us to plant seeds and buy our plants, etc for the last three classes in the schedule because they must be in our possession for 30 days before the show. Entry cards will be in the garden shed at Ashland Garden. Please fill out these cards in permanent BLACK ink. There will be key cards for class 6 and class 8. All plant material should be listed on these cards. Betty Kenan urged all members to enter at least one class by calling Katie Alford and registering. Anne Kraus and Betty Kenan are the luncheon hostesses for this meeting. Please RSVP either Anne or Betty.

Garden Project: Brenda urged us all to "get down" to the level of our plants in the garden and clean out all debris and dead material. We have had an early wet spring and there will be many bugs this summer. Cleaning out and thinning out will allow air to circulate under and around plants thus allowing them to "breathe". Brenda also

circulated an article from an issue of Landscape Architecture Magazine discussing the USDA updated plant zones for the USA and Kentucky. If you are interested the web site is <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>. The jockey at the entrance of the garden will be removed and painted soon.

Horticulture: Martie Mayer will be going to the Shirley McNeise Horticulture Conference in Austin, Texas in Oct.

Program: Amy reminded us of the June 21st flower show meeting at Christ Church.

Special Projects: Leslie reminded all members that cookbooks will be in the garden shed. Please leave cash or checks in an envelope with your name on it. The old cookbooks are \$13 and the new ones are \$19.

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica asked members to send any ideas for a theme for the zone meeting to her.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill announced that the garden party will officially be a fund raising party. Margaret and Katie will be working on the invitation list to keep it current and make sure any new or interested "friends" be added. Anyone who has ideas and contacts for a silent auction please call Margaret.

NEW BUSINESS

A dedication week for the centennial week for GCA will be held on June 21, 2013 in New York City. Melodye Kinkead and Elise Boyd are looking into the feasibility of a trip to New York for members of our club during this time. If you are interested please let one of them know.

Mott shared the pictures of the GCA Scarves that will be on sale during the centennial GCA Meeting held next year in Philadelphia. The cost is \$125.00. Mott also has a limited supply of the scarves from the last annual meeting at a cost of \$10.00 each.

There followed much discussion on the need for raising funds for our club. Amy Kessinger suggested the possibility of our club designing and selling a scarf at the 2013 Zone meeting. Margaret Cowgill suggested a joint venture with Pomegranate Co. in the design and marketing of a table cloth and napkins.

Mott informed us that the yellow book for flower shows is being reworked and will soon be available on line. She then read a Centennial Minute talking about the first annual meeting held in Philadelphia.

There being no further business Mott adjourned the business portion of the meeting and turned over the meeting to Louie and Betsy Hillenmeyer. Louie discussed different aspects of vegetable gardening and Betsy demonstrated planting pots with our upcoming horticulture show in mind. A delicious box lunch was provided by Martie Mayer and Elizabeth Schnabel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON JUNE BOARD MEETING

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met on Monday June 4, 2012 at the home of Kathy Brooks. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:43 a. m. Members present were: Katie Alford, Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Philippa Fogg, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward, Mott Nicol, Jessica Nicholson and Lauren Van Balen. The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of the names of Rudy Schmidt and Shirley Meneice. The July board meeting will be held on July 3 at 8:30 a. m. in the garden at Ashland.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President: Kim DeCamp is working on updating the garden club website and adding garden club photos online through a site called "smug mug".

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Schnabel has received a change of status request. Mott read the letter from Betty Gess requesting affiliate status. The board accepted the request with regret.

Treasurer: Betsy Bulleit reported a balance of \$14,070.00 in the Bluegrass Winners account and a balance of \$9,021.00 in the Garden Club general account. We received a note from Barbie Tafel thanking us for our contribution to Yew Dell Gardens in her honor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reported there will be two spots open for membership. To discuss and vote on proposed members, board members need to attend either the September or October board meetings and the November meeting. We were reminded of the importance of keeping all of the admission process and information confidential.

Conservation: Mott Nicol gave Anne Kraus a letter requesting financial support from the Center for Plant Conservation, St. Louis, Mo. Anne is talking with Ashland to find out what trees we need to take care of on the grounds. Currently we have 16 volunteers signed up to help. We are also looking for Buffalo Clover to protect.

Finance: There will be a finance meeting this Wednesday, June 6th in the garden.

Flower Show/Photography: Luanne Milward and Lauren Van Balen announced that our Zone VII Chairman Marie Thomas is coming to our July 19th meeting in the garden. She wants to say a few words about GCA at the meeting. Luanne reported that our in club flower show will be June 21. She will e-mail more information to club members about parking and entering the church and the timeline of the show. You can bring entry

cards to the garden where she will have the A to Z book for a reference. June 11 is the deadline for entries.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett announced that Matt Roark will be removing the euonymus under the long hedge on the left side of the garden. The cost is \$800.00. July 4th is on Wednesday so we will work in the garden on Tuesday July 3rd of that week. Philippa Fogg said we needed to add some new sprinkler heads in the pachysandra beds at a cost of \$180.00. Celeste Neuman called John Cox regarding repairs to the jockey at the entrance to the garden. The repairs will have to be done onsite and will take several trips to do so. We will get a firm quote from him and then vote on the repairs. He estimates the minimum cost would be \$500.00. He needs to find the correct colors and pattern from Ashland.

Horticulture: Martie Mayer is looking for a volunteer to attend the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Austin, Texas on October 22-24 as our delegate. The deadline for registration is July 1.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced the next general meeting is our in house flower show. Anne Kraus and Betty Kenan will provide lunch, please RSVP to Anne. The July 19th meeting will be held in the garden and the Glenview and Paducah garden clubs have been invited to attend.

Publication: Taylor Fister reminded us that the deadline for articles in the Bloomin News is today.

Garden Party: Katie Alford and Margaret Cowgill discussed the auction item expectations for the garden party in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott discussed different ideas that other organizations employ to raise money. She passed around a Nashville magazine with an article from a club that held a Fund Raising Auction Party. Other ideas were a flower sale in March or garden trips. The July board meeting will be held at 8:30 a. m. in the yellow house on July 3rd before we work in the garden. Bring your own coffee! RSVP to Mott. Kim will be in charge of the meeting that day. We need to upgrade the brochure of the map of the garden and information about our cookbooks. This brochure is given to visitors at Ashland. There being no further business, Mott thanked Kathy for hostessing and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at Christ Church. The meeting was an in club horticulture show. Prior to the business meeting members brought their entries for the show and then took a walking tour of three gardens in the Gratz Park neighborhood, allowing three non-club judges time to rate and judge the entries and award ribbons. Upon return to the church President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 11:40 am. and thanked Luanne Milward, Lauren Van Balen and their entire committee for organizing and running the show. Mott also thanked Anne Kraus and Betty Kenan for hostessing and providing a delicious lunch.

Mott reiterated the fact that any correspondence, including resignations and change of status requests should be sent to corresponding secretary Elizabeth Schnabel. Recording secretary Jane Stilz asked to be notified if you are not receiving the general minutes through email. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit noted a Bluegrass Winners account balance of \$14,593.77 and a Garden Operating account of \$8,672.64.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney stated the deadline for submitting new member applications is August 26, 2012.

Conservation: Anne Kraus encouraged us to partner with someone and choose a tree to maintain the area around on the grounds of Ashland.

Finance: Betsy Bulleit asked us to keep and turn in receipts on any items or plants purchased for the garden or for the silent auction. Kim Lake will send a receipt to us for tax purposes. This helps the garden club to maintain our tax free status (501C-3).

Flower Show: Luanne Milward and Lauren Van Balen requested all "workers" in the flower show to submit a short job description and any ideas on how to improve the show. Mott also informed us she has a hard copy of the Flower/Photography/Horticulture Show schedule for the meeting in Winchester, Va. this September. As a club we are required to enter at least one flower arranging class (Division I or IV), one Photography Class and at least three Horticulture Classes. Some of these require early registration so go on line to the GCA website for information on the Zone VII meeting.

Garden Project: Lucy Foster has volunteered to give our jockey a cleaning and painting. Brenda reminded us that the 4th of July falls on a Wednesday so garden work day will be on Tuesday, July 3rd.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced our next meeting will be held in the garden at Ashland on July 19th at 10:30 am. Marie Thomas our Zone

Representative will be attending and Celie Harris our Zone Conservation Chairman might be there as well. Members of the Glenview Garden Club have been invited. Joseph Hillenmeyer will be our guest speaker. Hostesses are Brenda Barrett, Pattie Broadbent, Kathy Courtney and Kim De Camp. Please RSVP to Brenda.

Garden Party: Katie Alford and Margaret Cowgill encouraged all members to meet within their "auction" groups and come up with fun, different items for our auction in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott thanked the flower show committee for their wonderful show and Anne Kraus and Betty Kenan for hostessing the meeting. She also thanked Joan Gaines for opening her garden to all of us on the walking garden tour. Mott also thanked Donna Hopkins and Sue Kurkman from Frankfort and Mary Turner from Lexington for agreeing to judge this show.

There being no further business Mott adjourned the meeting and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON JULY BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Garden Club of Lexington met on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Ashland Garden. First Vice President Kim DeCamp called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Members present were Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Dottie Cordray, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Philippa Fogg, Edie Gess, Amy Kessinger, Anne Kraus, and Elizabeth Schnabel. The September board meeting will be held on August 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Margaret Cowgill.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer: Kim DeCamp reported for Betsy Bulleit that we have a balance of \$14,552.73 in the Bluegrass Winners account, and a balance of \$7,724.14 in the Garden Club of Lexington general account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation: Anne Kraus stated that we still need more people to adopt trees at Ashland. She also talked about an article by Linda James called "What Does Climate Change Look Like?" which can be found on the GCA website. It is an interesting read, because it talks about our changing climates, and how we as Garden Club members need to address these changes at our national, state, and local levels. When planting new items, we should take into consideration the rapidly changing climate.

Flower Show/Photography: Kim DeCamp congratulated Luanne Milward on a wonderful in-club flower show. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Kim also read a list of all of the winners of the different classes. Kim reminded the board that as a club we are required to enter at least one Flower Arranging class (Division I or IV), one Photography class, and at least 3 Horticulture classes. The Greenwich Garden Club is having a Photography Show called "Viewpoints" on November 8-10. Their website is www.greenwichgardenclub.org. The GCA Zone VII Flower Show presented by the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club is September 25-27. Their website is www.winchesterclarkegc.org. The registration deadline for this show is July 16th. Please check out these schedules and let Mott know if you are interested in participating.

Program: Amy Kessinger and Kathy Brooks announced that the July general meeting is on July 19th in the garden at Ashland. Joseph Hillenmeyer will talk about hydrangeas. Hostesses are Brenda Barrett, Pattie Broadbent, Kathy Courtney, and Kim DeCamp. RSVP to Brenda. Nineteen members of the Glenview Garden Club will be coming, as well as the Chairman of Zone VII and our Zone Conservation Chair. Sticker nametags

will be provided since we have so many guests. The September general meeting will be on the 5th in the garden.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill passed around the painting that Martie Mayer did of Ashland Garden that we are using for our new Garden Party invitation. Everyone loved it! Feedback's is giving the club a good deal on the invitation printing, so Margaret asked if anyone needs printing done to please give him your business. Also, if you want to add people to our invitation list please let Margaret know. Margaret was going to try and e-mail the invitation list to everyone, and put one in the shed, so that we can see who's on our list.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott would really like to know who will not be at the general meetings before the day of the meetings, if you have a report to make, or if someone else needs to be called on to make your report. As a board with committee responsibilities, we need to keep club members informed of what is going on in our areas. The more everyone knows about these committees, the more involved they will feel! There being no further business, Kim adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Fister

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON JULY GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, July 19th at 11 AM on the grounds at Ashland. President Mott Nicol welcomed our Zone VII Representative Mari Thomas and Zone VII Conservation Representative Celie Harris, both from Virginia. Mott also welcomed members of the Glenview Garden Club who joined us for our meeting and lunch. There was a correction to the minutes regarding the last day to submit applications, it was changed to read August 26, 2012 is the last day to turn in applications. The Bluegrass Winners Account has a balance of \$14,593.77, and the Garden Operating Account shows a balance of \$8,672.64.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reminded us all that the last day to submit applications for new members is August 26th, 2012.

Awards: Former awards chairman Mary Montague presented Nancy Bishop with a Medal and Citation to read "For continued dedication and commitment to Garden Club of Lexington, Ashland Garden and the community with such knowledge, thoroughness and gentility." Current Chairman Mary Louise Fisher asked all members to be thinking of outstanding members to nominate for future awards.

Conservation: Anne Kraus reported to us that the trees around the grounds of Ashland that need our care and attention have been marked with yellow tape and a number. Ivy, weeds, etc. need to be removed from the base of most of these trees. Please sign up to "adopt" a tree.

Flower Show/ Photography: Mott recognized Kim DeCamp for her 3rd place award in the Focus Photography Show(Pocket Camera Class). This is the online GCA Photography Publication. A copy of the publication was passed around during the meeting. Luanne Milward has written the judges and garden guides that helped us with our Horticulture Show in June. Please send "helpful" comments about the show to Luanne or Lauren Van Balen.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett gave a brief history of Ashland Garden for the benefit of the visitors.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger reminded us there will be NO general meeting in August. The next general meeting is Wednesday, September 5th, 2012 in the garden. Mary Warren will give a talk on composting.

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica Nicholson announced the title of our Zone Meeting is Through The Garden Gate. The dates are Oct.1-2, 2013.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill and Katie Alford asked for volunteers to address invitations on Monday, July 23 at Margaret's home. Also, they need two more volunteers to make 4 dozen ham and biscuits (each). There will be four 48" round tables this year in the garden and they each need an arrangement. Any financial donations will be greatly appreciated to help defer the cost of this party.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott still has order forms for the Centennial Scarf and the GCA book by William Seale.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott turned over the meeting to Mari Harris and Celie Harris who spoke to us about the support the Zone Representatives can offer each club and how we as active members can help the future generations protect and enjoy their environment.

After their remarks Mott thanked our hostesses; Brenda Barrett, Pattie Broadbent, Kathy Courtney and Kim DeCamp for the wonderful box lunches (which contained food made from recipes from the Bluegrass Winners Cookbooks).

Mott then asked Amy Kessinger to introduce our speaker Joseph Hillenmeyer. He gave an informative talk on the care and use of hydrangeas in the garden. Joseph also gave each attendee a hydrangea plant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2012

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, August 27, 2012 at the home of Margaret Cowgill. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Members present were : Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Dottie Cordray, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kim DeCamp, Mary Louise Fisher, Taylor Fister, Philippa Fogg, Amy Kessinger, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Elizabeth Schnabel, Jane Stilz and Barbara Young. The July minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Kim DeCamp will preside at our next general meeting which will be held in the garden on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

Second Vice President Barbara Young informed us that the dramatic feature film "Hitting the Cycle", a film that has scenes of Ashland garden in it and won Best Dramatic Feature Award at the MFF Awards will be shown in Lexington at the Kentucky Theater in October.

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel has received thank you notes for the flower show judges and Lynn Kaunau (from Glenview Garden Club). There was some discussion regarding written memorials for members who have died in the last year. Elizabeth will ask appropriate members to write and share these memorials during our general meetings.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the Bluegrass Winners account has \$7,763.00 and the Garden Operating account has \$5,474.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Mary Louise Fisher asked members for ideas for awards.

Conservation: Anne Kraus thanked all who participated in the "tree clean up" around Ashland grounds. There will be a workshop at the Arboretum on Tuesday, September 11th at 10 a.m. This workshop will teach you to package seed from your garden and to create biodegradable pots for spring planting. A "how to" workshop on reusing everyday materials. The cost is \$5.

Flower Show: Luanne Milward asked that any feedback on how we can change or improve the flower show process be emailed to her.

Garden Project: Philippa Fogg announced there will be a lock put on the spigot in the rose garden. In anticipation of the 2013 Zone Meeting we are hosting, Brenda Barrett reminded us that next month will be a "dress rehearsal" for our garden. With that in mind we need to be looking at what works and what needs to be changed in order to

present our garden at its best. There was discussion about whether to order tulip bulbs this year and it was decided the heads of the affected parterres will be consulted. Brenda also informed us that Anne Arvin will help in the clean up of the perimeter of the garden shed.

Horticulture: Mott Nicol announced we need to send several horticulture entries to Virginia next month to the Zone Meeting. Kim DeCamp has agreed to be the collection drop off point on Sunday, September 23. Please make sure all plants are labeled and cards are filled out properly.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced our next general meeting will be held in the garden on Wednesday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m. Ellen Chapman and Janie Romaine will provide sandwiches and tea. Please RSVP to Ellen.

Cookbook: Mott said Leslie Baldwin is exploring the possibility of preparing some cookbook recipes with a display at retail shops for their holiday open houses.

Garden Party: Margaret Cowgill informed us that she still needs food and or contributions for food for the garden party.

Scholarship: Edie Gess relayed the message that she has sent scholarship information to Mac Stone (Mimi Milward's brother) at Elmwood Farm. He knows someone who might like to apply.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance: Betsy Bulleit discussed a new project idea to help the club raise money. The Pomegranate Company would help us develop and produce a table cloth design to sell. It was decided to take it to committee first to work out more details and then bring it before the board.

Admissions: Cathy Courtney reminded us of the necessity of not discussing our admission candidates. She read the new proposed candidates applications and seconding letters. There was some discussion. The names will be read again at the next meeting.

The next board meeting is on October 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Taylor Fister. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 in Ashland Garden. Vice President Kim DeCamp called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported a balance of \$3,562.99 in the Blue Grass Winner's account and a balance of \$ 9,202.35 in the garden operating account. Betsy also informed us that there have been many donations to the garden club in memory of Mrs. Hendree Milward(Jane).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION; Anne Kraus read a thank you letter from Dick DeCamp for our work outside the walls of the garden, cleaning up around the base of trees on the grounds. She also encouraged us to read the Bloomin' News article concerning the workshop in the Arboretum. Anne also discussed the GCA Sally Brown National Scholarship (National Parks) and asked us to keep in mind any person who might be qualified for nomination.

FLOWER SHOW; Luanne Milward and Lauren VanBalen said there have been 6 volunteers to make arrangements for the Party in the Garden on Thursday night.

GARDEN PROJECT; Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg reminded us that the new members would be rotating in the parterres in the garden today. Please welcome them to your sections. Also, they encouraged us to keep working in the garden through the end of October.

HORTICULTURE; Martie Mayer reported that plant specimens for the Zone Meeting being held this September in Virginia should be dropped off at Kim DeCamp's home between 4 and 6 pm on September 23. Each club needs to have entries in 3 different classes. Taylor will send a "blast" email reminder. You can get on line at GCA to view the schedule or Kim will send a link out.

PROGRAM; Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced our next meeting is on Thursday, October 18 at the Thoroughbred Club. A brunch will be served and our speaker is Margot Shaw, the editor of " Flower Magazine". Please email or phone Celeste Neuman to RSVP for the meeting.

GARDEN PARTY; Katie Alford thanked everyone for their participation in the garden club party. Katie asked that all "staging" items be taken home immediately after the party.

OLD BUSINESS

Kim reported that Mott is trying to keep everyone abreast of the Centennial Plans for NYC. The best way to keep up dated is to read the E-news and go on line to the GCA website. We are still discussing the possibility of going together as a small group during the festivities. More about this after the Zone Meeting in Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

Kim thanked Ellen Chapman and Janie Pappas for hostessing the meeting and for the delicious box lunches they provided.. There being no further business, Kim turned the meeting over to Amy Kessinger who introduced Mary Warren, our garden assistant. Mary gave an informative talk on compost. The meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2012

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, October 1, 2012 at the home of Taylor Fister. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Members present were; Philippa Fogg, Celeste Neuman, Lauren Van Balen, Brenda Barrett, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Mott Nicol, Jane Stilz, Mary Louise Fisher, Kathy Courtney, Margaret Cowgill, Kathy Brooks, Martie Mayer, Jessica Nicholson, Sheilagh Hammond, Anne Kraus, Katie Alford, Betsy Bulleit and Ellen Chapman. The September minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp made an electronic slide show invitation highlighting the upcoming Zone Meeting that we will be hosting next year. It was shown at the Zone Meeting this past week in Virginia. The entire club will view the slide presentation at a general meeting in the near future.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported a Blue Grass Winners Account balance of \$3,306.00, a Garden Operating Account balance of \$22,396.00 and a Zone Account balance of \$1,071. Betsy also informed us that she has received 26 memorial donations for Jane Milward.

Recording Secretary: The next board meeting is November 5, 2012 at Philippa Fogg's home. Please call her if you cannot attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Award Chairman Mary Louise Fisher nominated, on behalf of our garden club, the Garden Club of Paducah for the "Civic Improvement" award at the Zone meeting this past week. GC of Paducah planted 100 trees on Jefferson Street to replace a "canopy" that was destroyed in the last ice storm. Juliette Grumley, a past president of GC of Paducah sent a glowing thank you for the nomination.

Conservation chairman Anne Kraus passed an information sheet around about the Emerald Ash Bore. There will be a class on compost this Thursday at the Arboretum. Anne also asked for two volunteers to go to the GCA National Conservation Meeting held in Washington, DC. The dates for the meeting are February 25-28, 2013.

Garden Project chairman Brenda Barrett reminded us that the new members have just been rotated into new parterres. Please make the new members welcomed in your sections. The bulb planting date is October 24 (rain date Oct.31). We will be planting pansies this week. Brenda passed handouts around with all of the plants in the garden listed.

Program Chairman Kathy Brooks announced our next general meeting is on October 18, 2012, 10:30 a.m. at Keene Place on Versailles Road. Margot Shaw, the editor of Flower Magazine will be our guest speaker. The hostesses are Celeste Neuman, Linda Carey, Ginny May, Margaret Cowgill and Sheilagh Hammond. Please

RSVP to Linda Carey. There was some discussion regarding allowing members to invite and pay for a non member to attend this meeting. There will be an announcement in the Bloomin' News regarding this. The November meeting will be held November 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd. The hostesses are Francis Cox and Meg Sprow. Joy Hinkle will give a flower arranging demonstration.

Special Projects: Cookbook Chairman Leslie Baldwin would like a few volunteers to help cook or sell cookbooks at Christmas Open House's.

2013 Zone Meeting Co-Chairs Ellen Chapman and Jessica Nicholson will hold a planning meeting this Thursday. They thanked Kim DeCamp for the official slide presentation invitation that was shown at the Zone Meeting last week.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott is still working on bi-law changes and there was some discussion about what changes should be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Congratulations to the members who entered and won awards at the Zone Meeting last week in Virginia. Ellen Chapman and Benny Williams won 2nd place in the floral arranging class entitled "CRAZY". Kim Decamp won 3rd place for her photograph in the photography division. In the horticulture division Brenda Barrett won a 3rd place with her perennial entry, goldenrod, "Firecracker". Brenda also won a 1st place with an entry of 5 different herbs and a 2nd with her Japanese anemone. Mott Nicol won a 3rd place for her anemone cutting. There were very few entries from our club as a whole and Mott encouraged us in the future to take the time to participate.

Mott then thanked Taylor for hostessing the meeting and then turned over the meeting to Kathy Courtney who discussed admissions policies and read names of proposed members. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz,
Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Keene Place. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: Mary Louise Fisher read a letter from Juliette Grumley, Past President of the Garden Club of Paducah, and Beth Gary thanking the Garden Club of Lexington for nominating the Garden Club of Paducah for the Civic Improvement award at the Zone meeting. They were thrilled to win the award and were so appreciative of us for nominating them.

CONSERVATION: Anne Kraus reminded us to be on the lookout for the Emerald Ash Bore on both our ash trees and our firewood. She also reported that she and Kathy Brooks would be attending the GCA NAL meeting in Washington, D.C. in February 2013.

GARDEN PROJECT: Philippa Fogg said that Wednesday, October 24th was the last day to work in the garden, so they needed everyone to come and help clean up the garden and put it to bed for the winter. Brenda Barrett informed us that we're still promoting the Kentucky Coffee Tree project. Brenda asked for members to sign up to be a liaison for a specific elementary school. You would be responsible for picking up the supplies from Brenda, and delivering them to the schoolteacher who would be doing the project. It's not very time consuming, and it takes place in the spring. The project targets fourth graders. The cost of this project is \$1/child, so if anyone wanted to donate money toward it they could send money to Betsy Bulleit.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica Nicholson stated that Mimi Milward, Treasurer of the Zone Meeting, is working on the meeting budget, so if you have an idea of the dollar amount that your committee might need, please let Mimi know.

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN: Dottie Cordray passed out handouts on the Archives of American Gardens.

OLD BUSINESS

Kim DeCamp said that she would help anyone who's having trouble logging on to the GCA website, and Barbara Young said if anyone needs to make changes to their GCA contact information/e-mail address to let her know. Mott thanked the club for sending her

to the zone meeting in Winchester, VA. It was a fun and interesting, and a wonderful opportunity to meet new Garden Club ladies.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott said that Elise Boyd and Melodye Kinhead have been working on a tentative plan for a group from our club to go to NYC for the Centennial Celebration next year. Everyone should have received her invitation to this by now. Elise said that the dinner is first come first served, and that it's a non-refundable evening for 600 ladies and guests at the Colony Club. The ribbon cutting at Central Park is free, but a few other of the events might need a reservation. If you are interested, or have any questions, you can call Elise, Melodye, or Mott. Mott said she received a note from Laura Greg that said that GCA would like to use a picture of Ashland Garden in the big slide show at the Centennial Celebration, which is very exciting. Mott thanked Linda Carey, Margaret Cowgill, Sheilagh Hammond, Ginny May, and Celeste Neuman for hostessing the meeting, and for the lovely brunch. There being no further business, Mott turned the meeting over to Kathy Brooks who introduced our speaker Margot Shaw, editor of Flower magazine. She gave a funny and interesting talk on her life and how Flower came into being. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Fister

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER, 5, 2012

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, November 5, 2021 at the home of Philippa Fogg. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Members present were: Leslie Baldwin, Brenda Barrett, Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Dottie Cordray, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Philippa Fogg, Edie Gess, Sheilagh Hammond, Anne Kraus, Amy Kessinger, Martie Mayer, Luanne Milward, Mott Nicol, Jessica Nicholson, Elizabeth Schnabel, Jane Stiliz, Lauren Van Balen and Barbara Young. The minutes were corrected to reflect the proper spelling of Margot Shaw and the inclusion of Sheilagh Hammond as a co hostess for the general meeting. Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel reported on the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference she attended in Austin, Texas. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported a balance of \$1555.94 in the Bluegrass Winners account, \$25,954 in the Garden Club of Lexington account and \$1,071 in the Zone Meeting account. The profit thus far from the Friends of the Garden Party is \$23,223.00. Betsy also announce that all financial transactions for the 2013 Zone Meeting are being handled by Mimi Milward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation chairman Anne Kraus and Kathy Brooks will be attending the GCA National Meeting on Mon. Feb.25 through Thursday Feb 28 in Washington, D.C. Anne also informed us of an article regarding House Bill 146-255 in Bluegrass Greenworks Magazine focusing on conservation in schools.

Finance Chairman Betsy Bulleit reported that her committee met and would like to recommend we cancel the Friends of the Garden Party for the fall of 2013 because of the Zone Meeting we will be hosting. Betsy motioned and Dotty Cordray seconded to accept the committee recommendation regarding the cancellation of Garden Party next year. The motion was voted on and passed. We need to make all members aware of the need to put the money, time commitment and energy that would have gone into the party into the Zone Meeting. Elizabeth Schnabel will send out a letter to all persons who normally receive a party invitation explaining why we are no having the party and why it is still important to support the garden. The committee also recommends rotating our charitable donations thus allowing us to give more money to the charities chosen for that particular year. Betsy then announced the following recommendations for 2012 donations: Arboretum \$500, Shakertown (trails and nature preserve) \$500, Ashland (grounds) \$500 and GCA \$200, and Velma Perkins Scholarship \$1,500. Kim DeCamp motioned to accept the recommendations and Barbara Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Flower Show /Photography chairman Lauren VanBalen announced there will be a photography clinic before the Zone Meeting. Mott reminded us that in the GCA e-News, click flower show, then click flower show entry cards, and then click horticulture card. You will find the new entry card and instructions on how to fill them out correctly.

Garden Project chairman Philippa Fogg reported the irrigation system will be shut down on Nov. 6. Chairman Brenda Barrett said she will make an announcement at the general meeting asking for volunteers for the Coffee Tree Project. She encouraged us to collect the pods now in paper or open plastic bags and store them in our garages or basements.

Program Chairmen Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger reminded us of the November 15 general meeting at Good Shepherd Church. Joy Hinkle will be our speaker, Francis Cox and Meg Sprow are hostesses. The Annual Christmas Tea to be held on December 20, 3:30 pm at the home of Jessica Bell with hostesses Jessica, Wende Bell, Jessica Nicholson and Benny Williams.

Mott reported to Public Relations Chairman Sheila Hammond that her job description title would change to better reflect her job.

Scholarship Chairman Edie Gess is looking for suitable applicants for scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott has asked Anne Gay, Brenda Barrett, Philippa Fogg and Kim DeCamp to help with bylaw changes. Anyone else who is interested in being on this committee should contact Mott.

Blair Matthews Lewis from the Glenview Garden Club will be at our November meeting to inform us about the Centennial Meeting.

Mott then excused non voting members and this meeting. turned the meeting over to Admissions Chairman Kathy Courtney. Kathy passed out ballots for voting. The ballots were collected and tallied. Invitations for new membership will be sent out by Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel. New members will attend the Christmas Tea. There will be an informational coffee for new members on January 14, 2013 at 10 am at the home of Barbara Young.

Mott then resumed control of the meeting. Our next board meeting will be December 3, 9:30 am at the home of Jane Stilz. Mott thanked Philippa for hostessing. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON NOVEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Good Shepherd Church. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS

Second vice president: Barbara Young announced the GCA web sight has changed their URL address from www2.gcamerica.org to www.gcamerica.org.

Recording secretary: Jane Stilz thanked Taylor Fister for typing last months general minutes.

Treasurer: There was a recommendation from the board to donate \$500.00 to the following organizations: The Arboretum, Shakertown (trails and nature preserve), and Ashland (to be used to maintain grounds). A \$200.00 donation will go to GCA Scholarships and the Velma Perkins Scholarship is \$1,500.00. Jessica Nicholson moved to accept the recommendation and Barbara Young seconded. The recommendation was voted on and approved. Mott reported the profits from The Friends of the Garden Party are \$23,223.00. She thanked Katie and Margaret for all of their hard work and effort. Mott also read our account balances: Blue Grass Winners \$1,783.74, Garden Club Account \$24,143.53, and Zone 2013 Account \$1071.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation: Anne Kraus announced the GCA National Meeting will be held February 25-28, 2013 in Washington D.C. Anne and Kathy Brooks will be attending. If any member is aware of any upcoming legislative bills concerning the environment please let Anne or Kathy know.

Finance: It is a recommendation of the finance committee that the Friends of the Garden Party be canceled next year because of the Zone Meeting we will be hosting. In lieu of a party all members are encouraged to put their time commitment, energy and money towards the Zone Meeting. Elizabeth Schnabel will write a letter to all guests we normally send invitations to informing them of the reason for not having the party and encouraging their continued support of the garden. Sarah Davis suggested we also include in that letter an invitation to attend the Zone Meeting flower show.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett passed a sign up sheet around for volunteers to sign to go to various schools this year with the coffee tree project. She also encouraged us to be collecting coffee tree seed pods now. Brenda and Philippa will be working on

parterre assignments soon. Please notify them if you want to move from OR stay in your current section.

Program: The annual Christmas Tea will be held this year on December 20, 3:30 p.m. at the home of Jessica Bell, 96 Chinoe Road. Hostesses besides Jessica are: Jessica Nicholson, Wende Bell and Benny Williams.

OLD BUSINESS

Benny Williams thanked the club for sending her to Winchester, Va. to the Zone Meeting . Benny got to see exactly what it takes to have a zone meeting, signage, hostessing, etc. The idea that GCA is there for us, wants more participation from it's members and is there to help us was a huge "take away" for Benny. She said GCA is trying to be more available for all members.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott introduced Blair Matthews Louis. Blair is a member of Glenview(Louisville) Garden Club and is the Centennial Zone VII Representative. She gave a short talk on the activities that will be occurring the first week in Jun 2013. Blair also showed us scarves and acorn and leaf charms associated with the centennial that can be purchased now. She also spoke briefly about the Sally Brown Conservation Scholarship. Elise Boyd and Melodye Kinhead are heading up a committee to look into the possibility of trip up to New York during this time for our members.

Mott then adjourned the business meeting at 11:15 a.m. She thanked Frances Cox, Meg Sprow and Donna Cornish for hostessing our meeting. She then turned the meeting over to our speaker Joy Hinkle. Joy gave a wonderful demonstration of fall flower arranging. Frances, Meg and Donna served a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2012

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington met Monday, December 3, 2012 at the home of Jane Stiliz. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Members present were: Elizabeth Schnabel, Taylor Fister, Lauren Van Balen, Martie Mayer, Brenda Barrett, Mott Nicol, Luanne Milward, Jane Stiliz, Jessica Nicholson, Leslie Baldwin, Edie Gess, Katie Alford, Margaret Cowgill, Mary Louise Fisher, Amy Kessinger, Barbara Young, Ellen Chapman, Dottie Cordray and Anne Kraus. The minutes were approved as sent.

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel announced the acceptance of two new members into our club. The new members will be introduced at the tea in December. Elizabeth will send an invitation to the new members for an informal coffee in January to be held at Mott Nicol's home. This coffee will be a time for the new members to learn more about the club. Board members interested in participating should contact Mott.

The Treasurer's report is as follows: Bluegrass Winner's Account \$1,624.42. The Garden Operating Account \$21,215.30, and the Zone Account \$1,071.84. Our 9900 tax return has been filed. Donations have been made to the organizations previously voted on. There was some discussion regarding adding to the Velma Perkins Scholarship next year.

Mott announced that through the generosity of the Crutcher Foundation several Kousa dogwoods in the Allee on the grounds of Ashland have been replaced.

Mott also congratulated Kim DeCamp on her two third place awards in photography for the photographs that she entered in the Greenwich, Connecticut Flower Show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett still needs coffee tree seeds. She also said the front gate of the garden needs repair and painting. If anyone has names of people or companies she could contact to do the repair please call her.

Program: Amy Kessinger announced the annual Christmas Tea will be held on Thursday, December 20th at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Jessica Bell. Please RSVP to Benny Williams. Amy asked for three volunteers to take flowers to members who cannot attend the tea. Barbara Young suggested sending out an email to ask for volunteers to deliver flowers and to offer a ride to any member who needs one. There will be information in the Bloomin' News about this also.

Special Projects:

1. Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin reported we have a new account in Midway at the Bistro LaBelle. Leslie and Donna Cornish prepared several recipes from our cookbooks for the Clay Avenue Open House. She reported that several books were sold.

2. 2013 Zone Meeting: Ellen Chapman and Jessica Nicholson reminded us of an organizational meeting on Thursday, December 6 at 11 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. More meetings will be scheduled to keep up progress on all aspects of the zone meeting after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott and a small committee will meet in the garden on Tuesday to decorate for Christmas. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, January 7th, 2013 at the home of Barbara Young. Mott thanked Jane for hostessing the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2012

The Garden Club of Lexington held it's annual December Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 20, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Jessica Bell. Co-hostesses were Jessica Nicholson, Wendi Bell and Benny Williams. Jessica's home was beautifully decorated in the spirit of the season. The tea took the chill out of a cold rainy afternoon , the dining room table was laden with beautiful and delicious delicacies and everyone had an enjoyable time.

President Mott Nicol introduced our two new members, Mrs. George (Elizabeth Gay) Freeman and Mrs. B. Seward (Shannon Greely) Totty.

Our next general meeting will be held on January 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Luanne Milward. Co hostesses will be Caroline Barrow and Lucy Calhoun. Please RSVP to Caroline at Ashwoodfarm@me.com or 859-492-9322.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.
OCTOBER 2013
BOARD MINUTES**

The board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday October 7, 2013 at the home of Elizabeth Schnabel. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. She thanked everyone for the time and effort put forth to make the Zone Meeting such a wonderful success. Members present were: Lauren Van Balen, Philippa Fogg, Kathy Courtney, Elizabeth Schnabel, Dottie Cordray, Kathy Brooks, Kim DeCamp, Leslie Baldwin, Jessica Nicholson, Mary Louise Fisher, Amy Kessinger, Taylor Fister, Katie Alford, Sheilagh Hammond, Anne Kraus, Betsy Bulleit, Barbara Young and Jane Stilz. The minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel is beginning to get membership information updated in anticipation of reprinting the 2014-2015 membership book. She will be asking for changes of address, etc. via email and at the next few general meetings.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Zone Account \$20,687.12, Bluegrass Winner's Account \$4,431.33 and Garden Operating Account \$1,734.07. Mimi Milward sent a letter to the board asking for all outstanding bills from the Zone meeting. Please drop the due bills by her home or mail them to her as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Mary Louise Fisher is working on compiling a list of awards given at the Zone Meeting.

Conservation: Chairman Anne Kraus reported that Carol Carter, the Zone VII Conservation Chairman was very complimentary of the conservation work we are doing in and around Ashland. (Compost pile, buffalo grass, eradication of invasives). Anne also reported that Lucy Foster and members of her family cut down some of the dead dogwood trees in the allee. Also, Anne Arvin brought in some yard workers to spruce up in and around the garden and Celeste Neuman donated the tree trimming services of Ian Hoffman and Big Beaver Tree Service to have trees trimmed around the garden shed.

Flower Show/Photography: Amy Kessinger reported that our club had the most entries and won the most number of points in the horticulture division of the zone flower show. (118).

Garden Project: Philippa Fogg reported that tulip bulbs have been ordered. October 30 will be the last day in the garden. Philippa and Brenda have given a special gift to Mary Warren for all of the extra work she did prior and during the zone meeting.

Horticulture: Donna Cornish is going to the Shirley Meneice Conference. There will be a seed sharing opportunity and we are encouraged to collect coffee tree seeds for her to take and share.

Program: Amy Kessinger and Kathy Brooks reminded us the November general meeting will be held on November 21 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will take place at Good

Shepherd Church. Sarah Davis will be leading the program. Leslie Baldwin and Nancy Bishop are hostesses. Amy also complimented Caroline Barrow and Collin Boyd on a wonderful program at the September meeting. The Annual Christmas Tea will be held December 19 at the home of Katie Alford. Hostesses besides Katie are Judy Philpott, Barbara Young and Anne Arvin.

Special Projects:

Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin reported cookbook sales of \$1,200 during the Zone Meeting.

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica Nicholson thanked everyone for all of the hard work before, during and after the zone meeting. Leslie Baldwin reported that 150 non-garden club visitors came to see the flower show at the Hyatt. Kim DeCamp has pictures of the banquet that she will post on our photography website. Dottie Cordray brought to our attention a book, BRINGING NATURE HOME, written by Doug Tallamy, one of our featured speakers at the meeting. She encouraged us all to buy and read it. Dottie also reported that many of the attendees at the meeting commented on how fortunate our club is to have the Ashland Garden as our club project. Mott Nicol read notes from Judy Ogger and others thanking us for the wonderful zone meeting.

Garden Party: Katie Alford reported that 100 contributions totaling \$11,360 have been recieved from "Friends of the Garden". Katie read a letter from Joe Graves, one of many she has recieved thanking us for maintaining the garden and sharing with the community. Katie also informed us that the garden party next year will be held on September 11, 2014. This is the second Thursday of the month.

Mott then turned the meeting over to Admissions Chairman Kathy Courtney. Kathy reviewed attendance rules and reminded us of confidentiality. There followed some open discussion on policy regarding GCA members of other clubs who move into our area. Age parameters were also discussed in conjunction with the two types of membership our club has. Kathy then read over the list of proposed new members and a short discussion of the list followed. We will vote at the November meeting at which time there will be no discussion. Kathy then turned the meeting back over to Mott.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott informed us that on Thursday, October 10, Victoria Magazine will be in the garden to take photographs for an upcoming article. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.
NOVEMBER 2013
BOARD MINUTES

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday, November 4, 2013 at the home of Taylor Fister. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Members present were; Mott Nicol, Kim DeCamp, Jessica Nicholson, Leslie Baldwin, Martie Mayer, Kathy Brooks, Taylor Fister, Amy Kessinger, Edie Gess, Anne Kraus, Brenda Barrett, Dottie Cordray, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Philippa Fogg, Kathy Courtney, Betsy Bulleit, Lauren Van Balen, Mary Louise Fisher, Sheilagh Hammond and Jane Stilz. The following corrections were made to the October minutes; the date of the Christmas tea is December 19 not December 18, and Amy Kessinger complimented Caroline Barrow and Collin Boyd on a wonderful program at the September meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp is putting together a slide show of the October Zone Meeting in anticipation of being shown at the Christmas Tea.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following balances: Bluegrass Winner's Account \$3,831.40, Garden Operating Account \$581.32, and Zone Account \$6,266.36.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation: Anne Kraus reminded us that late fall is a good time of year to get rid of winter creeper in the garden. It can be manually pulled up or if the temperature is above 60 degrees it can be sprayed.

Finance: Betsy Bulleit announced a finance meeting will be held immediately after this board meeting.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg reminded us that November 6 will be bulb day in the garden. We will be planting over 500 bulbs and will need all members to help plant.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced our next general meeting is on Thursday, November 21 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Sarah Davis will guide us in constructing Cornucopias for Thanksgiving. Please bring plant material from your gardens, baskets will be provided by Sarah. Hostesses for this meeting are: Leslie Baldwin, Nancy Bishop and Anne Kraus. The annual Christmas Tea will be held on Thursday, December 19 at the home of Katie Alford. Hostesses for the tea are Katie, Barbara Young, Judy Philpott and Anne Arvin.

Special Projects:

Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin is looking into a report that the Bluegrass Winner's cookbook is on sale at Amazon for \$107.00. Help is needed to clean out the cookbook office. Please call Leslie if you can volunteer some time to help.

Zone Meeting: Jessica Nicholson will have the Pomegranate linens we used at the Zone Meeting on sale at our next general meeting. These linens include square table cloths, napkins and aprons. Mimi Milward needs all receipts from the Zone Meeting. The Corliss Knapp Engle Zone Horticulture Sweepstakes Award Certificate that our club won at the Zone Meeting Flower Show has been framed and will be hung in the garden shed at Ashland.

Public Relations: Sheilagh Hammond reported that there is a wonderful picture of Margot Shaw and Leslie Baldwin in the current issue of GCA Bulltein. She is still waiting to hear about the article she wrote on Lucy Breathitt.

Visiting Gardens: There will be a GCA- Kentucky Visiting Gardens Tour May 18 through 23, 2014. Visitors will tour specific sites in both Louisville and Lexington. Betty Kenan has agreed to host a dinner party for the group while they are in Lexington.. Ellen Chapman, who is now on this GCA national committee encouraged us to sign up online on the "interest list" if we are interested in future garden tours.

OLD BUSINESS

Brenda Barrett announced that she would be giving up leading the Coffee Tree Project. It was suggested that the Horticulture Committee take this project on. The board feels this is a very important community project and it should be continued. Mott thanked Brenda and all who helped her for all of their hard work and time on this project.

Mott also reported that Eric Brooks, the Ashland Director, offered to give our garden club space in the main house to hold some of our archival material. We will discuss this at the January board meeting.

ADMISSIONS;

Mott then turned the meeting over to Admissions Chairman Kathy Courtney. Kathy distributed ballots, votes were cast and tallied. Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel will send out letters inviting the ladies to membership. Kathy reminded all board members of the importance of confidentiality. She also delineated the duties of sponsors of the new members. These duties include escorting them to: the Christmas Tea, the informational meeting in January at Kathy Courtney's and the March general meeting.

There being no further business Mott adjourned the meeting at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Stilz
Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.
GENERAL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2013**

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church at 10:30 AM. Sarah Davis gave a demonstration on decorating for Thanksgiving. Sarah gave each member a cornucopia and oasis and members provided various flowers, fruit, berries, greenery, nuts and cones they had collected. Sarah encouraged us to use our imaginations and each arrangement was a reflection of it's creator! Following the program President Mott Nicol called the business meeting to order at 11:30 AM. Mott thanked Sarah for providing the cornucopia baskets and "Make and Take" demonstration. Mott also thanked Leslie Baldwin, Nancy Bishop and Anne Kraus for hostessing the meeting. They provided a beautiful lunch that was served during the business meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp reported that she has a slide show of the Zone Meeting ready. It will be show at the tea in December.

Recording Secretary Jane Stilz thanked Katie Alford for taking the minutes at the last general meeting. Dottie Cordray asked to correct the spelling of Collin Boyd's name in the minutes.

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel reported the coffee tree project is scheduled for fourth grade students in local schools. Elizabeth also requested that any changes in your contact information be sent to her. She is busy preparing the information for the new year books.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Zone Account \$11,885.58, Bluegrass Winner's Account \$3,946.09 and Garden Operating Account \$10,974.43.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Mott received a letter of notification from Katie Stewart , Chairwoman of Admissions Committee informing her that Paul Cappiello has been invited to become an honorary GCA member. (Mott wrote a seconding letter for his membership invitation.)

Conservation: Anne Kraus thanked everyone involved this year in the adopt a tree effort on the grounds of Ashland.

Garden Project: Philippa Fogg asked for volunteers to help decorate the garden for Christmas. Ellen Chapman and Sarah Davis will decorate the large trough at the back of the garden with greens. Dottie Cordray will decorate the topiaries, Barbara Young will donate and hang wreaths on the front gates. Philippa also asked us to notify her if we want to change our partierre assignments next year.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger reminded us that the annual Christmas Tea will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 PM at the home of Katie Alford. Other hostesses besides Katie are Anne Arvin, Judy Philpott and Barbara Young. Please RSVP to Katie Alford, 272-0218. . Amy asked members to bring

small arrangements in "retired" tea cups or other containers to give to shut in members after the tea. Mott also asked members to offer transportation to and from the tea to members who no longer drive.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Zone Meeting Chairman Ellen Chapman sold aprons (\$15), napkins(\$4) and table cloths (\$25) that were used at the Zone Meeting. They are green and white with the garden gate design. Pomegranite will be producing more in the spring that will be for sale in 2014.

Garden History and Design Chairman Dottie Cordray reported that she participated in a conference call including all garden history and design chairs. Dottie suggested our club should explore the possibility of making this special project a committee instead of a one person job. Dottie also read a report on The Secret Garden. The report discussed among other things, the history and descriptions of secret gardens. Dottie asked members who normally shop on Amazon for Christmas to please use the Nature Conservancy web site to shop through. For every purchase, a donation will be made to the conservancy.

Visiting Gardens; Margaret Cowgill asked if our club is interested supplying gift bags for the May 2014 GCA Visiting Garden trip to Kentucky.

Mott then announced that the next board meeting is December 2, at 9:30 AM at her home, 1821 Delong Road. There being no further business, Mott again thanked the hostesses for a delicious lunch and Sarah Davis for a fun program. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfull submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.
DECEMBER 2013
BOARD MINUTES

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday, December 2, 2013 at the home of Mott Nicol. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Members present were; Mott Nicol, Kim DeCamp, Leslie Baldwin, Martie Mayer, Kathy Brooks, Taylor Fister, Anne Kraus, Brenda Barrett, Margaret Cowgill, Luanne Milward, Kathy Courtney, Lauren Van Balen, Barbara Young, Celeste Neuman and Katie Alford.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President: Kim DeCamp; no report.

Second Vice President: Barbara Young; no report.

Recording Secretary: Jane Stilz; no report. Kim DeCamp is taking minutes for Jane Stilz.

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Schnabel. The coffee tree project for 4th grade students will be active in 2014. Elizabeth will be asking for involvement by members in the coming months. Also, the membership directory will be printed early in the new year. Please send changes in your contact information to Elizabeth.

Treasurer: Betsy Bulleit (Report given by Mott Nicol).
Balances in the Garden Club of Lexington account include:
Zone Account: \$4,366.89
Cookbook Account: \$3,786.16
Garden Account: \$5,723.21

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney. Kathy reported that we have four new members.

New active member acceptances include: Martha Trussell, Melanie Dowell and Christy Harris.

The new affiliate member is Anne Roughton. Sponsors of new members should invite the new members to ride with them to the tea. Also, January 14th will be the new member coffee at Taylor Fister's home. More details to follow.

Awards: Mary Louise Fisher; no report.

Conservation: Anne Kraus; no report.

Finance Committee: Betsy Bulleit (Kim DeCamp will give the report).

It comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee to give the following charitable gifts for the 2013 year:

The Arboretum (\$500); Ashland, Henry Clay Estate (\$1,500 in honor of Dick DeCamp); Shaker Village (Trails and Nature Preserve, \$500); GCA Scholarship Fund (\$200); and Velma Perkins Botany Scholarship Fund, \$900).

A motion was made by Kathy Brooks and seconded by Brenda Barrett. The approval was unanimous.

Flower Show: Luanne Milward. Four people have agreed to bring tea cup arrangements to the tea for home bound members.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg. If any member would like to switch (or stay) in their current parterre, please contact Philippa Fogg. The Garden at Ashland will be decorated by members over the next two weeks.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger. The Annual Christmas Tea will take place at the home of Katie Alford on December 19th at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Katie. Hostesses include: Katie Alford, Barbara Young, Ann Arvin and Judy Philpott. The January Board Meeting will take place on January 6th at the home of Margaret Cowgill. The January general meeting will take place on Thursday, January 16th, at Holly Hill Inn at 10:30am.. The program will be "Cooking with herbs".

Horticulture: Martie Mayer. The recap of the Shirley Meneice Conference will be in the next edition of "The Real Dirt".

Bulletin: Taylor Fister. Please turn in all articles or information for the December Bloom by Wed. December 4th.

Special Projects/Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin; no report.

Special Projects/Zone Meeting: Ellen Chapman/Jessica Nicholson (exc.); no report.

Founders Fund: Lucy Foster; no report.

Garden History & Design: Dottie Cordray; no report.

Garden Party: Katie Alford & Margaret Cowgill; no report.

Historian: Jessica Nicholson (exc); no report.

Public Relations/Comm; Sheilagh Hammond (exc); no report.

Edie Gess: Scholarship; no report.

Visiting Gardens: Celeste Neuman. The visiting gardens GCA trip will be in Lexington the week of May 20th. We will need to assemble items for the gift

bags. Celeste Neuman and Kim DeCamp will work together to transport those items to Louisville to be included in the gift bags.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott reported that the bylaws revision is not complete but the committee will be working on this in the coming months. Also, Mott reported that photos (taken by Kim DeCamp) from the Christmas Tea 2012 will be sent to Martha Moore (Zone VII Rep) to be included in a report that Martha will present to GCA. Mott wrote an article describing the history of the Christmas Tea and the importance of this long standing tradition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott passed out a paper copy of the GCA eNews She encouraged everyone to read this very informative newsletter. Mott read a letter from Martha Moore and Holly Bailey thanking the Garden Club of Lexington for a successful Zone Meeting. Also, Martha is seeking volunteers who would like to attend a meeting in Charlottesville or Richmond (Jan. 23 or Feb 6) to brainstorm about fundraising.

Mott presented the Slate of Officers for the 2014-2016 term. The GCL slate for 2014-2016 is listed below.

Executive Committee:

President - Kim DeCamp

Vice President - Kathy Brooks

Second Vice President - Mott Nicol

Recording Secretary - Leslie Baldwin

Corresponding Secretary - Melodye Kinhead

Treasurer - Betsy Bulleit

Standing Committees:

Flower Show & Photography - Kathy Courtney & Amy Kessinger

Programs - Margaret Cowgill & Lolly Martin

Friends of the Garden Party - Marcia Slabaugh & Luanne Milward

Special Projects (Cookbook & Pomegranate Tablecloth) - Cathy Snowden

Admissions - Taylor Fister

Bloomin' News - Anne Kraus

Garden at Ashland - Philippa Fogg & Elizabeth Freeman

Horticulture - Donna Cornish

Awards - Katie Alford

Visiting Gardens - Ellen Chapman

Scholarship - Brenda Barrett

Conservation - Lendy Brown

Historian - Dottie Cordray

Founders Fund - Sheilagh Hammond

Garden History & Design - Kathy Dalton

Communications and Public Relations - Mimi Milward

A motion was made by Margaret Cowgill to approve the slate, and seconded by Martie Mayer. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Mott Nicol adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim DeCamp
Standing in for Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2013**

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met Monday, January 7, 2013 at the home of Barbara Young. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Members present were: Leslie Baldwin, Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Jessica Nicholson, Kim DeCamp, Taylor Fister, Ellen Chapman, Mott Nicol, Kathy Brooks, Margaret Cowgill, Barbara Young, Amy Kessinger, Dottie Cordray, Anne Kraus, Luanne Milward and Jane Stilz. The minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Kim DeCamp will be getting in touch with Benny Williams to coordinate revisions that need to be made to our club's website to make it more user friendly for the upcoming Zone Meeting we will be hosting.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported by e-mail the following balances: Zone Account \$1,071.84, Bluegrass Winners Account \$1,382.53, and the Garden Account \$16,170.62. She also asked that a reminder be posted in the Bloomin' News regarding dues payment. Dues are \$150, payable to Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. They are due now and next month and can be mailed to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: There will be an informal coffee on January 14, 2013 at Mott Nicol's home for the new members. This will be an informational meeting and officers are encouraged to attend.

Finance: Betsy will send an e-mail to the finance committee asking for approval for revised insurance policies. This is in part due to having very little to insure at the Beck House and the need to insure the books in storage at Young's Storage. Betsy is also conferring with Paula Hardin at Powell, Walton, Milward about liability coverage insurance in the garden.

Flower Show/Photography: Barbara Young will be in charge of receiving all photo entries for the Zone Meeting Flower Show.

Garden Project: Blair Matthews sent a note to Mott calling attention to an article in the February/March Bulletin on the Centennial Tree Project.

Horticulture: Mott shared an article on Old Growth Forests of Kentucky and asked if there would be any interest in the future to have a meeting at one of these forest areas. She suggested it would be an opportune time to photograph many plants and trees in their natural settings. Mott also received a pamphlet on the Middlesburg Horticulture Symposium to be held on February 23, 2013. There will be contact information in this month's Bloomin' News. Mott also passed around a mailing from the University of Kentucky Agriculture Department offering times and dates of classes to be held in the spring that might interest gardeners.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced the next general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the home of Luanne Milward. The program will be Art In Bloom. Members have signed up to interpret various paintings through floral arrangements. Hostesses are Luanne Milward, Lucy Calhoun, and Caroline Barrow. Please RSVP to Caroline. There will be no general or board meeting in February. The March general meeting will be our annual meeting. It will be held on March 21, 2013. Hostesses are Melodye Kinkead, Philippa Fogg, Meg Sprow and Kathy Brooks. Besides the annual meeting, a video of the invitation to the Zone Meeting will be shown.

Special Projects: 2013 Zone Meeting: It was suggested that to keep the general membership informed and aware of the Zone Meeting in October, a fact or short paragraph be printed in the Bloomin' News each month. There will be another Zone update meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 1365 East Cooper Drive (Ellen's parents home) at 11a.m.

Garden History and Design: Dottie Cordray is working on one or two different ideas for this area.

Historian: Jessica Nicholson has been going through boxes of files and materials from our past. She asked if anyone had any scrapbooking interests or could help organize the material. There was much discussion and Jessica will report back to us after further study. Kim DeCamp has submitted historical photographs from our club's past to the Centennial Committee in New York.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott reported that she has formed a committee to review bylaws on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 10 a.m. at her home. A big thank you to Mott, Amy and Barbara for taking time to decorate the garden this December for Christmas. Barbara donated wreaths on the front gates, Dottie decorated the topiaries and Mott and Amy filled the lead watering trough with holly. We received many compliments on the decorations. This will hopefully become an annual event and next year we need to decorate before the Ashland tree lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

Every board member is expected to turn in a report to Mott on or before the March general meeting. Please go back over all records pertaining to your office this year and send a complete report.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at Ellen Chapman's.

Mott thanked Barbara for hostessing the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON JANUARY 2013 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the home of Luanne Milward. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked our hostesses: Luanne Milward, Caroline Barrow and Lucy Calhoun. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President: Kim DeCamp announced that the Yellow bound Flower Show Book is available at the Woodhill Office Depot for \$25 per copy, (black and white).

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Schnabel asked for four more volunteers to hostess a board meeting in the coming year. See her if you would like to sign up.

Treasurer: The following account balances were sent to the meeting by Betsy Bulleit. The Bluegrass Winner's Account- \$5,114.18, the Zone Meeting Account- \$1,071.84, and the Garden Account- \$9,890.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney welcomed our new members, Elizabeth Freeman and Shannon Totty to the meeting.

Awards: Mary Louise Fisher asked for ideas for club and community awards. She needs your input as soon as possible.

Conservation: Anne Kraus and Kathy Brooks are travelling to Washington, D.C. in February for the GCA Conservation meeting. The focus this year seems to be on land use and climate. If anyone has any information or "talking points" on these subjects, please contact Anne. Anne and Kathy will be meeting with Andy Barr and a representative from Mitch McConnell's office.

Finance: Betsy will be sending an e-mail to the finance committee asking for approval for revised insurance policies. This is due in part to the fact that we have very little to insure at the Beck House and the need to insure the cookbooks now at Young's Storage. Garden and accidental insurance will be addressed also at this time. Betsy reports that Paula Hardin at PMW has been very helpful. A reminder also that yearly dues of \$150 are due by the March general meeting. Please send checks, made payable to Garden Club of Lexington, to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.

Flower Show: Luanne thanked the ladies who made and delivered arrangements in December to the members who could not attend the Christmas Tea. Jessica Nicholson gave a short talk on what is involved in becoming a flower show judge.

Garden Project: Philippa Fogg announced that she and Brenda will soon be placing members in sections/parterres of the garden for the coming season. Please let them know if you want to stay in or move from your area.

Program: Kathy Brooks reminded us there will be no February general meeting. The March meeting will be our annual meeting, held on Thursday March 21, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Idle Hour Country Club. Hostesses are Besty Bulleit, Kathy Brooks, Philippa Fogg and Melodye Kindead and Louise Parker Sledd.

Publication: Taylor Fister reminded us there will be no Bloomin New's in February.

Special Projects: Leslie Baldwin passed applications to enroll in the Kentucky Florist Association Flower Show, held in Frankfort, Ky. in January.

Founders Fund: A vote will be not be necessary this year for a Founder's Fund Project because in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration the Founder's Fund will be the restoration and improvements project in Central Park. Every club went together to financially support this project. Mott read a description of the entrance to Central Park that the GCA has been working on. The dedication will be Sunday June 2, 2013 in New York City.

Garden History and Design: Dottie Cordray read a "one minute" GCA memo on access to gardens that are recorded at the Smithsonian. The GCA has been a part of this for 100 years. Dottie also reported that she will be documenting Betsy Bulleit's garden for her project.

OLD BUSINESS

A big thank you to Mott, Barbara, Amy and Dottie for the beautiful decorations in the garden during the Christmas season. Barbara donated wreaths, Amy and Mott decorated the watering trough at the rear of the garden and Dottie adorned the topiaries. We received many wonderful compliments and would like to continue this new tradition in the coming years.

Elise Boyd has information regarding the GCA Centennial trip to NYC in June. Some of our members are interested in going and Elise has information on the Helmsley Park Hotel.

Brenda needs coffee tree pods and seeds. She read off names of volunteers and the schools they will be going to and asked for donations to help with the cost of this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott has asked each committee chairman to submit a year end report to her by e-mail on or before March 1, 2013.

Mott then turned the meeting over to John Milward who gave an interesting talk on the art he and Luanne have collected over a 25 year period. He discussed some of the artists of the paintings that were chosen for our "Art In Bloom" arrangements. We then went through their home, looking at each painting and accompanying arrangement. The flower arrangers explained their interpretation of the art work through their floral arrangements.

A delicious box lunch was served and Mott again thanked the Milwards, Lucy Calhoun and Caroline Barrow for hostessing. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2013**

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday March 4, 2013 at the home of Ellen Chapman. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Members present were: Taylor Fister, Leslie Baldwin, Martie Mayer, Sheilagh Hammond, Katie Alford, Kim DeCamp, Amy Kessinger, Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Philippa Fogg, Luanne Milward, Anne Kraus, Dottie Cordray, Ellen Chapman and Jane Stilz. The minutes were corrected to read under Flower Show that Barbara Young is in charge of receiving all photo entries for the Zone Meeting Flower Show.

NEW BUSINESS

The order of business was changed for this meeting. We began with New Business. Mott received a request from Catherine Edlen asking to use the garden in June for a private, small wedding ceremony. Discussion followed regarding legal, financial and other ramifications. Betsy Bulleit motioned to look into the request and Kim DeCamp seconded the motion. Mott will check into this.

Mott also asked those board members who have not yet turned in a yearly report to please have their report ready to turn in at the general meeting in March.

Mott then read two letters of resignation sent to her this month. The first was from Jessica Bell requesting a status change from active to affiliate. Mott asked and Ellen Chapman seconded to accept Mrs. Bell's request. Meg Sprow also sent a letter of resignation. Mott asked and Martie Mayer seconded to accept Meg's resignation. Both letters were accepted with regret and Jessica Bell will become an affiliate member.

The Lexington Herald Leader has an article about the Town Branch architect, Kate Orff, published on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, written by Tom Eblen. Mott highly recommended we read it and suggested that Ms. Orff would be a wonderful speaker for a general meeting.

Betsy Bulleit then announced the resignation, as of April 1, 2013 of our cookbook secretary/bookeeper Kim Lake. Betsy has recommended to the finance committee and they have accepted the hiring of Nancy Hehr. Nancy will begin April 1, 2013. There followed discussion about what to do with a 7 by 7 foot desk that is currently at Kim's home. Betsy is going to look into selling it or donating it to Habitat.

Brenda Barrett was congratulated for her TV appearance. Brenda along with Richard Weber of Springhouse Gardens was on LEX TV last Thursday at 12:30 p.m. They discussed the Kentucky Coffee Tree and Brenda's coordination of the coffee tree program the garden club has begun with the elementary schools in Fayette County.

Mott then turned the meeting over to Kim DeCamp and we resumed our regular agenda as follows.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice president Kim DeCamp is working with Benny Williams on our cookbook website. They are working towards a more general web site they will be user friendly. We will be using the GCA Zone site for the 2013 Zone VII registration. There will also be a "save the date" for the Zone meeting on the national site.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported balances for the following accounts: Bluegrass Winner's \$4,261.00, Garden Club operating \$9,680.00 and the Zone account-\$621.00. She also reminded us that annual dues of \$150.00 are due. Please send checks made payable to: Garden Club of Lexington, Inc.

760 Montclair Drive
Lexington, KY 40502.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation chairman Anne Kraus thanked the club for sending her (and Kathy Brooks) to Washington, D.C. last month for the GCA conservation meeting. She discussed her experiences and met with Andy Barr and a representative from Mitch McConnell's office.

Pulbication Chairman Taylor Fister reminded us there will be no April board meeting. Any information that needs to be in the Bloomin' New's for the April publication should to be sent to her no later than April 8, 2013.

Visiting Gardens: Thirty one ladies from The Tanglewood Garden Club , Houston, Texas, are coming to Kentucky on April 5, 2014 to visit gardens in Louisville and Lexington. Mott and Celeste Neuman are working on possible gardens to visit in Lexington.

Flower Show/Photography: Zone VII is responsible for providing the photos to appear in the April GCA eNews. This is the perfect chance to show off all the photography talent we have within our club. They are looking for two types of photos: 1. A colorful, seasonal photo in landscape format to be cropped for the banner and/or 2. A smaller, colorful, seasonal photo in a compatible color palette, to be used in the body of eNews. This photo may be horizontal or vertical. Deadline for entries is April 7, 2013, emailed to Laura Simpson at ksimpson2@comcast.net.

Garden Project Chairwomen Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg announced the garden assignments letter will be mailed this week. Work in the garden begins on March 27. Brenda has renewed the contract with United Landscapes for garden maintenance and fertilization. Mary Warren will again be helping us in the garden this year. Roger Perry will be sandblasting and repainting the two iron gates (front entrance and back corner). Ramsey Bell has generously offered to paint the jockey for us at no cost. We have hired a new irrigation company, Gomanju, to take care of the irrigation systems this summer. Brenda also reminded us that the membership drive for Ashland is this month, please support it. If anyone is interested in working in the sweet bay parterre please let Brenda or Philippa know.

Program Chairman Amy Kessinger announced the March annual meeting will be held on March 21, 2013 at Idle Hour Country Club. Hostesses are Philippa Fogg, Melodye Kinkead and Betsy Bulleit , Kathy Brooks and Louise Parker Sledd. Please RSVP to Philippa. Amy asked us all to bring interesting vases (odd, creative) and we'll discuss how they can be arranged in different ways. Our April 18th meeting will be at

the Cottage in the Woods, on Paris Pike. More information will be available about this meeting in the Bloomin' New's

Special Projects: Zone meeting co-chairman Ellen Chapman reminded us there will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 11 a.m. at the Givens home, 1365 Cooper Drive. Ellen also reported that Leslie Baldwin and Kathy Brooks have worked very hard on the flower show schedule for the Zone Flower Show. The schedule has been submitted for approval. Ellen also read through the agenda and daily schedule of events. These schedules have to be submitted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

No discussion.

There will be no April board meeting. The next board meeting will be held May 6, 2013 at the home of Dottie Cordray. Kim thanked Ellen for hostessing the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at Cottage in the Woods, the home of Melissa and Paul Sullivan. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported a balance of \$921.00 in the Zone account, a balance of \$5,545.00 in the Blue Grass Winner's account, and a balance of \$10,210.00 in the garden operating account. Betsy also reported that there are 15 members who haven't paid their dues yet. Betsy then read a memorial for Delia Kessinger, written by Amy Kessinger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSIONS: Kathy Courtney reminded members that June 1st is the deadline for membership status change. Also she encouraged members to propose new members, and reminded us that the last date to propose someone is Sunday, August 18th.

CONSERVATION: Anne Kraus passed around an article on the White House Issues Oceans Policy. She also told us to check the Bloomin' News for information on the Med Toss and other local conservation efforts.

FLOWER SHOW: Luanne Milward reported that one schedule for our Zone meeting flower show was approved and on the GCA website, so be thinking about what categories you might want to enter.

GARDEN PROJECT: Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg sent around a list for members to sign up to bring refreshments to the garden. Discussion was had about possibly sending out an e-mail to members when the work in the garden is rained out, so members know not to go to the garden that day.

HORTICULTURE: Martie Mayer reported that the GCA Shirley Meneice meeting will be held in the US National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. on October 20-23, 2013.

PROGRAM: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger reported that the May general meeting will be held at Dottie Cordray's house on Thursday, May 16th, where we will learn all about orchids and tour Dottie's gardens. Jane Stilz and Betsy Hillenmeyer are our hostesses, and RSVP's go to Jane. Dottie will give members the opportunity to purchase orchid supplies at wholesale prices, so bring cash or checks.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – 2013 ZONE MEETING: Jessica Nicholson reported that members may have to do two jobs at the zone meeting, so please be willing to volunteer if you're called upon to help.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sheilagh Hammond sent Kaki Pearson, the GCA Zone VII Bulletin rep, articles about Ashland Garden for the GCA website.

VISITING GARDENS: Celeste Neuman announced that we will be having company in the spring of 2014 as the GCA National Visiting Gardens trip is coming to Louisville and Lexington.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott stated that she had received all but five of the year-end reports from board members, so if those who haven't submitted them could do so soon she would appreciate it. Also, she asked everyone to check that their e-mail address was correct and let her know if it needs to be changed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott thanked Melissa Sullivan for having us to her home, and thanked Kathy Courtney for letting Mott join her in hosting the meeting. Mott said that she and Margaret Cowgill were looking forward to going to Philadelphia on Monday, April 29 for the GCA Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Fister for Jane Stilz

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2013**

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday May 6, 2012 at the home of Celeste Neuman. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Members present were: Leslie Baldwin, Philippa Fogg, Kathy Courtney, Lauren Van Balen, Betsy Bulleit, Jessica Nicholson, Jane Stilz, Brenda Barrett, Barbara Young, Celeste Neuman, Mott Nicol, Mary Louise Fisher, Anne Kraus, Elizabeth Schnabel, Katie Alford, Taylor Fister, Kim DeCamp and Margaret Cowgill. The minutes were corrected to include Betsy Bulleit under members present at the March meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winner's \$4,588.79, Garden Club of Lexington \$9,400.16 and Zone Account \$921.84. Twenty one members have not paid their dues yet. A reminder will be sent out to delinquent members in June. Betsy also reminded us that memorial donation checks should be separate from dues checks because they go in different accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney encouraged us to pick up new member application forms. There will be a by-laws meeting in the next two weeks to discuss guidelines for changing from active to affiliate membership.

Conservation: Anne Kraus has sent an updated report to our Zone Chairman describing our club activities: the coffee tree project, the adopt-a-tree at Ashland, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the garden shed for members to adopt a tree this year. We also need to help save the buffalo clover on the Ashland grounds.

Finance: Betsy Bulleit will be calling members of this committee in the near future to schedule a meeting.

Garden Project: Philippa Fogg reported that the garden gates will be reinstalled soon and the jockey will be painted onsite. Brenda Barrett reported that zinnias will be planted on the side of the garden shed. These will add color to that area and will also be used for the Bouquets to brighten the day project. Brenda also asked us to be aware of the need to improve the Yew Hedges. No action will be taken until after the October Zone meeting but they will need to be severely trimmed after that. This will require a considerable outlay of money. Betsy Bulleit is working on composing an information sheet encouraging members and friends of the garden to remember contributions to the garden through estate planning. Our 100th anniversary is coming up soon and this will also be an opportunity to solicit special funds. Brenda also reported that on Friday, May 3, 2013 the Speaker of the House, John Boehner took a private tour of Ashland Estate and Ashland Gardens. On June 11 at 10 a.m. at Louis' Flower Power Shop,

Betsy Hillenmeyer will be helping those who want to make containers for the Horticulture section of the Zone meeting flower show. These containers and plants must be in the possession of the exhibitor 3 months prior to the show. There will be four different classes. Brenda also asked the board members to consider volunteering to be tour guides at Ashland on Wednesday, Oct 2 for the Zone meeting.

Horticulture: Donna Cornish is going as our club representative to the Shirley Meneice meeting at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC on October 20-23, 2013.

Program: The June 3, 2013 board meeting will be held at the home of Katie Alford at 9:30 a.m. The June 20, 2013 general meeting will be held at the home of Neal Vaughn.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cookbook; Leslie Baldwin and Nancy Hehr will be going to Bardstown on June 8 to the Kentucky Pride Festival to sell our cookbooks. If anyone has any new venues they think we should pursue please notify Leslie or Nancy. Last year we netted approximately \$5,000 in cookbook sales.

Historian: Jessica Nicholson asked the board to consider a position on the board that will handle all social media/communications for the club. This job will of necessity require competence in computer usage. We now have our own web site, gardencluboflexington.com and it will need to be managed also. This new office would handle local and national public relations. When the by-laws committee meets this month this will be discussed.

Scholarship: Mott Nicol asked us to be thinking of anyone who would qualify for a scholarship from the garden club. There are monies available for many different research/study topics.

Visting Gardens: Celeste Neuman informed us that on May 21-24, 2014, there will be 30 GCA members visiting Louisville and Lexington. Celeste went over the schedule of events while the visitors are in Lexington. Celeste also gave us a web site, GCAinterestlists@gmail.com to get on if we would like to be on an interest list for future visiting gardens trips.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott still needs two committee reports. She also passed out information on the following: an Industrial Hemp Meeting at the UK Department of Agriculture, a natural plant sale at Dunbar High School on Saturday, May 11 from 10am-2pm. , the upcoming Danville garden tour, and the spring Shaker Village Brochure. Mott also reported that she and Margaret Cowgill just returned from a 4 day Centennial Annual GCA Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa.

Bouquets to brighten the day will begin this Wednesday. Melodye Kinhead is again heading up this endeavor. We need flowers, vases and drivers to deliver the bouquets. Philippa Fogg suggested we ask some member's children who are looking for community service hours to deliver the bouquets.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott Nicol reported that she and Margaret Cowgill just returned from a 4 day Centennial Annual GCA Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa. A full report will be given at the June general meeting.

The Glenview Garden Club(Louisville) is having a garden tour/fund raising on June 1 and 2 of this year.

Kim DeCamp will be holding a photography workshop to educate members on terms, composition, and how to enter a photography show. She will announce the date and place later.

The Jne board meeting will be held at the home on Katie Alford on June 3 at 9:30 a.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10a.m.

Respectfull submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
MAY 16, 2013
GENERAL MINUTES**

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the home of Dottie Cordray. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and thanked Dottie for welcoming us into her beautiful home and garden. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. The treasurers report is as follows: Bluegrass Winners Account: \$4,588.79, Garden Club of Lexington Account: \$9,400.16, and Zone Account: \$921.84. There are a total of 21 members who have still not paid dues for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reminded us that admission forms are available. Please be thinking of possible candidates for membership.

Conservation: Anne Kraus passed a sign-up sheet around for the adopt a tree at Ashland program. We are encouraged to sign up in pairs. She also brought to our attention an article in the May 8, 2013 Lexington Herald Leader newspaper on the Robinson Forest.

Flower Show/ Photography: Kim DeCamp will be giving a Photography Fun 101 Workshop on June 6th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the family room at Idle Hour Country Club. Please call Kim if you have any questions and RSVP by June 1st.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg reported that the newly painted and refurbished gates have been installed, and the jockey will soon be painted.

Horticulture: It was reported that Donna Cornish will be going to the Shirley Meneice meeting at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC on October 20-23, 2013.

Program: The June general meeting will be held at the home of Georgia Rodes, 966 Mason Headley Road on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Lendy Brown and Marcia Slabaugh are hostesses. Please RSVP to Marcia. The July meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the garden at Ashland. This is our annual picnic in the garden. Judy Oger will give a tour of the grounds around Ashland.. Kathy Dalton is hostess.

Special Projects:

Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin and Nancy Hehr will be travelling to Bardstown on June 8th to the Kentucky Pride Fair to sell cookbooks.

2013 Zone Meeting: Jessica and Ellen encouraged all members to sign up for volunteer jobs during the zone meeting in October. Jessica will send out an e-mail with a list of the various job opportunities available. Please be willing to sign up for more than one job. There was some discussion as to how affiliates could be encouraged to participate. Ginny May will be leading this area and contacting affiliates. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the garden shed door for guides and hostesses. Brenda Barrett needs tour guides for Wednesday afternoon at Ashland and Louise Fisher needs bus guides. Betty Kenan needs help on September 30th installing the conservation exhibit at the Hyatt. Members are encouraged to attend the Awards Banquet and to come to the meeting at the Hyatt to hear the guest speakers on Wednesday morning.

Any members interested in entering the flower show need to meet at Louis' Flower Power Shop on June 11, at 10 a.m. Betsy Hillenmeyer will show us how to pot, etc. plants for entry to the flower/horticulture show. These plants must be in your possession for a minimum of three months prior to exhibiting.

Public Relations: Sheilagh Hammond has sent GCA Bulletin information regarding Lucy Breathitt's garden and an article from the Herald Leader on the Coffee Tree Project.

Visiting Gardens: Celeste Neuman reminded us that 30 women from GCA will be visiting gardens in Louisville and Lexington in May 2014.

Old Business

Mott still has one year-end report outstanding. The Glenview Garden Tour is on June 1st and 2nd.

New Business

Mott expressed sympathy to the friends and family of Wende Bell.

Jessica announced a search for a new director for the Arboretum. If you have any names in mind for the job please let her know.

Margaret Cowgill then thanked the membership for allowing her to go to the GCA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in April. Margaret and Mott heard many interesting speakers and viewed a DVD on the history of GCA members who have contributed so much through the years in conservation, horticulture and gardening.

Mott then adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Dottie Cordray gave a wonderful talk on the care and nurturing of orchids. Hostess' Betsy Hillenmeyer and Jane Stilz served a light lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDENCLUB OF LEXINGTON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2013

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday, June 3, 2013 at the home of Katie Alford. President Mott Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Members present were: Martie Mayer, Anne Kraus, Edie Gess, Sheilagh Hammond, Lesile Baldwin, Luanne Milward, Jessica Nicholson, Jane Stilz, Mott Nicol, Mary Louise Fisher, Katie Alford, Kathy Courtney, Taylor Fister, Lauren Van Balen, Kathy Brooks, Celeste Neuman and Dottie Cordray. The minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp will be holding a Photography 101 Workshop on June 6 from 1:30-3 pm. at the Idle Hour Country Club for anyone interested in learning more about their camera, taking pictures and how to enter a flower show. Kim also reports that for our Zone meeting we have 3 Photography classes; class 1 is full and class 2 is almost full.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit emailed the following balances for this month: Blue Grass Winners Account- \$2,614.44, Garden Operating Account- \$7,139.90, and Zone Meeting Account- \$921.84.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Kathy Courtney reported that there are 3 openings for new membership. Forms are available now and must be completed and returned to her no later than Sunday, August 11.

Awards: Mary Louise Fisher is working on an award nomination for GCA. Traditionally, the host club for any Zone meeting awards a "local" person with an award. Please be thinking of potential conservation/horticulture/preservation nominees.

Conservation: Anne Kraus thanked all who "adopted" a tree at Ashland. She gave us some guidelines for combatting poison ivy(which is around the base of many of the trees). Anne also brought to our attention an article in the Con-Watch written by New Hampshire Rep. Angus King and encouraged us to look it up on line and read it.

Flower Show/Photography: Luanne Milward reported that there are 4 entries for floral design and 1 entry for botanical arts(embellishment). Cathy Miller, from Cleveland is hopefully coming to present a workshop on botanical arts in the near future.

Garden Project: The jockey has been painted and the garden gates are painted.

Horticulture: Martie Mayer reported that Donna Cornish will be representing us at the Shirley Meneice Conference in Washington D.C.

Program: The next general meeting will be held on June 20, 2013, 10:30 am. at the home of Georgia Rodes, 944 Mason Headley Road. Hostesses are Marcia Slabaugh and Lindy Brown. The July meeting is the annual picnic at Ashland Garden. The date is July 18, 2013 at 10:30 am. The hostess is Kathy Dalton. Judy Oger will give a walking tour of the grounds and it's history.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin will be travelling to Bardstown on June 8 to market our cookbooks at the Kentucky Pride Festival.

2013 Zone Meeting: There will be a meeting for the Zone Planning Committee on June 12, 2013 at 11:30 am. at Ashland Garden. In case of rain the meeting will be held at Barbara Young's home. Jessica thanked all who have generously donated time to volunteer and the enthusiasm everyone has shown by signing up for more that one volunteer opportunity.

Garden History and Design: Dottie Cordray is continuing work on the documentation fo Betsy Bulleit's garden.

Sheilagh Hammond is continuing work on collecting information and photos of Lucy Breathitt and her Beekeeping activities. She is working on an article for the October GCA bulletin.

Visiting Gardens: Celeste Neuman reported that there is information on the GCA web site regarding two 2014 trips, one to see us in Kentucky in May and another trip to the Low Country , Belgium and the Netherlands in June. Celeste said she would be escorting a leader of the May 2014 Visiting Gardens Tour of Kentucky on June 12, 2013. She is coming to "scout" out the trip for next May.

OLD BUSINESS

In the last Board minutes there were 2 requests made of the Bylaws Committee and although this is not final or approved it is what they are working on at present: 1. Change from Active to Affiliate- to remain the way it has always been which is "vague" except for the requirements for eligibility, which are defined. It does not say if a change of status is by request or by invitation. A vote was taken on "requesting" membership status change if a person has been a member for a minimum of 15 years. This passed unanimously. 2. The request for a Board position to cover "communications" of all types. This would entail overseeing our web site, PR in our community, providing articles and information requested or given as PR to the GCA Bulletin and/or its web site. The Bylaws Committee sees this as a name change for the existing PR Committee Chairman position. Communications Chairman is what some other clubs call this job. A job description that explains all of these "new" responsibilities is necessary as we move forward. This is due to the fact that communication has changed so drastically in

the last few years. There was discussion as to whether this should be a voting board position. The board voted to change the title and make the position a voting one.

Mott also passed around a sheet with highlights of the GCA Board of Directors Meeting, including descriptions of various board positions. She encouraged us to read the appropriate sections as per our jobs on our board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott read a request from Brad Cowgill to use the BGW storage area for his summer intern. The request was voted on and approved.

On Tuesday, June 11 there will be a horticulture workshop at Louis' Flower Power Shop on Tates Creek Road.

Ashland Foundation is holding a Dinner in the Garden Party on June 14, 2013.

Mott also encouraged us to participate in the Bouquets to brighten the day, which starts Wednesday, June 5.

Mott reminded us that group mailing of garden club members should be used only for garden club business.

The July board meeting will be held Monday July 8, at Mary Louise Fisher's home at 9:30 am. Please call Mary Louise if you can not attend. The following board meeting will be held on Monday August 26th at 9:30 am. at Martie Mayer's home.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.

JUNE 20, 2013

GENERAL MINUTES

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. was held Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the home of Georgia Rodes. Mrs. Rodes graciously opened up her lovely gardens for a tour. She discussed the development and growth of her gardens as well as pointing out beautiful statuary within the gardens. After the tour, at 11:45 am., while members dined on a delicious lunch provided by Lendy Brown and Marcia Slabaugh, President Mott Nicol called the general meeting to order. She thanked Mrs. Rodes for sharing the beauty of her gardens. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances; Bluegrass Winners Account \$1,562.74, Garden Operating Account \$6,008.22 and Zone Account \$1,621.84. There are still 15 members who have not yet paid dues this year. The finance committee has met recently and recommends sending a statement to each member next year.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp hosted a photography workshop on June 6. She gave many tips on how to enter the GCA flower show and advice on photography in general.

Corresponding Secretary: Because of the Fall Zone Meeting our club will be hosting, we will not be hosting the annual Friends of the Garden Party this year. Elizabeth Schnabel will be composing a letter to send to past Friends of the Garden Party guests informing them that we will not be having our annual party this year, but we still will be accepting donations to continue to maintain the garden. The Friends Party will resume the following year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions Chairman Kathy Courtney has membership forms with self addressed envelopes. Completed forms are due no later than Sunday, August 11, 2013.

Conservation Chairman Anne Kraus sent a report stating her committee had a meeting and will be actively working to eradicate "invasives" on the grounds around Ashland and "Adopting a Tree" on the grounds to clean up the base around said trees,. She also would like to implement a policy encouraging the planting of alternative plants that can adapt well in our climate within our garden.

Garden Project: The loose bricks around the top of the brick wall will be repaired/ replaced soon. Chairman Brenda Barrett asked us to turn in any plant tags after we

have planted new plants. She is keeping a cumulative list of all plants in the garden and wants to keep it current. Brenda also reported that she has had contact with someone who wants to donate bases for the planters at the front garden gates. We are also encouraged to give at least one and a half hours of our time each Wednesday working in the garden. Friday, September 30 will be designated as an extra garden workday. This extra day is in anticipation of making sure our garden is in top shape for the the Zone Meeting the following week. There was also discussion regarding night visitors in the garden. Some chicken wire will be installed under the taxis hedge to deter unwanted guests.

Program Chairman Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger reminded us all that the July meeting will be held in the Garden at Ashland on Thursday, July 18th at 10:30 am. Hostesses will be Kathy Brewer, Kathy Dalton and Lolly Martin.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2013 Zone Meeting chairman Jessica Nicholson announced the next meeting will be held in the garden on Wednesday, July 10 at 11 am.

Historian Jessica Nicholson reported that she has some very interesting photos and other information on past Zone meetings our club has hosted. She will bring this information to the next meeting.

Public Relations- Mott thanked Sheilagh Hammond for all she is doing to capture the illusive Beekeeper photos and other pictures of Lucy Breathitt. Her article will hopefull be published in the October GCA Bulletin.

Visiting Gardens- Mott reported that Celeste Neuman recently hosted Visiting Gardens point person Stanya Owens for a day. This was a "scouting" trip for the upcoming visit the GCA group will make next year. There is information on the GCA web site reegarding 2 2014 trips, one to see us in Kentucky and a trip to the Low Country, Belgium, and the Netherlands in June.

OLD BUSINESS

The annual Ashland Lawn Party will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013. All members are encouraged to support and/or attend this function.

The horticulture workshop that was hosted by Betsy Hillenmeyer and Louis' Flower Power Shop was very helpful. Remember, you must have the plants in your possession for a minium of 3 months before you can enter them in the flower show.

Kathy Brooks has the Flower Show Schedule if anyone needs a copy, please let her know.

NEW BUSINESS

Brad Cowgill will be using some of our space at the office on High Street. He will pay us 3 months rent for using it during this time.

Mott again thanked Georgia Rodes for opening up her gardens to us and Lendy Brown and Marcia Slabaugh for the delicious lunch. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stiliz, Recording Secretary

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2013**

The Board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday, July 8, 2013 at the home of Mary Louise Fisher. Vice President Kim DeCamp called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Members present were; Betsy Bulleit, Kim DeCamp, Lauren Van Balen, Jessica Nicholson, Philippa Fogg, Anne Kraus, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Brenda Barrett, Dottie Cordray, Mary Louise Fisher, Amy Kessinger, Taylor Fister and Jane Stilz. The minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President: There was discussion regarding the contents of a letter to be sent to the list of guests of the fall garden party we usually host. It was agreed that this letter should be sent out by mid August. The letter should include: 1. The reason why we are not having the party this year (because of the Zone Meeting we will be hosting at that time), 2. A brief history of the garden, 3. A subtle invitation to continue to support the garden financially and 4. To invite guests to the flower show that will be held during the Zone Meeting. There was also some discussion about who should write the letter. Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel, along with Co-Garden Party Chairs Katie Alford and Margaret Cowgill were suggested as co-authors of the letter. Anne Kraus suggested we send a "non-party" invitation. It was decided that Margaret, Katie, Elizabeth and Mott should determine how best to handle a letter or non-party invitation to our "friends of the garden". There was discussion about a shorter letter that should go out to our garden club members. Since we are not having the party this year, it was thought that garden club members should be strongly encouraged to contribute to our club to help supplement our budget (in the amount of \$60, the cost of the ticket).

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winner's Account - \$895.02, Garden Account- \$6,160.58, and Zone Account- \$5,021.85. There are 9 members who still have dues outstanding this year. They have all been sent a statement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admissions: Completed admissions forms are to be returned to Kathy Courtney no later than Sunday, August 11.

Conservation: Anne Kraus thanked everyone who has "adopted" a tree on the grounds at Ashland. She said there is a huge improvement in the way the trees and grounds look. Anne then read an article from the Patagonia Catalogue regarding fracking. She encouraged us all to educate ourselves regarding this type of mining. Fracking is on the list of items that GCA is lobbying against in Washington, D.C.

Garden Project: Brenda Barrett gave a short talk on how we need to take special care of our plants in the garden because of all of the rain we have had. She encouraged us to get "eye" level with our plants, prune, clip and generally get rid of any dead and/or rotting materials. This will help prevent mold and mildew problems in our garden. Brenda is also in the process of cleaning out our garden shed. There are still some clippers for sale (\$45). Brenda asked us to share all of this information with others in our parties. She also asked us to please schedule any meetings on Wednesday in the garden AFTER 11 am. Philippa said the painting of the garden gates is almost finished. She also discussed the poor condition of some of the brickwork in the garden. Repairs need to be taken care of before our Zone Meeting in October.

Program: Amy Kessinger and Kathy Brooks reminded us the next general meeting is on Thursday, July 18 at 10:30 am. This is the annual picnic in the garden. Hostesses are Kathy Brewer, Kathy Dalton and Lolly Martin. After the business and luncheon portions of the meeting, Judy Ogger will be giving us a guided tour of the grounds and its history. There will be no board or general meetings in the month of August. The September board meeting will be held on Monday, August 26 at the home of Martie Mayer. at 9:30 am. The September general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at Caroline Barrow's Black Barn Winery. This will be an evening meeting. Hostesses will be Lauren Van Balen, Joan Gaines and Jane Baugh.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Zone Meeting: Jessica Nicholson reminded us of a zone planning meeting to be held this Wednesday in the garden at 11 am. The Zone VII Chair and Vice-Chair will be coming on July 31 to check on our progress.

Garden History and Design: Dottie Cordray reported that Cook Electricians has been called and has replaced all of the lightbulbs in the lights around the garden. These lights are for security purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

It has been brought to Mott Nicol's attention that in 1985 the Garden Club of Lexington Board, acting on GCA directive chose the jockey silk with the pineapple featured on our original cookbook as our Club Logo. (page 9 in Black Book). During Jessica Nicholson's presidency, we changed the Club Logo to a jockey silk with a tulip so as not to conflict with the registered silks of Mrs. Pat Green. There followed discussion during the meeting today about the possibility of changing our Logo from the revised jockey silks to an image of the front garden gates. We are currently using the gate image on our web site and in other communications. It was felt that at this time the gates better represent our club. There was also discussion regarding the partnership with Pomegranite Company in producing the gate image on linen products. This is still in the formative stage.

Vice-Chairman Kim DeCamp again thanked Mary Louise for hosting our meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfull subnmitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.

JULY 18, 2013

GENERAL MINUTES

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 on the grounds of Ashland. Upon arriving the members took a walking tour of the grounds of Ashland led by Judy Ogger. We learned about the history of the land and home of Henry Clay as well as gaining interesting insights into the location of old trees and Lucrecia Clay's original garden. Judy shared many interesting facts and after the tour she distributed a handout packet to each member with information about the home and property of Henry Clay. After the tour members gathered under a tent and ate a delicious lunch provided by hostesses Kathy Brewer, Kathy Dalton and Lolly Martin. As we sat at beautifully decorated tables President Mott Nicol called the business meeting to order at 11:30 am. She thanked the hostesses for the lovely lunch. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winner's Account-\$ 849.14, Garden Operating Account-\$1,525.55 and Zone Meeting Account-\$ 5,021.84. There are still five members who have not paid this year's annual dues.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President Kim DeCamp would like to encourage members to enter the Photography division of the Zone Flower Show. She will be glad to assist anyone with all facets of entering a class. There are 3 spots still open in the "Garden At Dusk" class.

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel will meet with Mott Nicol, Katie Alford and Margaret Cowgill to compose a letter to send out to past "Friends of the Garden". This letter will explain why we are not having the party this September and that we will be hosting it again in 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admission's Chairman Kathy Courtney has admissions forms available. Please complete and return them to her no later than Sunday, August 11.

Award's Chairman Mary Louise Fisher presented an award to club member Brenda Barrett for her work on the Coffee Tree Project and also for her vast knowledge both of gardening in general and of our garden in particular. Her work in shepherding us in the garden is invaluable.

Conservation Chairman Anne Kraus discussed a new form of energy production called Fracking. She said GCA is currently lobbying Washington to curb and or regulate this process of withdrawing oil from the ground. She said it is very destructive, can cause

earthquakes and more study and regulation needs to be done. Anne encouraged us to educate ourselves on this topic.

Garden Chairman Philippa Fogg reported that our garden gates will soon be getting the last coat of paint(the rain has caused some delay). She also said the bricks in the rose and herb parterres will be repaired in the near future. All parterres will eventually be swept with stone dust. Members are encouraged to clear out any weeds between bricks before this is done. Co-Chairman Brenda Barrett said there are still a few good pruners left for sale. They are \$45. Please make checks payable to the Garden Club and give the checks to Betsy Bulleit. Brenda also encouraged us to make sure we clean out all dead plant material under and around plants in the parterres. This is especially important because we have had so much rain and we want to prevent any mold and mildew from forming now.

Mott reported she has recieved a letter of thanks from GCA for our donation to the Velma Perkins Award.

As we continued our meeting under the tent storm clouds arose and thunder and lightening developed. Mott quickly adjourned the meeting and members helped the hostesses pack up lunch, linens, arrangements and table and chairs before the rain started.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stilz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC.
AUG./SEPT 2013
BOARD MINUTES

The board of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. met on Monday, August 26, 2013 at the home of Martie Mayer. Members present were: Mott Nicol, Kathy Courtney, Lauren Van Balen, Edie Gess, Katie Alford, Taylor Fister, Betsy Bulleit, Barbara Young, Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Brooks, Luanne Milward, Brenda Barrett, Philippa Fogg, Martie Mayer, Ellen Chapman, Jessica Nicholson, Anne Kraus, Amy Kessinger, Elizabeth Schnabel and Jane Stilz. The minutes were approved as sent.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Schnabel read a letter of resignation from Sue Glover Hester. The board accepted her resignation with regret.

Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winner's Account \$5,909.66, Garden Operating Account 4463.17, and Zone Account \$504.96.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation: Anne Kraus asked all members who have "adopted" a tree on the grounds of Ashland to please make sure it is groomed for the up coming Zone Meeting. Anne also brought to our attention the GCA interests in fracking and natural gas pipelines. She encouraged us to educate ourselves on these issues. There are no regulations on a national level for these industries and it could affect our water, land and air. Mott Nicol recieved a letter from President Katie Heins regarding GCA financial support to save the Redwoods in California. Katie asked us to consider contributing personally and as a club.

Garden Project: Mott thanked Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg for providing such great leadership in the garden. Brenda reminded us that an extra work day in the garden is scheduled ofr Friday, September 27 beginning at 9:30 AM.

Program: Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger announced the next general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 PM at Caroline Barrow's Ashwood Farm/Black Barn Winery. Lauren Van Balen, Jane Baugh and Joan Gaines are hostesses. Please RSVP to Lauren. There will be no October general meeting. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, at 9:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Schnabel.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cookbook: Leslie Baldwin asked for volunteers to sell Bluegrass Winner's Cookbooks during the Zone meeting on Wednesday, October 2, from 9 AM until 3 PM at the Hyatt.

Zone Meeting: Ellen Chapman reported 68 registrants thus far for the Zone meeting. Registration closes on September 7. The Zone Committee will meet on September 11 at 11:30 AM. Luanne Milward and Kathy Brooks, Zone Flower Show

Chairmen, announced there will be a workshop for Botanical Arts on September 5 from 10 AM until 12 noon at Idle Hour Country Club. Jane Kilduff from Philadelphia is coming to lead the workshop. A light lunch will be served. Luanne also reported that there are still a few openings in certain classes for the flower show. In Floral Design: Class IV there is 1 opening. In Botanical Arts: Class I there are 3 openings and in Class II there are 5 openings. Luanne needs a hi-def video cam recorder in HD with a memory card. Please contact her if you have the equipment and would be willing to lend it to the club.

Garden Party: Katie Alford reported that 260 letters have been mailed out to our "Friends of the Garden" party invitation list. This letter explained why we will not be hosting the party this September and gave them an opportunity to donate to the garden this year. Katie has received 32 donations totaling approximately \$3,000.

Visiting Gardens: Mott Nicol thanked Betty Kenan for generously volunteering her home for a dinner party to be held during the GCA Visiting Gardens in May 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Mott read a letter from the GCA Scholarship Committee thanking our club for the donation to the Botany Scholarship.

Mott also informed us that Tim Jordan, the manager of Ashland notified us by letter that on Monday, August 24, Post Time Productions will be on site in the garden to film a commercial video and on September 5 there will be an ice cream social to honor those who volunteer at Ashland.

NEW BUSINESS

Mott then turned the meeting over to Admissions Chairman Kathy Courtney. Non voting members were excused and Kathy had a first reading of proposed members. She reminded us that to be eligible to vote we need to attend a minimum of 2 board meetings to include either September or October as well as the November meeting. We will be voting at the November meeting. There will be no absentee voting allowed. Kathy reminded us that all discussion as well as names of proposed new members is to be confidential.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stolz, Recording Secretary

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON, INC
September 19, 2013
GENERAL MINUTES

The general meeting of Garden Club of Lexington, Inc. was held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Caroline Barrow and Colin Boyd's Black Barn Winery on Ashwood Farm. Garden Club members arrived at 6:30 p.m. at the winery located in a renovated tobacco barn. Vintner Colin Boyd held a wine tasting of Black Barn Winery's national award winning red wine blends while explaining the wine making process to us. We were also entertained with Colin's anecdotes of his personal background and entry into the wine making business. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the wine industry provided a fun and informative program. Hostesses Caroline Barrow, Joan Gaines, Lauren Van Balen, and Jane Baugh provided delicious hors d'oeuvres for us to enjoy with the wine.

The meeting was called to order by President Mott Nicol at 7:30 p.m. and she thanked Colin and our hostesses for the entertaining evening. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Treasurer Betsy Bulleit reported the following account balances: Bluegrass Winners - \$5,037.70; Garden Operating - \$5,169.00 and Zone Meeting - \$10,854.00. Betsy noted that our cookbook sales have significantly increased. Garden Club of Lexington has also received donations in the amount of \$9,140.00 in response to Mott's letter thanking the "Friends of the Garden" for their support and explaining why we are not having a party this year but are looking forward to our party in 2014.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards chairman Mary Louise Fisher asked members to please submit suggestions for Garden Club awards to her.

Conservation Chairman Anne Kraus encouraged us to read the letter in the Bloomin' News article on Saving Redwoods. She also informed us that a Senator from Maine is working on passage of a bill written to eliminate the use of an insecticide that is destroying bees.

Flower Show and Photography Chairman Luanne Milward announced that all photography entries in the three categories for the Zone VII Flower Show have been passed. We need one more entry in the Botanical Arts Class 2, embellishing a trowel, and she encouraged us to consider entering. All other classes have been filled.

Garden Chairman Brenda Barrett circulated the attractive new Ashland Garden brochure which she designed for visitors to our garden. Members were reminded that on

Wednesday, September 25th, we will work in the garden from 9-2, preparing for our Zone meeting visitors. A light lunch will be served. We were encouraged to enter the horticulture classes in the Zone Meeting flower show.

Program Chairman Kathy Brooks reminded us there will be no October general meeting due to our hosting the Zone VII meeting and our November meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Church with Sarah Davis providing ideas for holiday arrangements.

Horticulture - Mott reported that Donna Cornish will attend the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Washington, D.C. There is a seed sharing opportunity at the conference and it was suggested Donna might share Kentucky Coffee Tree seeds along with other kinds of seeds that members will supply.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion was made that as part of GCL 's 100th anniversary celebration, members will be asked to submit their favorite photographs of Ashland Garden.

Mott read a letter from Paducah Garden Club inviting us to come hear Mary Cappleman Zahl on November 15th at 1:00 at Market House Theater.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alford, Acting Recording Secretary