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March 15, 2009
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Since the theme was Asian Gardens I chose a centerpiece of two Chinese sun umbrellas surrounded with pink azaleas for the Beijing presentation and ‘mock bonsai’ containing Azaleas, compact Boston Fern, Baby Tears, Selaginella and Campanula for the Japanese motif.

Home made cookies were supplied by board members. Also served were authentic Chinese almond and coffee cookies and Fortune cookies for some levity, and fruit for health, as well as coffee and assorted Chinese teas.

I am grateful to all who helped and to my family.

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Chair: Sonnie Reidelhuber

The Hospitality Committee and Board presented the refreshments at the Members New Year’s Party in January. It was attended by over 125 people plus the staff. Refreshments consisted of hot and cold appetizers, sweets, spaced cider, coffee and wine. The Board provided most of the refreshments with supplements by the staff. Refreshments were served before the meeting.

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Committee: Garden Club Liaison  
Chair: Janet Allocca

In September, Scott D’Agostino assisted me once again in getting packets of information concerning the Arboretum fall programs to the member clubs of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

At the request of Lesley Parness, I contacted members of the GCNJ Board and its individual clubs and members of the Garden Club of America to determine which clubs, if any, accepted grant applications. The resulting report was given to Ms. Parness.

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A committee has been established to discuss various ways to increase the number of applicants, as well as review other options for awarding the Scholarship. It is hoped that in addition to garnering more applicants, the Friends will also gain public acknowledgment from a broader community and that greater interaction between the community and that greater interaction between the School and the Friends can be encouraged.

A final determination as to a course of action will be made in the Fall.

Committee: Benjamin Blackburn Scholarship Chair: Jessica Thorne

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The Library circulation is small, but we are used often by the Staff and by many real garden enthusiasts.

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The Friends continue to support the Junior Master Gardener program, now in its fourth year. Fourteen children participated, this year focusing on flowers. At The Friends annual plant sale, the Junior Master Gardeners earned $1000 from the sale of tomato plants they grew from seed. They are donating this money to a local charity, “Good Grief”, which provides support to children nationwide who have lost a parent and are in need of financial and emotional support.

A new program, “Middle School Mondays” has been introduced for children grades 6 – 8. The program combines horticultural learning with community service. Thirteen children have enrolled. They are already contributing, having cleaned up the retention basin, created displays and promotional flyers.

Matilda’s Tea Party is another popular and fun event for young people. This “dress-up” event was the sixth annual tea. Ninety guests attended. This year’s theme was “A Dog’s Life”, about the many dogs Matilda Frelinghuysen loved and cared for. A guest speaker from St. Hubert’s talked about service dogs and was accompanied by her own dog.
Committee: Garden Collections — Chair: Karen Curry

The gardens have 1967 plants in the collection, not counting annuals. The planning and maintenance of a public garden is a juggling act to save old specimens and plant to insure new specimens will be there to take their place. For example, near the back gate on Whippany Road, a group of 40 foot red pines is aging. At one time Canadian hemlocks were interplanted and have now reached about 15 feet. To insure a next generation of white pines from seed from Willowood and Royal azaleas raised from acorns of the black oaks at the Mennen Arena and Royal azaleas were removed. The Lampi Shade garden, which is a lovely pocket garden near the house, has been renovated. Staff removed two deniers, are a persistent problem at the front gate and taller, automatic gates at the Hanover Road exit. The hill inside the front entrance makes an automatic gate option impractical in icy weather. Meanwhile, the Hanover Road gate remains closed to discourage the deer for now.

Be sure to walk the garden often, there is always so much to see thanks to John Morse, his staff and the volunteers under the supervision of Kate Gutierrez and the GardenWorks Program.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer’s Report — Beverly W. Highfield, Treasurer

Balance Sheet – May 31, 2009

Cash Basis
Cash in Banks and On Hand:
- General Fund (Checking, Interest Bearing) The Provident Bank $122,442.73
- General Fund (Checking, Interest Bearing) Peapack-Gladstone Bank 50,880.44
- Petty Cash Fund 200.00

Reserves and Balances
- Special Reserves 31,643.32
- Operating Funds 170,316.65

Total $201,959.97

Statement of Special Reserves

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Income
- Branching Out $18,521.56
- Donations – General Fund 5,986.13
- Donations – Gingerbread Show 10,595.50
- Donations – Branching Out 50.00
- Interest-savings / short-term inv 3,531.11
- Library – book sale 408.20
- Matilda’s Tea 1,890.00
- Membership Dues – Individuals 50,060.00
- Plant Sale Income 59,492.20
- Programs Income 49,970.57
- Scholarship Tea Income 0.00
- Sprouts Income 605.00

Total Income $201,710.27

Expenses
- Administrative I $20,402.00
- Administrative I Vacation 892.00
- Administrative II 17,644.00
- Administrative II Vacation 772.00
- Arboretum Leaves Expense 705.05
- Total Arboretum Leaves Expense 5,558.39
- Total Branching Out Expenses $6,263.44
- Audio-Visual Supplies 16.79
- Awards 370.06
- Bank fees 12.00
- Branching Out Wages 5,890.17
- Branching Out Expenses – Other 8,594.94
- Total Branching Out Expenses 14,485.11
- Bus Trips Expense 5,161.23
- Flower Arrangers 758.26
- Gifts 570.00
- Gingerbread 1,499.57
- Horticulture Therapy 700.00
- Hospitality Expense 1,505.47
- Insurance Expense 3,675.00
- Jr. Master Gardener Expense 119.76
- Library Expense 1,173.18
- Membership Dues 330.00
- Office Expense 93.18
- Plant Sale Expenses 38,285.72
- Postage, shipping, delivery 5,613.60
- Printing & copying 1,727.71
- Professional fees 2,289.10
- Program expenses 21,479.33
- Publicity/Advertising expenses 3,729.73
- Scholarship expenses 5,000.00
- Scholarship Tax expense 4,000.10
- Special Reserves Disbursements 49,280.85
- Sprouts expenses 48.00
- Transfer funds to new bank 0.00
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Spring tulip display.

In Cherry Valley, an area to the right of the entrance drive, is another example of planting to insure continuity. Oak trees, grown from acorns of the black oaks at Menhen Arena and Royal azaleas raised from seed from Willowood will replace aging dogwoods. In addition, Arbor Day recognition plants have been planted as well as a Stewartia seedling from Willowood, and an Edith Bogue Magnolia. All will do well in the mini climate of this valley.

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The annual report is a way of looking at what the Friends have accomplished this year and of looking ahead to next year. This is done in the context of our mission statement. The Friends organization was formed to support the Morris County Park Commission in the development of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and other horticultural facilities and to foster public knowledge and enjoyment of horticulture and the natural world.

In the past year more than 13,000 people have come to the arboretum to take a class, attend a symposium, go on a bus trip, use the Elizabeth Donnell Kay Library, view the Gingerbread Wonderland, take a cell phone tour or take part in our exceptional children’s programs.

We offered adult classes in botanical drawing, seasonal and holiday cooking, Tai Chi in the Garden, Botany 101, flower arranging for beginners as well as advanced arrangers, cultivating historic Iris, and propagating Coleus to mention just a few.

We had outstanding speakers. Ken Druse, world renowned author and lecturer, spoke about his latest book “Plantthropology” for the first time anywhere at the Frelinghuysen to a sold out crowd. Tovah Martin, author of numerous gardening books and magazine articles, spoke at the Blackburn Scholarship Tea. Marta McDowell, author of “Emily Dickinson’s Garden” and a member of the Friends, spoke about local gardening history. Ray Rogers, author and garden writer gave a lively talk on the genus Coleus.

We traveled to other outstanding gardens in the area and teamed up with DIG IT! magazine to visit many rarely seen private gardens. We took our annual bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show and enjoyed the theme, “Bella Italia”.

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