

The **Botanical Garden Committee** met on March 18, 2015 from 9:00-11:15. In attendance were Amanda Kiel, Linda Swanson, Grace Wrigley, Joanne Norman, Marianne Bell, Ellie Bierman, Maryann Horgan, Tom Woods, Michelle Spencer and Sam Marshall.

We will ask Members to formalize our status as a "Standing Committee". We will need a Mission Statement document, including Terms of Reference (organization, budget, etc.) Amanda Kiel commented she has researched different botanical gardens to collect their mission statements and will bring those in to share.

Any projects or ideas will be in writing to Michelle first and then passed along to BGC for approval and implementation. We will keep all proposals and designs on file.

Work will begin in four areas, being mindful of the new irrigation system.

1. Ability Garden at front door + three large pots. We will ask people on Hot Line to water
2. "Southern Living" Shade Garden under Live Oak - Maryann
3. Rose Garden- Ellie Bierman and Tom Woods. Sam requested that people get Pesticide License to spray roses. He offers workshops several times during the year. Then MG could teach the public.
4. Berm: "Yearlong Blooms" or "Pass Along Plant Garden" – Amanda Kiel & Joanne Norman
Perennial plants will be solicited from MG and the public. Plants will be quarantined and kept in a separate area of greenhouse/hoop house before being put in the garden.

We need help to label all plants, first with metal tags and then with formal signs for the public. Linda Swanson provided members with the Plantsman List of plants that we can use to cross reference what is actually in the garden and what we need to begin adding.