

Botanical Garden (BG) Committee Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2019

Attendees: Craig Farland, Mark Matteson, Pat Naughton, Anne Coleman, Linda Swanson, Amanda Kiel, Nancy Mertens, Dotti Hunkele and Gayle Pfeiffer

Continuing Business:

We discussed the pamphlets/handouts for each of the Gardens. We have several new Garden Team Leads who will be just starting on their handouts. We would like to have as many as possible completed by May 1st. May marks the beginning of garden club visitations and increased general public visits to the BG.

The fence extension/two gates installation project has been delayed due to some parts shortages. The contractor working with Lowe's hopes to complete the installation within the next two weeks.

Amanda brought us up to date on the BG plant identification signs project. She has ordered 500 metal stakes that will be used to affix the plant ID labels on. Amanda will send out (and at this time, has already done this) the templates and instructions to each of the BG Committee members.

We discussed having another spring work day in the BG. **The Rose, Discovery, Welcome and Southern Live Oak Gardens will have a mini-work day on Wednesday, May 1st.**

Upcoming BG tours are:

St. James Garden Club on Friday, May 10th.

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Rose Garden tour on Saturday, May 11th.

South Brunswick County Newcomers Club on Wednesday, May 22nd.

I read Shawn's email outlining his list of projects that he wants to get accomplished. He will order more mulch. Shawn is working on the Fragrance and Celebration Garden irrigation systems. He is going to complete the retention wall in front of the fort to stop soil erosion at the Pollinator Garden. Additionally, he is going to start on the Sod Demonstration area.

Amanda brought up a concern over the removal of plants from the BG. Over the course of time, MGs have removed plants from various areas for various reasons; i.e. change in landscape, some plants taking over or getting out of control, etc., etc., etc. No matter what the case may be for removing plants from the BG, we all must be aware of the fact that these plants are not our personal property. We should pot them up and offer them for plant sales. Or, offer them to other Gardens if they could be used in another area of

the BG. We now have a new Garden across the street for propagation so Vicki may want to include them in this area. Or, if appropriate, offer them to fellow MGs.

Bottomline: Do not remove any plants from the BG to discard or take home.

We also discussed the Botanical Garden sign again. Since the Welcome Garden does not have a sign identifying this area, we thought that a sign for this area could serve two purposes. It could be a welcome sign for the entire Botanical Garden. More to come.

Time constraints caused us to end the meeting without further discussing the BG 5 Year Strategic Plan. So this was tabled until the April meeting on Wednesday, April 10th.