

BFS
February 25, 2013
Holding Garden Discussion

Meeting BFS Landscape and Garden Committee Co Chairs:
Val Libby, Isabel Mancinelli
BFS First Vice President: Carolyn Hollenbeck

Discussion of the Holding Garden improvements:

Assign Grounds Manager Tom McIntyre to over see the holding garden; redraft the job description to include this new responsibility

Clarification of use of cover crop for weed control in exposed areas holding garden rows; this method will be adopted in 2013 (Note: cover crop of the holding garden areas was included as an one option in my VP report presented to the Board at the October meeting.)

Replacement Terrace Garden material should be planted in the front rows of the garden instead of through out the garden, then well labeled; Thymus sp (non historic for the Terrace Garden) could be moved to the front row (left) and planted over the bulbs for weed control there; Carolyn discussed considering sorting/moving the Narcissus in the front row as well as moving the Lavendula to row 2 (under consideration).

Isabel has been in contact with Marjorie Peronto (HCCE) about new Master Gardeners at Garland Farm. The Master Gardener Program currently is supporting Food Bank projects only

Isabel has been in contact with Tom McIntyre about the 2013 "punch list". Tom should discuss his ideas with BFS Landscape and Garden Co-Chairs for approval before implementing.

Carolyn will check on where notebooks from Brenda Les are (update: Caroline Felkel was contacted, notebooks are in Marit's office)

Bill Guess did not return as planned last year to complete the final spraying of the Bittersweet in the Wild Garden. This is a priority. Tom plans on pruning the non historic lilacs at the front of the cape, the Forsythia (historic) and continue to address the embankments surrounding the Terrace Garden, including removal of volunteer Cherry trees.

Kathy VanGorder (Secret Gardens) will be responsible for the care of historic plants in the holding garden; she may continue to bring additional subcontracted help providing they carry the recommended liability insurance . Help in this area from a Secret Gardens subcontractor will cost BFS \$35/hour which is appropriate if historic plant maintenance is being done but should be re-evaluated if only for weeding is the only task the individual performs. Update the language of the gardener's job requirements

There currently is no Volunteer Committee at BFS. Tom McIntyre would supervise any volunteers for the holding garden if any step forward. Tom may be able to enlist individuals for occasional volunteer help.

Kathy VanGorder did not properly winter the hybrid tea roses using a deep trench method. Carolyn and Tom made an attempt to cover the exposed canes and roots. A brush covering was also applied later in the winter. To date winter has not been severe. Cost to replace all 12 is approximately \$500

Importance of site visits, email correspondence and reports from Grounds Manager and Gardener to the Landscape and Garden Co-Chairs; Val and Carolyn will schedule a site walk in March, weather permitting. Val will determine if Tom will also be present.

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