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Once again, due to my necessary presence in Philadelphia for the house sale, I am merely reporting on the work of others. How grateful we should all be that Carolyn Hollenbeck has carried on with her stellar work in the Terrace Garden. She also oversees the routine work of paid staff and independent contractors. Meanwhile Brenda Les has continued her work in both the wildflower and entrance gardens. Now that the undesirable and/or weedy plants have been taken out of the wildflower garden, treasures have been popping up. Her latest find in the wild garden has been a good number of Lilium martagon 'Album', an elegant and wonderful species lily. Do check them out as you leave. Earlier she unearthed some Shortia, another choice plant. Brenda has been busy in the entrance garden, documenting plants as they emerge. Tom McIntvre, our grounds manager, has carefully done the necessary retraining of a new Cornus florida leader in the wildflower garden - when I arrived one day he'd already accomplished just what I intended.

We are fortunate to have his dedicated and skillful service.

We have replaced a feature that Beatrix Farrand used to adorn the entrance gate. We now have two large rosemary plants in terra cotta pots marking the entrance.

Finally when I'm back in Maine we'll have much to discuss at a July meeting of the Landscape and Garden Committee meeting

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