

**Beatrix Farrand Society
First Vice President Report
Board Meeting August 3, 201**

Record setting wet weather in June and July provided many challenges in the maintenance of the Landscape and Garden. Very soggy conditions in the parking field once again raises the issue of finding ways to improve the drainage in that area. Although this is not a “glamorous” area for restoration of this property, it is very important for the safety and comfort of our visitors and members. BFS may want to consult as soon as possible with local contractors as to what might be done to address this issue and the cost to at least begin to improve the drainage.

There was discussion at the Landscape and Garden Committee on the importance of photographing the garden as done during the Terrace Garden restoration process. As it is already difficult for the gardener to accomplish what has been listed on the gardener job description, and BFS currently has no extra funds to pay for this additional service, I would be happy to return and photograph the Terrace Garden in 2014. BFS may want to consider purchasing an external hard drive to hold the archival Terrace Garden images taken from 2007 - 2012 as well as and new photographs taken in the future. Photographs provide a valuable source of information in the maintenance of this garden. If the Board feels this will benefit the society, cost to purchase the drive could be investigated.

As Saturday Open Days have not been well attended to date, Carl Kelley was given permission to deadhead the Rhododendron in the front garden as well as remove dead material from those shrubs. As he was the past Grounds Manager for the Thuya and a Master Gardener Volunteer with good pruning skills, he has been given permission to bring his hand pruner when he volunteers at Open Day on Saturday. Please note, this is for “gentle pruning” and is only to be done when visitors are not present. He and I will work together as time permits during the rest of the season to continue to clean up the front area,

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