

Beatrix Farrand Society  
Landscape and Garden Committee Report  
May to July 2014

Carolyn and Isabel discussed the difficulties of Co-Chairing the Committee and have made the decision that Carolyn will take the Chair position. The transition has been approved by Scott.

**Arborist:**

After many rain delays, arborist Billy Guess of Eagle arboriculture was able to come to Garland Farm to complete the work discussed earlier in the year.

Tasks completed include:

- Removed two large non-historic cedars next to the garage/shed allowing increasing sunlight to the back of the *Stewartia koreana* and ornamental shrub collection there. The chipped material will be used on the holding garden paths
- Inspected the cable stabilizing the locust and cleaned up dead material at the top
- Repaired cable supporting one large branch of the *Prunus sargentii*. A portion of the branch was removed to reduce the weight of the branch and allow additional sunlight into Entrance Garden bed 2
- Pruned the *Crataegus coccinea* (Hawthorne). Removed the overgrown American Elm “seedling” next to the greenhouse that had become too large (costly) to transplant. Original Elm was behind the cape.
- Canopy pruning of the large Sweet Cherry behind the barn
- Minor pruning of the *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* to remove dead wood and areas overhanging the cape

**Grounds:**

Tom has done a great job maintaining the parking field during this wet season. The grounds were well mowed and weed whacked in advance of the seminar last weekend. The area behind the barn, as well as the terrace garden embankment have, unfortunately, suffered from lack of attention. Fungal diseases have been problematic this year: Brown Rot on the *Prunus sargentii* has been followed by Powdery Mildew covering the leaves of the *Cornus* hybrid behind the cape.

The gardener at the COA has expressed interest in having the hypertufa that belonged to Elyse, now residing on the well head by the wild garden. Isabel is working with Barbara on this as the piece is heavy and requires several sets of hands to lift.

**Gardens:**

Carl Kelly and Carolyn Hollenbeck pruned a few neglected areas in Entrance Garden and Forsythia next to the barn. The area is now much more open. Carolyn continues to check the garden for obvious weeds and heavy seeding plants that are not historic in that site.

The holding garden plant material has received minimal care after it was weeded and cleaned in the spring by volunteers. The gardener brought one of her team in last week to begin cleaning the garden up. Consistent weekly maintenance of this garden remains an issue for BFS.

The Terrace Garden benefited from early supervision, guidance and assistance with bringing the garden up to speed earlier in this spring. Heat, wind and heavy rain continue to present challenges when maintaining this garden for the summer. Kathy VanGorder has had difficulties bringing her ducks on a weekly basis to keep the snail/slug population under control so this has been discontinued. Carolyn purchased and applied Slug Magic to the garden beds and will monitor. She also continues to troubleshoot plant health issues for Kathy.

Brenda Les continues to maintain the wild garden area. She has given Peggy Bowditch a list of new plants that she has found, as well as woody plants. Peggy checked with Dick Habermann and there are funds available from the the BHGC gift (2012) to cover purchasing additional labels for the woody plants.

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