

Hayes Barton Place Garden Club
Sept. 11, 2025 Meeting
Minutes (recorded by Chris Meyer)

Members present:

- Sissy Ashby
- Jim Cullen
- Sandra Elam
- Caroline McCullen (president)
- Chris Meyer (interim secretary/treasurer)
- Colleen Richling
- Georgiana Snyderman
- Roger Ward
- Susan Ward
- Kathy Whittaker

New Members—we welcomed three new members to the garden club!

- Peggy Anne Vaughan
- Renee Augins
- Pam Thompson

Welcome and general progress report:

- Caroline started the meeting with a brief remembrance of the 24th anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks.
- Caroline announced that Pat Brown (secretary/treasurer) has moved from Hayes Barton Place to another home in the area. We will miss Pat very much! His meticulous organization, thoughtful guidance, and wonderful skill with all things Excel (!) will be sorely missed.

Breezeway Update:

- After last month's meeting, a small team of garden club members (Sissy Ashby, Georgiana Snyderman, and Chris Meyer) purchased four large ceramic pots along with a variety of shade loving plants for the breezeway area outside the greenhouse.
- On August 28, ten garden club members gathered in the breezeway and successfully planted the new shade plants into the beautiful ceramic pots. The plants, along with some recently relocated patio chairs, help provide a calm, restful outdoor spot for all residents to relax.
- We **need volunteers** to keep these plants watered!

- Garden club members can sign up for a week to check on the breezeway plants and water as needed at the following website:
<https://www.hbpgardenclub.com/watering>
- Georgiana has provided a long stake for checking on the moisture level of the soil in the large ceramic pots.
- Just insert the stake into the soil of the pot and remove to see if the soil is moist deep down into the pot.
- This stake is behind the tall white ceramic pot at the end of the breezeway.

Greenhouse Update:

- The greenhouse is now fully operational and stocked with everything needed to make it easy for HBP residents to bring their pots and plants to the greenhouse for planting or repotting.
- Equipment/supplies available for use by all residents include the following:
 - Sink w/running water
 - Garden hose
 - Watering can
 - Potting table
 - Potting soil
 - Garden tools
 - Garden gloves
 - Wagon for transporting potted plants to/from residents' apartments
- **Greenhouse hours are Mon-Sat, 9AM to 5PM**
- The question was raised as to whether we should leave the greenhouse open 24 hours every day of the week?
 - Since there is a lot of equipment/supplies in the greenhouse, the decision was made to continue to lock the greenhouse at night.
 - If locking at night creates problems, we can revisit this decision in the future.
- Do we need a sign-in sheet? This could help us track usage of the greenhouse.
 - This seemed like a good idea and we might give it a try.

Fall Planting of the garden beds:

- Now that the irrigation system has been installed and cooler weather has arrived, the consensus of the group was that we should start planting these beds now.
- Several suggestions were made as to what might plant:
 - Bulbs
 - Herbs & vegetables

- NC pollinator plants
- Pansies, violas, snapdragons
- Ornamental kale, cabbages, etc
- The group decided to go ahead with purchasing pansies for two of the six garden beds in advance of the Garden Club Open House at 5pm on Tuesday, Sept. 16th.
 - Sissy Ashby, Georgiana Snyderman, Peggy Anne Vaughan, and Chris Meyer volunteered to go shopping for pansies. Plans were made to get the pansies planted in time for the Sept. 16th open house.

Member Project Sharing: Bulb Lasagna

- Colleen Richling shared information and detailed instructions on how to plant spring bulbs in a large pot “lasagna” style.
- This creative method involves planting bulbs in layers like you would in the kitchen.
- Advantages of lasagna style planting:
 - Allows for different shapes, sizes, and colors in a single pot.
 - Makes it possible to prolong the flowering period as some bulbs will flower in the early weeks of spring and others in later weeks.
- Colleen shared a great website for learning more about this technique:
https://www.waysidegardens.com/blogs/default/step-by-step-guide-to-lasagna-planting-spring-bulbs?_pos=1&_sid=0586df11f&_ss=r

Closing and Adjournment:

- Caroline reminded all that the monthly meeting of the NCSU Extension Master Gardeners will be next Thursday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 in the art studio.
- The Garden Club will meet briefly after the Master Gardeners meeting on Thursday.

Next scheduled meeting:

October
 9:30AM
 Art Room

