Bronx Council for Environmental Quality produced an award-winning newsletter. Pictured are (L. to R.): Helen Reel, Paul Connor, Susan Hinkson, Margaret Hinkson, John Reed (VP-NYBG), Fanny Casher, John Gillen (editor-Environmental Focus), Dr. James Hester (President of Botanical Garden), Theresa Lato, Bella Podesta, Tom Bird, Geraldine Prendergast, Ron Raz, Dr. Emil Dolensek (Bx. Zoo), Dr. Michael Balick (VP-NYBG) and Miguel Padilla.

Bx newsletter gets award

The Citizens Committee for New York City has again conferred on Bronx Council for Environmental Quality an award for its newsletter, Environmental Focus, its third award.

John Gillen, its editor, accepted the honor and honorarium at the annual conference, attended by Mayor Koch, Comptroller and other high-ranking officials.

The Constitutional mandate to promote the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity sparked the birth of BCEQ over 15 years ago. The group's slogan is: "An aesthetic, unpolluted environment with a natural and historic heritage."

Environmental Focus, a newsletter produced by amateurs, nevertheless has attracted over 700 members from The Bronx and beyond, many of them distinguished in their respective fields. BCEQ is local but not parochial.