**Providence Garden Club
Minutes of September 19, 2018
Media Upper Providence Free Library**

Roll Call: Anderson, Barnes, Christos, DeVries, D’Ignazio, D’Iorio, Floyd, Frick, Frisch, Garnett, Hafertepe, Kropac, Kucas, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Noto, O’Donnell, Murray, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Staples, Surrick, Ullman, Wilson, Yost, Ziegenfus, Gillespie, Hayden, Sass

**Garden Quote**: “All of the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today” Indian Proverb

Minutes of June 12, 2018: Approved.

**Treasure’s Report/Budget 2018-2019**: Jan Frisch presented the budget to the club. Our total resources total $93,944. We realized $9,000+ from the 2018 Plant Sale and the Pre-sale. Charitable contributions totaled $14,112. We had reviewed our charitable giving to groups several years ago, satisfying ourselves that the groups were well run. It was agreed that that review should be repeated periodically. The Board approved the proposed budget at its September 17th meeting. The Budget was approved by voice vote of the members.

**New Business:**

Minnie thankedKatie D’Iorio and Chris Larson for today’s delicious luncheon and seasonal table arrangements for our meeting.

Directory Corrections/Changes: 1. Lis Hammons asked to move to Associate Member status. 2. Michele Bozenka asked to temporarily move to Sustaining Member and to step down from Chair of the Admissions Committee. Wendie Russell has agreed to step in as the Admissions Committee Chair.

**Admissions:** Wendie Russel presented readers of proposal letters for Carolyn Hayden (letters from Susie Leonard, Minnie Ullman) and Michelle Ullman (letters from Nancy Hayden, Pat Surrick) as Provisional Members. Both candidates were approved by voice vote. Susie will send Carolyn and Michelle and outline the next steps as they enter their provisional member year.

**Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference**: Anne DeVries attended this GCA workshop held at Longwood Gardens September 13-15. She will report in detail at our October meeting.

**Chester Charter School of the Arts:** Liz Ziegenfus, Sally Anderson, and Wendie Russell were thanked for chairing this project. Jeanne Lee and Jane were thanked for preparing the article in the GCA Bulletin

**Physic Garden:** PGC were asked to supply 2 volunteers for Thursday, September 27, 10-12. Mary Murray and Kelly Hafertepe volunteered.

**Fertilizer Fund** – Wendie reviewed three of the many programs that have been funded including The Physic Garden; Social Edward Gibbons School; and Urban Tree Connection. Meetings of the PCGCA are held during the year at the recipient sites. All PGC members are invited to attend. Meetings are listed in our program book. Invitations to contribute to the Fertilizer Fund were distributed to members.

**PCGCA Invitations** – Susie Leonard reminded us about this year’s November 7th Annual Meeting and Luncheon chaired by Four Counties Garden Club. The program will be BloomAgainBrooklyn. All club members are encouraged to learn how this volunteer organization repurposes flowers for those who definitely could use flowers to brighten their days and stay for a lovely lunch at the Philadelphia Country Club if you choose. Invitations were distributed to members.

PGC was responsible for preparing the invitations for this year’s meeting. Sallie and Susie were thanked for preparing the invitations. Sallie, Wendie, Lin, Katie, and Chris thanked for stuffing 700 + invitations and reply cards in envelopes. All have been delivered or picked up for distribution to the other PCGCA clubs.

Susie L. will be handling all reservations. PGC will prepare name tags and handle check-in at the meeting. Please contact Susie or Minnie if you are able to assist.

PGC will chair this luncheon in November 2019. Please give suggestions for a speaker to Lin. She will also be asking for help with decorations, menu, travel and accommodations for the speaker. We look forward to as many club members as possible helping to host this event.

***Diner en Blanc***, our club party, will be held September 29th at Minnie Ullman’s home. Deb Sloman is catering. There will be a gluten free option. Don’t need to wear white shoes and light-colored Khaki pants or shorts acceptable for men.

**HKF**: Discussion with the Library led to HKF hiring Hollywood Landscaping to renew the landscaping. This will allow PGC to focus on a more manageable set of work.

**Leiper House:** Spring mulching was done. Thursday 9/27 8:30 AM will be a clean-up day.

**Flower Arranging Workshop:** Still time to sign up for the October 17 and 18, 19 workshops. Contact Minnie for registration forms. Location: at Radnor Methodist Church.

**GCA on the Road:** GCA is holding programs around the country including Longwood Gardens (2018), and Stenton (May 2019).

**Old Business**

**Zone V Meeting last week Erie**: Minnie attended this meeting hosted by Carrie T. Watson Club, a 90 year club which joined GCA in 2009. Excellent Speakers included Timothy Bruno, Chief Office of the Great Lakes, PA DEP, “21st Century: Century of Water”. Minnie recommends The Great Lakes Water Wars by Peter Annin. The theme of the show was “Wave of the Future”. PGC contribution to the theme was a information on Chester Charter School of the Arts Pollinator Project which was in the summer issue of the Bulletin. PGC’s Recork project was presented as an environmental/conservation initiative and generated lots of interest. (The meeting also yielded 168 corks from 2 wineries and the meeting dinner!) Lin Floyd provided a photograph for the meeting’s show. Holly Porter entered a monochromatic Floral Arrangement, entitled ”White Caps”, and earned First Place, The Carrie T. Watson Award, and GCA Novice awards.

**ReCork winner for June**: Linda Butler with 1523 corks. Thank you, we shipped 126 pounds 9 boxes in June. Watch the next issue of the GCA Bulletin for an article about this.

**Heritage Moment:** Minnie used the GCA Trivia Game that was played at the Annual Meeting that drew on the Resource Booklet and Numbers Card (cocktail party talking points) free from GCA.

**Any other Old Business**

**Conservation Tip** – “Rethink disposable: replace your consumption of single use plastics. Hand out on the seriousness of plastics in our environment. aFewSteps.org

**Motion to Adjourn** 11:13

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Axamethy Floyd, Recording Secretary

**Summary of the PGC 2018 Fall Horticulture Show**

The show was divided into 3 classes. Class I was subdivided by the judges into new categories; Zinnia, Other Annual, Perennial Pink, Perennial Yellow, Perennial Purple and Novice Perennial.

Class I: Best Bloom of Your Garden

a. Zinnia (Annual):

1st Sallie Anderson (6)

2nd Sallie Anderson (5)

HM Pat Surrick (2)

Sallie Anderson, Sallie Anderson, Sue Staples, Liz Garnett, Pat Surrick, Pat Surrick- (1)

b. Other Annual:

1st Sallie Anderson (6)

2nd Sallie Anderson (5)

3rd Pat Surrick (4)

HM Sallie Anderson, Liz Garnett (2)

Sue Staples (1)

c. Perennial Pink:

1st Sallie Anderson (6)

2nd Pat Surrick (5)

3rd Carolyn Folk (4)

HM Carolyn Folk, Sallie Anderson (2)

Sallie Anderson, Pat Surrick, Pat Surrick (1)

d. Perennial Yellow:

1st Pat Surrick (6)

2nd Sallie Anderson (5)

3rd Sallie Anderson (4)

HM Carolyn Folk (2)

e. Perennial Purple:

1st Sallie Anderson (6)

2nd Sallie Anderson (5)

3rd Pat Surrick (4)

HM Liz Garnett (2)

 f. Novice Perennial:

1st Jeanne Lee (6)

2nd Pat Surrick (5)

3rd Susie Leonard (4)

HM Nancy D’Ignazio, Steph Kropac (2)

Class II: Herbs

1st Mary Murray (6)

Class III: A Single Succulent grown in a container

1. 6” container or less

1st Lin Floyd (6)

2nd Carolyn Folk (5)

3rd Nancy D’Ignazio (4)

HM Rennie Kucas, Sue Staples (2)

1. Container larger than 6”

1st Carolyn Folk (6)

2nd Rennie Kucas (5)

3rd Carolyn Folk (4)

HM Minnie Ullman (2)

* BEST IN SHOW FOR CUTS - Jeanne Lee (5)
* BEST IN SHOW GROWN IN A POT- Lin Floyd (5)