**Roll Call**: Anderson, Barnes, Butler, Christos, DeVries, Floyd, Frick, Hafertepe, Kropac, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Noto, O’Donnell, Russell, Spilman, Standish, Staples, Surrick, Thorbahn, Ullman (Michelle), Ullman (Minnie), Yost, Ziegenfus,

**Garden Quote**: “I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers” Claude Monet  
  
**Minutes of September 19, 2018** – Approved as submitted.

**Thank you** to Katie D. and Chris L. for last month’s delicious luncheon and table decorations.   
**Thank you** to Karen B. and Kay Y. for today’s luncheon. Thanks to Holly P. for the “repurposed” flowers from her daughter’s baby shower for today’s meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

**ADMISSIONS** - Wendie R. welcomed Michelle Ullman as a provisional member with our provisional brochure, PGC annual program and binder, invitations from Fertilizer Fund and PCGCA annual meeting, and a Club apron.

**SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURAL CONFERENCE** - Anne D. thanked PGC for supporting her attendance and described her experiences at the annual event, held this year September 13-15, 2018 at Longwood Gardens. Theme: “Deep Roots in the Brandywine Valley” using as a logo “Roots” by Jamie Wyeth.

Thursday: DuPont Hotel was the site of the opening dinner. Speakers and workshops included: PGC President DeDe Petrie; zone groupings. Friday PM: Winterthur tour; Longwood self-guided tour; dinner in conservatory; speaker Colvin Randall, Longwood historian/author. Capped off with fountain show. Saturday: workshop on Clivia. Women in horticulture. Historic tree tour. Seed exchange in potting shed.

Highlights: Horticulture committee solicited input from attendees on their activities. PGC’s TheRealDirt publication online highlighted. Partners for Plants: Funds are available for projects on public lands. Botanist shortage being assisted with scholarships. Freeman Medal: GCA Plant of the year, North American natives: (2019) trees, shrubs, woody vine; perennials. Anne is interested in submitting a candidate. Club members volunteered to help.

**PHYSIC GARDEN** – Thank you to Mary M. and Stephanie K. for attending the work day on September 27th.

**MAGNOLIA TRIBUTE GARDEN –** The next work day is Wednesday, October 24, 2018 10-12. Volunteers will be Sallie A., Beth N., Minnie U., Susie L., Lauren O. Locust Street between 4th and 5th Sts. Suggested parking at LAZ Parking, 249 S. 6th Street or on the street if available. Please bring gloves and small hand tools.

**PHS BLUE RIBBON AWARD** - Michelle Ullman., in her capacity with PHS, presented Sallie A. this award in the Society’s 2018 gardening and greening competition, individual category. Judged on maintenance, horticultural practices, variety/suitability; imagination/creativity. Congratulations to Sallie!!

**PCGCA Joint Meeting** – Susie L. explained the opportunity for 10 local GCA club members to gather at the Philadelphia CC. PGC is the 2019 host club. Susie encouraged us to attend this year, representatives from BloomAgainBrooklyn are this year’s speakers. Program begins at 10:30 start, is over by 12:00; then luncheon. Please submit your registration; contact Susie for more information. Susie requested help coordinating name tag production for this year. Lin F., Minnie U., Wendie R., Stephanie K., and Sue L. volunteered. Please arrive by 9:30.

**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW ENTRY** - Liz G. represented PGC at a PHS meeting today on our window entry. Beth N. described work to-date; the window will use succulents. Committee members have visited Meadowbrook to purchase plants and arrange for Meadowbrook to tend them until needed.

**NICK’S HOME** - Lauren O. reported that HeadStrong (200 So. Chester Rd., Swarthmore) can host up to seven families with members undergoing cancer treatments locally. PGC will supply a holiday wreath for them from the Elwyn Workshop. Carolyn Folk’s Great Clips will be offering services to residents. PGC members are welcome to volunteer there with Lauren; please call her in advance.

**FERTILIZER FUND** – Wendie R. described great progress on donations for this year.

**LEIPER HOUSE** – Wendie R. announced the next work day for October 18 at 8:30 AM.

**HKF LIBRARY** – Stephanie K. reported Hollywood Landscaping is doing a great job. PGC to supplement as needed.

**CONSERVATION**: Lin F. reported that Congress failed to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCS), a long-standing source of funding from drilling fees for important conservation and preservation efforts including Valley Forge National Park, Delaware and Chesapeake Rivers sustainability. GCA is a supporter of LWCF.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to all the winners and entrees for our Horticulture Show. Thank you to all who entered to support Lauren O. and Nancy D. and make our September Hort Show at MUPFL successful. Learnings: Judges reorder classes to increase the number of ribbons; MUPFL facilities worked well, but parking is a challenge.

***DINER EN BLANC*** – A gathering of 43 members, spouses, and friends attended. Perfect weather, delicious appetizers, dinner, and desserts. Beautiful flowers, lovely evening. Thank you to Minnie and Roger Ullman for sharing their home, gardens, and grounds. Thank you to Carolyn Folk for invitations; Sallie Anderson for handling RSVP’s; Liz G., Sallie A., and Katie D’Iorio for help with the menu, Carolyn and Liz G. for the elegant flower arrangements; Katie, Liz G., and Sallie A. for final set up, and Liz, Wendie and Rex Russell, and Nancy Pirtle for help with clean up. Photos are posted on the club website.

**RECORK** – Winner for June was Linda B. with 1523 corks. Winners for September are Liz Z. (86) and Liz G. (87).

**HERITAGE MOMENT** – GCA True or False Game. Minnie U. quizzed us on GCA information, policies, and practices.

**PHS FLOWER SHOW 2019:** Sallie A. asked for a volunteer to enter the challenge class for the 2019 PHS Flower show. Liz Z. took on the challenge along with Sallie A..

**CONSERVATION TIP**: “Reading print books is associated with a 23% increase in longevity, according to a 2016 study, so visit the library.” [aFewSteps.org](file:///C:\Users\mom\AppData\Local\Temp\afewsteps.org).

**HANDOUT** – Minnie U. distributed a Penn State Extension handout: “Plan for a Standout Lawn”.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 11:19**

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Axamethy Floyd, Interim Recording Secretary

Ned Levi, a professional wildlife photographer/travel writer, presented today’s program. Ned provided excellent tips and explanations on photographing wildlife and plants. He urged that we visit John Heinze Sanctuary, Chanticleer, and other local spots to practice.