**Providence Garden Club Meeting  
Wallingford Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Brookhaven Road, Wallingford, PA  
February 13, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

**Attendees:** Anderson, Barnes, Clark, DeVries, D’Ignazio, Floyd, Frick, Garnett, Hayden (C), Kropac, Kucas, Lee, Leonard, Murray, Noto, Pirtle, Russell, Standish, Staples, Surrick, Thorbahn, Ullman (Mic), Ullman (Min), Sass

**Quote** – “Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking time to soak up a little peace and serenity.” Unknown

**Acknowledgements:** Minnie thanked the members who came out for our first evening meeting. This change was made to accommodate our younger, working members who are important to the vitality of our club. Minnie thanked Anne DeVries and Lin Floyd for hosting this evening’s meeting and Jeanne Lee for the table flower arrangement.

**Minutes January 9, 2019**

Motion to Approve the January 2019 minutes as amended passed unanimously.

**New Business**:

Garden Club of America Announcements

1. Please read the 2019 Founders Fund proposals in the recent GCA Bulletin; PGC will vote at our March meeting
   1. Abrams Creek – Winchester and Shenandoah Valley, Virginia;
   2. Flora and Fauna – Site near Bear Mtn. State Park along the Hudson River, New York;
   3. Sniff and Savor – Pittsburg Botanical Garden, Pennsylvania
2. GCA Second Century Campaign aims to grow endowments to support educational initiatives including Partners for Plants, NAL and Annual Horticultural conferences, and the GCA Annual Meeting. The effort will allow GCA resources to be used more effectively. To date, the campaign has raised $5.7 million towards the $8Million. An anonymous donor has primed this effort with a $1.25M gift, the largest gift in GCA history. Each club will be invited to contribute. Details on the campaign are available on the GCA website and in the latest Bulletin.
3. The Glenview Garden Club (Louisville, KY) is proposing Allen Bush for honorary membership in GCA. Mr. Bush has a distinguished career in horticulture through his own garden center, Holbrook Farms, and a long relationship with Jelitto Perennial Seeds. The 2016 Freeman Medal recipient “Raydon’s Favorite” Aster was introduced to the trade by Mr. Bush. The Glenview Garden Club is seeking letters of endorsement in support of the nomination and asks any of us who could write such a letter to contact club president Margie Schubert (schubertmargie@gmail.com).
4. PGC was recognized recently in GCA publications: Holly Porter’s Zone V Best in Floral Arrangement Award, and recognition for our PGC ReCork project.

Zone V Announcements – Photography Workshop 101 will be held May 8, 2019, 9-3:30, at the Jenkins Arboretum. The workshop is focused on novice and intermediate skills. See Minnie for details.

PGC 2019 Plant Sale:

1. We are in need of a location for Potting Up as an alternate site to pot up and store plants and containers. Delores Thomas is unable to host potting up this year.
2. Susie Leonard offered members access to growers’ full catalogues as they select trees or shrubs for their personal gardens as part of her ordering for the Plant Sale. She would place orders and items would be delivered at the Plant Sale.
3. Sallie Anderson will be ordering Organic Mechanics container and planting soils. Please contact her for details.

Philadelphia Horticultural Society Flower Show:

1. Flower Show Entry update. Liz Garnett reviewed and sought “tenders” for our entry maintenance. The entry will be installed on Friday, 3/1 and cleaned out on Wednesday, 3/6.
2. Invitation was received from PHS for two club members for a “hard hat tour” Thursday, 2/28 from 2-3:30.
3. Lin Floyd will attend the preview of 2020 Flower Show (including themes/classes overview) on 3/7 from 8am to 9am. This will keep PGC on the list for entering (although we only do an entry every other year).

**New Business**:

Efforts to reduce the use of single use plastic bags: Sallie Anderson explained her interest in getting DelCo Council interested in the initiative. Several groups in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh are working on this. Narbeth has enacted a local ordinance to tax plastic bags with $.15/bag. The Club agreed to support Sallie’s efforts.

**Old Business:**

Photography Show: Nancy D’Ignzio updated us on the Club’s 2019 Photography Show. Entries to be handed in at the March 13, 2013 PGC meeting for judging before the April 2019 PGC meeting. When handing in entries, be sure to have completed the entry forms (Nancy has copies or downloadable from GCA). Nancy has black mats available for mounting your entry. Hand in your entry with entry cards at our March 13th meeting.

Flower Arranging Workshop: Nancy D’Ignzio reviewed details for a floral arranging workshop on April 3rd at the Valley Forge Flower Shop, 12 noon. Fee: $50.00-$60.00. Stay for lunch at the in-shop cafe

Fertilizer Fund: Wendie Russell reported on our 2019 PGC $4290 donation to the Fertilizer Fund representing 89% of club members. A wide range of projects are supported: sensory, skill development, historical restoration, recreation options. PGC members are always encouraged to attend any PCGCA meeting at fund recipient sites. See what your contribution has been able to do.

ReCork Project: January 2019 winner: Rennie with 358; From Minnie’s friend Barbara’s Virginia wine club: 457.

Heritage Moment: Minnie displayed a Silver Revere bowl given as a Horticulture Award by the Council of Community Gardens in the 1969 Flower Show.

Horticulture Tip – Minnie provided a handout on a rare Asian orchid recently discovered at Longwood Gardens.

Conservation Tip – “Alleviate dry skin by filling your house with indoor plants.” aFewSteps.org

**Motion to Adjourn** – 6:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Axamethy Floyd, Interim Recording Secretary

Our 2/13 evening program was provided by a researcher from the Academy of Natural Sciences on the revival of fresh water mussels in the Delaware River and its tributaries. A major mussel research facility will soon be installed at Bartram’s Garden.

**Next Meeting:**   
Joint meeting with Rose Tree Gardeners, **March 13, 2019 at 9:30 AM** at the Community Arts Center.