The Providence Garden Club of PA

November 14, 2019 Membership Meeting

Flower and Photography Show

Plush Mills

501 Plush Mill Rd, Wallingford, PA

President Lin Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

**PRESENT:** Barr, Bozentka, Butler, Christos, DeVries, D’Ignazio, D’Iorio, Floyd, Frisch, Garnett, Hafertepe,

Hayden, Hayden, Kropac, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Merz, Noto, O’Donnell, Murray, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Standish, Staples, Surrick, Thomas, Thorbahn, Ullman, Ullman, Yost, Ziegenfus

President Lin Floyd welcomed all members and expressed a thank you to hostesses Michele Bozentka and Dolores Thomas for organizing today’s meeting. Pumpkin Centerpieces that adorned the tables were created by our members during the pumpkin decorating workshop.

**Secretary:** Minutes of October 9, 2019 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Congratulations to Anne Merz for having two photos (including a banner photo!) accepted by

Zone V to be published in the November, 2019 E-News.

Thank you to Rennie Kucas for representing our club at the Zone V Garden History and Design Workshop.

PHS is offering a New Exhibitor Mentor Program for the 2020 PHS Flower Show, for more information and application please contact Lin Floyd.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Lin Floyd read an invitation on behalf of Susie Leonard for a lecture titled: American Hidden Gardens presented by Karl Gercen. The program will take place on 12/6/2019 at 7:30pm at the Kendal Crosslands Arboretum., 1660 Street Rd in Kennett Square.

[www.kcarboretum.org](http://www.kcarboretum.org)

**PCGCA News:**

**General Meeting** was held on October 22, 2019, Clarke School for Hearing and Speech.

Wendie Russell was in attendance. Wendie toured the garden elements of the playground that were built with the monies provided by the Fertilizer fund. She was able to visit with the children of the school, as well as a new tree named “Bernie”. Wendie enjoyed the the speaker, Jan Blynn, who spoke of her experience of becoming deaf and how she enjoys volunteering at the school.

**Zone V mini meeting** was held on October 17, 2019 at Longwood Gardens. Liz Garnett & Sallie Anderson prepared a well-received exhibit titled “A Nod to Natives”. The speaker was Ethan Kauffman, Director of Stoneleigh, who discussed the following topic: Biodiversity by Design: A Gardener’s’ Perspective.

2020 Zone V mini meeting will be hosted by the Valley Club of Allegheny County.

**PCGCA Joint Meeting-Luncheon** was held on November 6, 2019 at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, PA. The speaker was Danielle DiLeo-Kim of USA250 who spoke on “Transforming Philadelphia: past, present, and future”.

**Note of appreciation to the following:**

* + Thank you to Susie Leonard for her centerpiece idea, and overseeing the floral arrangements at the luncheon.
  + Thank you to Liz Garnett for hosting a pumpkin centerpiece workshop that served as the table centerpieces.
  + Thank you to those who attended the workshop.
  + Thank you to Beth Noto and Holly Porter for providing the podium arrangement.
  + Thank you to the 14 PGC members who attending the meeting.

A total of 162 people attended, exceeding last year’s attendance number.

**Fertilizer Fund:** Wendie Russell thanked the members who have donated. To date, 67% of the club has generously donated and is currently in 2nd place in total dollar donations. Wendie reminded members that 100% of the donations go to various projects within Philadelphia and encouraged everyone to help exceed last year’s 89% participation by donating today.

**Shirley Meneice Conference Report:**

Minnie Ullman expressed her gratitude to the club for the opportunity to attend the Shirley Meneice Conference which was held September 10-13, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. Minnie highlighted the knowledge she gained by attending the conference and shared Zone V’s desire to grow a horticulture program within each club. Zone V is encouraging every member to sign up and read GCA’s ‘The Real Dirt’, an online newsletter for club members developed by the GCA Horticulture Committee. Minnie shared her experiences, from her field trip at Chatfield farms to the wonderful speakers who shared their horticultural knowledge. Minnie also encouraged our members to consider being the horticultural chair for PGC, stating that the Zone V horticulture chairs are a supportive, fun and enthusiastic group. Minnie brought seeds from the seed sharing program for our club to take and grow. One of the many highlights of Minnie’s trip was having her picture taken with Shirley Meniece which can be seen on the Photo gallery page of our website.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Treasurer**

Jan Frisch presented the monthly treasurer’s report.

Checking account balance: $16,129.51

Total expenses: $2,261.38

Total income: $0.00

Total value of club’s assets: $94,493.

Breakdown of Expenses: $19.38-notebook and copy paper, $356.00-new tables for potting up, $396-plants to nurture over winter to sell at 2020 plant sale, $525-Speaker for October 2019 meeting, $265-Rental space for October 2019 meeting, $700-Shirley Meneice conference.

**Program**

The Joint Meeting hosted by the Rose Tree Gardeners will meet on

**TUESDAY**, March 10, 2020 at the Wallingford Community Art Center.

Please make note in your program booklet.

**Admissions**

Minnie Ullman expressed her gratitude to the Admissions committee; Jan Frisch, Wendie Russell, Sue Thorbahn, Sandra Christos, Katie D’Iorio, Beth Noto and ex-officio member Susie Leonard. This past summer the committee prepared a written procedure for the process of becoming an active member within PGC.

The written policy explains the step by step procedure from inviting a guest, to becoming a provisional member, to becoming an active member. This policy will be in addition to Sallie Anderson’s Provisional Member Welcome Booklet. Minnie requested that our club as a whole to start recruiting friends, relatives and neighbors.

Michelle Ullman, Carolyn Hayden and Anne Merz were welcomed as new Active Members of Providence Garden Club.

Jeanne Brady and Ellen Conroy, guests of Lin Floyd as well as Jodean DeSilva, guest of Anne Merz, joined us for the lunch and presentation.

**Horticulture and Photography**

Lauren O’Donnell and Nancy D’Ignazio co-chaired a wonderful Floral and Photography show.

Upon the completion of the judging, the show remained intact to be enjoyed by the residents of Plush Mill.

Congratulations and Many thanks to all that participated.

Floral Design Show winners:

Theme: “Let Me Entertain You”

Class I: Book Class II: Song Class III: Movie

1st-Holly Porter 1st- Holly Porter 1st-Carolyn Folk

2nd- Susie Leonard 2nd-Beth Noto 2nd-Liz Garnett

3rd-Carolyn Folk 3rd-Liz Garnett 3rd-Anne DeVries

HM- Jeanne Lee HM-Carolyn Folk HM-Carolyn Hayden

Pat Surrick HM-Jan Frisch Lin Floyd

Liz Garnett Anne Merz

\*Carolyn Folk received a “Best in Show “award for her “Hunger Games” floral design.

Judges notes:

Judges recommended that the show rules be reviewed prior to fabrication of design, to not use hydrangea unless properly pre-treated and to avoid the use of feathers in any design as it is against GCA rules.

Photography Show winners:

Class I –“A Favorite element in your garden” Class II- “Rocks” Class III- “In Threes”

1st - Michele Bozentka 1st-Kelly Hafertepe 1st- Lin Floyd

2nd - Wendie Russell 2nd-Anne Merz 2nd- Wendie Russell

3rd - Anne Merz 3rd-Beth Noto 3rd- Anne Merz

HM - Rennie Lucas HM-Rennie Lucas HM- Susie Leonard

HM - Lin Floyd HM-Lin Floyd HM- Beth Noto

HM- Michelle Ullman

Best In Show - Kelly Hafertepe

The Photography show “Inspired by Nature” received a Judge’s Commendation.

**Civic**

Leiper House: Fall Cleanup will take place on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 8:30am.

Volunteers are needed.

Leiper House Open house will be on Mr. Leiper’s actual birthdate of December 15th.

Leiper House Holiday decorating will take place the first week of December.

Minnie Ullman, Beth Noto, Liz Garnett and Kelly Hafertepe volunteered to decorate the Music Room.

Helen Kate Furness Library:

Carolyn Folk expressed her gratitude to members, Lin Floyd, Beth Noto, Minnie Ullman, Liz Garnett, Wendie Russell and Kelly Hafertepe for helping with the Fall cleanup on 11/11. The area was raked, top dressed, trees were trimmed, hostas and epimediums were transplanted. HKF parking lot special project timeline is in place. A soil analysis of the area was performed, a plan is being drawn up by Carolyn and planting will begin in the spring.

Christmas Workshop at Elwyn:

Holly Porter informed the members that bows for the Elwyn workshop have been already made by her mom and aide. Information for the Christmas Workshop at Elwyn will distributed soon. Please refer to the dates and times located in your program and directory.

**Conservation/NAL:**

Carolyn Hayden attended the PCGCA Meeting and built a supportive rapport with the Conservation Chairs for Zone V. The NAL conference will be held February 23-36, 2020 in Washington DC.

Registration opened to all clubs on November 13, 2019.

Please consider volunteering to attend the conference.

Carolyn encouraged us to utilize the GCA website to stay up-to-date on conservation issues.

**Potting Up Workshop:**

Potting up will be hosted at the home of Minnie and Roger Ullman.

Please make note in your program booklet.

**Re-Cork:**

Minnie reported a donation of 9036 corks from the Manager of Bryn Mawr Trust office in Swarthmore.

With this generous donation PGC will ship 13 boxes to Re-Cork.

Minnie is encouraging everyone to continue to spread the word and save corks.

For more information about Re-Cork please visit their website:

https://recork.com/

May winner – Penny Sass with 101 corks

June winner-Rennie Kucas with 922 corks

September winner-Michelle Ullman with 1178 corks

October winner-Michelle Ullman with 345 corks

**President’s Points:**

GCA Book of the Year: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

In September of 1962 Rachel Carson “made a powerful case for the idea that if humankind poisoned nature, nature would in turn poison humankind”. Silent Spring documented that the use of pesticides would cause adverse effects on our environment.

Lin also shared the book: *Super Cool Scientists* by Sara MacSorley.

A coloring book that highlights women in the US that are leaders in their prospective STEM fields.

The book featured a local Delaware County business owner, Patrice Banks, who began her career as a mechanical engineer for Dupont. Frustrated with the experiences she encountered while servicing her car she went back to school and was certified in auto mechanics. She opened an auto repair shop named Girls Auto Clinic and coined the term “sheCANic”. In addition she has nail salon attached to the repair clinic with the clever name “Clutch”. To read more about Patrice please click on the links below:

[www.patricebanks.com](http://www.patricebanks.com) and <https://girlsautoclinic.com/aboutgac/>

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

All enjoyed a fascinating lecture about Beekeeping presented by Jack McMichael of the Chester County Beekeepers Association, followed up by a wonderful lunch generously provided by Plush Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe

Recording Secretary