The Providence Garden Club of PA

December 4, 2019 Membership Meeting

The Elwyn Institute at The Kevin Dugan Center

President Lin Floyd called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, Bozentka, Butler, Christos, DeVries, D’Ignazio, D’Iorio, Floyd, Folk, Frisch, Garnett, Hafertepe, Hayden, Hayden, Kropac, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Merz, Noto, O’Donnell, Murray, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Sass, Standish, Staples, Surrick, Thorbahn, Ullman, Ullman, Yost,

President Lin Floyd welcomed all members and expressed a thank you to hostesses Holly Porter and Beth Noto for organizing the day’s workshop at The Elwyn Institute.

**SECRETARY:** Minutes of November 13, 2019 were approved.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

No Correspondence to report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Zone V is requesting GCA members to consider joining the Partners for Plants Project.

The GCA and Horticultural Committees have joined to create an initiative that will focus on restoring native habitat on public lands throughout the United States. For more information please refer to the following link:

https://www.gcamerica.org/index.cfm/members:main.getprotectedfile?contentpageresource/P4P%20PROJECT%20GUIDELINES%20(1).pdf

Joan Biddle is requesting all members to share their favorite native nursery. GCA is creating a database of native nurseries and will approach growers to encourage them to use native nurseries to sell their plants. Lin has already submitted RedBud Nursery. If you have others to suggest, please let Lin know.

**PCGCA News:**

**General Meeting** will be held at the Ormiston Mansion, 2000 Reservoir Dr., East Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA., on January 15, 2020 at 10:00am. Susie Leonard, Wendie Russel and Lin Floyd will be in attendance.

**Fertilizer Fund:** Wendie Russell is encouraging all members who have not donated to please consider donating at this time.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Treasurer**

No financial changes to report.

Jan Frisch and four others are currently reviewing the PGC contribution recipients.

If you have any concerns, input or suggestions please contact Jan.

**Program Changes**

PGC meeting on January 8th will be held at the following location:

Congregation Beth Israel, 542 S. New Middletown Rd., Media, PA

Please make note in your program booklet.

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**

Jeanne Brady, guest of Lin Floyd, and JoDean DeSilva, guest of Anne Merz, joined us for the Elwyn workshop and lunch.

**Horticulture and Photography**

Photos from the November meeting will be returned at the January meeting.

**Conservation/NAL:** Carolyn Hayden will attend the February 2020 NAL conference in D.C. If interested in also attending, please contact Carolyn for information.

**Civic**

**Elwyn:**

Holly Porter and Beth Noto reported that today’s workshop produced approximately 140 swags, wreaths for Helen Kate Furness Library, and arrangements for Elwyn and several homebound PGC members.

**Leiper House:**

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

Leiper House Holiday decorating will take place on December 6, 2019. Thank you to Minnie Ullman, Beth Noto, Liz Garnett, Carolyn Hayden, and Kelly Hafertepe for volunteering to decorate the Music Room.

**Helen Kate Furness Library:**

No Report

**Conservation/NAL:**

Carolyn Hayden is registered to attend the NAL conference which will be held

February 23-36, 2020 in Washington, DC. Please consider joining Carolyn in attending the conference.

**Potting Up Workshop:**

Potting up will be hosted at the home of Minnie and Roger Ullman beginning on April 13th.

Please make note in your program booklet.

**Ways and Means/Plant Sale:**

Lauren O’Donnell reported that committees are in the process of being organized.

A request was made for computer savvy members to help with pre-orders.

Suggestions are needed for organizations to donate our unsold plants, please contact Lauren or Nancy with ideas.

**Re-Cork:**

Minnie reported nine boxes were mailed to Re-Cork this past month. 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

November winner: Linda Butler with 376 corks.

**PRESIDENT’S POINTS:**

**Citizen Scientist:**

The 100th Glenolden (Delaware County) Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 14th, 2019.

All are invited to watch their feeders, identify the birds, take photographs if possible, and keep a count.

For more information and to receive a form please contact:

David Eberly of Swarthmore, Pa.

(H) 610-543-3499

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David.eberly@gmail.com

For more information regarding the Audubon Annual Christmas Bird Counts please visit the following link:

https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count

**Featured book of the month:**

*Letters of a Woman Homesteader* by Elinor Pruitt Stewart.

Published in 1914, the book is a collection of 26 letters written by Mrs. Stewart to her old employer, Mrs. Coney. The letters chronicle Stewart’s life as a Wyoming rancher and her determination to prove that women make great homesteaders.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Today’s Program: Holiday swags and wreaths were made to brighten up Elwyn’s campus for the holidays.

Continental breakfast and lunch was generously provided by The Elwyn Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe

Recording Secretary