The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania

January 8, 2020 Membership Meeting

Congregation Beth Israel of Media,

542 S New Middletown Rd, Media, PA

President Lin Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, Barr, Butler, DeVries, D’Ignazio, Floyd, Frisch, Hafertepe, Hayden, Hayden, Kropac, Kucas, Lee, Leonard, Noto, O’Donnell, Russell, Standish, Surrick, Thorbahn, Ullman, Wilson, Yost, Ziegenfus

President Lin Floyd welcomed all members and expressed a thank you to hostesses Nancy D’Ignazio and Lauren O’Donnell for a delicious lunch and lovely winter themed table centerpieces.

**SECRETARY:** Minutes of December 4, 2019 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Lin Floyd shared information about two upcoming lectures:

 January 27th at 7:30pm

The Gardeners of Rose Valley present “Creating Living Landscapes-Lecture & Book Release Party, featuring Doug Tallamy, author of *Nature’s Best Hope*.

The Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, PA

Tickets at the door: $15pp

Ticket and signed copy of Nature’s Best Hope: $40pp

(Cash or Check Only)

February 2nd at 2:00pm

Scott Arboretum & The Hardy Plant Society present a lecture by David Culp.

David Culp will discuss his new book *A Bountiful Year: Six Seasons in the Garden at Brandywine* *Cottage.*

Lang Performing Arts Center, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA

Open to Public, free admission.

<https://www.scottarboretum.org/calendar/a-bountiful-year-six-seasons-of-beauty-from-brandywine-cottage/>

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Susie Leonard shared the following correspondences:

* A heartfelt thank you note from Karen Barnes expressing her appreciation for the club’s support during her time of grief.
* Thank you note from Lis Hammons for the beautiful winter arrangement.
* Thank you note from Amy Komarnicki, Director of Development for the Chester Charter Scholars Academy, in appreciation to PGC for their generous grant.

**PCGCA News:**

Susie Leonard reported that the November Joint Meeting turned a profit of $3,540.55 which will be used to cover small administrative items with the remainder donated to the Fertilizer Fund.

**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 reported that 79% of our members have donated to the Fertilizer Fund. She encouraged all members to please consider donating at this time.

**GCA News:**

Minnie Ullman represented GCA Zone V at the Founders Fund Committee Meeting in NYC on October 20-22, 2019. Minnie summarized the process of selecting three finalists to be voted on to receive the Founders Fund grant. The final three projects will be published in the winter issue of GCA’s *The Bulletin*. Minnie was impressed by the selection process, she enjoyed dinner and lunch with other representatives and a private walking tour of “The views of Central Park from Belvedere Castle”. Michelle Ullman, our club’s Founders Fund chair, will present each proposal and conduct our club vote at a meeting later this year.

Proposal to potentially donate to the GCA-Second Century Fund was discussed.

**PHS News:**

Minnie Ullman represented our club at the PHS Organizational Members Advisor Council Meeting on November 22 at the Fairmount Park Horticultural Center in Philadelphia. Minnie summarized PHS’ ten year vision for the society, their goals and objectives. Minnie participated in discussion groups to discuss how to strengthen the work of gardening for the greater good for the year 2020 and beyond. With an organizational membership, PGC benefits from one free speaker, a meeting location option and invitations to a yearly thank you party as well as membership on the Advisory Council.

Sallie Anderson and Anne DeVries were two out of ten gardeners chosen by PHS to participate in their first Horticourt Mentor Program. The program’s intention is to put a prize winning plant into the hands of a novice gardener for them to nurture and care for the plant in hopes of exhibiting the plant at the PHS Flower Show.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Treasurer**

Jan Frisch summarized the December treasurer’s report. Our total resources: $97,823.36.

Total Income: $320.75; Total expenses: $712.46; Checking account balance: $12,519.56;

Endowment fund: $5524.41; Vanguard fund: $79,779.39. If you wish to see the detailed report please check our member’s only section of the PGC website.

**Program**

Anne DeVries asked that all members RSVP; “yes” or “no”, to either the hosts of meetings or to Lin Floyd.

REMINDER: Meeting on February 12 is a NIGHT meeting. We will meet at 6:00pm at the Scott Arboretum Wister Center. Please note that light snacks will be served and dinner will NOT be served.

The Joint Meeting hosted by the Rose Tree Gardeners will meet on **TUESDAY**, March 10, 2020, 9:30am at the Wallingford Community Art Center. Please make note in your program booklet.

There will be a Magnolia Garden workday on May 27, 2020. Please consider volunteering and make a note in your program booklet.

**Admissions**

Ellen Conroy, guest of Lin Floyd, and JoDean DeSilva, guest of Anne Merz, joined us for the lecture and lunch.

**Horticulture**

Sallie Anderson has kindly agreed to represent PGC as our Horticulture Chair.

**Photography**

Please contact Nancy D’Ignazio to make arrangements to retrieve your photos from the November meeting if you have not done so already.

**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**

**Leiper House:**

Thank you to Minnie Ullman, Beth Noto, Liz Garnett, Carolyn Hayden, and Kelly Hafertepe for volunteering to decorate the Music Room. The room was well received by attendees of the Leiper House Holiday Open House.

**Helen Kate Furness Library:**

No Report

**Potting Up Workshop:**

Potting up will be hosted at the home of Minnie and Roger Ullman, 199 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore, PA. Start date will be on April 13th from 9am-12pm.

Please make note in your program booklet.

**Ways and Means/Plant Sale:**

Lauren O’Donnell reported the Committee Chair list (see below) and summarized the April calendar. The 2020 Committee Chair meeting will be held on January 23rd at 7:00pm at the home of

Nancy D’Ignazio, 430 Palmers Lane, Wallingford, PA.

The Plant sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 1st and May 2nd from 8:00am-12:00pm.

Lauren reported that only committee chairs have been named and committee members will be added at a later date.

**2020 Plant Sale Committee Chairs**

**Plant Sale Chairs:** Lauren O’Donnell & Nancy D’Ignazio

**Annuals:** Co-chairs- Michelle Ullman, Jeanne Lee, Anne Merz

**Perennials:** Chair- Carolyn Folk with help from Beth Noto, Kelly H.

**Horticulture:** Chair- Sallie Anderson with help from Anne DeVries

**Trees and Shrubs:** Chair- Susie Leonard

**Containers:** Chair- Liz Garnett

**Potting Up:** Co-Chairs- Sallie Anderson & Carolyn Folk

**Labels & Emailing Pre-Order Forms:** Chair- Jan Frisch

**Refreshments & Lunch at the May Meeting:** Chair- Jane Standish

**Pricelist:** Chair- Stephanie Kropac

**Pre Orders:** Chair- Wendie Russell

**Facilities and Logistics:** Co-chairs- Katie D’Iorio, Stephanie Kropac,

Carolyn Hayden (potting up set up), Kelly H. (potting up breakdown)

**Publicity:** Chair- Jeannie Lee

**Signage:** Chair- Holly Porter

**Name Tags:** Chair- Sue Staples

**Cashiers:** Chair- Jan Frisch

**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

December winners: Katie D’Iorio with 116 corks and Liz Garnett with 44 corks.

**PRESIDENT’S POINTS:**

**Featured book of the month:**

*Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. *Unsheltered* follows two families living in the same house at two separate time periods in Vineland, New Jersey. The novel alternates between the 21st- and 19th-century stories, one family lived in the house in the 1800s and was confronted by Charles Darwin’s theories and the other family was confronted with climate change after the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The book draws on Mary Treat, a botanist and real life figure who lived in Vineland, NJ. Mary Treat collaborated with Charles Darwin, had 4 species named for her and made exceptional scientific contributions for a woman in the mid-1800’s.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Today’s Program: All enjoyed a very interesting lecture on Philadelphia’s horticultural history presented by Nicole Juday Rhoads. A delicious lunch was served by our hostesses, Lauren O’Donnell and Nancy D’Ignazio.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe

Recording Secretary