**The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania**

**February 12, 2020 Membership Meeting**

**Scott Arboretum-Wister Center**

**College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA**

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**PRESENT**: Anderson, Bozentka, Butler, DeVries, D’Ignazio, Floyd, Garnett, Hayden, Kropac, Kucas, Lee, Leonard, Mertz, O’Donnell, Pirtle, Russell, Staples, Ullman, Ullman

**President** Lin Floyd welcomed all members to the evening meeting and expressed a thank you to hostesses Renata Kucas and Michelle Ullman for the wonderful food and to Jeanne Lee for the floral arrangement and taking the minutes in Kelly Hefertepe’s absence.

**SECRETARY**: Minutes of January 8, 2020 were accepted with no changes.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS:** Susie Leonard shared the following correspondences:

* Received a thank you letter from the Chester County Beekeepers Association for the club’s donation of $100.
* Received a thank you letter from Angela Hewitt for our club’s decorating the music room at the Leiper House this past Christmas.
* Received a letter from a member of Sandy Ward’s family, thanking our club for the donation to GCA in her memory. They mentioned how important our club was to Sandy.
* Received a letter from the GCA thanking us for the contribution to the 2nd Century Campaign in memory of Sandy Ward.
* Received an invitation from Sarah Makin of the Rose Tree Gardeners for the annual joint luncheon on **Tuesday, March 10th, at 9:30 at** the Community Art Center in Wallingford. Lin passed around a sign-up sheet for the luncheon. (If you did not get the sign-up sheet, let Lin know if you are coming.)

**PCGCA NEWS:** (provided by Susie Leonard, Wendie Russell)

* The next PCGCA meeting our members should attend if they desire is the May 20th meeting at Simon Gratz Mastery High School, 1798 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia at 10:00 AM.
* Our club is in the #1 spot for the highest average donation to the Fertilizer Fund. We have 81% of club members donating.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Lin Floyd mentioned the following:

* Our work day at Magnolia Tribute Garden in Philadelphia is on Wednesday, May 27th.
* The Chester, Ridley, Crum Watershed Association is celebrating its 50th birthday. They have many opportunities to volunteer. See Lin if you are interested.
* The Zone VI Flower Show is being held in Owings Mills, Maryland on April 6th at Irvine Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Road. See Lin for other details.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

* **Treasurer:** Jan Frisch reported to President Lin that there was very little change in our finances this past month. Jan will provide a detailed report in March.
* **Admissions:** Linda Butler and Anne Mertz read their letters of recommendation supporting JoDean DeSilva for membership in our club. Minnie Ullman, Admissions Chair, made a motion to invite JoDean to the club. The motion passed unanimously.
* **Horticulture.** Sallie Anderson made the following comments:
  + She passed around two sign-up sheets, one for soil orders at $20 per bag. We will stay with Organic Mechanics, and the soil will be delivered to Pat Surrick’s driveway for pickup by members.
  + Second sign-up sheet is for a winter sowing workshop using milk jugs. Cost is $3 and will be in Sallie’s kitchen next Wednesday, February 19th (111 Avonbrook Road, Wallingford).
  + Sallie is arranging a field trip to the Pine Barrens. Potential dates are 5/15 or 6/5. It will be an all-day trip and there will be four stops. We can car pool and meet at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church on Avondale Road.
  + It is a great time now to cut off last year’s foliage.
  + Several people attended a Doug Tomlin lecture, which was great. We all need to use our yards to plant native plants because otherwise there will not be many left in our area. Sallie has a native plant called Phlox Jeana that is easy to grow and attracts butterflies.
* **PGC Hort Show:** Nancy D’Ignazio reminded members that the Club’s Hort Show is April 8th at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. We are hoping for a great show given the warm temperatures. Nancy needs volunteers for Clerk, Passer, and Check-in. She reminded that those submitting should be there at 8:30 a.m.
* **Conservation/NAL**: Carolyn Hayden reported that she will be attending the upcoming NAL Conference in Washington D. C. on February 23-26, and is looking forward to meeting with Congressional members. The keynote speaker is Theodore Roosevelt 4th.
* **Civic:** 
  + Helen Kate Furness Library – no report.
  + Leiper House cleanup is scheduled for next Thursday, February 20th, at 10:00 AM.
* **Ways and Means/Plant Sale:** 
  + Lauren O’Donnell passed out a calendar of scheduled plant sale events. Preorders are due April 17th. Stephanie Kropac has done an outstanding job on the order form.
  + Lauren asked what should we do with the old doors and pipe that we no longer need. The club felt that they could be discarded.
  + Also, we need to have some help identifying organizations to donate our leftover plants to. If anyone has any suggestion, please let Lauren or Nancy know. The organizations must be willing to come and pick up left over plants.
  + Liz will do troughs in March this year.
  + Susie Leonard asked for those who may want trees or shrubs to let her know and she will make sure she orders them.
* **Re-Cork:** Minnie Ullman reported that we continue to receive corks from members and she thanked everyone for supporting this project. To date we have recycled 24 boxes, approximately 27,600 corks. We are one of over 3,000 recyclers. Re-Cork has received 110 million corks in total.

**GCA NEWS**

* + Michelle Ullman reported that the nominees for the Founders Fund grants for civic improvement are published in our latest issue of the Bulletin. She asked members to read about the projects and we will vote on them at our March meeting.
  + President Lin Floyd mentioned that the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference is scheduled for September 13-16, 2020, in Chicago. Our club helps subsidize conference attendance for one member. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Lin. You can also ask Minnie, Sallie, and Carolyn about their experiences to learn more about the Conference.
  + GCA raised over $10 million in their recent 2nd Century Campaign.

**PHS NEWS:**

* + President Lin Floyd mentioned that there are opportunities for three members to take a Hard Hat Tour to watch exhibitors at the PHS Flower Show while they are creating their displays on February 27th. If you are interested, please let Lin know. PHS needs the information by February 17th.
  + There is a Gardening for Biodiversity Symposium at the Flower Show on Wednesday, March 4th, 8:30-5:00. Lin will send the information via email to all members.
  + PHS is sponsoring a lecture titled The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants*.*  It will be held on March 24th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Ambler. Contact Lin if you want further details.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Lee

Today’s program: Josh Coceano of Scott Arboretum gave a program on creating Burle hanging baskets.

Our next meeting: Joint meeting with Rose Tree Gardeners on **TUESDAY, March 10th** at the Community Arts Center, Wallingford. Business meeting at **9:30** in the Ballroom.