The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania

March 10, 2020 Membership Meeting

Wallingford Community Arts Center

414 Plush Mill Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086

**NOTE: Cancellation of events because of the coronavirus situation may change the information below.**

**Known cancellations as of the sending of these minutes are noted below.**

President Lin Floyd called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, Bozentka, Butler, DeSilva, DeVries, Floyd, Frisch, Garnett, Hafertepe, Hayden, Kropac, Lee, Leonard, Murray, Noto, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Spilman, Ullman, Ullman, Yost,

President Lin Floyd welcomed all members and expressed appreciation to the Rose Tree Gardeners for hosting today’s lecture and luncheon.

**SECRETARY:** Minutes of February 12, 2020 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Lin Floyd shared information about upcoming lectures and class offerings:

 March 24th

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Author Lecture and Book Signing

Jennifer Jewell, host of the radio program and podcast *Cultivating Place*, will discuss her new book:

*The Earth in Her Hands-75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants.*

Temple University-Ambler Campus Learning Center, 580 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler, PA 19002

Entrance Fee: $10 for members of PHS, Women in Horticulture and Temple Ambler Arboretum

 $15 for non-members

May 21st

8:30am-3:00pm

GCA-Zone V Judging Workshop

Notable speakers in all three disciplines (Horticulture, Floral Design and Photography) will instruct Zone V

Judges and Members in the latest judging techniques.

Free Admission

Please contact Lin Floyd if you are interested in attending.

Winterthur is offering a series of floral design classes:

Designing Women: Garden to Vase Bulb Design

Third Wednesdays of each month, March–October, 5:30–8:30 pm

Cost for individual workshop: $70 non-member; $60 for Members.

For monthly class descriptions and information please call 800-448-3883 or visit the following website:

<https://www.winterthur.org/education/adult/classes-workshops-demonstrations/>

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No correspondence to report.

**PCGCA News:**

**General Meeting** **& Grant Voting** (delegates only) will be held on March 18, 2020 at the Clubhouse of the Men’s GC of Philadelphia, 56 Fairview Rd., Penn Valley, PA

**[Note: This meeting was cancelled and grant approvals were done by mail in mid-March.]**

**Fertilizer Fund:** No Report

**Magnolia Tribute Garden Work Day**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

10:00am – 12:00pm

Independence National Historic Park, Locust Street (Between 4th & 5th), Philadelphia, PA

Please contact Lin Floyd if you are interested in volunteering.

**GCA News:**

**Founders Fund**

Michelle Ullman presented each proposal and conducted our club vote.

Founders Fund 2020 PGC voting result: Permaculture Sanctuary which promotes trauma resilience through

Regenerative gardening at the Crossmore School and Children’s Home in Winston-Salem, NC.

**Shirley Meneice Workshop**

September 13 -15, 2020 at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Club delegate registration will open on April 13, 2020.

Please contact Lin Floyd if you are interested in attending.

**PHS News:**

**PHS Flower Show**

Sallie Anderson and Anne DeVries were two out of ten gardeners chosen by PHS to participate in the PHS Horticort Mentor Program. Sallie and Anne exhibited their plants at the 2020 PHS Flower Show, across three different judging’s Sallie received two 3rd place honors and Anne received a 2nd and 3rd place as well as an Honorable mention.

Lin Floyd and Liz Garnett attended the PHS Flower Show 2021 Preview Meeting.

The 2021 PHS Flower Show theme is “Habitat”. Liz Garnett presented the competition classes and asked for volunteers to represent our club. Carolyn Hayden volunteered to design a pocket garden. If you are interested in participating in the 2021 PHS Flower Show please contact Liz Garnett.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Treasurer**

Jan Frisch summarized the February treasurer’s report. Our total resources: $89,971.93.

Total Income: $0.00; Total expenses: $5.00; PNC Checking account balance: $11,274.09;

PNC Endowment fund: $5624.86; Vanguard total fund (operating funds and endowment funds): $73,072.98.

If you wish to see the detailed report please check our member’s only section of the PGC website.

Jan Frisch and a committee comprised of Jeanne Lee, Mary Murray and Sallie Anderson performed a careful and thorough review of organizations that receive our financial support.

Below is a list of all organizations that will receive our support for the 2019/2020 calendar year:

 Bartram's Garden (Philadelphia)

 Brandywine Conservancy (Chadds Ford)

 Caleb Pusey House Garden (Upland)

 Chester Charter Scholars Academy

 Chester - Ridley-Crum Watershed Association (Gradyville)

 Community Arts Center (Wallingford)

 Fertilizer Fund of the Philadelphia Committee of GCA

 Garden Conservancy

 Garden Club of America (GCA) Scholarship Fund

 John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge (Tinicum)

 Helen Kate Furness Free Library (Wallingford)

 I Can I Will (Chester)

 Nature Conservancy - Philadelphia Chapter

 Natural Lands Trust (Media)

 Pennsylvania Environmental Council (Harrisburg)

 Pennsylvania Horticulture Society

 Philadelphia Committee of Garden Club of America (Philadelphia and surrounding counties)

 Schuykill Center for Environmental Education (Philadelphia)

 Scott Arboretum (Swarthmore)

 Stroud Water Research Center (Avondale)

 Student Conservation Association

 Thomas Leiper House (Wallingford)

 Tyler Arboretum (Media)

 Urban Tree Connection (Philadelphia)

 Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades (Media)

**Program**

CORRECTIONS/UPDATES to the Directory section of the Program & Directory booklet.

Please note the following:

* Michelle Ullman’s correct address: 892 Martin Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
* Pat Surrick’s updated email address: patricia.surrick@yahoo.com
* JoDean DeSilva’s information: Mrs. Phillip DeSilva 216 Moylan Ave, Moylan, PA 19063, (H) 610-627-1494,

(C) 610-329-2535, email: philjodean@aol.com

**Admissions**

Minnie Ullman welcomed our newest provisional member, JoDean DeSilva. She presented JoDean with an apron, our program booklet, a Providence Garden Club Provisional Handbook and a welcome packet from GCA.

**Horticulture**

Sallie Anderson regretted to inform that the Pine Barrens trip has been canceled.

Sallie reminded all to take care of their potting up plugs.

Soil Orders – Sallie Anderson is collecting orders for Organic Mechanics bagged soil. Please contact Sallie if interested.

**[Note: bagged soil will not be ordered and Sallie will return all checks and cash she has received.}**

**Club Horticulture Show**

PGC Club Horticulture Show will be held on April 8th, 2020 at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Please refer to page 11 in your Program and Directory for the classes available to you.

**[Note: Hort Show is cancelled as of 3/16/2020]**

**Conservation/NAL**

Carolyn Hayden presented her report from her experience at the February Conservation/NAL Conference held in Washington DC. Carolyn summarized the order of events and spoke of the lecture highlights. Topics included Clean Water Rule (Maui Case), Regenerative Agriculture, Wildlands of Alaska, the Deep Ocean, Climate Change and the Loss of Biodiversity. On Monday Carolyn and other GCA delegates were able to meet with 10 Senators and Representatives. Rep. Matt Cartwright of PA has introduced a Native Plant Species Pilot Program within our National Parks and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of RI brought to light that the US Chamber of Commerce is an obstructive force preventing legislation from making its way to/through Congress. On Tuesday Zone V delegates were able to meet with Sen. Toomey, Sen. Casey and Rep. Scanlon. Carolyn thanked PGC for the opportunity to represent our club at the 2020 NAL Conference.

**Civic**

**Leiper House**

Wendie Russell reported that Angela had hired a gardener to tend to some problematic trees. The dead evergreen was removed, the holly tree was trimmed and various other jobs were handled.

There is a Leiper House clean-up day Friday, March 13 at 10am. Please consider volunteering.

**Helen Kate Furness Library**

Beth Noto reported that Carolyn Folk has completed the landscape plan for the parking lot project. A planting committee will be formed in the near future. The landscape crew hired by the library has done a nice job of maintaining the property allowing our club to have the time to enhance and beautify the landscape.

There will be a HKF Library Clean-up day on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Volunteers will be needed.

**Ways and Means/Plant Sale:** **[Note: Cancelled as of 3/16/2020]**

Jan Frisch made available the 2020 Plant sale pre-order form.

A link to the pre-order form is available on the PGC website under the “plant sale” page.

Please contact Jan if you need a hard copy.

Lin Floyd announced that Williamson may cancel all events due to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus

At this time we will continue to plan for the sale until further notice.

Liz Garnett will be hosting a Trough Workshop on one of the following dates:

3/18, 3/25 or 3/27.

**Potting Up Workshop:** **[Note: Cancelled as of 3/16/2020]**

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.

Jane Standish distributed a signup sheet to provide daily refreshments for the potting up volunteers.

**Re-Cork:**

Minnie spoke about the wildlife conservation associated with the Cork Oak forests of Spain and Portugal.

To read more about the article *Cork oak forests: habitats for abundant and diverse life* posted by ReCork

Please visit the following website:

https://yoursole.com/blog/us/cork-oak-forests

February winners: Linda Butler with 1000 corks and Rennie Kucas with 173 corks.

**PRESIDENT’S POINTS:**

Lin Floyd encouraged us to visit the Brandywine River Museum to celebrate Women’s History Month and the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which granted women the right to vote.

The museum exhibit titled: *Votes for Women: A Visual History* examines “the visual culture of the suffrage movement, revealing how the “look” of women’s rights developed along with the important visual strategies that propelled the campaign.”

For more information regarding the exhibit please visit the following website:

https://www.brandywine.org/museum/exhibitions/votes-women-visual-history

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Today’s Program: Rose Tree Gardeners hosted our club with an interesting speaker, Brenda Sullivan, whose lecture was titled “Unusual Edibles”. Brenda spoke of foraging, food collecting and plant food identification.

The lecture was followed up by a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe

Recording Secretary