**The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania**

**March 13, 2024, General Meeting**

**Community Arts Center, Wallingford, Pennsylvania**

Holly Porter, President, called the meeting to order at 9:52 am.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, Brady, DeVries, DeSilva, D’Ignazio, Floyd, Fries, Frisch, Funk, Hafertepe, C. Hayden, N. Hayden, Krogh, Kropac, Leonard, Noto, Oetinger, Picher, Porter, Russell, Minnie Ullman, Wheeler, Ziegenfus.

Special thanks were extended to hostesses Becky Funk, Carolyn Hayden, Karen Krogh, Nancy Oetinger, Julie Wheeler, and Anne Merz.

**SECRETARY:**  Minutes from the PGC meeting on February 14, 2024 were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS**

Holly reminded the club of the GCA initiative to have April be National Native Plant Month, many states have approved and adopted this movement. At this time Pennsylvania has two clubs supporting this resolution; Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society and the Garden Club of Allegheny. Holly asked the club for a vote to support this initiative as she will submit necessary documents via GCA website. Lin Floyd commented that the Zone V Horticulture Committee is also involved in helping Pennsylvania adopt April as Native Plant Month.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Beth Noto highlighted the income and expenses for the month of February. Her detailed report can be found on the PGC Website. The club’s total financial resources are currently $125,006.29.

Jan Frisch recommended finding a project to fund, Holly suggested forming a committee to do so.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Minnie Ullman asked the club to welcome guests; Linda Reed and Gwen Kannapel to today’s program and luncheon.

**LEIPER HOUSE**

The next Leiper House workday will take place on Tuesday, 3/19 and will focus on the driveway wall. A sign-up sheet was circulated by Wendie Russell.

**HORTICULTURE**

Lin Floyd shared a factsheet from the Clemson University Cooperative Extension titled “*When and how to divide some common perennials”.* Kelly will place this information onto the website under “Member’s only” - “Horticultural Tips” tab.

**CONSERVATION/NAL**

* Carolyn Hayden will be attending the annual NAL conference from 3/17 – 3/20 in DC. A meeting with Rep. Scanlon has already been scheduled; and sessions with the two Senators have been scheduled as well.

**CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVES**

JoDean DeSilva shared the following updates:

* Efforts are underway to digitize the many boxes of PCG historical materials, any and all input would be appreciated.
* JoDean asked members about the history of the Joint Meeting between PGC & Rose Tree Gardeners.

It was stated that PGC’s membership was capped and there were no available memberships for the daughters of the PGC members therefore they started their own garden club known as the Rose Tree Gardeners.

**CLUB FLOWER SHOW**

Anne DeVries encouraged ALL members to consider entering our club’s flower show next month.

She highlighted the Class entry descriptions and requirements. The show will be held at White Horse Village, hosted by Jan Frisch who stated that White Horse Village is very excited to see our club’s creations. For further questions or needed details please contact Anne.

**PLANT SALE**

Logistics Chairperson, Stephanie Kropac, asked for a substitute to help with the logistics coordination between Elwyn and Minnie’s home for the setting up of potting up. Holly Porter volunteered.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

* On behalf of Michelle Ullman, Holly informed members to please respond to Michelle’s email asking for a vote on this year’s Founder Fund by the 20th of March. Please refer to pages 49-55 in the Winter issue of The Bulletin for a full summary of this year's nominees. Please click on the following link to access Michelle’s online voting poll.

[Please vote for one of the 2024 Founders Fund nominees: - Poll (quiz-maker.com)](https://take.quiz-maker.com/poll5135530xF17A5dA1-155)

* Holly spoke of her tour of Elwyn and the improvements being made to the campus. She encouraged members to visit on Tuesday or Thursday’s when tours are student led.
* Holly congratulated Sallie Anderson on her 2nd place win at the 2024 PHS Flower Show for her Agave entry.

Many members shared positive comments about this year’s show. Holly reminded the club that we will be exhibiting in the 2025 PHS Flower Show.

**OTHER**:

* Sallie Anderson spoke briefly about the Shenk’s Ferry Wildflower preserve and the difficulty accessing this treasure, therefore needing to cancel the outing.
* Minnie Ullman informed the club that Whole Foods is no longer accepting corks for recycling forcing PGC to take a break from collecting corks until further notice. With that said, PGC has collected and donated 119,600 corks!
* Anne DeVries passed a sign-up sheet for a Trough Making Workshop being held on April 1st at 10am at the home of Liz Garnett, 179 Consort Hill, Media, PA. with a rain-date of April 8th. Jan Frisch pointed out that April 8th does conflict with the PGC Board Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(None)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

**Meeting Program:**

* Adam Glas, Garden Supervisor for the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, gave a fabulous demonstration on “Natural Floral Design”. Adam demonstrated how to create a gorgeous garden urn as well as a lovely vase floral display. His creations were raffled off following the demonstration.
* A delicious lunch was enjoyed by members of PGC as well as the Rose Tree Gardeners.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe