

May 2014 Minutes

JENKINS ARBORETUM

MAY 6, 2014

President Linda Anderson called the afternoon meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. She thanked the Chair of the Day, Alice Doering and Hostesses Sonya Driscoll, Polly Garnett, Louise Carter, Connie Carlson and Wendy Bailey for providing a formal afternoon tea to follow the meeting and Flower Show.

Julie DeVuono brought two guests, Courtney Homan (who also came to our meeting in February at Meadowbrook) and Michele Bolton. Polly proudly introduced her daughter, Maria Ward.

The format of our meeting was "flipped" with the speaker beginning the afternoon. The business portion followed.

Our speaker, Laura Gregg, came with favorite containers and abundant flowers for an informal demonstration. She showed us the use of simple structures created from wire and reminded us that sometimes "less is best." "Think line" in arranging as well as being sensitive to the container, its color and shape. "Pause and come back to the arrangement" were all phrases to remember from Laura. Many questions ensued while she created four designs. What a luxury to have her with us. Before leaving us for the GCA meeting in New Orleans, Laura thanked The Weeders again for the time given to the 2013 Annual meeting of the GCA in Philadelphia last year.

Following the speaker, the Business meeting began

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was presented. Dues Notices for The Weeders were distributed to all in attendance. The remainder will be mailed. GCA has raised individual member dues by \$10.00 for the coming fiscal year. However, The Weeders will keep our current dues structure for the year and have a full discussion of our budget in September. Prompt payment of dues is encouraged.

Admissions is pleased to announce that Margaret Sager is our newest Weeder who knows many Weeders and was proposed by Nancy Evans.

The Slate of Officers for 2014-2016 was announced by Marilyn Sprague. President: Marilyn Sprague; First Vice President: Jackie Burke; Second Vice President: Ellen Pemberton and Admissions: Beth Hayes and Liz Price.

Program Committee Chair Julie DeVuono passed around a sign-up sheet for Hostesses for the coming year. The Program is almost complete; however, hostesses are needed.

Scholarship Chair Sonya Driscoll announced that Phoebe Driscoll helped the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association with a submission for the Hull Award.

Sonya highlighted Regina Wagner's contributions and hard work in the submission for Bartram's.

Horticulture Chair Diane McCallister reminded all to be patient with our winter-burned trees and shrubs. We are at least a month late in some areas and timing for many plants has been altered because of the brutal weather.

Ronald McDonald House at St. Christopher's Hospital is having a Flower Show. Wendy Bailey asked for any floral arrangements from our Flower Show to be donated (she will return containers). In addition, Laura Gregg gave her remaining flowers not used in her demonstration. Wendy and Ellen created more arrangements for Ronald McDonald with this bounty. Wendy was grateful for our contributions in time for

Mother's Day.

New Business: The Wissahickon Garden Club is to be the proposing club for a 2015 Founders Fund Award. The Weeders have been asked to be the seconding club. The proposal would be the creation of a natural meadow surrounding Stenton, site of the beginnings of the Garden Club of America in its garden in 1913. Intent to Propose is due June 1 and the portfolio of letters due September 1. The Weeders have proposed Awbury Arboretum in the past.

Business concluded, we enjoyed the beautiful tea created by our hostesses and anticipate the results of the Flower Show.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Garnett,

Assistant Recording Secretary