

The Weeders, April 9, 2019
Archivist's Report

Last October, Floy Ervin, daughter and granddaughter of Weeders, donated her cache of programs to be added to those at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It's a nearly complete run from 1966 through 1995/96 and 1997/98 through 2004/05 with the addition of program year 2006/07 and is a wonderful collection missing only two years (1996/97 and 2005/06). Also included are By-Laws from 1963, 1969 and 1987, two copies of a 1968 brochure describing "Cups, Prizes and Trophies, and a Legislative Directory from 1979-1980. Thank you Floy.

The other "hot" news is that our Olaf Skoogfors (1930-1975) silver *Presidents Cup/in memory of/Isabel Muller Wetherill/1888 1958* will be included in the exhibit "The Art of Silver" at the Philadelphia Antiques and Art Show 2019, a benefit for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, at the Navy Yard April 26th through the 28th. There are guided tours at 10am each day and on Saturday at 2pm Museum Director Timothy Rub will talk with Curator Emerita Beatrice Garvan and Curator of American Decorative Arts David Barquist about their book, *American Silver in the Philadelphia Museum of Art*. I might add only volume 1, of a projected four volumes, has been published.

The *Presidents Cup* is actually a small, lidded box on a raised base spelling out "The Weeders." It was included in a 1979 exhibit of Skoogfors' work here in Philadelphia and in Washington, DC. Afterwards, it was given to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. It was the subject of my June 2013 annual report because I'd come across an article on Skoogfors published in *The Magazine Antiques* that spring by my friend David Barquist.

The box, described as the "Weeders Trophy" in the exhibition catalogue, was commissioned by the club to honor Mrs. W. Chattin Wetherill. She gardened on East Willow Grove Avenue in Chestnut Hill. The first recipient of the *Presidents Cup* was her daughter Cynthia Wetherill Wister, known to some of you as Cynthia Wallace. The names of all the presidents from 1913 through 1979 are engraved on the box.

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