

## Weeders Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

President Patty Greenhalgh opened the meeting a little after 10:00, welcoming Robin Smith, guest of Annette Toebe, and also Patricia Doolittle, back from a trip home to Ireland and, sadly for the Weeders, to put their house on the market for their move to Charleston, SC. Chris Cacioppo joined from Orleans, MA where she and Curt have retired. Chris is loving landscaping their property.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Report: Michele Bolton sent the report out to everyone a day or two ago and is still plugging away at the job of re-organizing.

September Minutes: Ellie Penniman made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded and they were approved.

"Who We Are" Pamphlet: Patty shared a view of our newly revamped booklet. We have a total of 75 copies to give out to prospective new members now. Maria Thompson requested one for the archives. Lorraine said she thought we were all to get a copy and it was agreed to do that.

New Member Coffee/Prospective Member Wine and Cheese: Marilyn Sprague informed us about these two outdoor, COVID-friendly events; her report is attached

Jeane's Library: Sonya Driscoll and Weeders living near the Library are involved with this new Community Affairs project in Lafayette Hill. A clean-up day has been scheduled for Monday, October 19. As a number of their group won't be available, they are requesting help from the ladies of the Main Line. If you're free, please join the fun and give an hour or two to get this project off to a good start.

Concourse Lake Day: Alice Doering needs help with fall planting at Concourse Lake on Thursday, October 22, from 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Please let Alice know if you can join the group at [amdoering@verizon.net](mailto:amdoering@verizon.net).

Gazebo Garden: Cheryl Cheston has set clean-up day there for Saturday, October 31 at 10:00. If you can help please let her know at [ckcheston@gmail.com](mailto:ckcheston@gmail.com).

PCGCA Joint Meeting will take place Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 in virtual format. Author Marta McDowell will discuss White House gardens by introducing us to some First Ladies and their gardeners. The meeting is free, but a donation to PCGCA may be made.

Hardwood Propagation Workshop: Alice will be holding the workshop November 17 in virtual format. She will provide kits to participants and lead the workshop via Zoom. There is a \$5 fee for the kits. Please email her by November 1 at [amdoering@verizon.net](mailto:amdoering@verizon.net) to join the group.

Christmas Meeting and Auction will be held by way of Zoom on December 1<sup>st</sup>. President Patty will auction off two items at the meeting this year: once again, a dinner for eight at Heather Gallagher's barn and, new this year, a garden tour and luncheon for up to five people at Ellyn Spragins' home. The

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following week, December 8<sup>th</sup>, our Christmas Sale will take place at Hilltop House. Logistics are being worked out to ensure our safety.

Crazy for Containers: Elyn Spragins is in charge of this fundraiser again and will send out a blast in November to alert everyone ahead of time. She expects to send out ordering information in December and is just waiting to hear from the nursery about any changes they might make for next year. Laura Carpenter's home will again be the pick-up point.

Virtual Fall Flower Show: Monica Church is hard at work on the show and will have it ready to view soon.

Plant Division Workshop will be held by Cheryl Cheston Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo Garden. Masks are required! Please let her know if you will attend at [ckcheston@gmail.com](mailto:ckcheston@gmail.com).

Alice reminded us to let her know right away if we want to order a Challenge plant. Also, she still has daffodils for sale. Patricia Doolittle asked if we are doing Fertilizer Fund online this year. The answer is yes.

Patty adjourned the meeting at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler, Recording Secretary

Nancy Holmes introduced our speaker, Derron La Brake, a consulting ecologist for more than thirty years. He is a professional wetland scientist, Certified Ecological Designer and Master Watershed Steward and has served on the Board of Darby Creek Valley Association for the past eighteen years. He presented a wonderful program that showed us how to install a rain garden to mop up and mitigate stormwater runoff, beautifying our neighborhoods into the bargain.