

The Weeders

Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America

Fertilizer Fund and Delegate Report 2019

The Weeders had a most successful campaign to support the Fertilizer Fund, which in turn supports very worthy horticultural and environmental causes in Philadelphia who do not receive much other support for work in this area. We were at the top of the list of ten clubs for the amount given (\$7,055.00), and second in percentage of members who gave (94%). You gave an average gift of over \$96.00 each – made of donations from \$5.00 to several hundred dollars – many times over. Yes, there was a slight amount of double giving, but to a woman, you decided to let that money go the great cause that the Fertilizer Fund is. Next fall, we begin again to seek your support, and I understand that some of you have already begun the gifts through payment with your dues. I see another banner year coming! This was the best year ever for the Fertilizer Fund, enabling the PCGCA to support many wonderful groups doing great things in Philadelphia's green world.

You supported the Philadelphia Committee in other ways as well. A good number of you attended the Joint Meeting last November, hearing about recycled floral design in Brooklyn, and the profits from this meeting also support the Fertilizer Fund.

You made us proud at the Weeders' day to volunteer at the Magnolia Tribute Garden in April. Cheryl Cheston, Nancy Evans, Jeanne May, Ellyn Spragins and Marilyn Sprague contributed to the effort to keep this garden, part of the National Historical Parks, looking like a lovely little urban oasis (when it isn't overrun by the school kids from St. Mary's!). Although it may be a bit of a Weeder advantage to count me, we were one of the top clubs for members who attended the workday. Next year, our workday is Wednesday, May 20.

Meetings of the Philadelphia Committee are always open to any members who are interested, and we urge you, especially new members, to attend one meeting. Meetings are the third Wednesday morning, and the last one for the year is next week, June 19, at Bartram's Garden. You will be totally awed by the work done for our city by this organization of the ten GCA clubs in the Philadelphia area.

Thank you for your support of the Philadelphia Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Sprague, Delegate, Fertilizer Fund Representative