

Weeders Meeting
St David's Episcopal Church
October 12, 2021

President Karen Shepard convened the meeting at 10:05

Thanks to the hostesses chaired by Laura Carpenter-they included Jeanne May, Heather Gallagher and Cheryl Cheston. Because of St David's covid restrictions, no food or drink was allowed to be provided

A welcome was given to two guests.

Taddy Dawson introduced Emilie Mci Barber and Heather Gallagher introduced Liz Nathan

The September 2021 minutes were approved

Treasurer's report

posted online with the blast, however there will be no changes or official review until January 2022

Magnolia Tribute Garden

Marilyn Sprague sent around a sign up sheet to participate on Wednesday October 27th. She also reported that there will be a work day on the Concourse Lake on Thursday, October 14th from 10-2.

Fertilizer Fund

Nancy Evans will send a "blast" email with the link to the membership with a link to donate embedded in the email. She would appreciate 100% participation-any contribution is accepted

Scholarship Fund Norris Square Project

A thank you letter was read. \$3000 was donated in May to this project in Kensington and it was greatly appreciated

Hort-Elaine Lisle

Tip of the month-depth of planting bulbs would be 3x the size of the bulb and they may be planted as late as November (as long as ground not frozen). You may use leaves as mulch for shrub beds but not perennials

Zone V meeting

October 19-20. Will be virtual-the link to the GCA website is in the blast. Karen Shepard and Nancy Holmes will be attending, but anyone is welcome. In 2025 the Weeders will be in charge of hosting this conference

PCGCA Joint Meeting

Wednesday November 3 from 10am to 12pm-will be virtual and the link is in the email blast

Final Weeders Meeting October 12, 2021

Speaker, Dr Paul Alan Cox is an ethnobotanist and will discuss visiting the rain forest/tropical gardens to discover plants for modern medicine

Christmas Sale Committee

Heather Gallagher gave an update. The date is Tuesday, November 30th which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving-note that it is a week earlier than usual. Reminder was given via poem to bring homemade items to the sale, greens for the wreath and arrangement workshops. The price for the wreath workshop will be \$10 and Lynn Gibbons will guide that activity. Polly Garnett is looking for a facility which would be amenable to receiving the arrangements-Surrey Services and Inglis House are possibilities

Crazy for Containers

Cheryl Cheston stated a new committee has been formed and that they will be distributing order forms to other communities (such as retirement facilities). Orders will be placed in early January and proceeds will be going to conservation and the scholarship programs

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 and the Weeders listened to a talk by Bonnie and Phil Witmer entitled "Gardeners can help save birds". They discussed that in the last 50 years, 29% of the bird population has been lost due to many variables, most of which are loss of habitat and degradation of the environment. 7 measures to ameliorate these losses include: make windows safe; keep cats indoors; more native plants and less lawns; avoid pesticides; drink shade grown coffee; use less plastics and watch birds and share your knowledge. Bonnie described modes of establishing bird-friendly environments which include: creating brush piles and stacks of wood for habitats; native plants for food; cultivating water sources; creating nesting sites and encouraging plant diversity.