

November 2013 Meeting at Stroud Water Research Center Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Weeders meeting was called to order by President Linda Anderson. Our meeting room at Stroud was reached by walking on a raised walkway that was made of glass-opaque in some parts. Linda thanked Meg Devereux, Chair of the day, and hostesses Julie DeVuono, Biddie Edwards, and Melissa Bullitt.

Guests were introduced: Phoebe Driscoll brought neighbor Dot Plyer who has 15 species of trillium in her garden. Meg Devereux brought her friend and neighbor, Melanie Miller. Laura Mitchell brought her husband, Ken who does everything.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Ellie Penniman moved for approval and Kim Frisbie seconded. Motion carried.

Sandy Cadwalader is lolling in Guatemala transcribing her father's letters- mostly lolling.

Nancy Evans reported that the Composting Survey yielded 28 out of 88 possible responses. She will follow up. The Conservation Committee will visit a commercial site for waste stream management. Textile recycling can be done through Planet Aid boxes located throughout Philadelphia, Goodwill and the Junior League.

Lloyd Brown reported on the Shirley Meneice Conference in Washington. In addition to great speakers, she brought back seeds from the Seed Exchange for all to share. She issued a warning from the conference: DO NOT PLANT BOXWOOD. Marilyn noted that Lloyd's husband, Thacher, has been on This Old House TV discussing the rebuilding of the New Jersey seashore after last year's storm.

Patricia Doolittle and Lynn Gibbons will chair the decorating at Strawberry Mansion on Monday, November 25th. We will do the Front Hall and the Lewis Parlor. Patricia asked for donations of nandina berries, please!!

Sonya Driscoll reported on the Fertilizer Fund. It is time to pony up. The Fund has given grant money to Strawberry for their Azalea walk.

Announcements:

Laura Gregg and Mary Jo Strawbridge are doing flower arranging workshops

on January 8 and 9. Linda has forms if interested in attending the workshops.

Great to see Dixie back in the saddle.

Fairy Workshop with Diane has been cancelled due to her moving in early December.

Christmas Sale goodies, services, items needed!

Meg introduced our speaker, Dr. David Arscott, of Stroud. The center's programs study stream ecology of both small and large streams and has something for everyone from K to Gray. . .a titter ran through the audience. Their new building has a rain garden, a green roof, porous brick pavers and recycles all rain water from the roof and runoffs. The new building has received a LEED Platinum (highest) rating/award.

After a question and answer period, Dr. Arscott led us on a tour then on to our brown bag lunches and delicious desserts provided by our hostesses.

Your Secretary Pro Tem,

Wendy Calhoun