

Weeders Meeting and Flower show  
Hilltop House  
September 21, 2021

President Karen Shepard opened the meeting at 10:28. This is the first “hybrid” meeting with some members participating via zoom. The link to Julie DeVuono’s talk will be sent out after the meeting so that others can view it.

Special thanks given to the hostesses chaired by Lloyd Brown and Nancy Evans. Hostess duties were fulfilled by Heather Gallagher, Melissa Schweiter Oeth, Beth Bartle, Connie Carlson and Gretchen Kiernan

The June meeting minutes were approved.

#### Treasurer’s report/Finance committee

The proposed budget was voted on by the members, accepted and will be filed.

#### Welcome new members

Lorraine Wallace welcomed 3 new members. Robin Smith and Coco Jarvis were in attendance, while Gabriela (Gabi) Podsklanova was absent

#### Awards

Two awards were given out as the recipient was not available at the June meeting. Both the 50 year certificate of service and the Trusty Trowel award were presented to Elizabeth “Taddy” Dawson.

#### Floral Design Workshop

Wendy Mahoney Russell led the workshop composed of all compostable materials. The 6 participants entered their efforts in the floral design show.

#### Hort Workshop

Cheryl Cheston will host a plant division workshop on October 5th at 10am (location TBD). Email Cheryl if you would like to attend

#### October Rare Plants Sale

October 12,13,14,15 from 10-12am at Alice Doering’s home

#### Concourse Work Day

Weeders are encouraged to participate, however it is not mandatory. Information will be distributed when available.

#### September 22-23-Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

Ellyn Spragins and Nancy Holmes will participate in this virtual conference

#### Wabi Sabi-GCA flower show

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PCGCA Joint Meeting

Meeting is virtual so all encouraged to attend as able

Committee Reports

Archivist/Historian

Maria Thompson-nothing current to report

Christmas Sale

Heather Gallagher reminded everyone it will be hosted on Tuesday Nov 30th. All are encouraged to prepare homemade offerings such as culinary goods, plants, services or artwork. Pending any covid complications, the Sale will be held this year at Hilltop House.

Community Affairs

Gazebo Garden

Meets Mondays at 9am-all are welcome to join

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Nancy Holmes shared that Julie DeVuono has submitted a masterplan for the courtyard (plantings, stonework, fountain) and the township has allocated \$25,000 for the budget. The township is still awaiting a necessary third bid before the plan can be implemented. Spring 2022 is the hoped for date of installation

RMH

Ellen Pemberton reports that only 4 arrangements are required, so only the committee members will design them

Jeanes Library

Beth Bartle reports work continues

Strafford Station

Alice Doering praised her committee's efforts in cleaning up after Hurricane Ida which led to a major washout of plant materials

Conservation/Scholarship/Fertilizer Fund

Nancy Evans discussed the committee's focus on decreasing plastic use and concern that only 10% of plastics are recycled (symbols 1 and 2). Marketing implies the other numbers "could" be recycled, but in reality are put in landfills. 30% of glass is recycled, while close to 100% of paper and metal are recycled. California has a new law which states manufacturers may only put on a recyclable number if it can be proved that it will be recycled.

Kensington Gardens-She and Coco Jarvis visited the director. The donation went towards purchasing a pole wheelbarrow and installation of a chain link gate. Other funds went to general Final Weeder's Meeting Minutes

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operating expenses. Sadly, the infrastructure needed to run a community farmstand is still lacking. They also need to reformulate their plans as the lots they own are not contiguous and connected. They may need to sell off lots which do not fit in with their plans.

Fertilizer fund-Nancy requests 100% participation

#### Database/Email Manager/Crazy for Containers

Ellyn Spragins has a new committee for crazy for containers and would like members to send her pictures of their pots

#### Flower Show

Jeanne May's committee is hosting the flower show today

#### Garden History and Design

Diane McCallister/Cheryl Cheston are communicating

#### GCA Bulletin, Magnolia Tribute Garden, New Members Welcome

Marilyn Sprague reported that there will be a new member welcome reception in the future. The PCGCA requests 4-5 Weeders participate in weeding magnolia tribute garden october 27th  
She is currently composing an article for the bulletin

#### Governance

Ellie Penniman states the notebook has been completed

#### Horticulture

Elaine Lisle reported the challenge plant (Sinningia 'Prudence Ridley') is \$1. National indoor plant week is 3rd week in september. House plants can decrease mold and pollutants and cinnamon can be sprinkled on plants to decrease mold.

#### Photography

Melissa Bullitt-nothing to report

#### Print and Communications/Trips and Tours

Cheryl Cheston-not in attendance

#### Program

Laura Carpenter reported that newer equipment (cameras) may be needed to continue hosting hybrid meetings. The October meeting location is changed to St David's church due to flooding at the Waterworks during hurricane Ida.

#### Visiting Gardens

Polly Garnett reminded everyone to notify her a month ahead of traveling to set up private garden tours

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### Website

Taddy Dawson would like assistance with this-all that is required is a desire to learn and an ability to do data entry. The website is active and able to post updates quickly. There is money allocated in the budget for an outside “trainer” to teach new members how to use the program.

Nancy Holmes introduced Julie DeVuono as the speaker for this meeting. Julie discussed the process involved in documenting Fox Hollow Garden in Malvern, PA for the Archives of the American Gardens at the Smithsonian. The process started in 2015 and concluded in 2018. Multiple site visits, photographs and forms were compiled for the submission. Inta Krombolz was a novice garden and over the 39 years of ownership transformed the 3 acre parcel into a delight for all the senses. She was able to combine her artistic abilities as a metal worker with her burgeoning talent as a garden designer. Her goal was “Beauty as far as the eye can see.” Sadly, Inta has moved from the property and the current state is not completely secure.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 and luncheon followed